# Avionics ALT-8015

FMCW/Military Pulse Radio Altimeter Flightline Test Set

# A passion for performance.



Versatile time saving portable test set for testing installed FMCW and Military Pulse Radio Altimeters

- Tests military pulse radio altimeters: AN/APN-171(V), AN/APN-194(V) and AN/APN-209(V), including LPI variants
- Tests FMCW radio altimeters including CDF types
- Fast detector for tracking LPI radio altimeters with TX power management
- Direct-connect to UUT transmit/receive port or to installed system via antenna couplers
- Ratio-metric RF loop test allows TX, RX, antenna or feeder faults to be identified
- Programmable multi-leg climb/descend profiles
- Large color touch-screen display with simple user interface
- Remote control interface (Ethernet)
- Lightweight and compact <10 lbs. (4.5 kg)
- Battery 4 hours plus duration
- Software upgradeable

The ALT-8015 Radio Altimeter Flightline Test Set provides an easily configurable RF based altitude simulation to quickly test an installation, or direct connect to the Line Replaceable Unit (LRU) for additional troubleshooting capability. A large color touchscreen displays parametric measurements and allows for detailed profiles to be set up to emulate actual airborne conditions.



### General

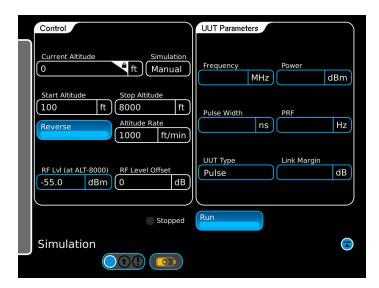
The graphical user interface provides various screens for control of the test set and display of parametric measurements including.. TX power, TX frequency (center), sweep rate, TX pulse width, PRF, and link margin (pulse systems).

#### Simulation

RF Level may be set manually for specific receiver sensitivity measurement or auto RF Level mode sets an RF level based on TX Power – Height Path Loss – Scattering loss. This ensures that the test environment replicates the actual airborne conditions, verifying T/R loop gain and allowing antenna bonding issues (TX-RX cross leakage) to be identified. An additional level offset figure may be set to ensure an altitude sweep passes with a predetermined gain margin.

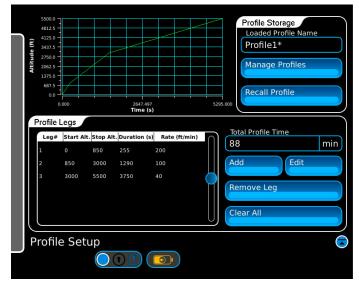
For the AN/APN-209(V) LPI variant radio altimeters, a different process is utilized. When running static altitude simulations, the link margin parameter provides a measure of receiver performance.

Simulated static altitude may be set by the user and manually incremented or decremented.



#### Profiles

Profiles are used to control dynamic altitude simulations. The Profile page allows the user to create, save, recall or delete named profiles. Each profile is comprised of individual legs. Start, stop altitudes and rates are definable for each leg. A profile can then be executed to simulate a complete landing approach including flare out, or a take-off and departure.



# **RF** Coupling

The supplied antenna couplers allow the radio altitude system to be quickly verified, without access being required to test ports on the UUT LRU. Direct connection to the T/R unit is also possible.



# **Test Setup**

The test setup page allows System, User and RF connection parameters to be set by the user, including, Type, UUT Detect Mode, Level Mode, Connection Type, AID, RF Cable Loss, Antenna Coupler Loss and Altitude Offset.

General Loss	
Delay Settings	Settings Storage
AlD Mode Fixed Fixed Elay Calibration	Loaded Settings Name Settings1
Altitude Offset 0.0 ft Alt. Ind. Zero	Manage Settings
UUT Settings UUT Detect Mode Level Mode	Recall Settings
Auto         Auto           Type         Connection Type	Factory Reset
FMCW Direct	
Test Setup	

# **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# USER INTERFACE

Display	12" color LCD, sunlight readable w/ back light.
Controls	Touch-screen
Antenna Couplers	TX and RX

50 Ω

2.5:1

1.5:1

Coupler Loss Compensation 0 to 19.9 dB

#### **TX/RX DIRECT CONNECTION PORTS**

Impedance SWR TX RX

Connector

#### RECEIVER

4.20 to 4.40 GHz

TNC x 2 (single TX/RX channel)

#### FMCW/CDF FMCW

**RF Input Frequency** Range

Frequency Measuremen	t
Range	4.20 to 4.40 GHz
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5 MHz
RF TX Power Input Track	ing
Range	10 mW (+10 dBm) to 2 W (+33 dBm)
RF TX Power Measurem	ent
Range	4 mW (+6 dBm) to 2 W (+33 dBm)
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 2 dB
FM Sweep Rate Measur	rement
Range	50 to 400 Hz
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5Hz
FM Deviation	
Range	20 to 100 MHz

