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ADS-9 Air Data System

The *ADS-9* is a miniature multi-function air data system for small flight vehicle. The *ADS-9* measures airspeed, altitude, angle of attack (AoA), angle of bank (AoS) and outside air temperature (OAT). All values are fully calibrated and aerodynamically corrected. Derived parameters like pressure altitude, true airspeed, Mach number and static temperature are supplied as well.

The individually calibrated silicon based pressure sensors enable the measurement of very accurate and fast air data over the full temperature range of -55°C to +80°C at a rate of up to 200 Hz.

Key Features

- Small, lightweight, low-power, robust, no moving parts
- Silicon pressure sensors with high accuracy and low drift
- Fully temperature compensated from -55°C .. +80°C (power up above -40°C)
- Outputs fully calibrated air data at up to 200Hz with very low transport delay
- RS-485 full-duplex data interface, suitable for use in high-noise environments on long cables
- EMI/EMC optimized aluminum box
- Compatible with Swiss Air Data line of Air Data Systems
- Easy configuration of data-labels, output rate, baud-rate over the maintenance software
- Compared to vane-type airflow angle measurement there is no friction and no overshoot

Typical Applications

- Air Data Measurement
- Flight Testing
- UAV, Drones
- VTOL, Rotary Wing UAV
- Wind-tunnel Measurement







System Overview

The *ADS-9* is a complete solution for in flight measurement of air data. It is composed of the *ADC-9* Air Data Computer and the *ADP-9* miniature five-hole Air Data Probe. Additionally, the air data computer features a PT-100 input to connect an external outside air temperature sensor (OAT).

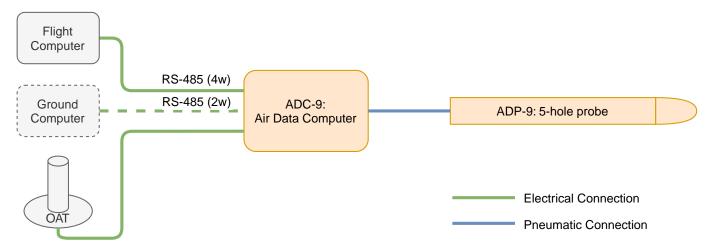


Figure 1. System Overview

Impact pressure, static pressure, angle of attack and angle of sideslip data are picked-up by the *ADP-9* five-hole probe. Six pneumatic tubes feed the pressure to the air data computer. The measurement is frictionless, fast and very accurate.

The air data computer utilizes integrated pressure sensors to measure these pressures and the outside temperature via the OAT sensor. It further enhances accuracy by digitally correcting impact and static pressure data based on the angle of side-slip and angle of attack. Derived parameters such as altitude, true airspeed, Mach number, and static temperature are subsequently transmitted to the flight computer over the RS-485 interface, ensuring reliable and precise flight data.

The *ADC-9* features a second RS-485 data interface for maintenance purposes, allowing users to access and modify configuration data. Data labels can be activated and the output frequency configured via the maintenance interface. The sensor zero point and offset can also be easily readjusted if necessary.





Performance

| Property | Value | Details |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Static Pressure Range | 45 hPa 1'080 hPa -1'800 ft 69'000 ft | |
| Dynamic Pressure Range | ±16 hPa dif ±30 hPa dif ±75 hPa dif ±105 hPa dif ±150 hPa dif ±300 hPa dif ±450 hPa dif Other ranges on request | ~95 KCAS ~135 KCAS ~210 KCAS ~250 KCAS ~295 KCAS ~410 KCAS ~490 KCAS |
| AoA and AoS Range | ±45° (preliminary) | Reduced PS/QC accuracy above ±30° |
| Ассигасу | larger of 0.1%FS and ±1 Pa [1] | FS: Full Scale |
| Temperature Range | -40°C+80°C -55°C+80°C -55°C+80°C | Power Up Operating Storage |
| Output Rate | 200, 100, 50, 25, 20, 10, 5, 1Hz | |
| Transport Delay | <10ms | Valid at 200Hz, 500'000bps, 2 labels activated For other values see <i>ICD</i> |
| Resolution | 24 bit | Pressure and Temperature Data |
| Basic Data Labels | Static Pressure (Ps) Dynamic Pressure (Qc) Angle of Attack (AoA) Angle of Sideslip (AoS) Total Air Temperature (TAT) | |
| Computed Air Data Labels | Pressure-Altitude (Hp) Barometric-Altitude (Hb) Calibrate airspeed (CAS) True airspeed (TAS) Mach-Number (M) Climb-Rate (CR) Static Air Temperature (SAT) | |
| Sensor Media Compatibility | Clean Air | Non-condensing and non-corrosive gases |

