

# Intermittent Fault Detector (IFD-256™)

# - Pitot Probes

# IFD-256 Test Summary



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# Electrically Heated Pitot Probes (0851HT-1) S/N: 322473 & S/N: 393938

## Introduction:

The subject **Probes** Pitot Probes were tested at the request of **Probes** for the purpose of demonstrating the advanced diagnostic capability of the Intermittent Fault Detector™ (IFD<sup>™</sup>). Universal Synaptics received the Pitot Probes on 31 May 2019, testing began on 3 June 2019 using the portable Intermittent Fault Detector (IFD-256<sup>™</sup>). The Interface Test Adaptor (ITA) was designed and manufactured by Universal Synaptics for this test project. The **Probes** supplied banana jack test leads were utilized to connect the ITA to the Pitot

Probes / Unit Under Test (UUT).

## **Test Procedures:**

- AutoMap<sup>™</sup> discovered the UUT true as-wired configuration. (no OEM data/schematics required)
  - S/N 322473 utilized to build baseline map as S/N 393938 was received from with confirmed fail of a continuity test
- 1. Continuity tests for open circuits
- 2. Shorts provides shorts indication and shorts tracing
- 3. Intermittence monitors all circuits to detect and isolate *all three Stages* of intermittent faults (see Graphic 1)



<u>Stage 1</u> – random low-level nanosecond microbreaks, likely not operationally evident yet, but on curve of degradation to become Stage 2

<u>Stage 2</u> – intermittent failure evident to pilot in operation, reported to ground crew, passes ground test and labeled No Trouble Found (NTF) or No Fault Found (NFF). On curve of degradation to become Stage 3

<u>Stage 3</u> – semi-hard or hard failures, Automatic Test Equipment (ATE) and troubleshooting tools such as DMMs designed to detect hard faults (open circuits or shorted circuits)

Graphic 1 – Three Stages of an Intermittent Fault



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- 1. IFD-256 Continuity testing conducted confirmed known open circuit in the Electrical Connection Assembly ECA-1 to ECA-2 (see Graphics 2, 3, and 4)
- 2. IFD-256 Shorts testing conducted no shorted circuits were detected in the UUT
- 3. IFD-256 Intermittence testing conducted no intermittence detected



#### Graphic 2 - Continuity Graphic - S/N: 393938

From	То	Gold	Meas	Diff	Diagnostic	Status	
ECA1	ECA2	63.67	>100	OVLD	CON-Default POC-FAIL @ECA2	Fail	

#### Graphic 3 - Continuity Report - S/N: 393938

**NOTE**: Gold value above at 63.67 ohms includes 16 ohms resistance through the internal IFD circuitry switches plus the specified ohmic resistance value of 40 – 56 ohms +/- 4 ohms



Results Report Header for - Continuity Test	;
   Test Information:	
Unit being tested	Pitot_Probe
Unit serial number	393938
Date tested (yyyy-mm-dd)	2019-06-03
Time tested	19:12:44
Operator	User Administator
393938 SUMMARY OF NODAL CONTINUITY TEST RESULTS TP# NOMEN NODE GOLD MEAS(DIFF) D 15 ECA1 1 63.67 POC (>100) C Continuity Test Completed in 0:00:02	FOR: Pitot_Probe DIAGNOSTIC CON-Default POC-FAIL @ECA2

Graphic 4 - Continuity Results - S/N: 393938 - ECA-1 Open



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- 1. IFD-256 Continuity testing conducted passed continuity / no findings (see Graphic 5)
- 2. IFD-256 Shorts testing conducted no shorted circuits were detected in the UUT
- 3. IFD-256 Intermittence testing conducted multiple intermittent events detected and isolated on ECA-1 (see Graphics 6 and 7)







Graphic 6 – Intermittence Fault Isolation Graphic - S/N: 322473





Graphic 7 - Intermittence Test Column View - S/N: 322473



#### Summary:

Universal Synaptics' patented Intermittent Fault Detection technology has proven to increase aircraft component reliability. As proven by this demonstration, the IFD-256 will increase the reliability of the aircraft by ensuring that quality Pitot Probes are installed on aircraft, subsequently preventing Operational Difficulty Index (ODI) events and customer dissatisfaction.

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- Functional test complete: FT 04/19 stamped APR 30 2019 (see Image 1)
- Passed traditional continuity test and marked Ready for Install (RFI)
- Removed at 8.21 hours after operational failure
- Failed Continuity Test @ 47.41 megaohms outside of 40-56 ohms range
- Based on Time-on-Wing (TOW), an operational failure occurred soon after conventional testing certified the asset as RFI
  - Indicative of a pre-flight intermittent condition that would have been detected and isolated by the IFD-256
  - o IFD-256 would have prevented an Operational Difficulty Index (ODI) event

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- Functional test complete: FT 03/15 (see Image 1)
- Removed at 12,596 hours
- Passed Continuity Test @ 46.3 ohms within 40-56 ohms range
- Multiple Intermittent events detected



Image 1 - Pitot Probes - S/N: 393938 and S/N: 322473

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