

# ***GRT HORIZON***

Models HX, HS & WS

User's Guide and Reference

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**WARNING:** Obstacle clearance is not assured in Synthetic Approach Mode.

**WARNING:** Various functions of this system may be incomplete or untested. Please exercise caution when using the EFIS until a software update and a user manual corresponding to the software version are provided.

**CAUTION:** If any display unit is inoperable, the display units will not be able to share information. The pilot must account for this down-graded mode of operation and not expect that data will transfer between displays.

**CAUTION:** If GPS position data is lost for more than 30 seconds, the EFIS Horizon issues a **No GPS Position** warning and automatically reverts to dead-reckoning using the AHRS heading, true airspeed, last known winds and time. This data is used to estimate changes in position, which are applied to the last known GPS position to give an approximate navigation solution. The accuracy of the dead-reckoning function will degrade with time depending on the accuracy of this data and changes in the winds.

**CAUTION:** When the ground track indicator is hollow, indicating it is display - limited, the ground track indicated is necessarily inaccurate. This means the aircraft's track over the ground is not as indicated and the pilot should be aware of this inaccuracy with regard to obstacle and terrain clearance.

**CAUTION:** Dual Nav radios tuned to Localizer frequencies with autopilot function **ARM** engaged will result in the EFIS Horizon selecting either NAV radio to fly the Localizer.

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## Chapter 1 QUICK TOUR

### 1.1 Power Up

The GRT Horizon has no On/Off switch and will start to operate once power is supplied.

Power may be applied before or after the engine is started, although it is preferable to do the latter. This assures stable conditions and normal system behavior during power up. About 10 seconds is required for the display unit(s) to start up and a similar time for the AHRS and ADC to complete initial alignment.

Aircraft movement is allowed during initial alignment, although this motion will significantly extend the time until attitude and/or heading data is accurate, thus making it preferable to remain motionless during the first 10 seconds after power is applied.

After power-up, the startup screen will show software and navigation database version and GRT system status.

```
EFIS GRT HORIZON Power Up
EFIS Software Integrity Check: XXX
EFIS Software Version: XXXXXXXXXXXX
AHRS Software Version: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Navigation Database Integrity Check: XXX
Navigation Database Date: XXXXXX
AHRS Communication Check: XX
GPS Communication: XX
EIS Communication: XX
Speed/Distance Units: Knots, nautical miles
Inter-Display Communication: XX
```

Accept

#### Startup Screen

To acknowledge the database information, press the button labeled **ACCEPT**.

Once acknowledged, the default screen appears (**SET MENU, General Setup, Default Page**).

Note: The factory default screen is the Primary Flight Display (PFD) on Display Unit 1 and Map on Display Unit 2.

## 1.2 Knobs and Buttons

The GRT Horizon system is designed to make its use and operation simple. The left and right knobs and five white buttons are used to access the many features in the EFIS. Menu option labels show functions for each knob and button.

### Buttons

There are five buttons. Pressing any button will display the corresponding menu options for that page. (The buttons may also be called SoftKeys. They correspond to particular software functions within the GRT Horizon.)

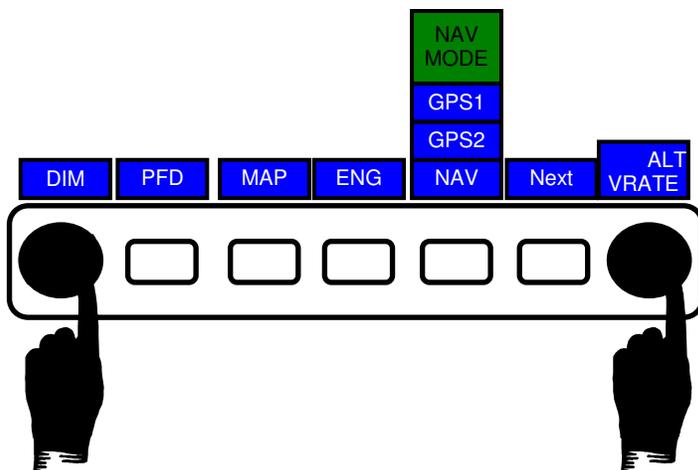
### Knobs

The two knobs have two motions, rotary and push. These provide particular functions on different pages. (The knobs may also be called rotary encoders.)

The rotary knobs may also perform a variety of secondary functions that are available by first **pushing the knob** to display a menu of the available functions. The available functions will be listed above the knob. Twisting the knob allows you to select from the menu of functions, and pressing the knob will activate that function. If no selection is made from the menu within 4 seconds (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Menu Time Out**), the menu is removed, and the knob returns to its primary function.

When the rotary knob is altering any setting, the label of the item being altered is enlarged, and a flashing yellow box will appear around the item's label being altered

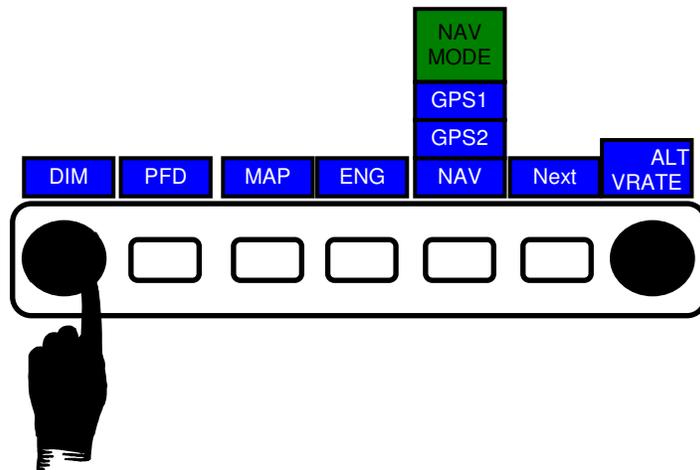
For display screens that use the left rotary knob for heading selection, **pressing both left & right knobs simultaneously** will set the heading selection to the current heading.



### Screen Brightness

#### To adjust the screen brightness:

Press the left knob, select **DIM**. Turn the knob to adjust.



## Autopilot SoftKeys Shortcut

Pressing the **either rotary knob** when no SoftKey labels are displayed on the PFD page will bring up the SoftKeys used to control the autopilot mode and related functions (LAT A/P, VERT A/P, ARM, SAP).

## Menu Option Labels

Labels are blue or green boxes over the knobs or buttons and describe the function for that page.

Labels appear when a knob or button is pressed and disappear after 4 seconds (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Menu Time Out**) unless another knob or button is turned or pressed.

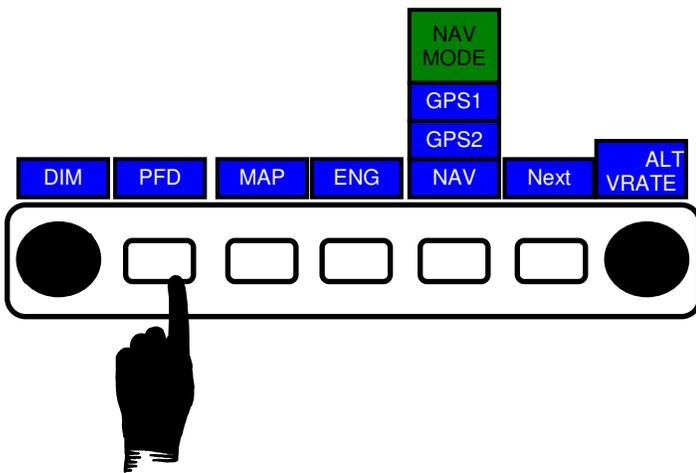
The selected or active feature is in a white border while others are within a black border.

Labels are dependent on the connected equipment, and may be different than that shown in this manual.

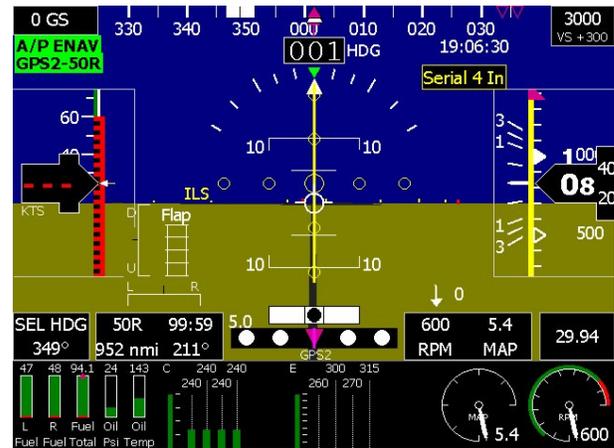


### 1.3 Primary Flight Display Group

The Primary Flight Display-PFD has selectable pages. Using the button labeled **PFD**, you may select the PFD page or one of three split pages; PFD/MAP Arc (GPS required), PFD/HSI, or PFD/Engine (Engine Monitor required).



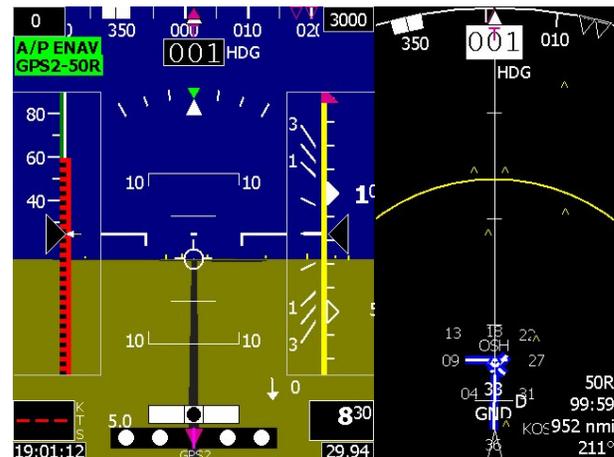
Engine information is displayed at the bottom of the screen. This may be toggled OFF if desired.



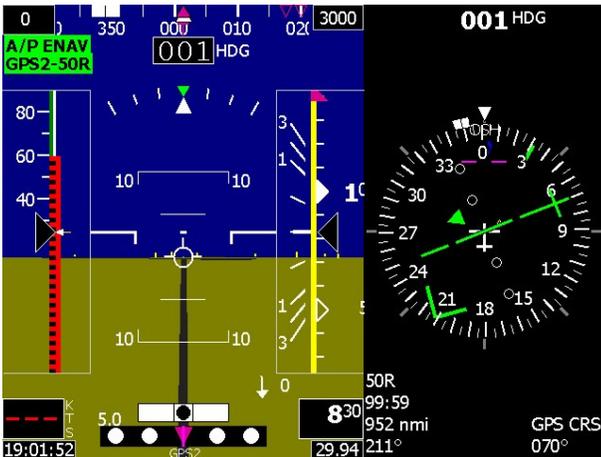
PFD Screen

The GRT Horizon **PFD** is the main page used during flight. It displays the basic six flight indicators and other information. Displayed is:

- Artificial Horizon
- Airspeed Tape & Indicator
- Altimeter Tape & Indicator
- Turn Coordinator
- Vertical Speed Indicator
- Heading Indicator
- User Definable Fields
- Heading Select Display
- Flight Track Marker
- Baroset Select Display
- GPS CDI Display
- Wind Indicator
- Ground Track and Waypoint Bearing Indicators
- Flight Path Marker
- Artificial Runways
- Angle of Attack (not in v32a software)



PFD/MAP Arc



PFD/HSI

- XM Weather (optional-GRT Weather required)
- Traffic (optional-GX330 transponder or Zaon Portable Collision Avoidance System required)
- Wind Direction and speed
- Autopilot settings
- Terrain Clearance
- Altitude Intercept Arc

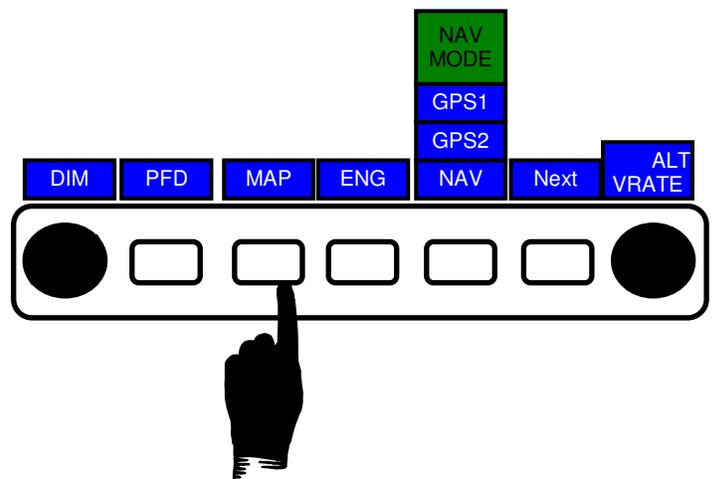
The **Map** group also contains the following subgroups:

- Flight Planning
- Checklist
- Map Slew
- Log Book



PFD/Engine

Pages within the **MAP** group are selectable by using the button labeled **MAP**. Pressing the button cycles the Arc, 360°, North-up and HSI pages.



## 1.4 Moving Map Group (GPS option req'd)

The GRT Horizon moving **MAP** group consists of four pages: North-up, Arc, 360° and HIS. Displayed are:

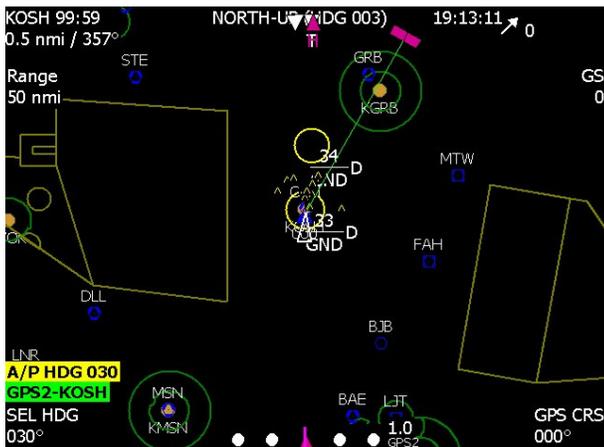
- Navaids
- Airports/Airspace
- Heading or Track
- GPS waypoint/route data



Arc



EHSI



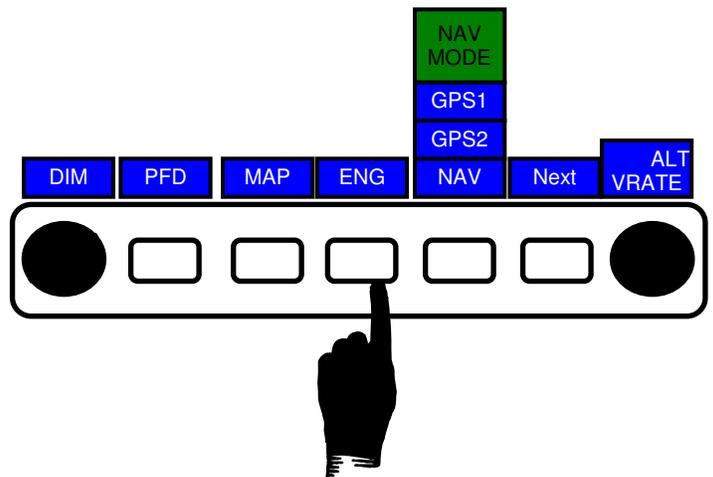
North-Up



360°

### 1.5 Engine Group (EIS option req'd)

The GRT Horizon **ENG** group may display full screen engine information or split screen ENG/MAP Arc. Use the button labeled **ENG** to switch views.

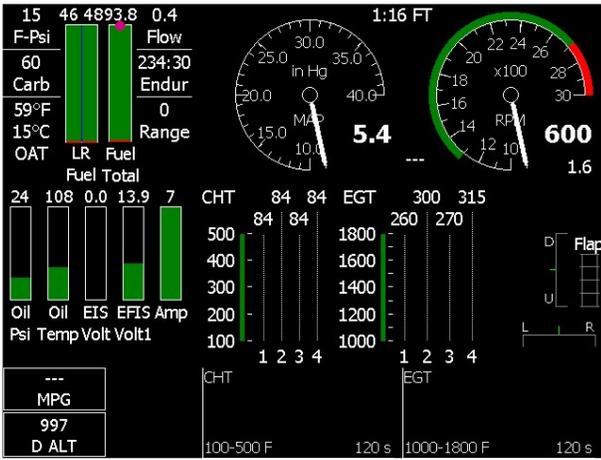


The GRT Horizon **ENG** page displays engine parameters in a variety of user selectable graphics. Parameters displayed include:

- Revolutions per Minute (RPM)
- Manifold Pressure (MAP)
- Oil Temperature/ Pressure
- Voltage/Amps
- Cylinder Head Temperature

- Exhaust Gas Temperature
- Fuel Flow/Pressure
- Coolant Temperature
- Carburetor Temperature
- Turbine Inlet Temperature
- N1/N2
- Lean Function
- User Defined Parameters

There are six different graphic displays within the **ENG** group that are selectable by using the button labeled **DATA**. Details of each display are in Chapter 4, Engine Monitor.