Mechanical

ADC-9 (Air Data Computer)

| Property | Value | Details |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mass | 0.240kg | |
| Dimensions (LxWxH) | 68 mm x 90 mm x 38 mm | Excluding connector and pressure fitting |
| Pressure Fitting | For ID=Ø2.5 tube | |





ADP-9 (Air Data Probe)

| Property | Value | Details |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Mass | 0.060kg (preliminary) | Without carbon tube and tubing |
| Probe Diameter | Ø9 mm | See drawing for details |
| Pressure Fitting | For ID/OD Ø2.5/4.0 mm tube | 1m pressure tubing included, Ø2.6/4.0mm (PUN-H-4X0.75) |



Electrical

| Property | Value | Details |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Data Interface | RS-485 Full-Duplex (4-wire) | USB via FTDI converter cable |
| Maintenance Interface | RS-485 Half-Duplex (2-wire) | USB via FTDI converter cable |
| Power Supply | 932 VDC | |
| Power Consumption | 100 mA @ 9V (preliminary) 50 mA @28 V (preliminary) | |
| Baud-Rate | 115'200 bps 230'400 bps 460'800 bps 500'000 bps | |
| Connector | DSUB-9 (Deltron DTS09SY/2M85UN) DSUB-9 (Deltron DTS09PY/2M85UN) | For pin-assignment see ICD |



Reliability

Environmental (DO-160G)

The *ADS-9* has been designed to withstand the tests in the table below as described by the DO-160G standard. Testing has been performed in-house (non-accredited laboratory). The design is based on the DO-160G tested ADC-10.

| Name | Sec. | Cat. | Details |
|--|--------|------|---|
| Ground Survival and Operating Low Temperature | 4.5 | E1 | Ground Survival Low Temperature = -55°C, Operating Low Temperature= -55°C ⇒ Power-up above -40°C |
| Ground Survival and Operating High Temperature | 4.5 | E1 | Ground Survival High Temperature = 85°C, Operating High Temperature= 70°C |
| Power Input | 16 | В | excl. section 16.6.1.3 |
| Lightning Induced Transient Susceptibility Pin Injection Waveform 3/3 1MHz | 22.5.1 | A2 | 250V / 10A |
| Lightning Induced Transient Susceptibility Pin Injection Waveform 4/1 6.4/69µs | 22.5.1 | A2 | 125V / 25A |

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

| Property | Value | Details |
|------------|------------|--|
| MTBF ADC-9 | 50'000 hrs | According to MIL-HDBK-217F, AIC, 40°C, manufacturer data used if available |





Ordering Information

| Part-Number | Details |
|--------------------|---|
| SIM-6F1-720-rrrHPA | ADC-9 Air Data Computer |
| SIM-431-D70-llllmm | ADP-9 Air Data Probe |
| SIM-DC7-A7B | PSS-8 OAT Outside Air Temperature Probe |
| SIM-6F7-CFC | Connector Kit. Includes DSUB-9 and Molex SL connectors. |

Table 1. Ordering Code for Range of Dynamic Pressure

| ווו | Range | Details |
|-----|----------|-----------|
| 16 | ±16 hPa | ~95 KCAS |
| 30 | ±30 hPa | ~135 KCAS |
| 75 | ±75 hPa | ~210 KCAS |
| 105 | ±105 hPa | ~250 KCAS |
| 150 | ±150 hPa | ~295 KCAS |
| 300 | ±300 hPa | ~410 KCAS |
| 450 | ±450 hPa | ~490 KCAS |

Other ranges on request

Table 2. Ordering Code for length of ADP-9 Carbon Tube

| IIII | Length | Length incl. Probe |
|------|--------|--------------------|
| 0250 | 250mm | 367.8mm |
| 0500 | 500mm | 617.8mm |
| 0800 | 800mm | 917.8mm |

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[1] Accuracy is the sum of repeatability, hysteresis, thermal effects in the specified temperature range, the calibration is traceable to DAkkS.