<u>+</u>5 MHz

#### Pulse

Accuracy

Frequency Measurement	
Range	4.20 to 4.40 GHz
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 10 MHz
TX Power Measurement	
Range	1 mW (0 dBm) to
	300 W (+54 dBm) peak
Accuracy >50 ns	<u>+</u> 2 dB
Accuracy <u>&lt;</u> 50 ns	<u>+</u> 3 dB
TX Pulse Width Measurem	ent
Range	20 ns to 400 ns
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 10ns
TX Pulse PRF Measureme	nt
Range	0 to 30 KHz
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5%

# GENERATOR

Linear Altitude Simulation Range FMCW/CDF Range Pulse * Note: lower altitude limit cable length Resolution	-20 to 8,000 ft 50 to 8,000 ft * t determined by connecting RF coax 1 ft Increments
Accuracy	$\pm 1.5$ ft or 2% RMS (whichever is greater)
<b>Linear Altitude Rate:</b> Range Resolution	1 to 120,000 fpm 1 ft increments
<b>Test Cable</b> (automatic compe Test Cable length Test Cable Loss	nsation) 1 to 100 ft 0 to 9.9 dB
AID (direct connect) Fixed Selectable User Entered	0, 20, 40, 57 or 80 ft 0 to 99 ft
<b>Offset</b> -25 to 100 ft	
<b>RF Level</b> Manual Mode (FM/CW) Range Accuracy	+9 to -84 dBm (varies with cable loss) <u>+</u> 4 dB
Manual Mode (Pulse) Range Accuracy Auto Mode RF Level Offset (auto)	+17 to -76 dBm <u>+</u> 4 dB TX Power – Height Path Loss-Scattering Loss- Offset -20 to +20 dB
RF Path Loss Simulation	0 to 8,000 ft
Frequency Stability	<u>+</u> 1 ppm

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Test Set Certifications		
Operational Temperature	$-20^{\circ} \le T \le 55^{\circ} C$	
Storage Temperature	$-30^{\circ} \le T \le 71^{\circ} C$	
Operational Humidity	MIL-PRF-28800F C	lass 2
Storage Humidity	MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2	
Altitude	≤10,000 meters	
Vibration Limits	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Shock, Functional	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Transit Drop	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Drip Proof	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Dust	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Salt	MIL-PRF-28800F	Class 2
Explosive Atmosphere	MIL-STD-810F Method	
	511.4, Procedure	1
Safety Compliance	UL-61010:2001, CSA 22.2 No	
	1010.1, WEEE, R	OHS
EMC		
Emissions	MIL-PRF28800F	Class 2
	EN 61326:1998	Class A
	EN 61000-3-2	
	EN 61000-3-3	
Immunity	MIL-PRF28800F	Class 2
-	EN 61326:1998	Class A

#### **External AC-DC Converter Certifications**

Safety Compliance	UL 1950 DS
	CSA 22.2 No. 234
	VDE EN 60 950
EMI/RFI Compliance	FCC Docket 20780 Curve "B"
	EMC EN 61326
Transit Case Certifications	
Drop Test	FED-STD-101C Method
	5007.1
	Paragraph 6.3, Procedure A,
	Level A
Falling Dart Impact	ATA 300 Category I
Vibration, Loose Cargo	FED-STD-101C Method 5019
Vibration, Sweep	ATA 300 Category I
Simulated Rainfall	MIL-STD-810F Method 506.4,
	Procedure II of 4.1.2
	FED-STD-101C Method 5009.1
	Sec 6.7.1
Immersion	MIL-STD-810F Method 512.4

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

#### (Supplied External AC to DC Converter)

Use	Indoors
Altitude	≤10,000 <i>meters</i>
Operating Temperature	5° to 40°C
Storage Temperature	-20° to 71°C

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### Dimensions

Height	10.63 inches (27.0 cm)
Width	13.97 inches (35.5 cm)
Depth	3.425 inches (8.7 cm)
Weight (Test set only)	<10 lbs. (4.5 kg)

#### VERSIONS AND ACCESSORIES

Order	Description
Number	
92923	ALT-8015 Radio Altimeter Test Set
Standard Ac	cessories
88494	Transit case
67374	Power supply
88590	Antenna coupler (qty 2)
	Antenna pole assembly (qty 2)
112036	Attenuator, 20dB (qty 2)
38353	TNC-TNC adapter
62401	Cable, TNC-TNC, 12" (Loop Back)
64020	Power cord, European
62302	Power cord, U.S.
88511	Coax, RG400, TNC-TNC, yellow 20'
89527	Coax, RG400, TNC-TNC, red 20'
91253	Coax, RG400, TNC-TNC, yellow 4'
91255	Coax, RG400, TNC-TNC, red 4'
92955	Getting Started Manual
92956	Operation Manual (CD)

#### **Optional Accessories**

Low loss RF coax cable 100 ft. (qty 2) w/
soft-side case)
External battery charger
Spare battery pack
Maintenance Manual (CD)

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