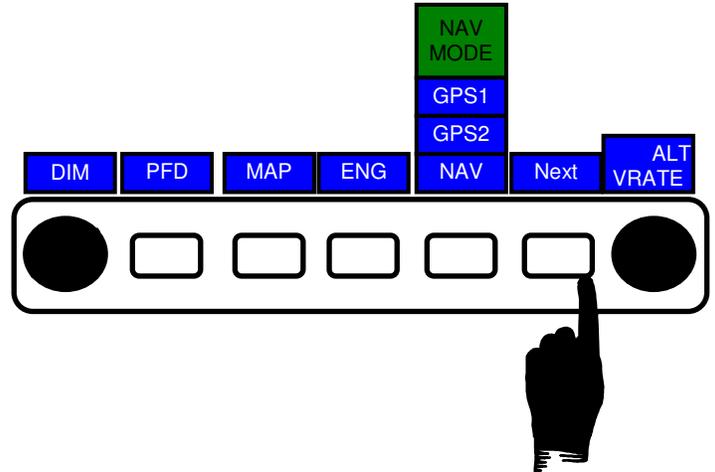
Engine - TEMPS



Engine/ Map Arc

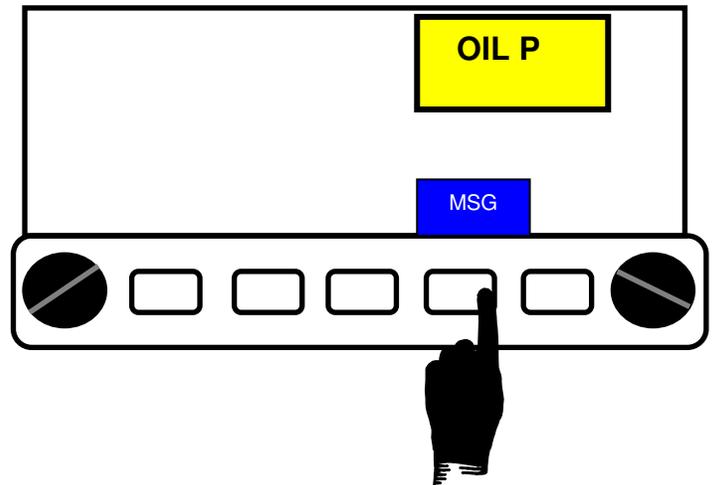
## 1.6 Group Options

To select options within a particular group use the **NEXT** button.



## 1.7 Messages

When a parameter is out of limit or a flight condition needs attention, the Horizon EFIS will annunciate the problem(s) on the display and with a **MSG** label.. For example,



Out of Limit Message

Messages are displayed on the all group pages. Options to remedy the annunciation

are available by pressing the button labeled **MSG**. See Chapter 7 for more details.

## **1.8 HX / WS differences**

HX displays have Synthetic Vision. The PFD display may display an “out the window” view of the terrain ahead. The second display may display a “top down” view of the terrain beneath the aircraft. Synthetic Vision may be toggled “ON” or “OFF”. When “OFF”, the displays are the same as HS displays.

WS displays do not present engine information at the bottom of the PFD display nor Synthetic Vision. The airspeed and altitude tapes are solid color, not transparent.

## Chapter 2 FLIGHT DISPLAY

In this section we will show you the symbology and function within the Primary Flight Display. At first glance it looks like a lot of information, you're right, but in a short amount of time you will be able to use every feature with ease.

### 2.1 Using the Primary Flight Display

Below is the basic PFD page.



PFD Screen

The basic PFD page consists of the primary flight instruments:

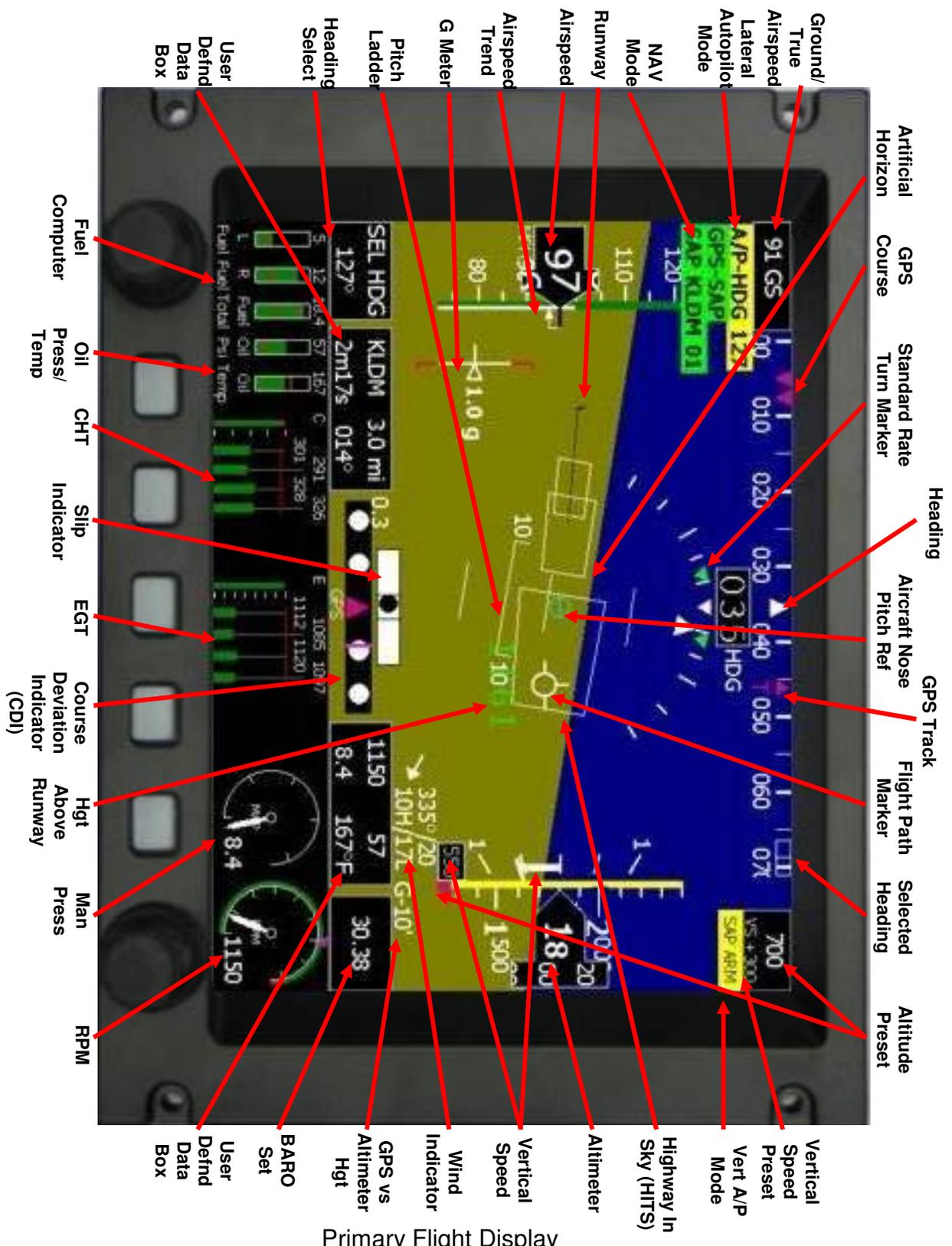
- Artificial Horizon
- Altimeter Tape with Digital Display
- Airspeed Tape with Digital Display
- Heading Tape with Digital Display
- Vertical Speed Indicator

These are arranged with the Artificial Horizon in the center, the Airspeed Tape on the left, the Altimeter Tape on the right, the Heading Indicator along the top and the Vertical Speed Indicator next to the Altimeter.

You will also notice the Pitch Ladder and Bank Angle Indicators in the center of the screen, and the Trim/Flap Indicator in the lower left.

The basic PFD page also contains five boxes which display:

- Ground or True Airspeed - upper left
- NAV & Lateral Autopilot Mode – upper left below speed
- Heading Select - lower left
- Altitude PreSelect & Vertical Autopilot Mode - upper right
- Altimeter/Baroset Setting - lower right



Primary Flight Display

## 2.2 Artificial Horizon

The Artificial Horizon is just that, a pictorial representation of the earth. The blue portion represents the sky; the brown portion represents the ground. The HX version of the GRT Horizon can optionally display a computer generated representation of the “view out the window”, using technology known as Synthetic Vision. See Chapter 2.21 for more details. Note that the aircraft “wings or pitch bars” and the triangular pointer move so the pointer always points up or towards the sky. This is called a sky pointer representation and provides guidance for recovery from unusual attitudes. This representation is opposite that of conventional attitude indicators.

A portion of the artificial horizon is the Pitch Ladder. It depicts pitch angle of the aircraft in relation to the horizon. It is normally set (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Pitch Ladder Offset**) so that straight and level flight at normal cruise speed is 0 pitch (bars align with the horizon).

The Flight Path Marker, shown as a circle with three spikes is a projection of the aircraft’s flight path and predicts the future position of the aircraft based on current aircraft state parameters (attitude, speed, wind etc) and assumes they remain constant. The FPM will appear to float about the display as the aircraft pitches and rolls. This movement is most evident in strong crosswind or unusual attitudes.

## 2.3 Airspeed Tape

The Airspeed tape displays airspeed and three user selectable speed bugs which appear as magenta triangles with letters X, Y, & G for  $V_x$ ,  $V_y$  and  $V_g$ . The Bugs are set in the **SET Menu, General Setup, Primary Flight Display**.

The background color of the airspeed tape are the standard airspeed color segments (white-stall speed ( $V_s$ ) to flap extension speed ( $V_{fe}$ ); green- stall speed ( $V_s$ ) to maximum structural cruise speed ( $V_{no}$ ); yellow-maximum structural cruise speed ( $V_{no}$ ) to never exceed speed ( $V_{ne}$ ))

Between the airspeed tape and window is the trend indicator. This is a red arrow that indicates the direction and rate of airspeed change and points to the airspeed the aircraft will be at in 5 seconds. It only appears if the airspeed is changing.

## 2.4 Altimeter Tape

The Altimeter Tape displays altitude above mean sea level (MSL) in hundreds of feet. The background color of the altimeter tape shows the Off Route Obstacle Clearance Altitude (OROCA) which provides 1000 foot obstruction clearance in non-mountainous terrain areas and 2,000 foot obstruction clearance in designated mountainous areas within the United States. An altitude below the OROCA is shown yellow, above the OROCA is shown green.

### **To set the barometric pressure value on the altimeter:**

Turn the right knob on any **PFD** page. When the desired barometric value is

displayed in the lower right corner, press the knob to enter.

You may set an altimeter bug or preset altitude on the altimeter tape to provide a visual alert of an important altitude. It will display as two magenta triangles. Setting an altimeter bug will also cause a green arc (altitude intercept arc) to appear when a MAP page is displayed. The green arc shows where you will be located when the preset altitude is reached. This feature works both in climb or descent. The arc will move as VSI and speed changes occur. It is helpful as a backup to monitor progress towards hitting crossing restrictions or arriving at pattern altitude (Chapter 3.6). And finally, a preset altitude serves as the hold altitude for autopilots with vertical steering capability (Chapter 5.3.2).

#### To set an Altimeter bug:

1. Press the right knob on any **PF** page.
2. Turn knob to desired Altitude
3. Press knob to set.

## 2.5 Vertical Speed Tape

Just to the left of the altimeter tape is the vertical speed tape. It shows vertical speed in feet per minute. The vertical speed is also presented digitally, at the bottom of the scale when descending and at the top of the scale with climbing.

## 2.6 Heading Tape

A portion of the Heading Tape (70 degrees) is presented at the top of the display and displays four parameters:

- Magnetic Heading (**point up triangle H** underneath)

- GPS Ground Track (**point down triangle with T** underneath)
- Bearing or Course to current GPS waypoint (pair of **inverted triangles**)
- Heading Bug (pair of **squares**)

The center of the heading tape (position over the center of the bank indices) is user selectable to be either Magnetic Heading or Ground Track. (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Up reference**). The display at the center above the bank indices presents the same information in numeric format as well as the label HDG or TRK to indicate the current selection.

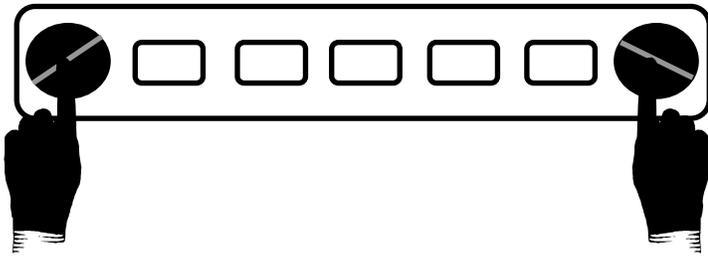
Current Magnetic Heading is displayed on the Heading Tape as a point up triangle. If Magnetic Heading is not selected as Up Reference, the triangle will have an “**H**” below it. Its position relative to the Ground Track indicates the current difference between ground track and heading.

Ground Track, derived from GPS data (requires a GPS source), is displayed on the Heading Tape as a point down triangle. If Ground Track is not selected as Up Reference, the triangle will have a “**T**” below it. Its position relative to the Magnetic Heading indicates the current difference between ground track and heading.

The Bearing (or GPS Course) to the currently selected waypoint is displayed on the Heading Tape as two inverted triangles. Maneuvering the aircraft so that the ground track indicator is aligned with this indicator will result in a ground track directly to the waypoint.

The Heading Bug is displayed on the Heading Tape as two side by side squares and also in the data box above the left knob (SEL HDG). It is used to manually control

the autopilot or as a visual reminder of desired heading. The heading bug is set by turning the left knob on a **PFD** or **MAP** page to the desired heading. Or, to select the current heading, press both knobs simultaneously.



Occasionally one or more of the parameters will be off the Heading Tape, since the tape display is limited in width to 70 degrees. For example, if there is a change in course at a waypoint greater than 35 degrees, the Bearing to the GPS waypoint triangles or Heading Bug squares or both may off the tape. Likewise if there is a strong crosswind, the Ground Track triangle and Magnetic Heading triangle may be more than 35 degrees different. When any parameter is off the tape display, that parameter is “display limited”. When a parameter is display limited, the triangles or squares will be outlines or hollow, not filled in or solid. Display limited parameters do occur, but they are an exception rather than the norm. The GRT handling of them described below makes their occurrence a trivial matter.

When a parameter is display limited, it will be displayed at the left or right end of the tape. The end chosen is the direction to turn the aircraft to get the parameter onto the tape and out of “display limited”. For example, if the Magnetic Heading is 270 and the GPS Ground Track is 220 (strong wind from the North) the display limited Ground

Track triangle will appear on the left end of the tape indicating a left turn is required to get the Ground Track triangle back on the tape and out of “display limited”.

The relative position between two “display limited” indicators remains accurate, allowing the pilot to align them to achieve the same result as if they were not display limited.

When the Ground Track indicator is display-limited, the Flight Path Marker and ground-referenced symbols (runways and obstacles) are artificially shifted so that they remain on the screen, but in such a way that their position relative to each other is correct. This allows these items to be visible on the screen no matter how large the drift angle.

**CAUTION:** When the Ground Track indicator is hollow, indicating it is display-limited; the ground track indicated is necessarily inaccurate. This means that the aircraft’s track over the ground is not as indicated, and the pilot should be aware of this inaccuracy with regard to obstacle and terrain clearance.

Should the Flight Path Marker become “display limited”, it will appear **red**.

If Lateral Autopilot Functions are ON (**Set Menu, General Setup, Lateral Autopilot Functions**), The Bearing to Waypoint, Ground Track and Magnetic Heading triangles and Heading Bug squares will be either **white** or **magenta**. **Magenta** means that indicator **IS** coupled to the autopilot and **white** means that indicator is **NOT**. For example, when you select LAT A/P HDG (heading) the Heading Bug squares and the Magnetic Heading triangle turn **magenta**,

and the Bearing to Waypoint triangles and Ground Track triangle are **white**. When LAT A/P ENAV is selected and a GPS is selected as the Nav source, the Bearing to Waypoint triangles and Ground Track triangle turn **magenta** and the Heading Bug squares and the Magnetic Heading triangle are **white**.

If Lateral Autopilot Functions are OFF (no autopilot in use), the Magnetic Heading triangle and Heading Bug squares will be **white** and the Ground Track triangle and Bearing to Waypoint triangles will be **magenta**.

## 2.7 Wind Speed/Direction

The wind speed and direction is available in two formats and selected in the **Primary Flight Display** settings page.

The vector representation of wind direction (the arrow drawn on the screen) shows wind direction relative to the aircraft's heading. A wind vector pointing directly up indicates a tailwind and a vector pointing to the right indicates the wind is blowing from left to right.

The numeric display of wind direction is relative to magnetic north.

If insufficient data exists for calculation of winds, the wind vector arrow, and digital data, is blanked (not displayed). Calculated winds are based on GPS ground track and groundspeed, and heading and airspeed data provided by the AHRS. Accurate winds require accurate magnetic heading and airspeed data. Calibration procedures to correct for heading and airspeed errors are provided, see Chapter 9, Calibration.

In addition to wind direction and speed, Head/Crosswind components may be

displayed as well (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Digital Head/Cross Wind Display**).

## 2.8 Turn Coordinator

The Turn Coordinator is depicted at the top of the pitch ladder and below the heading window as inverted green triangles. The GRT Horizon calculates the angle of bank required to make a Standard Rate turn at the current airspeed. The Turn Coordinator triangles will spread out or in as the airspeed increases or decreases.

## 2.9 GPS CDI Display

The GPS CDI (Course Deviation Indicator) is located at the bottom center of the screen. It displays the direction and magnitude of the GPS cross-track error. The cross-track error is the distance from the aircraft's current position to the line connecting the previous and next waypoint in the GPS flight plan. (When only one waypoint is active in the flight plan, the GRT Horizon, like most GPS navigation equipment, will use the aircraft's position at the time the waypoint is selected as the previous waypoint position for purposes of calculating cross-track error).

The cross-track deviation is represented by the deflection of the bar from the center of the CDI scale. A deflection to the left indicates the airplane needs to be maneuvered to the left to get back on course. The center of the CDI includes a triangle that points up or down to indicate **TO** or **FROM** the GPS waypoint respectively. Note: **FROM** indications result in reverse sensing for the deviation indicator, identical to that of a VOR type CDI indicator. This allows normal sensing when tracking outbound from a GPS waypoint.

The deviation bar and TO/FROM indicator are displayed whenever a **GOTO** waypoint is active in the GPS flight plan.

The scaling of the CDI indicator changes automatically from 5.0 nm full scale when enroute, to 1.0 nm full scale in terminal phase (within 30 nm of the destination), to 0.3 nm during approach phase. Approach phase can be detected by the GRT only when **Aviation** format of GPS data is provided to the GRT

## 2.10 Angle of Attack

(not in v32a software)

Angle-of-attack (AOA) refers to the angle of the local airflow relative to the wing. Since the wing will stall when the “critical” angle of attack is exceeded, AOA is useful for stall warning, and as a means of establishing an approach speed that accounts for the current weight of the airplane.

The GRT EFIS can display AOA that is derived from either a “calculated” or “measured” source.

The “measured” AOA source refers to use of the GRT AOA option with a dual port pitot probe. This method uses the two pressures from the pitot probe, and the static pressure, to measure the AOA. This method provides the most accurate and fastest responding AOA measurement.

Angle-of-Attack can also be calculated by the EFIS by combining a variety of sensor data. AOA calculated in this manner has the benefit that does not require any dedicated hardware. The drawbacks are that the calculated AOA is dependent on proper functioning of the pitot/static and pitch attitude data. Also, the accuracy of the

calculated AOA degrades when flying through rising or descending air.

Either type of AOA data may be used to drive two different indicators on the PFD screen.

### Approach AOA Indexer

This indicator appears just to the right of the airspeed tape, and shows the angle-of-attack relative to the optimal for approach. When the angle-of-attack too low (the airplane is flying faster than optimal approach speed), yellow chevrons pointing up into a yellow circle prompt the pilot to increase back pressure to reduce speed, and similarly, red chevrons pointing down into a red circle prompt the pilot to push forward to increase speed. When stall is imminent, the word "PUSH" appears above the AOA indexer.

The indexer will show a green circle, with no chevrons, when the angle-of-attack is in the optimal range.

When the AOA data used to drive the EFIS screens is based on the “calculated” AOA data, “EST” (estimated) will appear inside the indexer circle. Calculated AOA will be used if no measured AOA data is available, or if the measured AOA function has not been calibrated.

**WARNING: The use of this indication is purely at the judgment of the pilot. The accuracy of this AOA indexer, and its stall warning, is affected by EFIS sensor errors and the accuracy of the calibration procedure. The EFIS calculation of angle-of-attack, and the approach AOA indexer should not be used as the only stall warning instrument.**

The approach AOA indexer will not appear at low angles-of-attack.



AOA Too High – Need to Pitch Down

### Barber-Pole Stall Speed Indicator

A vertical red/black bar is displayed on the bottom half of the airspeed tape. The top of this bar corresponds to the stall speed at the current "G" loading, and is based on the stall speed entry made in the EFIS, and the normal acceleration "G's" sensed by the AHRS.

### Pitch Limit Indicator

When enabled on the PFD settings page, the pitch limit indicator appears on the PFD screen when the angle-of-attack is less than 8 degrees from stall, and goes away when the angle of attack more than 9 degrees from stall. The indicator moves downward toward the nose or bars pitch indicator as the angle of attack increases. Stall will occur approximately when this indicator is on the nose or bar pitch indicator. This indicator will be limited to 30 degrees pitch to prevent chasing a pitch limit that could temporarily

be at a very high pitch angle due to high airplane speed.

The pitch limit indicator was originally created to give pilots a maximum pitch angle reference when performing a windshear escape maneuver. While this may be of little use for the typical experimental aircraft pilot, it provides a visual representation of the proximity to stall. This data also appears on the wearable HUD smart glasses.

**WARNING: The use of this indication is purely at the judgment of the pilot. The accuracy of this information is affected by EFIS sensor errors and the accuracy of the calibration procedure. The EFIS calculation of angle-of-attach, and the pitch limit indicator should not be used as the only stall warning instrument.**

### Audio Stall Warning

For versions of the GRT EFIS that include an audio output, an audio alert is provided as stall is approached. This alert begins as a beeping tone that transitions to a solid tone as the AOA approaches the stall AOA programmed during the AOA calibration procedure.

### 2.11 Slip Indicator

The slip indicator works just like a water level slip indicator.

### 2.12 User Selectable Data Boxes

There are 2 Data Boxes at the bottom of the display. Each has four fields. Each field may be either data or a label. The choices are extensive ranging from GPS waypoints to engine parameters. Detailed instructions are contained in the GRT Horizon SetUp

Guide (**SET MENU, Primary Flight Display, Data Boxes**).

## 2.13 Fixed Data Boxes

There are 5 data boxes that display ground speed or true airspeed in the upper left corner, Lateral Autopilot mode to top right of airspeed tape, heading selection in the lower left corner, autopilot altitude selection or present altitude bug and Vertical Autopilot mode in the upper right corner and the baroset in the lower right corner.

## 2.14 Trim, Flap G Meter Indicators

Aileron and pitch trim and flap position indicators automatically display on the PFD page in the lower left side. The data comes from Analog Inputs and are calibrated in the Settings Menu. The G Meter will display in the same area. It can be selected to be always On, On when a limit is exceeded or Off. Detailed instructions are in the GRT Horizon SetUp Guide.

## 2.15 Clock

If selected in the General Setup menu, a digital clock is displayed in the top right portion of the PFD screen. The clock setting is maintained in memory that requires a continuous source of 12 volts. The clock may show either Zulu or user selected time.

## 2.16 Obstacle Warning

Obstacles such as towers are displayed on the PFD that are within one minute of flight path (based on current flight data (speed, direction)) and within 250 feet of the aircraft's altitude.

Sections 2.17 through 2.21 describe options that are selected by the buttons under the labels. See Section 1.2. To select options within a particular group use the **NEXT** button. It helps to think about what it is you are trying to do then select the group the function may be in. Press **NEXT** for more options.

## 2.17 PFD Lock

The locked selection disables the selection of other display screens so that it is impossible to inadvertently select a display page that does not show attitude, airspeed, altitude and heading information. Split screens that include the PFD information may still be selected. However, as you cycle through the split screens, when you reach the full screen PFD you will be unable to display any split screen without "unlocking" the PFD.

To select, press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required) until **PFD LOCK** label appears. The button under the label will cycle **PFD LOCK** off and on.

## 2.18 NAV Mode

This setting selects the source of data that is used to provide navigation information to the pilot on the PFD and MAP pages as well as to the autopilot.

The selections provided will correspond to the configuration of (what has been wired to) the system, such as internal GPS, external GPS and VOR/NAV

The Nav Mode selections available are GPS1, GPS2, Nav1 and Nav2. Nav Mode may be a combination of two GPSs (internal or external) and two Nav sources (external) for example GNS430 and SL30 or Dual

SL30 or Dual GNS430. A GPS selection may be the GPS side of the GNS430 and a Nav selection may be the Nav side of the GNS430.

For example:

GPS1 (430 GPS)  
GPS 2 (Internal GPS)  
Nav 1 (430 NAV-ILS/VOR)  
Nav 2 (SL30)

The NAV mode is displayed in the upper left corner of the PFD display. Green is GPS, White is Nav 1, Cyan is Nav 2. Yellow is Caution / Input required / Mode not fully engaged.

To select, press any button and the **NAV MODE** label will appear. The button under the label will select between the available modes.

## 2.19 LAT A/P, VERT A/P, and ARM

LAT A/P and ARM will appear if Lateral Autopilot Functions are ON (Settings Menu, General Setup). VERT A/P will appear in Vertical Autopilot Functions are ON. Their use is described in Chapter 5. If Lateral Autopilot Functions are OFF, these buttons will not appear.

## 2.20 Synthetic Approach

Synthetic Approach (identified as SAP) mode allows the GRT Horizon to provide lateral and vertical guidance to most runways contained in the EFIS navigation database (position data for each end of the runway must be in the database. The vast majority of airports in the database have this information). Vertical and lateral guidance for the pilot is provided via the highway-in-the-sky (HITS) on the primary flight display

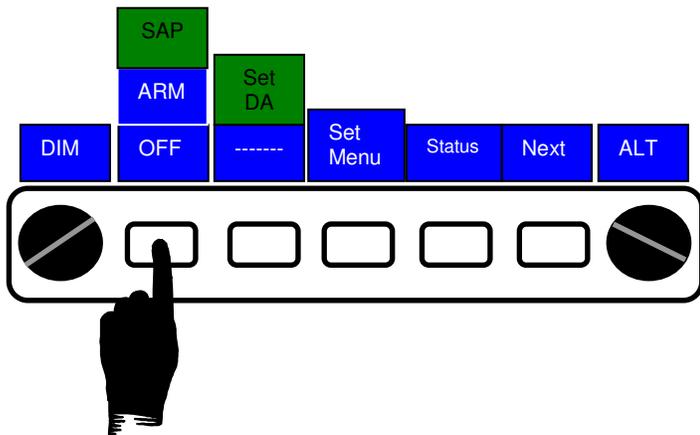
page and laterally via the course and GPS cross track deviation indicators. Lateral guidance is provided for connected autopilots. Vertical guidance is provided for selected autopilots. See Section 5 for details of using SAP with a connected Autopilot.

Synthetic Approach provides the following benefits:

- Enhanced situational awareness during all landings. Especially helpful during night landings.
- Emergency means of guidance to the runway for the VFR pilot who inadvertently enters IFR conditions.
- Redundant guidance during ILS approach. The synthetic approach will duplicate the ILS approach alignment but is based on different data (GPS and baro-alt vs. localizer and glideslope).
- Emergency backup to ILS receiver. Since the synthetic approach follows the same path as the ILS and this path has assurances of obstacle clearance, it could be used in an emergency when the ILS is unavailable.

### Selecting SAP

To select Synthetic Approach mode, press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required) until the **SAP** label appears. The button under the label will select between **ARM** and **OFF**.



Pressing **ARM** will result in a list of available synthetic approaches at the airport in the flight plan if **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

1. The last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport, and is contained within the GRT Horizon navigation database, or if an approach has been selected and the GRT Horizon is able to determine the airport and runway being used by the approach.
2. The database contains the necessary information about this airport, including runways, runway orientation, position, elevation, etc.
3. AHRS, Air Data Computer and GPS data are valid

The list of available synthetic approaches shows the runway identifier, the length, surface type (hard or soft), lighting, and crosswind component. The crosswind component is shown as X-Wind = speed L/R, where the speed is in the units selected on the GRT Horizon, and the L/R indicates a left or right crosswind, such that a left crosswind indicates the wind is blowing from left to right when on the approach. The GRT

Horizon will list the runways in order of how closely aligned they are with the calculated wind direction. Runways that are predicted to have a greater than 10 mph tailwind are shown with a yellow background.

The desired runway is selected using the left knob.



The selected runway will blink yellow on the **PFD** page.

**CAUTION:** The pilot must not rely on the crosswind data displayed in the list for selection of the appropriate runway. Wind speed and direction is usually different on the surface. The GRT Horizon is making its prediction based on its calculated winds at the time the approach mode is activated. The accuracy of the wind calculation is affected by the accuracy of the pitot/static measurements, and the calibration of the magnetometer.

After selecting a runway, a different runway may be selected using the **SAP** button again. The label will now provide a **Chg Rwy** option.

After selecting **SAP** and **ARM**, “Check barosetting” will be annunciated.

Once the runway and barosetting are set, the HITS will appear if able. The HITS may

be behind, above or below depending on aircraft position relative to the runway.

If the selected runway includes an associated localizer in the GRT Horizon navigation database, the message **Synthetic Approach using Loc Course** will be provided to remind the pilot that the approach will follow the localizer, and may not necessarily be aligned with the runway centerline.

If the synthetic approach mode is selected, but the GPS flight plan does not contain an approach or an airport as the last waypoint that can be matched to the GRT Horizon database, then the synthetic approach cannot be activated. The GRT Horizon will respond with a message **No Airport found for Synthetic App**, and the synthetic approach mode will be turned off.

When the Synthetic Approach is enabled the height above the runway will be displayed under the Flight Path Marker in green. This altitude will flash red/green when below the Decision Height. The Decision Height comes from database approach information, if available. Otherwise, the Decision Height setting in the SET MENU is used.

### Localizer Override

When the localizer is armed, or the Nav Mode is **LOC**, the synthetic approach mode will display the highway-in-the-sky but will not provide steering nor autopilot coupling. This is indicated by **DISP** selection in the **SAP** softkey.

### Synthetic Approach Path

Lateral steering will be constructed according to the following list in order of priority:

1. If an approach has been selected on the GPS, the synthetic approach path will match the course into the runway waypoint. (An approach is a flight plan that includes guidance to the runway and will include a runway waypoint, such as RW25.)
2. If no approach has been selected on the GPS but the last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport, the pilot will be prompted to select the runway. If the runway includes a localizer in the EFIS database, then the approach will be constructed to mimic the localizer, otherwise it will be constructed to follow the extended runway centerline.
3. If no approach has been selected, and the last waypoint in the GPS flight plan is not an airport, the synthetic approach is not available.

## 2.21 ILS Approach

The GRT Horizon, provides lateral and vertical guidance on an ILS in scales (series of dots at the bottom and side of the display with a marker showing position on the scale) or needles (similar to a conventional CDI) format when a ILS frequency is tuned on a connected Nav receiver. Details of using SAP and autopilot to fly an ILS approach are given in Chapter 6.

### To turn on needles or scales setting:

1. Press any button
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET MENU**.
4. Scroll with either knob to **Primary Flight Display**.
5. Press knob to select

6. Scroll to **ILS Type**
7. Press knob to select and change
8. Press **SAVE** button

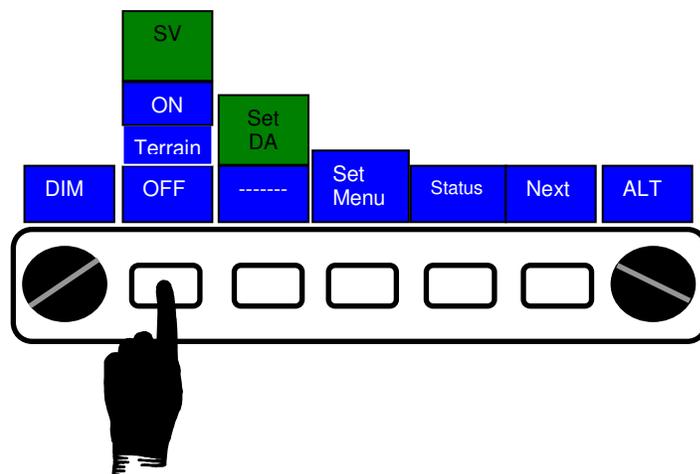
## 2.22 HX / WS Differences

### Synthetic Vision HX Only

Synthetic Vision is a feature of the HX Horizon. When selected, a 30 mile forward “out the window” view of the topology around the current aircraft position is presented on the PFD and a “top down” view is displayed on MAP pages. When Terrain is enabled, red (0-500 ft) and yellow (500 – 1000 ft) warnings are overlaid on the Synthetic Vision displays.

### Selecting Synthetic Vision HX Only

To select Synthetic Vision mode, press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required) until the **SV** label appears. The button under the label will select between **ON** (turns on Synthetic Vision), **Terrain** (turns on Terrain Warning See Section 3.7) and **OFF** (turns off Synthetic Vision and Terrain Warning and restores brown and blue background).



WX Horizon presents PFD information similar to HS Horizon but does not display engine information across the bottom of the screen. The airspeed and altitude tapes are solid rather than outline and airspeed bug speeds are blue horizontal lines. Vertical speed is on the tape only; there is no digital readout of vertical speed.

## Chapter 3 MOVING MAP

The Moving Map page(s) provide a top-down view of the world out to the user's selected range. Selection of which data is displayed (airports, airspace and NAVaids) at a given range is user defined from the settings menu (**Set Menu, Moving Map, Max XXX range, etc.**). This feature allows the user to declutter long range map displays while providing very detailed short range map displays.

### 3.1 MOVING MAP - COMMON ABBREVIATIONS and TERMS

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Sel FP</b>        | - Selecting a stored flight plan (left knob)   |
| <b>Rev FP</b>        | - Reversing a stored flight plan for the return flight (left knob)   |
| <b>Clr FP</b>        | - Clears a flight plan (left knob)   |
| <b>ADD WP</b>        | - This waypoint will be added to the DIRECT TO list and be the active waypoint                                 |
| <b>REM K</b>         | - GRT suggests Removing K prefix from the identifier   |
| <b>ADD K</b>         | - GRT suggests Adding the K prefix to the identifier   |
| <b>Del WP</b>        | - Delete waypoint in a flight plan   |
| <b>Insert Before</b> | - to insert another waypoint   |
| <b>User WP</b>       | - to create a user defined waypoint, either using <b>LAT LON</b> or <b>RNG BRG</b>                             |
| <b>LAT A/P</b>       | - Lateral Autopilot couples the autopilot to the heading bug (HDG) or the GPS receiver (NAV) from the PFD page |
| <b>SAP</b>           | - Select Approach - for synthetic approach - select ARM to arm the approach                                    |
| <b>Chg Rwy</b>       | - To choose a different runway   |

### 3.2 MAP

The MAP display is track up or heading up according to user settings.

The **MAP** group shows:

- Airports
- Airspace
- NAVaids
- GPS/NAV Course
- Heading Select Bug
- HSI (requires SL30 or ARINC interface)
- NAV mode status
- Wind Direction and Speed
- Weather (optional)
- Traffic (optional)

Pressing the **MAP** softkey will cycle the MAP through the four map view modes: Aircraft symbol at bottom of screen (Arc View), aircraft symbol in center of screen (360 deg View), North Up View and HSI which overlays an HSI over the center view map.

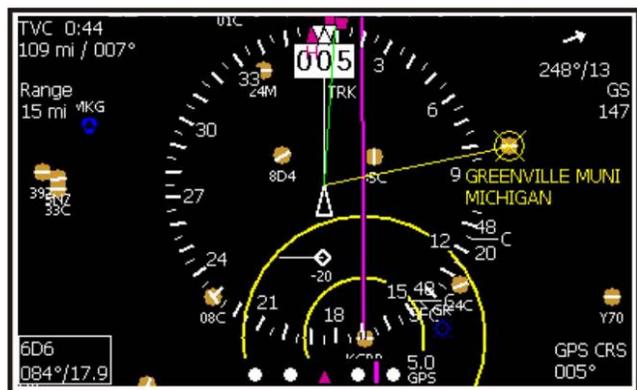


Map 360°

The map depicted on the GRT Horizon is based on the navigation database within the EFIS. The database within an external GPS is not used, as this data is not transmitted to the EFIS.

### 3.3 Selecting Map Details

On any **MAP** page except HSI page, information about nav aids and airports in the database is selectable by pressing the right knob.



Airport/NAVAid Selection

A yellow line will appear on the screen from the airplane to the item (airport/navaid) nearest the map up reference.

This item will be highlighted with a yellow circle, and basic information about it will be displayed. Rotating the knob will move the highlight to the next item nearest according to its bearing. Clockwise rotation of the knob causes the yellow line to rotate clockwise and counterclockwise rotation, the opposite.

Details for each navaid or airport, if in the database, are viewable in the Details page. The Details page will also have weather information such as METARs if equipped with the XM Weather module and subscription.

| DETAILS                                  |                  |                            |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| KGRR - Elev 794' GERALD R FORD INTL 0:05 |                  |                            |
| 08R-26L                                  | 10000 x 150 Hard | PCL APP/DEP - 124.6, 128.4 |
| 08L-26R                                  | 5000 x 100 Hard  | PCL ASOS - N/A             |
| 17-35                                    | 8501 x 150 Hard  | PCL ATIS - 127.1           |
|  |                  | CLD - 119.3                |
|  |                  | CTAF - 135.65              |
|  |                  | GND - 121.8                |
| Fuel 100LL, Jet A                        |                  | RDO - LANSING RDO -        |
| Lat: N42-52.85 Lon: W085-31.37           |                  | 115.95, 122.1              |
| Mag Var: 5.2W                            |                  | TWR - 135.65               |
| City: Grand Rapids, MICHIGAN             |                  | UNICOM - 122.95            |

Map Details

#### To access the DETAILS function:

1. Press the right knob and
2. Turn the knob to the desired navaid or airport.
3. Press again to select **DETAILS**
4. Press again to exit back to the map page.

### 3.4 MAP Slew

The MAP Slew feature allows you to move the map without changing the map scale. Note that the slewed displays will be North

up, however, **EXIT** returns the map as it was displayed before Slew.

#### To slew the MAP view:

1. Press any button
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SLEW** followed by **WEST**, **EAST**, **NORTH** or **SOUTH**.
4. To return to present position press **EXIT**

### 3.5 Range Select

The map view has user selectable range views from 1 to 1000 miles. The time it takes to display MAP data is directly related to the amount of information being displayed. Terrain slows the display significantly. So does display of airports and nav aids especially at longer range views. Judicious use of user settings in the Moving Map Set Up page provides a balance of information and display speed.

#### To access the RNG view setting:

1. Press the left knob, the range box will highlight in yellow and show the current range selection.
2. Turn the knob to the desired viewing range.
3. Press knob to set.

### 3.6 Altitude Intercept Arc

When an altitude bug has been set (see Chapter 2.4), a green Altitude Intercept Arc will appear on MAP pages. The Arc shows the location on the MAP that the aircraft will be when the "Bug Altitude" is crossed based on the current airspeed, course and rate of descent or rate of climb.

### 3.7 Navigation (Flight Plan)

The GRT Horizon allows for quick and easy selection of a waypoint for **DIRECT TO** navigation or a series of waypoints for **FLIGHT PLAN** navigation. The use of the navigation features provides:

1. Graphical representation on MAP page (**magenta** for the segment you are currently on, **white** for segments planned).
2. Display of waypoint in use and associated data, such as range, bearing, ETA etc in data boxes of PFD.
3. Output of steering information to autopilot.

Flight Plans or Direct To waypoints may be entered into the Horizon as described in the following paragraphs. Both Flight Plans and Direct To waypoints require GPS data. GPS data is provided either by the optional internal GRT GPS or by an external GPS including most panel mount GPS and many hand held GPS.

If an external GPS is connected and the Horizon is configured for "External Flight Plan Source" (**Set Up Menu, General**), Flight Plans or Direct To waypoints that are entered in the External GPS will be presented on the Horizon Moving Map and the three features described above will be provided for the flight plan from the external GPS. Since the GRT GPS is not certified for IFR use, this feature allows the use of an IFR certified GPS with the GRT Horizon in IFR flight.

#### To access flight planning functions:

1. From any **MAP** page press any button
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)

3. Press **PLAN**. This will take you to the **DIRECT TO** flight planning page.

The center softkey toggles between **DIRECT TO** and **Seq** (Flight Plan) modes and the current mode is displayed in the blue banner at the top of the screen.

### 3.7.1 Direct To Mode

Note that Direct To always plan from current position to a specified waypoint. Previously used waypoints are maintained in the Direct To waypoint library so that you can quickly recall them for reuse.

#### 3.7.1.1 Direct To waypoint library.

When you enter a waypoint as described in the following sections, it is retained in the Direct To waypoint library. To use that waypoint again,

1. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
2. Press **PLAN**. This will take you to the **DIRECT TO** page.
3. Rotate the **right** knob to show the stored waypoints.
4. Select the desired waypoint (white box around it) by pressing **D →**. The **white D →** appears to indicate that waypoint is now the active destination.
5. Press **EXIT** to finish and return to the MAP page. Note the **magenta** line from the airplane symbol to the waypoint and the waypoint data box on the PFD.

#### 3.7.1.2 To navigate to a waypoint (airport or navaid) shown on the MAP,

1. From a **MAP** page, press the right knob.

2. Scroll to the desired waypoint.
3. Press right knob. The waypoint details will show.
4. Press **ADD WP**. The waypoint will be added to the **DIRECT TO** list and be the active destination. The active destination is shown with a **white D →** next to it.
1. Press **EXIT** twice to finish and return to the MAP page. Note the **magenta** line from the airplane symbol to the waypoint and the waypoint data box on the PFD.

#### 3.7.1.3 To navigate to a nearby waypoint (airport or navaid):

1. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
2. Press **NEAR**.
3. Press **AIRPORT** or **NAVAID**.
4. Scroll with either knob to desired waypoint.
5. Press **D →**. The waypoint will be added to the **DIRECT TO** list and be the active destination. The active destination is shown with a **white D →** next to it.
6. Press **EXIT** to finish and return to the MAP page. . Note the **magenta** line from the airplane symbol to the waypoint and the waypoint data box on the PFD.

#### 3.7.1.4 To navigate to a user specified waypoint by typing the identifier:

1. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
2. Press **PLAN**. This will take you to the **DIRECT TO** flight plan page.
3. Press **D →** from the Direct To page.

Use the alpha-numeric buttons to enter the identifier for the airport or navaid.

4. Press the appropriate button to select the letter or number for each character in the identifier.

When pressing the button under a column multiple times, the cursor moves to the next letter in that column. When pressing the button under a **different** column, the cursor automatically moves to the next space in the identifier field.

The right knob controls the **NEXT** function which moves the cursor to the next space in the identifier field (needed when identifier has two consecutive letters the same as in GRR).

The left knob controls the **CLEAR (CLR)** function which removes the letter or number entered allowing a different letter or number to be entered in the identifier field.

As you enter letters or numbers, the GRT Horizon will provide lists of identifiers that contain the letters and numbers entered so far. This can be helpful if you are not sure of the identifier.

While entering letters or numbers in the identifier fields, the left knob controls the **CANCEL** function which returns to the previous **DIRECT TO** waypoint.

The left knob also controls the **EXIT** function which returns to the Direct To page without saving the entered **DIRECT TO** waypoint.

When selecting an airport or navaid, the GRT Horizon will automatically ask for the ICAO prefix identifier K (for North America) for the airport if it is required. If one has been entered but is not required the GRT Horizon will suggest removing only the prefix identifier. A right knob selection, **REM K** will

show. Similarly, if the prefix identifier K has been left off, the GRT Horizon will suggest adding it. A right knob selection, **ADD K** will show. **To add or remove the prefix identifier:** Scroll to **ADD K** or **REM K** to add or remove K for the identifier.

5. Finally, press **ENTER** when complete. The waypoint will be added to the **DIRECT TO** list and be the active destination. The active destination is shown with a **white D →** next to it..
6. Press **EXIT** twice to finish and return to the MAP page. Note the **magenta** line from the airplane symbol to the waypoint and the waypoint data box on the PFD.

### 3.7.1.5 To navigate to a user created waypoint (Latitude / Longitude or Range / Bearing or Present Position):

1. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
2. Press **PLAN**. This will take you to the **DIRECT TO** flight plan page.
3. Press **User WP** (left knob) from the Direct To page.
4. Press **NEW**.
5. Enter characters for the name of your user created waypoint
6. Press **CREATE** (right knob).
7. Either select **LAT LON** or **RNG BRG** or **USE PP**. **LAT LON** and **RNG BRG** allow you to input the actual data. **USE PP** uses the present position of the aircraft for the waypoint.
8. The left knob or the **NEXT** button will step you through the data input fields.
9. When complete, press **SAVE** (right knob) to return to the User Waypoints page. If you wish to use the new waypoint, press. **D →**. The waypoint

will be added to the **DIRECT TO** list and be the active destination. The active destination is shown with a **white D →** next to it.

10. Press **EXIT** to finish and return to the MAP page. Note the **magenta** line from the airplane symbol to the waypoint and the waypoint data box on the PFD.

### 3.7.2 Plan Mode

Flight Plans always require at least 2 waypoints, the departure and destination. That is why Flight Plans may be entered prior to flight and saved for future use.

#### 3.7.2.1 To enter a Flight Plan manually:

1. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
2. Press **PLAN**. This will take you to the Flight Plan page.
3. Press **Add** or **Insert Before** (depends on position of cursor within the selected Flight Plan)

Use the alpha-numeric buttons to enter the identifier for the airport or navaid.

4. Press the appropriate button to select the letter or number for each character in the identifier.

When pressing the button under a column multiple times, the cursor moves to the next letter in that column. When pressing the button under a **different** column, the cursor automatically moves to the next space in the identifier field.

The right knob controls the **NEXT** function which moves the cursor to the next space in the identifier field (needed when identifier

has two consecutive letters the same as in GRR).

The left knob controls the **CLEAR (CLR)** function which removes the letter or number entered and backspaces to the previous space in the identifier field.

As you enter letters or numbers, the GRT Horizon can provide lists of identifiers that contain the letters and numbers entered so far. This can be helpful if you are not sure of the identifier.

The left knob also controls the **EXIT** function which returns to the Plan page without saving the entered PLAN waypoint.

When selecting an airport or navaid, the GRT Horizon will automatically ask for the ICAO prefix identifier K (for North America) for the airport if it is required. If one has been entered but is not required the GRT Horizon will suggest removing only the prefix identifier. A right knob selection, **REM K** will show. Similarly, if the prefix identifier K has been left off, the GRT Horizon will suggest adding it. A right knob selection, **ADD K** will show. **To add or remove the prefix identifier:** Scroll to **ADD K** or **REM K** to add or remove K for the identifier.

5. Continue using **Add** or **Insert Before** to insert all the waypoints.

Note that you can delete waypoints using **Del WP** over the left knob; you may insert another waypoint by pressing the **Insert Before** button; or create a user defined waypoint using **User WP** over the left knob. (see paragraph 3.7.1.5 above for instructions on creating waypoints using Lat Long or Range Bearing)

6. Select **SAVE** with the left knob, and press the knob to save the Flight Plan.

### 3.7.2.2 Other Flight Plan Entry Options

Other options include, selecting a stored Flight Plan using **Sel FP**; reversing a Flight Plan for the return flight using **Rev FP**; or clearing (deleting) a Flight Plan using **Clr FP**. All three are found over the left knob.

Selecting **Go to Leg**, moves you to that point in the Flight Plan and is used to edit the Flight Plan.

### 3.7.3 Other Navigation Features

In both modes there are five functions selectable using the right knob; display waypoint details, activate/deactivate PFD information (artificial horizon, airspeed and altitude), toggle between external and internal flight plans, copy flight plans and import flight plans.

**To turn on PFD artificial horizon, airspeed and altitude while in the PLAN pages** (for single display systems, this feature displays basic aircraft control information while performing flight planning tasks):

1. From any **MAP** page press any button.
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
3. Press **PLAN**.
4. Press right knob and scroll to select **PFD**.
5. Press right knob to turn on or off.

**To use an external source for flight plans:**

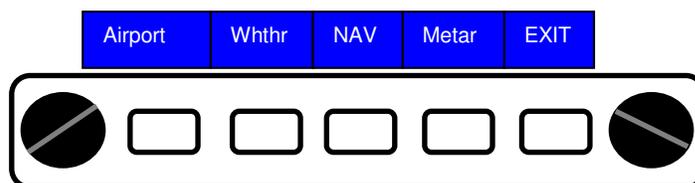
1. From any **MAP** page press any button.
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
3. Press **PLAN**.
4. Press right knob and scroll to select **EXTERNAL**.
5. Press right knob to view.
6. Press the button labeled **COPY** to copy it to the GRT Horizon.

**To import a flight plan (any GPS format) from flight planning software on a USB stick:**

1. From any **MAP** page press any button.
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required).
3. Press **PLAN**.
4. Press right knob and scroll to select **IMPORT**.
5. Press button labeled **UP** or **DOWN** to select the desired flight plan.
6. Press the button labeled **LOAD** to copy it to the GRT Horizon.

### 3.8 Nearest Function

Pressing the **NEAR** button brings up options to select the nearest airport, weather frequency, navaid, or metar.



Searching for AIRPORT or NAVAID gives you the choice to add them as waypoint. You then may select DIRECT TO that waypoint. Selecting nearest WTHR FREQ or METAR allows you view METARs (XM

WX required) or auto tune a selected weather frequency.

### 3.9 Terrain Warning

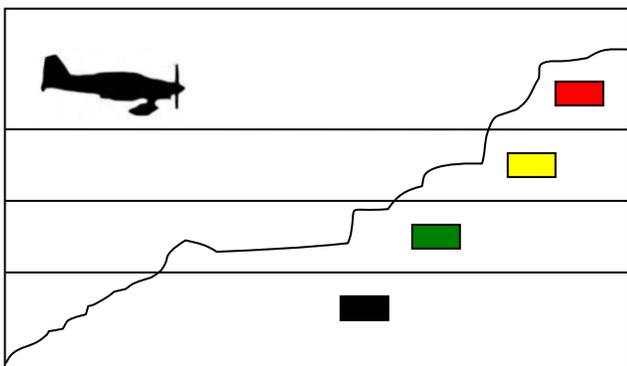
Terrain Warning provides a Forward Looking Terrain Avoidance (FLTA) function which looks ahead of the airplane along and below the airplane's lateral and vertical flight path and provides suitable alerts (color change) if a potential controlled flight into terrain (CFIT) threat exists;

Terrain Warning is available on any of the three MAP pages. The GRT Horizon uses the terrain database currently available on the Grand Rapids Technologies website. Go to [www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com) for the latest version.

#### To enable terrain display,

1. Press any button
2. Press the center button to toggle SHOW from NONE to TERRAIN. (Note Terrain must be enabled in the Moving Map Set Up page).

The colors displayed correspond to the location of terrain relative to the aircraft flight path as follows:



Terrain Illustration

RED, terrain is within 500 ft below

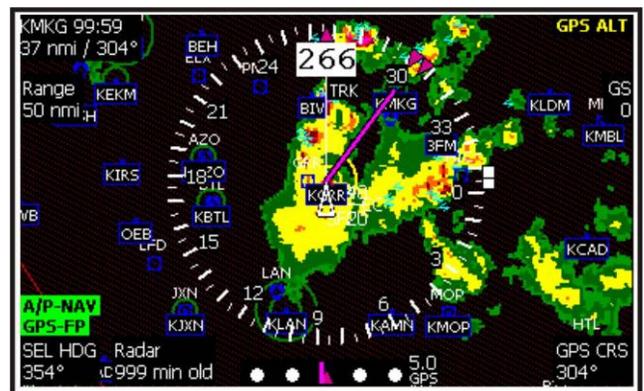
YELLOW, terrain is 500 to 1000 ft below  
GREEN, terrain is 1000 to 2000 ft below  
BLACK, terrain is more than 2000 ft below  
BLUE DOTS, terrain is not available or has not been loaded.

### 3.10 Obstacle Warning

Obstacles such as towers are displayed on the PFD that are within one minute of flight path (based on current flight data (speed, direction)) and within 250 feet of the aircraft's altitude.

### 3.11 XM Weather (XM Weather Module Required)

XM Weather is an optional feature of the GRT Horizon. When equipped, the MAP page will show precipitation, lighting, meteorological conditions, TFRs, METARs and AIRMETS according to your XM subscription. (GRT Weather module and XM Weather service required).



XM Weather - IFR Conditions

#### To enable weather display,

1. Press any button
2. Press the center button to toggle SHOW from NONE to RADAR

Another set of buttons will appear. LIGHTNING, & WINDS allow selection of this data. LTG show as lightning bolts on the MAP page and WINDS (aloft) show similar to the wind arrow on PFD. When WINDS are selected, pressing the Next button allows you to select the altitude winds to be displayed.

Radar may be selected to LOOP or current. The range of radar corresponds to range selected on MAP page (to 300 miles).

AIRMETS are shown on the MAP page as red striations surrounded by a red border.

Selecting an airport allows viewing of METARS and TAF.

**Weather and Terrain cannot be displayed simultaneously (only one or the other).**

### 3.12 Traffic (Garmin GTX330 or Zaon XRX Required)

The MAP page is capable of displaying traffic if a Garmin GTX330 Transponder or Zaon XRX Collision Avoidance System is connected to the GRT Horizon. Traffic targets are displayed as diamonds with relative altitude and climbing/descending indicators.



Traffic

### 3.13 Auto-Tuning (Garmin SL30/40 Required)

The GRT Horizon's auto tune feature allows you to **SEND LIST**, **SET COM** or **SET NAV** frequencies quickly and easily.

**To send a frequency list or set a Com or Nav:**

1. Press any button, followed by **MAP**
2. Press the right knob to **SELECT DETAILS**.
3. Use the right knob to scroll through the nearest airport or navaid,
4. Press the knob to select the airport or navaid.
5. Use the sofkeys to **SEND LIST**, **SET COMM** or **SET NAV**

This feature will then program your Com or Nav with the selected frequency in the standby mode. To use the standby frequency set it to active in the SL30/40.

### 3.14 Electronic Horizontal Situation Indicator

The Horizontal Situation Indicator (HSI) works just like a conventional HSI and is displayed in the **MAP** group. The right knob manually selects the course on the display which is the arrow end of the HSI bar. The heading bug is displayed as two squares and if a waypoint has been selected, it is displayed as an arrowhead and tail that are not connected.

There are up to two HSI pointers whose color indicate Nav mode; GPS is Green, Nav 1 white and Nav 2 cyan. GPS track is shown by two dashed lines. In the photo below, GPS course is 153 (location of green arrow

and readout in lower right); the heading bug is 233 (location of squares and readout in lower left), the magnetic heading is 010 and the GPS track is also 010 (note wind is from 008 at 25).



EHSI

### 3.15 Clock

If selected in the General Setup menu, a digital clock is displayed in the top right portion of the MAP screen. The clock uses GPS for accuracy and will show either Zulu or user selected time.

### 3.16 Checklists

In the **MAP** group the EFIS also provides customizable checklists.

On your home PC create a notepad file. It must be saved as a .txt file (standard notepad format) and titled CHECKLIST.txt. Checklist format is as follows:

```
list NAME OF LIST #1
item ITEM #1
item ITEM #2
item ITEM #3
```

```
list NAME OF LIST #2
item ITEM #1
item ITEM #2
```

item ITEM #3

and so on. Note that there is a space between item and ITEM.

There are codes you can enter, such as %25% for your current oil pressure value, and %53% for your current baroset, that can be used like this:

```
item CHECK OIL PRESSURE - %25%
item SET BAROSET - %53%
```

The checklist display will look like:

```
CHECK OIL PRESSURE 64
SET BAROSET 29.92
```

Codes for each parameter are:

```
item RPM - %0%
item EGT 1 - %1%
item EGT 2 - %2%
item EGT 3 - %3%
item EGT 4 - %4%
item EGT 5 - %5%
item EGT 6 - %6%
item EGT 7 - %7%
item EGT 8 - %8%
item EGT 9 - %9%
item CHT 1 - %10%
item CHT 2 - %11%
item CHT 3 - %12%
item CHT 4 - %13%
item CHT 5 - %14%
item CHT 6 - %15%
item EIS VOLTS - %16%
item FUEL FLOW - %17%
item EIS TEMPERATURE - %18%
item CARB TEMPERATURE - %19%
item COOLANT TEMPERATURE - %20%
item HOURMETER - %21%
item FUEL REMAINING - %22%
item FLIGHT TIME - %23%
item OIL TEMPERATURE - %24%
item OIL PRESSURE - %25%
```

item EIS AUX 1 - %26%  
 item EIS AUX 2 - %27%  
 item EIS AUX 3 - %28%  
 item EIS AUX 4 - %29%  
 item EIS AUX 5 - %30%  
 item EIS AUX 6 - %31%  
 item FUEL ENDURANCE - %32%  
 item FUEL RANGE - %33%  
 item ENGINE PERCENT POWER - %34%  
 item EFIS VOLTS 1 - %35%  
 item EFIS VOLTS 2 - %36%  
 item EFIS VOLTS 3 - %37%  
 item ANALOG AUX 1 - %38%  
 item ANALOG AUX 2 - %39%  
 item ANALOG AUX 3 - %40%  
 item ANALOG AUX 4 - %41%  
 item ANALOG AUX 5 - %42%  
 item ANALOG AUX 6 - %43%  
 item ANALOG AUX 7 - %44%  
 item ANALOG AUX 8 - %45%  
 item OAT - %46%  
 item INDICATED AIRSPEED - %47%  
 item TRUE AIRSPEED - %48%  
 item VERTICAL SPEED - %49%  
 item ALTIMETER - %50%  
 item PRESSURE ALTITUDE - %51%  
 item DENSITY ALTITUDE - %52%  
 item BAROSET - %53%  
 item AHRS ALIGNMENT - %54%  
 item AHRS STATUS - %55%  
 item AHRS ATTITUDE STATUS - %56%  
 item AHRS ALTITUDE STATUS - %57%  
 item AHRS ROLL - %58%  
 item AHRS PITCH - %59%  
 item AHRS HEADING - %60%  
 item AHRS SLIP - %61%  
 item AHRS VOLTS 1 - %62%  
 item AHRS VOLTS 2 - %63%  
 item AHRS VOLTS 3 - %64%  
 item AHRS TEMPERATURE - %65%  
 item FLAPS - %66%  
 item AILERON TRIM - %67%  
 item ELEVATOR TRIM - %68%  
 item ACTIVE WAYPOINT - %69%

item ESTIMATED TIME TO WAYPOINT - %70%  
 item RANGE TO WAYPOINT - %71%  
 item BEARING TO WAYPOINT - %72%  
 item GROUND SPEED - %73%  
 item WIND SPEED - %74%  
 item WIND DIRECTION - %75%  
 item NAV MODE - %76%  
 item A/P MODE - %77%  
 item VNAV MODE - %78%  
 item SELECTED HEADING - %79%  
 item SELECTED COURSE - %80%  
 item SELECTED ALTITUDE - %81%

### Loading CHECKLIST.TXT into the display:

1. Go to a **MAP** page
2. Push the **CHECK LIST** button
3. Push the **SELECT LIST** button
4. Push the **IMPORT** button
5. The display will look for CHECKLIST.TXT on the USB flash drive and show the list names.
6. Push **YES** to accept the new lists or **NO** to keep your previous lists, if any.

### 3.17 Logbook

In the **MAP** group there is an automatic logbook function which generates a logbook entry for each flight. Airspeed greater than 25 knots forces the creation of a logbook entry.

Recorded in the logbook are:

**Date**  
**Origin (Orig)**  
**Destination (Dest)**  
**Flight Hours (Hrs)**  
**Fuel Used (Fuel)**  
**Departure Time (Dep)**  
**Arrival Time (Arr)**

Additional logbook information may be added by the user include:

**Engine Hours (Eng-Hr)**  
**VFR or IFR (V/I)**  
**Number of passengers (PAS)**  
**Fuel Added (FA)**  
**Oil Added (OA)**

The entries will accumulate up to 200 before the EFIS will overwrite the older entries.

An **EDIT** option allows you to add information listed above.

A **DOWNLOAD** option is provided to download the entries to a spreadsheet for permanent recordkeeping and future viewing.

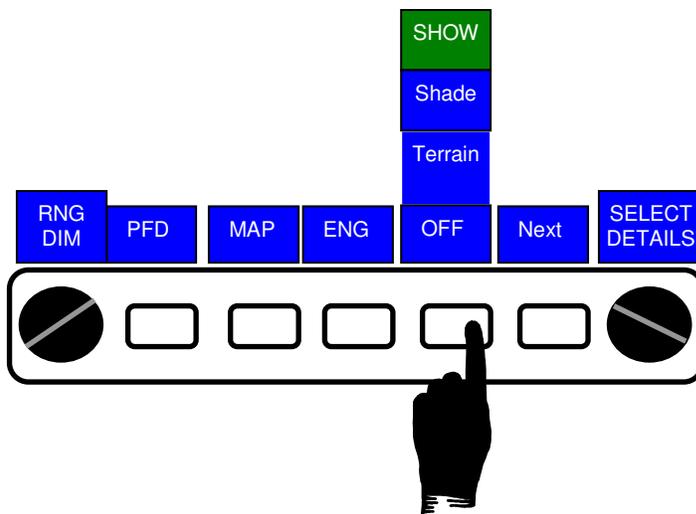
### 3.18 HX / WS Differences

#### Synthetic Vision HX Only

Synthetic Vision is a feature of the HX Horizon. When selected, a “top down” view of the topology around the current aircraft position is displayed on MAP pages in addition to the forward “out the window” presentation on the PFD. When Terrain Warning is enabled, red (0-500 ft) and yellow (500 – 1000 ft) warnings are overlaid on the Synthetic Vision display.

#### Selecting Synthetic Vision

To select Synthetic Vision mode, press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required) until the **SHOW** label appears. The button under the label will select between **SHADE** (turns on Synthetic Vision), **Terrain** (turns on Terrain Warning See Chapter Section 3.9) and **OFF** (turns off Synthetic Vision and Terrain Warning, restores brown and blue background on PFD and black background on Maps).



All Moving Map features are identical on WS and HS Horizons.

## Chapter 4 ENGINE MONITOR

The Engine Monitor Display provides a graphical presentation of the information from sensors attached to the Engine Information System (EIS).



Engine Monitor

The Engine page always shows fuel data (upper left), up to six vertical bar graphs (bottom left), and two dials (top right). The bottom right area has six selectable views. They are:

- Temps (EGT & CHT vertical graphs)
- EGT (120 seconds of EGT data and EGT vertical graph)
- History (120 seconds of EGT and CHT data)
- Bars (adds up to 11 more vertical bar graphs)
- Stats (12 predefined statistics)
- Dials (adds 2 more dials)

### 4.1 Fuel Data

The upper left Fuel Data area has two vertical bar graphs. The left graph shows fuel quantity as measured by in tank fuel sensor(s). The green bar(s) provide a visual representation of fuel quantity. There is a

bar for each tank. At the top of each bar, is a numeric display of the measured fuel quantity (rounded to nearest gallon).

The right bar graph is the Fuel Totalizer display and requires EIS Fuel Flow option. When fuel is added, the total fuel quantity on board is input to the system either by manual entry to EIS or by manual entry to Horizon. See Chapter 4.2 for details. The green bar and the numeric display at the top of the bar is the current total fuel. It is calculated by subtracting fuel used, as measured by the fuel flow transducer(s), from the manually input total fuel quantity on board. The calculation is accurate to 1 decimal place.

After fueling, the Fuel Totalizer numeric display should agree with the sum of the tank quantities (numeric displays at the top of the left side bar graph). There may be minor rounding errors. The Fuel Totalizer (right) Display has a red diamond on it. The diamond is the sum of fuel quantity reported by the tank sensors. It should stay fairly even with the top of the Fuel Totalizer green bar. If it goes down faster, it may be an indication of a fuel system leak causing fuel in the tanks to be depleted quicker than the totalizer is calculating

Each bar (tank quantity sensor and Fuel Totalizer quantity) may display a user set red line as low fuel warning.

To the right of the totalizer (right bar) graph, is displayed Fuel Flow, Endurance (based on user input fuel burn rate) and Range (based on calculated Endurance and current airspeed). All these require EIS Fuel Flow option.

To the left of the left bar graph, is displayed Fuel Pressure; user choice of Carb temp,

TAS, or MPG/KPL and OAT in both deg C and deg F.

## 4.2 Fuel Totalizer

The EIS Fuel Flow option includes an accurate Fuel Totalizer. Since fuel flow is accurately measured, it is easy to calculate how much fuel has been consumed.

The pilot must update the totalizer so that the amount of fuel on board at the start of the flight is accurately known.

### To access the Total Fuel function:

1. Press the left knob

The **Fuel** label will show the following:

**OK**  
(Preset number)  
(Preset number)  
**ADJ**

The **OK** option will not make any changes. Use this if you did not add fuel.

The top number is an adjustable fuel total. If you add fuel, curser to **ADJ** and adjust to the amount of fuel on board. When changed and accepted this new number will be kept in memory until it is changed by the user.

The next number down is a user preset fuel total in the **Graphical Engine Display** set menu. If you preset this number to be the full fuel capacity of the aircraft, and you fill your tanks, the fuel on board will be this amount. Adjust the curser to this and press the button to accept.

If the EIS is mounted in the instrument panel, fuel on board may be entered into the EIS. This allows the Fuel Totalizer function

of the EIS to be operational as well as that of the EFIS.

## 4.3 Vertical Bar Graphs

Up to six user selectable vertical bar graphs may be displayed in this area. Each shows the numeric value of the parameter at the top and each may have red lines and green "arcs". By manipulating the start and end points, it is possible to arrange them so the green area would be half way up during normal operation. This arrangement makes it easy to quickly verify that all parameters are normal.

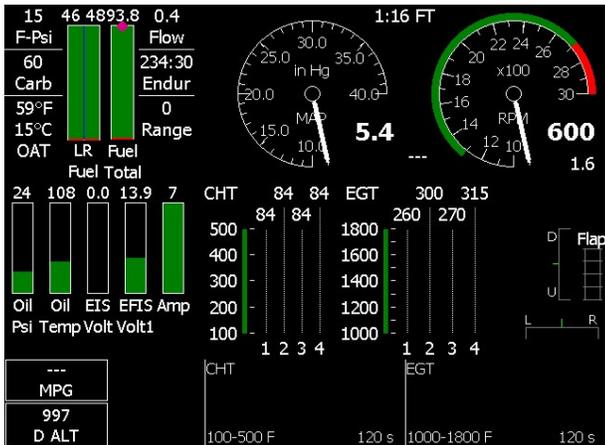
## 4.4 Dials

Up to four dial displays are user configurable. The top two are always displayed. The bottom two may be replaced with other displays (bar graphs, histograms etc.)

Flight time (this flight) displays at the top between the two dials. Percent power as determined by the Engine Performance chart is displayed at the bottom between the two dials. Total logged time is displayed to the right of the right dial.

## 4.5 TEMPS Page

The Temps page shows CHT and EGT temperatures.



Temperature Page

#### To access the TEMPS page:

1. Press a button
2. Press the **DATA** button to select **TEMPS**

### 4.6 EGT Page

The **EGT** page shows Exhaust Gas Temperatures and is useful for leaning. The page provides 30-240 user selectable seconds of CHT and EGT history.

#### To select the time to be displayed:

1. Press the right knob
2. Rotate to select 30, 60, 120 or 240 seconds of data.
3. Press the right knob again to accept.

The picture below shows the **EGT** page with the **LEAN** function **OFF**. The last 120 seconds of EGT data is plotted, graph color corresponding to cylinder color.



EGT Page-LEAN OFF

#### To access the EGT page:

1. Press a button
2. Press the **DATA** button to select **EGT**

With the **LEAN** function set to **LEAN**, as you lean your engine the EGT page will show the first cylinder to peak surrounded by a white box. As you continue leaning, the last cylinder to peak will be shown in a green box.

You may then enrichen your engine until the EGT of the cylinder in the white box reaches the desired temperature.

Then set the **LEAN** function to **NORM**. The numbers then shown are either positive (+) or negative (-) representing the difference from peak.

#### To access the LEAN function:

1. Press a button
2. Press **LEAN** button to select **LEAN, NORM or OFF**



EGT Page-LEAN LEAN

The **LEAN NORM** function shows the difference between the cylinder temperatures from the time the **NORM** function is pressed.

The **LEAN LEAN** function shows the cylinders peak from first to last and their temperature difference from that point in time.



EGT Page LEAN NORM

### 4.7 HIST Page

The Engine History page provides both CHT and EGT history. The page provides 30-240 user selectable seconds of CHT and EGT history.

**To select the time to be displayed:**

1. Press the right knob

2. Rotate to select 30, 60, 120 or 240 seconds of data.
3. Press the right knob again to accept.



Engine History

### 4.8 STATS Page

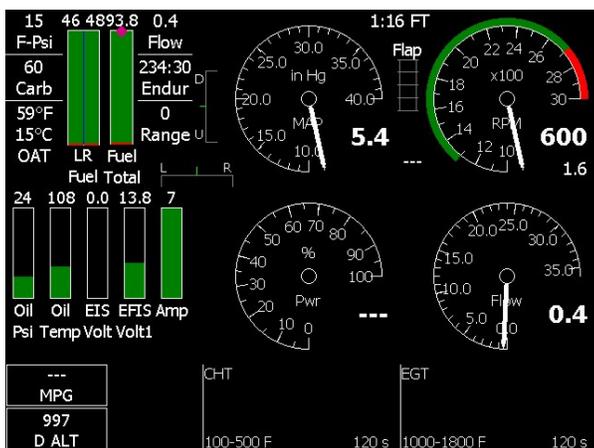
The Engine Stats page provides a quick reference area for a number of different parameters.



Engine Stats

### 4.9 DIALS Page

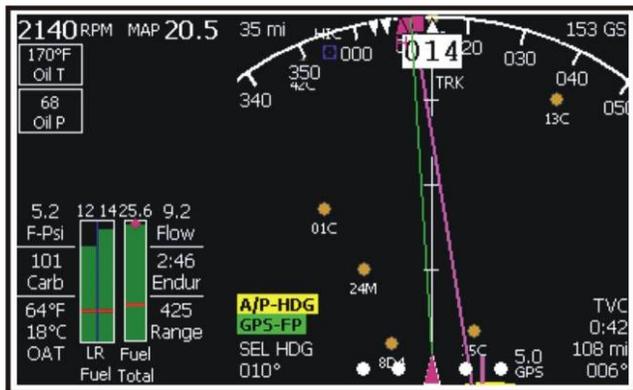
The Engine Dials page allows certain parameters to be viewed in a dial format. An example of this page view follows:



Engine Dials

## 4.10 Split Pages

It is possible to split pages to display Engine, Moving Map or PFD pages side by side at the same time. HS and HX Horizons may display engine data at the bottom of the display. Many combinations of PFD, MAP and ENG split pages are available. Those of interest are user enabled (Settings Menu, General Set Up).



Engine/Map

To access this view:

1. Press any button followed by **ENG**

## 4.11 Engine Page Settings

There are two Setting Menus for the Engine Monitor Display page. The first is the Graphical Engine Display menu. It provides settings to customize the bar graphs and dials on the **ENG** page.

To access the Engine Monitor settings:

1. Press any button
2. Press **NEXT** (More than once may be required)
3. Press **SET MENU**.
4. Select **Graphical Engine Display** with either knob then
5. Press to select.

The second is the Engine Limits menu. This page provides settings for all the parameters to be shown on the **ENG** page.

To access the Engine Monitor settings:

1. Press any button
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET MENU**
4. Select **Engine Limits** with either knob then
5. Press to select

## 4.12 HX / WS Differences

Engine Monitor functions are the same on all GRT Horizon models.

## Chapter 5 A/P COUPLING

### 5.1 Benefits

The benefits of driving the autopilot from the EFIS (after all, the autopilot has its own control panel) are:

1. The altitude you have selected appears on the PFD screen, and you get a bug on the altitude tape to show you where the autopilot is being driven to.
2. You can couple the autopilot to any navigation source available to the EFIS (GPS, VOR, ILS/Glideslope or heading bug for example).
3. The EFIS can perform capture of the LOC, ILS, or synthetic approach, automatically switching the autopilot mode to NAV, setting the inbound course, capturing the glideslope, etc. all automatically (just as is done with commercial airplanes.)
4. Heading select is provided, and also includes a bug. The autopilot only provides track select. When the controller says, "turn to heading 270", he expects you to go to that heading, not the ground track of 270.
5. More modes are provided, such as climb/descend to an altitude at a selected airspeed (very nice, as the airplane cannot hold a constant climb rate up to higher altitudes, but climbing at a particular airspeed is generally what is desired), or climb/descent at a selected vertical speed, as well as automatic leveling off at the selected altitude.
6. The autopilot can be coupled laterally and vertically to the synthetic approach.

### 5.2 GPS Nav - GPS Steering

There are two methods to provide steering information to an autopilot, GPS Nav and GPS Steering (GPSS).

**GPS Nav** is the simplest and most common method. In this scheme, the autopilot is provided GPS waypoints (usually a sequence of waypoints which make up a Flight Plan). The autopilot flies the airplane from one waypoint to the next. GPS Nav does not anticipate a course change. Thus when one leg is finished, the autopilot has to intercept the next leg after over flying the waypoint.

GPS Nav provides only lateral autopilot guidance (no vertical guidance). If the aircraft has a two axis autopilot with only a GPS Nav interface, all vertical autopilot commands (climb, descend, altitude hold, etc) must be entered into the autopilot directly.

Most GPS receivers including handhelds like Garmin GPSMAP 496 provide GPS Nav data for autopilot use. The GRT Horizon is also capable of providing GPS Nav data to an autopilot using a serial interface. Most autopilots accept GPS Nav data.

If GPS Nav mode is being used, the autopilot must be in **flight plan** mode.

**NOTE:** The autopilot must be in the mode that allows it to follow a GPS flight plan as if it was connected to a GPS.

In GPS Nav mode, the intercept angle to the localizer is controlled by the autopilot, and will usually be fixed at 45 degrees.

The GPS Nav mode works well, but does not allow as precise tracking of the localizer and synthetic approach as the GPSS interface, especially in strong, gusting winds.

**GPS Steering (GPSS) & GPSV.** Similar to GPS Nav, the autopilot is provided GPS waypoints (usually a sequence of waypoints which make up a Flight Plan). The autopilot flies the airplane from one waypoint to the next. With GPS Steering the autopilot does not have to intercept the new leg at a waypoint because it starts an intercepting procedure before reaching the waypoint so that when the intercept turn is complete the aircraft will be on the next leg. With GPS Steering, the GPS calculates a desired bank angle for the autopilot to fly. There is no overshoot of the desired course in any course change. GPS Steering allows the autopilot to fly complex patterns such as holding patterns and DME arcs with stunning precision. Two axis autopilots that feature GPSS also may accept vertical autopilot steering, referred to as GPSV.

The GRT Horizon provides GPSS and GPSV data to an autopilot when equipped with the optional ARINC 429 module.

If GPSS mode is being used, the autopilot must be in **GPSS** mode. In the case of the Digiflight II VSGV, lateral (GPSS) and vertical steering (GPSV) modes are selected individually.

Autopilots that do not include GPSS typically include GPS Nav interface which allows them to follow the GPS flight plan (see above).

In GPS Nav mode the GRT Horizon provides only lateral autopilot commands. In GPSS mode, the GRT Horizon provides lateral and vertical autopilot commands to

the autopilot. The GRT Horizon will provide these commands even if the autopilot itself does not support these modes

## 5.3 Autopilot Modes

The GRT Horizon has four autopilot modes:

- LATeral A/P
- VERTical A/P
- ARM
- SAP (Synthetic Approach)

### 5.3.1 LATeral A/P

The Lateral Autopilot, **LAT A/P** selection allows the GRT Horizon to send lateral steering commands to the autopilot. The commands may be: **HDG**, **ENAV** or **GNAV**.

**HDG** couples the heading bug to the autopilot. The autopilot will steer the heading displayed by the bug on the heading tape.

**ENAV**, uses input from the Nav source selected on the PFD page (NAV MODE softkey) to generate steering commands for the autopilot. Any of the connected sources (internal GPS, external GPS, VOR/NAV, etc).may be used. See Chapter 2.17. The autopilot will be commanded to steer to the waypoint on the selected Nav source. Note that steering is from waypoint to waypoint. Curved paths such as procedure turns, holding patterns and DME arcs are not in the EFIS database and are not commanded in ENAV mode.

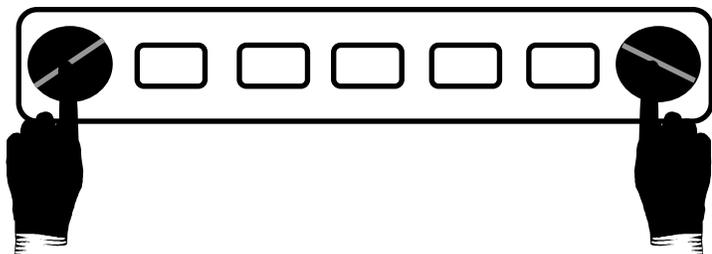
**GNAV** Since the Horizon database does not contain approach information, the Horizon cannot provide lateral steering for procedure turns, DME arcs, holding patterns etc. However, the Garmin 430/530/480 GPS

receivers (with or without WAAS) can provide GPS position, flight plan data, lateral deviation, vertical deviation, roll commands, and mode selection to the EFIS over an additional ARINC 429 (ARINC GPS) connection, just like the VOR/LOC/GS ARINC connection. This information allows the EFIS to provide VNAV functions for an approach and follow roll commands from the GPS while still controlling pitch commands. In most installations a switch is provided to connect the GPS receiver directly to the autopilot in the event of EFIS failure. With this feature, the switch can be left in the EFIS position unless there is an EFIS failure.

**To select LAT A/P - HDG:**

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **LAT A/P HDG**. The Heading Bug squares and Magnetic Heading triangle will turn **magenta**.

The Heading Bug is displayed as two side by side squares on the PFD heading tape and also in the data box above the left knob. It is used to manually control the autopilot or as a visual reminder of desired heading. The Heading Bug is set by turning the left knob on a **PFD** or **MAP** page to the desired heading. Or, to select the current heading, press both knobs simultaneously.



**NOTE:** If **HDG** mode is selected when the **LOC** or **ILS** is armed, and the autopilot is being commanded with GPSS commands, the selected heading will be used to smoothly intercept the localizer. When GPSS is not used, the angle of LOC intercept is based on the response of the autopilot, and is typically 45 degrees.

**To select LAT A/P - ENAV:**

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **LAT A/P ENAV** button. The Waypoint Course triangles and Ground Track triangle will turn **magenta**.

Note that the Nav source selected must be navigating to a waypoint. The autopilot will be steered to that waypoint.

**To select LAT A/P- GNAV:**

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **LAT A/P GNAV**. The EFIS passes roll commands from the 430(W)/530(W)/480 to the autopilot. Vertical steering commands are EFIS generated. This entry will only appear when the ARINC GPS Input setting is configured for the selected GPS receiver. It will turn gray when roll commands are not being received from the GPS. If GNAV is selected and roll commands are lost, GNAV LOST will flash on the screen.

### 5.3.2 VERTICAL A/P (GPSS / GPSV Required)

The Vertical Autopilot, **VERT A/P** selection allows the GRT Horizon to send vertical steering commands to the autopilot. The autopilot must be capable of using GPSV vertical steering commands (such as the TruTrak Digiflight II VSGV or Trio Pro Pilot autopilot).

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There are four available vertical autopilot selections: **AUTO**, **VS**, **ASPD** and **VNAV**. In **AUTO**, **VS** and **ASPD** the autopilot will be steered to the altitude bug setting. When that altitude is reached, the autopilot will be commanded to hold that altitude. For convenience, setting the altitude bug is incorporated into the **VERT A/P** selections. Turning the right knob to set the altitude bug immediately causes the number to be changed by 100's of feet. Waiting 5 seconds allows the number to be changed by 10's of feet.

- **AUTO** – This mode commands the autopilot to climb or descend at the preset airspeed or the preset vertical speed (preset speeds are set in Settings Menu, Primary Flight Display).

#### To select VERT A/P - AUTO:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **VERT A/P – AUTO** button
4. Press the right knob to set the altitude bug.
5. Press the softkey to select the desired preset speed.

6. Press the right knob again to accept and exit

- **VS** – This mode commands the autopilot to climb or descend at the vertical speed (if possible) entered into the EFIS using the right knob.

#### To select VERT A/P - VS:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **VERT A/P – VS** button
4. Press the right knob to set the altitude bug. Press it again and dial in the desired vertical speed or select a preset vertical speed.
5. Press the right knob again to exit.

- **ASPD** – This mode commands the autopilot to climb or descend at the indicated airspeed (IAS) entered into the EFIS using the right knob, if possible with the power setting.

#### To select VERT A/P - ASPD:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **VERT A/P – ASPD**
4. Press the right knob to set the altitude bug. Press it again and dial in the desired indicated airspeed or select a preset indicated airspeed.
5. Press the right knob again to exit.

- **VNAV** - This mode is selected to enable manually coupling to the ILS glideslope. It also is selected automatically when the glideslope is captured using ARM ILS.

The **Vert A/P** mode can be set to **VNAV** for manually coupling to the glideslope whenever ILS localizer is valid (signal is

present). Coupling to the glideslope will not occur until the airplane is at or above the glideslope, and localizer is valid.

**To select VERT A/P - VNAV:**

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **VERT A/P – VNAV** button

### 5.3.3 ARM

When the EFIS Horizon is armed, the last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport and an ILS or Localizer frequency is tuned, the EFIS Horizon will attempt to automatically set the EHSI course and perform the coupling, called capture

**NOTE:** The **ARM** selection is not available unless an ILS or Localizer frequency is tuned.

If the EFIS Horizon detects an ILS frequency has been tuned, but is unable to determine the inbound course, a caution message, **Set Inbound Course**, will be displayed on the HSI page.

If the GPS flight plan or synthetic approach indicates the runway being used, and the database has the ILS frequency for this runway, **ARM** will be available, but attempting to **ARM** will generate the message **TUNE LOC to XXX.X**.

If the Nav mode is **GPS** at the time an **ILS** frequency is tuned, a second course pointer is displayed, in white, on the EHSI, allowing the localizer course to be pre-set. (The GPS course pointer is being driven by GPS flight plan data.)

The **ARM GPSV** function will follow the **ARINC** data when available. Upon capture, the EFIS will use **ENAV** mode to follow the lateral and vertical deviations. When the **VNAV** mode is cancelled or **MISSED** is selected, the EFIS will return to the **LAT A/P** mode selected after capture. The EFIS will preset the **LAT A/P** return mode to **GNAV** if available. The return mode is indicated in parentheses in the **LAT A/P** indicator. For example, **LAT A/P** can be set to **GNAV** after capture to prepare to follow the lateral instructions of a missed approach procedure in the **430W/530W** when **MISSED** is selected. For **HDG** mode, **LAT A/P** should first be set to **HDG**, and then the selected heading should be set in preparation for a missed approach. This sequence must be done after capture. The missed approach altitude can be set in the EFIS to also climb to a specific altitude, regardless of the mode.

Chapter 6 provides more detailed examples of procedures for flying autopilot coupled ILS approaches.

- **LOC** The **ARM LOC** mode allows automatic coupling to **LOC** (localizer), or **ILS** (localizer with glideslope).
- **LOC REV** The **ARM LOC-REV** mode is provided for flying outbound on the **LOC**, or for localizer back course approaches.

The **LOC REV** selection will reverse the sense of the **LOC** deviations displayed on the **PFD** and **MAP** EHSI pages, and commands to the autopilot, so that the localizer sensing appears as it does on a front course. This eliminates the need to mentally reverse the localizer sense.

### 5.3.4 Synthetic Approach

Synthetic Approach (identified as SAP) mode allows the GRT Horizon to provide lateral and vertical guidance to most runways contained in the EFIS navigation database (position data for each end of the runway must be in the database. The vast majority of airports in the database have this information).

Vertical and lateral guidance is provided via the highway-in-the-sky (**HITS**) on the primary flight display page and laterally via the course and GPS cross track deviation indicators. Lateral guidance is provided for connected autopilots (GPS Nav and GPSS). Vertical guidance is provided for selected autopilots (GPSV).

**WARNING:** Obstacle clearance is **NOT** assured in Synthetic Approach Mode.

#### 5.3.4.1 Benefits

Synthetic Approach provides the following benefits:

- Enhanced situational awareness during all landings. Especially useful for night landings.
- Emergency means of guidance to the runway for the VFR pilot who inadvertently enters IFR conditions.
- Redundant guidance during an ILS approach. The synthetic approach will duplicate the ILS approach alignment, but is based on different data (GPS and baro-alt vs. localizer and glideslope).

- Emergency backup to ILS receiver. Since the synthetic approach follows the same path as the ILS, and this path has assurances of obstacle clearance, SAP could be used in an emergency when the ILS is unavailable

#### 5.3.4.2 The Synthetic Approach Path

Lateral and vertical steering for the synthetic approach is constructed by the GRT Horizon according to the following list, in order of priority.

1. If an approach has been selected on the GPS, the synthetic approach path will match the course into the runway waypoint. (An approach is a flight plan that includes guidance to the runway, and will include a runway waypoint, such as RW25.)
2. If no approach has been selected on the GPS, but the last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport, the pilot will be prompted to select the runway. If the runway includes a localizer in the GRT Horizon database, then the approach will be constructed to mimic the localizer, otherwise it will be constructed to follow the extended runway centerline.
3. If no approach has been selected, and the last waypoint in the GPS flight plan is not an airport, the synthetic approach is not available.

#### 5.3.4.3 Transitioning from Enroute to Synthetic Approach

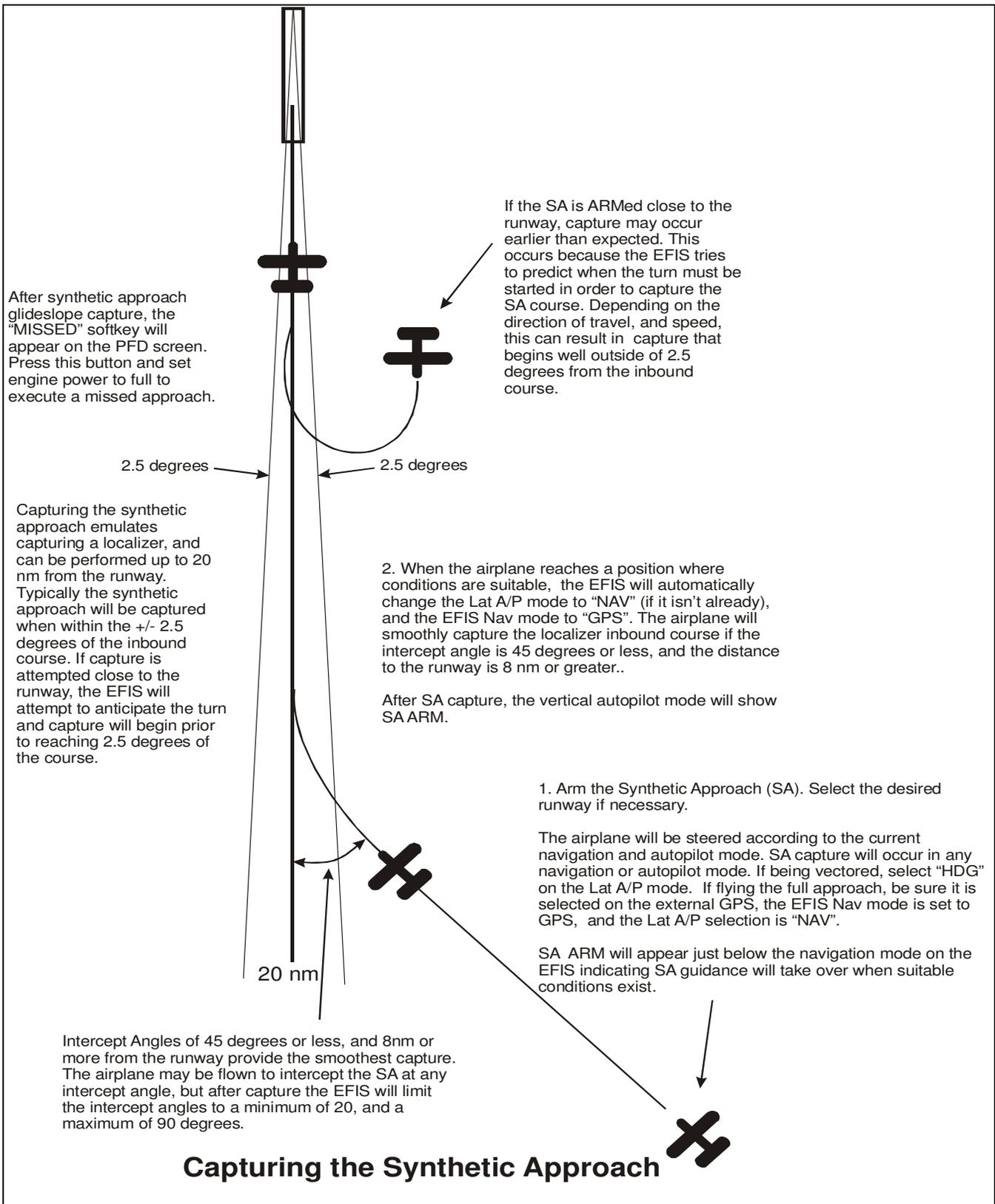
If an approach has been selected in the GPS flight plan, the transition from enroute to a path that aligns the airplane with the

runway will be inherent in the GPS flight plan. The synthetic approach will be considered **captured** (causing the synthetic approach HITS to be displayed) when the airplane is within 2.5 degrees of the synthetic approach course, and within 20 nm of the runway threshold, emulating the typical capture of a localizer.

If no approach has been selected on the GPS flight plan, but the last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport and the pilot has selected a runway, the GRT Horizon will override the GPS flight plan or HDG selection to turn the airplane onto the extended runway centerline. This will typically occur when the airplane is within 2.5 degrees of the extended runway centerline, and within 20 nm of the runway

threshold. A message **Synthetic Approach Captured** will be displayed when this transition occurs, and the GPS CDI, and course indicator will then be driven by the synthetic approach, as well as the autopilot.

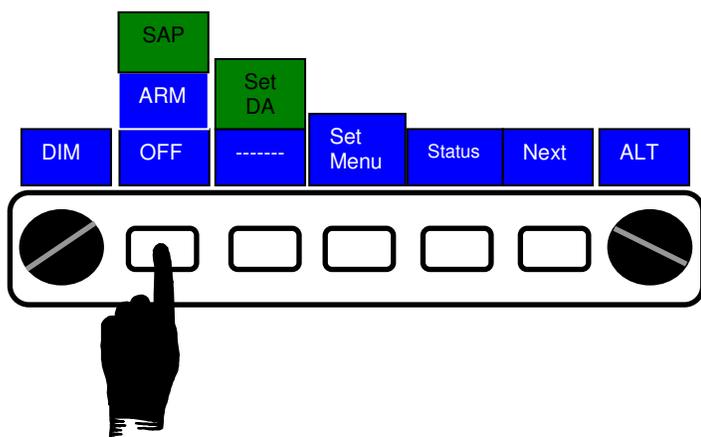
If capture of the synthetic approach is attempted close to the runway, the GRT Horizon will try to predict when it must begin turning onto the synthetic approach course based on groundspeed and intercept angle so that it does not overshoot the course. Since the response of the autopilot and airplane cannot be predicted perfectly, overshoot is possible, and some loss of accuracy in the initial tracking of the synthetic approach may be expected. The following diagram illustrates the synthetic approach capture criteria.



Synthetic Approach Capture

### 5.3.4.4 Selecting SAP

To select Synthetic Approach mode, press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required) until the **SAP** label appears. The button under the label will select between **ARM** and **OFF**.



Pressing **ARM** when the navigation mode is not LOC, and the LOC/ILS has not been armed will result in a list of available synthetic approaches at the airport .in the flight plan if **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

1. The last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport, and is contained within the GRT Horizon navigation database, or if an approach has been selected and the GRT Horizon is able to determine the airport and runway being used by the approach.
2. The database contains the necessary information about this airport, including runways, runway orientation, position, elevation, etc.
3. AHRS, Air Data Computer and GPS data are valid

After selecting **SAP** and **ARM**, “Check barosetting” will be annunciated.

### 5.3.4.5.1 Automatic Runway Selection

If an approach has been selected in the GPS flight plan, and the GRT Horizon is able to determine the airport and runway for this approach, a message will be generated confirming the runway selected by the GPS approach was identified (For example, **Synthetic App using 26L at KGRR**). The selected runway will blink yellow on the **MAP** page.

### 5.3.4.5.2 Manual Runway Selection

If an approach has not been selected on the GPS, and the last waypoint in the flight plan is an airport, the GRT Horizon will provide a list of the available runways. The list shows the runway identifier, the length, surface (hard or soft), lighting, and crosswind component. The crosswind component is shown as X-Wind = speed L/R, where the speed is in the units selected on the GRT Horizon, and the L/R indicates a left or right crosswind, such that a left crosswind indicates the wind is blowing from left to right when on the approach. The GRT Horizon will list the runways in order of how closely aligned they are with the calculated wind direction. Runways that are predicted to have a greater than 10 mph tailwind are shown with a yellow background.

The desired runway is selected using the left knob.



The selected runway will blink yellow on the **PF** page.

**CAUTION:** The pilot must not rely on this data for selection of the appropriate runway. Wind speed and direction is usually different on the surface. The EFIS HORIZON is making its prediction based on its calculated winds at the time the approach mode is activated. The accuracy of the wind calculation is affected by the accuracy of the pitot/static measurements, and the calibration of the magnetometer.

After selecting a runway, it may be changed by using the **SAP** button again. It will provide a **Chg Rwy** option.

### 5.3.4.6 Highway in the Sky (HITS)

Once the runway and barosetting are set, the HITS will appear if able. The HITS may be behind, above or below depending on aircraft position relative to the runway

### 5.3.4.7 Height Above Touchdown (HAT)

Height Above Touchdown is provided when the Synthetic Approach is enabled. The HAT will appear below the Flight Path Marker in green and flash red/green when below the Decision Height. The Decision Height comes

from database approach information, if available. Otherwise, the Decision Height setting in the SET MENU is used.

### 5.3.4.7 Synthetic Approach & Localizer

If the selected runway includes an associated localizer in the GRT Horizon navigation database, the message **Synthetic Approach using Loc Course** will be provided to remind the pilot that the approach will follow the localizer, and may not necessarily be aligned with the runway centerline.

When the localizer is armed, or the Nav mode is **LOC**, the synthetic approach mode will display the Highway-In-The-Sky (HITS), but will not provide steering (via the desired course and cross-track deviation indicators) or autopilot coupling. This is indicated by the DISP selection in the SAP button, and the lack of synthetic approach mode indication. The EFIS will give localizer priority over SAP to produce steering and autopilot coupling.

**NOTE:** When *displaying* localizer data during the synthetic approach, it is normal to see differences in the guidance provided by these two dissimilar sets of data. This difference is most noticeable when further from the runway. When the EFIS HORIZON navigation mode is LOC or ILS, the synthetic approach will still be based on GPS data (laterally), but its inbound course will be adjusted by up to +/- 1.5 degrees to more accurately match the localizer data.

### 5.3.4.8 No Airport Found

If the approach mode is selected, but the GPS flight plan does not contain an

approach or an airport as the last waypoint that can be matched to the GRT Horizon database, then the synthetic approach cannot be activated. The GRT Horizon will respond with a message **No Airport found for Synthetic App**, and the approach mode will be turned off.

## 5.4 Altitude Presets

The GRT Horizon has three altitude settings that can be preset and are useful during an instrument approach. They are:

- Decision Height/MDA
- Missed Approach Altitude
- Preset Altitude

The altitude window will show on the display and blink. Turning the right knob immediately causes the number to be changed by 100's of feet. Waiting 5 seconds allows the number to be changed by 10's of feet.

### To set the **DECISION HEIGHT (DH)** or **MINIMUM DESCENT ALTITUDE (MDA)**:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET DA** button
4. Press the right knob, **SET**

The Decision Altitude will then be displayed above the digital altitude box as a reminder and the altitude tape will be marked at the DA and below with vertical red lines.

### To set the **Missed Approach Altitude**:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET MISSED ALT** button
4. Press the right knob, **SET**

The EFIS Horizon with the **MISSED** altitude preset and the vertical guidance autopilot engaged will command the autopilot to the missed altitude when the **MISSED** button is pressed.

The **Preset Altitude** is not used by the EFIS Horizon but is provided as a reminder for the pilot. It also is set similarly and displays in the bottom of the Altitude Select box in the upper right corner of the EFIS Horizon. Preset Altitude will be in parenthesis and its color will be gray..

### To set the **PRESET ALTITUDE**:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET PRESET ALTITUDE** button
4. To save press right knob, **SET**

### To clear an **ALTITUDE PRESET**:

1. Press **PFD** button
2. Press **NEXT** button (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET DA** or **SET MISSED ALT** or **SET PRESET ALTITUDE** button
4. Press **CLEAR** button

## 5.5 HX / WS Differences

Autopilot Coupling functions are the same for all GRT Horizon models.

## Chapter 6 Flying the ILS

The following examples are suggested procedures using the EFIS Horizon to fly precision and non-precision approaches, although your preferences may differ.

The examples assume GPSV vertical steering is available from your Digiflight II VSGV autopilot. (These procedures apply if your installation does not include this feature, although you must control altitude manually, or via manual selections using whatever vertical autopilot functions are available directly from the autopilot control head.)

400/500 Garmin GPS receivers output data to the EFIS that is similar to and processed the same way as ILS data, enabling the Horizon to command an autopilot for LPV and LNAV approaches.

The EFIS **GNAV** Nav mode allows the Horizon / GPS receiver to command the autopilot for full approaches. Since the Horizon database does not contain approach information, the Horizon cannot provide lateral steering for procedure turns, DME arcs, holding patterns etc. However, the GNS430(W) / GNS530(W) / GNS480 databases contain full approach information. These GPS's can provide GPS position, flight plan data, lateral deviation, vertical deviation, roll commands and mode selection to the Horizon over an additional ARINC connection (ARINC GPS), just like the VOR/LOC/GS ARINC connection. This information allows the EFIS to provide VNAV functions for an approach and follow roll commands from the GNS430 while still controlling pitch commands.

### 6.1.1 LOC/GS ARM Features

#### When the LOC is armed:

- The Nav mode will initially be unchanged.
- When **LOC**, **ILS** or **LOC-REV** is armed, a **LOC ARMED**, **ILS ARMED** or **LOC-REV ARMED** message will appear just above the Nav mode indicator. It will be in a yellow box, just like the **A/P-HDG** box.
- The localizer course is automatically set if possible, and a message that must be acknowledged is provided, OR, the pilot is reminded to set the inbound course

**Note:** Disconnect of the ILS autopilot mode will occur and an "**ILS Disconnect**" message will be generated that must be acknowledged if any of the following occur.

1. The pilot changes the navigation radio frequency to a VOR frequency.
2. Failure of the Nav radio.
3. The pilot changed the EFIS navigation mode.
4. The pilot changed the EFIS autopilot mode.
5. Other unexpected radio operation.

#### When the LOC is captured:

- The **Lat A/P** mode will change to **ENAV** if it isn't already.
- The EFIS Nav Mode selection will change to **ENAV** (or NAV1, or NAV2 depending on which Nav radio is providing an "ILS Tuned" indication. If both radios are indicating ILS tuned, then NAV1 will be used).

- The ARM label changes to CAPT on the softkeys.
- The Nav mode displayed will be LOC, ILS, or LOC-REV.

#### **ARM (and ILS coupling) is turned to OFF automatically:**

- At power-up of the display unit on the ground
- When the **Missed** button is pressed.
- When the Nav mode is changed by the pilot, or by no indication of **ILS\_TUNED** for 2.5 seconds.

#### **When the Glideslope is captured**

- The VERT A/P mode becomes "VNAV" automatically.

#### **Autopilot Mode Changes after capture**

- If the pilot changes the **LAT A/P** mode to **HDG** after **LOC** capture, the **ARM (CAPT)** is automatically set to OFF.
- If the pilot changes the **VERT A/P** mode from VNAV after GS capture, the **ARM (CAPT)** ILS is automatically set to LOC.

### **6.1.2 GPSV ARM Function**

The ARM GPSV function will follow the ARINC data when available. Upon capture, the EFIS will use ENAV mode to follow the lateral and vertical deviations. When the VNAV mode is cancelled or MISSED is selected, the EFIS will return to the LAT A/P mode selected after capture. The EFIS will preset the LAT A/P return mode to GNAV if available. The return mode is indicated in parentheses in the LAT A/P indicator. For example, LAT A/P can be set to GNAV after capture to prepare to follow the lateral instructions of a missed approach procedure in the 430W/530W when MISSED is

pushed. For HDG mode, LAT A/P should first be set to HDG, and then the selected heading should be set in preparation for a missed approach. This sequence must be done after capture. The missed approach altitude can be set in the EFIS to also climb to a specific altitude, regardless of the mode.

## **6.2 ILS Examples**

### **Vectors to Localizer**

1. Set the **LAT A/P** mode to **HDG**. Set the heading bug to the desired heading and engage the autopilot.
2. Tune the ILS frequency on the Nav receiver.
3. **ARM , LOC or ILS.**
4. Verify the ILS inbound course is set correctly. (The EFIS Horizon will attempt to set it for you.) To manually set it, set the Nav mode to **LOC** or **GPS**. This will allow you to set the **LOC** course pointer on the EHSI screen.
5. Fly the airplane using the heading bug. When the conditions are suitable, the EFIS Horizon will automatically change the Nav and lateral autopilot modes to **ENAV**, and will capture the localizer smoothly.

### **GPS Enroute to Localizer**

1. Set the Nav mode to **GPS**, the **LAT A/P** mode to **ENAV**. Select the approach procedure on the GPS, and engage the autopilot. (The approach procedure will navigate the airplane to the localizer intercept.)
2. Tune the ILS frequency on the Nav receiver.
3. **ARM LOC or ILS**

4. Verify the ILS inbound course is set correctly on the EHSI screen. (The EFIS Horizon will attempt to set it for you.)
5. When the conditions are suitable, the EFIS Horizon will automatically change the Nav and lateral autopilot modes to **ENAV**, and will capture the localizer smoothly.

### VOR Enroute to Localizer (Two Nav Receivers)

1. Set the Nav mode to whichever Nav receiver is being used for VOR, and **LAT A/P** mode to **ENAV**. Tune the VOR to the appropriate frequency, and set the course pointer on the EHSI page. The autopilot will track the VOR.
2. Tune the ILS on the other Nav receiver.
3. ARM **LOC** or **ILS**. (Ideally, this arming should occur before the localizer is valid to allow time to verify/set the inbound course in the next step.)
4. Verify the ILS inbound course is set correctly. (The EFIS Horizon will attempt to set it for you.) To manually set it, the Nav mode must be momentarily changed to **LOC**, and then returned to VOR for continued enroute VOR navigation.
5. When the conditions are suitable, the EFIS Horizon will automatically change the Nav mode to the other **ENAV (LOC)**, using whichever Nav receiver is set to a localizer frequency, and will capture the localizer smoothly.

### VOR Enroute to Localizer (One Nav Receiver)

1. Set the Nav mode and **LAT A/P** modes to **ENAV**. Tune the VOR to the appropriate frequency, and set the course pointer on the EHSI page. The autopilot will track the VOR.
2. When near the localizer, set the **LAT A/P** mode to **HDG**.
3. Tune the localizer frequency.
4. Verify the ILS inbound course is set correctly. (The EFIS Horizon will attempt to set it for you.) Manually set it on the EHSI page if necessary.
5. ARM the **LOC**, or set the **LAT A/P** mode back to **ENAV**. Since no LOC data is valid yet, the EFIS Horizon will hold the current heading, and will show **LOC-ARM**. When the **LOC** becomes valid, the EFIS Horizon will capture and track the localizer.

### Back-Course with LOC-REV ARM

The back-course can be easily flown by following the same steps as listed above using **LOC-REV** on the **ARM** button. The EFIS Horizon will attempt to automatically set the course selector to the back-course, but if it is unable, the pilot should set the back-course manually. Glideslope coupling to the vertical autopilot steering will not occur automatically in **LOC-REV** mode.

If the back-course is being used for course reversal via a procedure turn, or hold, the following steps should be used.

1. Use the **LOC-REV ARM** feature to capture and track the localizer outbound.
2. When ready, set the **LAT A/P** mode to **HDG**, and use the heading bug to make a course reversal. When

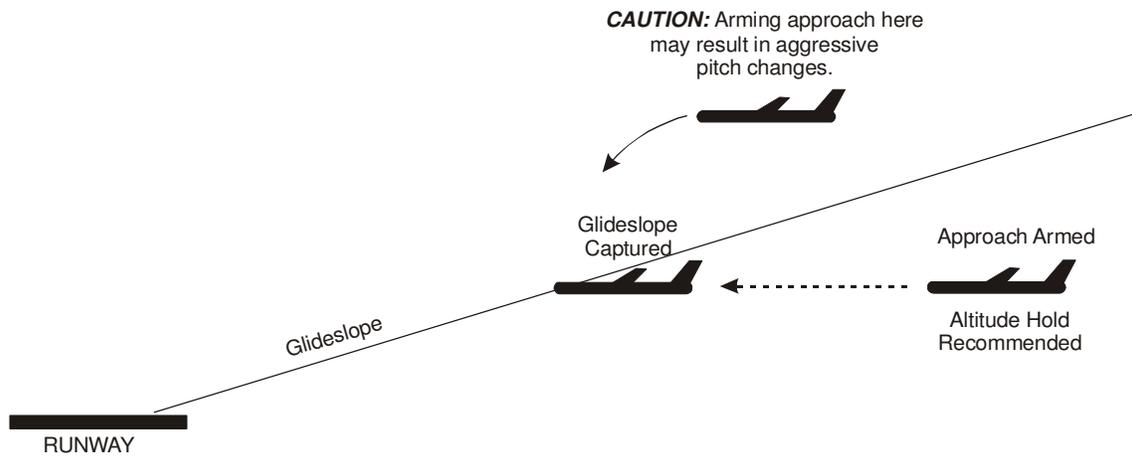
making 180 degree direction changes, the autopilot will make turns in the direction the heading bug is moved.

3. On the completion of the course reversal, while flying the inbound leg to the localizer front course, follow the procedures above for **Vectors to Localizer** to capture and track the inbound localizer.

## **Precision Approaches (Glideslope Coupling to Autopilot)**

### **ILS Armed**

When the ILS is armed using the **ARM** button, the autopilot will automatically capture the glideslope when the airplane is at or above the glideslope. The vertical autopilot/Nav mode displayed in the upper left corner of the PFD will show **G/S Arm**, and then **G/S CAPT**.



The synthetic and ILS glideslope will be captured (meaning, the steering to the autopilot will begin following this guidance) when the airplane flies above it, and, in the case of the ILS, the localizer is valid and is less than +/- 2 dots. Similarly, the synthetic approach will capture the glideslope when the synthetic approach is captured, and the airplane flies above the synthetic glideslope.

If the guidance is armed above the glideslope, the glideslope will be immediately captured, but autopilot commands may result in aggressive pitch changes to bring the the airplane down onto the glideslope.

The recommended method to capture the glideslope is to approach this glideslope in altitude hold mode. This will result in the smoothest transition onto the glideslope. Capture of the glideslope will be allowed no matter what Vert A/P mode is selected however.

It is necessary to set engine power to control airspeed on the approach.

## Capturing the Glideslope

### Glideslope Capture

When the ILS has not been armed, the glideslope can be coupled by selecting a vertical autopilot mode of **VNAV**. The EFIS Horizon will wait until the airplane is at or above the glideslope before it captures. The vertical autopilot/Nav mode displayed in the

upper left corner of the PFD will show **G/S Arm**, and then **G/S CAPT**.

**A/P Coupled Approaches - Momentary Loss of Localizer or Glideslope**

When flying an approach where localizer data is coupled to the autopilot, and the EFIS navigation mode is **LOC** or **ILS** (meaning that valid localizer data has been provided to the EFIS and the EFIS was coupling the localizer data to the autopilot), localizer data could be lost. This is indicated by the **localizer\_valid** indication provided by the Nav radio. If localizer data is lost, the EFIS will automatically change the autopilot mode to **LOC-HDG xxx**, and will hold the heading at the time the localizer data was lost. When valid localizer data returns, the EFIS will resume localizer coupling.

Similarly, if glideslope data is lost, as indicated by the **glideslope\_valid** provided by the Nav receiver, the EFIS will hold the vertical speed at the time the glideslope is lost, and will resume glideslope coupling when valid glideslope data returns.

## **Non-Precision Approaches - Stepping Down**

The vertical autopilot modes provide a convenient method to control the altitude on the non-precision approach. Set the **VERT A/P** mode to either **AUTO** or **VS**. Select the desired step-down altitude, and vertical speed for the descent. The autopilot will descend and hold the selected altitude.

**NOTE:** The **VERT A/P ASP** (airspeed) mode is not recommended for approach.

## **6.3 HX / WS Differences**

ILS functions are the same for all GRT Horizon models.

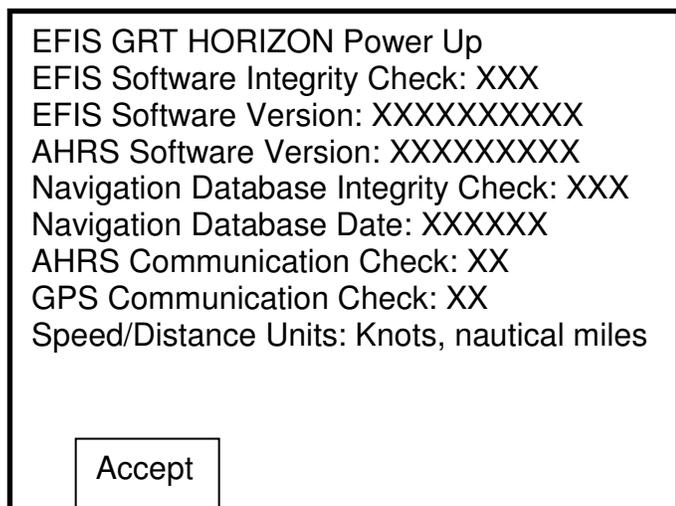
## Chapter 7 OTHER FEATURES

### 7.1 Power Up

#### 7.1.1 Ground Power Up

The GRT Horizon will turn on once power is supplied.

When an Aircraft On Ground (AOG) power-up occurs the startup screen will show software and navigation database version and GRT system status.



Startup Screen

#### To acknowledge the database information:

Press the button labeled **ACCEPT**

Once acknowledged, the default screen appears (**SET MENU, General Setup, Default Page**)..

Note: The factory default screen is the Primary Flight Display (PFD) on Display Unit 1 and Map on Display Unit 2.

#### 7.1.2 In Flight Power Up

An In-Flight power-up occurs when the following is true:

- *Airspeed greater than 50 mph and/or GPS-reported ground-speed greater than 25 mph.*

An In-Flight power-up will result in the display unit showing the same screen as was selected when the display unit was last powered down. The startup screen will not show.

### 7.2 Flight Data Recording

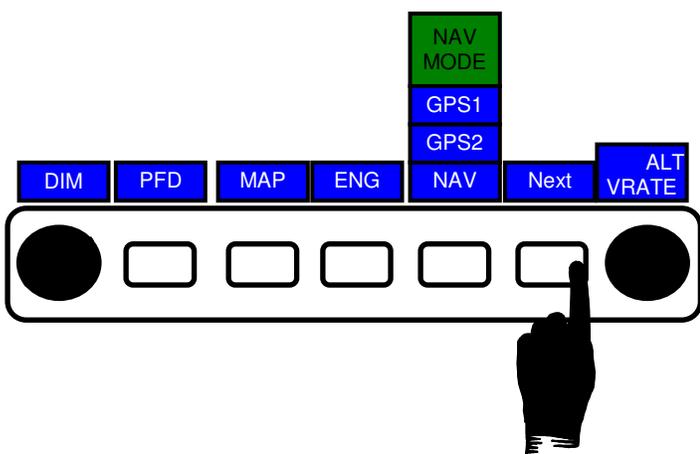
The GRT Horizon allows you to record flights and engine data using the **DEMO** feature.

This feature will record flight and engine data which can be played back on the display unit. The engine data can be converted and downloaded to a spreadsheet format for analysis using the **EIS Log** software.

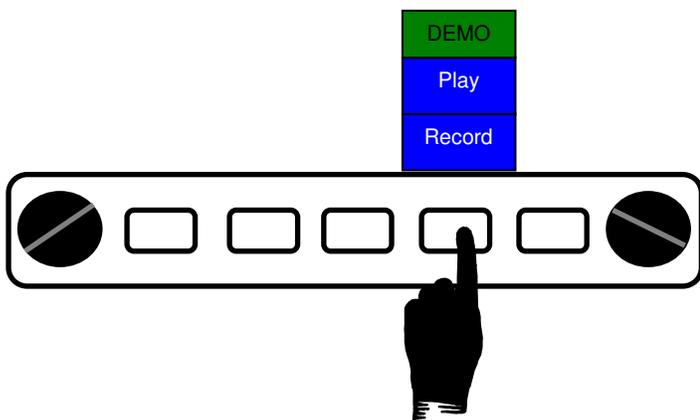
The USB memory stick must be in a MFD to record flight data. It's best to insert the memory stick at least one minute before stopping the record function, in order to allow the display time to find and activate the memory stick.

#### To record a flight using DEMO feature:

1. Press any button then **NEXT** (more than once may be required)



2. Press **DEMO** button to select **RECORD**. (The recording will begin and a message will remind you to stop the recording before turning off the power to the display unit.)



3. To stop the recording locate the **DEMO** button and press **STOP**. Be absolutely certain that a memory stick is in a DU prior to pressing **STOP**. Data is written to internal memory during the flight, and is transferred to the memory stick when **STOP** is pressed. Allow time for data transfer

The amount of internal memory available will affect Flight Data Recording. All data available in the system is recorded. So if Terrain, WX and airports/navaids out to max range are enabled, more data is created per

second than if those options are disabled. Since the amount of memory is limited, disabling options will allow a longer data acquisition time. The size of the memory stick only has to be larger than the internal memory.

### 7.3 Messages

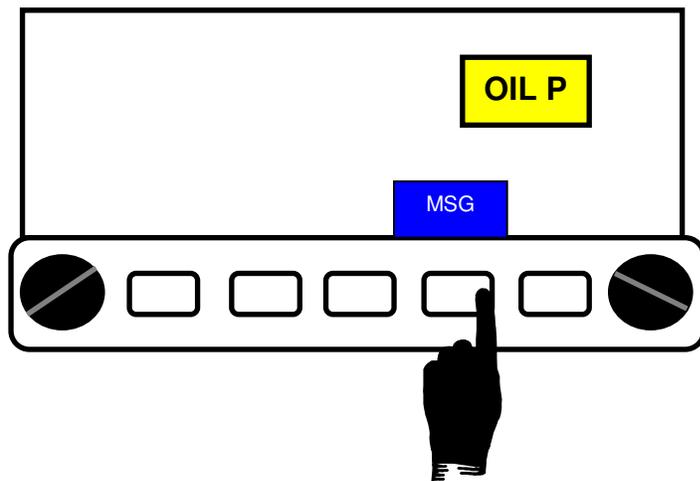
When a parameter is out of limit or a flight condition needs attention the GRT Horizon EFIS will annunciate the problem(s).

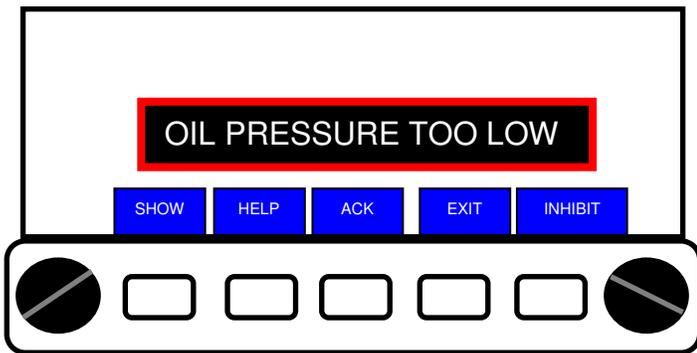
These messages are displayed on the all group pages. Options are presented to remedy the annunciation by pressing the **MSG** button.

If a warning light is connected, problems will also cause that light to illuminate.

If a CO Guardian is connected, it will annunciate on the GRT Horizon as a warning showing the PPM of CO.

A typical message will look something like this: **OIL P** meaning oil pressure is out of limit. Pressing the **MSG** button will display options to answer the message.





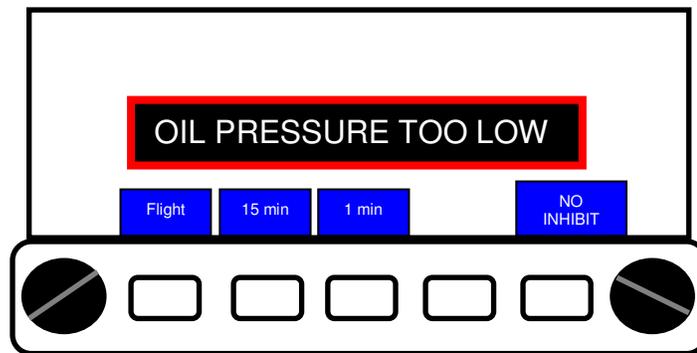
In the example the oil pressure is out of limit, too low. The EFIS will provide five options to choose from.

**SHOW** — pressing and holding the **SHOW** button will display the engine menu so that you can view the alarm source.

**HELP** — pressing and holding the **HELP** button will display a help banner.

**ACK** — momentarily pressing the **ACK** (acknowledge) button will make the message go away. The alarm has been momentarily silenced but will annunciate again if the parameter continues to exceed the limit.

**INHIBIT** — pressing **INHIBIT** will bring up more options to silence the alarm.



The **INHIBIT** options are:

**FLIGHT** – pressing **FLIGHT** will silence the alarm for the duration of the flight.

**15 MIN** – pressing **15 MIN** will silence the alarm for 15 minutes then will annunciate if the parameter is still out of limit.

**1 MIN** – pressing **1 MIN** will silence the alarm for 1 minute then will annunciate if the parameter is still out of limit.

**NO INHIBIT** – pressing **NO INHIBIT** will take you back to the previous menu.

Responding to a CO Guardian warning will cause the CO Guardian to be reset.

## 7.4 Updating Software

The navigation database and software in GRT Horizon Up are updated using the same procedure, as described below. Navigation database updates are available at [www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com) on a 30 day cycle. When an EFIS software update is issued, the latest navigation database is included. The software updates loaded by this procedure will update the display unit software immediately, and one additional step allows any update to your AHRS to be completed.

Updated software is available on the GRT website ([www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com)) . Follow the instructions in the Support, Software section to select and download the correct file for your EFIS.

A USB flash drive (memory stick) is supplied with your GRT Horizon and is used to transfer files from your PC to the EFIS. The EFIS may not be compatible with all brands of USB flash drives, so test any flash drives prior to use.

### Flash Drive (Memory Stick) Preparation:

1. Plug the flash drive into your computer. Windows XP and Vista should recognize it automatically. Earlier versions will require a driver.
2. The flash drive will appear as a removable disk. Use Windows Explorer to delete any files on the flash drive. The flash drive is ready to use.

Copy the newest HorizonUp.dat file to the main directory of the USB flash drive.

### Installation on the EFIS display unit:

1. Go to the **SET MENU** by pressing the button corresponding to this item on the menu. This item is one of the last few items on the PFD page. Press the **NEXT** button to see more menu items.
2. Use the knobs to move the cursor to **Display Unit Maintenance** and push a knob to activate that menu.
3. Use the knobs to move the cursor to **Load EFIS Software** and push a knob to select the item.
4. Rotate the same knob clockwise to activate the **EFIS upgrade** page.
5. Insert the USB flash drive into the USB connector on the back of the display unit, or into the panel mount USB connector if you have one.
6. Wait for the EFIS to detect the USB flash drive and download files. The EFIS may take up to one minute to detect the USB flash drive. The light on the USB flash drive should blink faster when detected and when data

is being copied. The light will blink slower when the operation is complete.

7. When the EFIS has completed copying files from the USB flash drive, the display unit will reboot.
8. Remove the USB flash drive.
9. When the display unit boots up, verify that the Power Up page displays the new EFIS software version.

### AHRS Software Upgrade

1. Go to the **SET MENU** by pressing the button corresponding to this item on the menu. This item is one of the last few items on the PFD page. Press the **NEXT** button to see more menu items.
2. Use the knobs to move the cursor to **AHRS Maintenance** and push a knob to activate that menu.
3. Use the knobs to move the cursor to **Load AHRS Software** and push a knob to select the item.
4. Rotate the same knob clockwise to activate the **AHRS upgrade** page.
5. Insert the USB flash drive into the USB connector on the back of the display unit, or into the panel mount USB connector if you have one.
6. Wait for the EFIS to detect the USB flash drive and download files. The EFIS may take up to one minute to detect the USB flash drive. The light on the USB flash drive should blink faster when detected and when data is being copied. The light will blink slower when the operation is complete

The progress of the update will be displayed. Typically 5-10 minutes will be required to update AHRS software. Upon completion, the display unit may erroneously report the AHRS failed to restart. Ignore this message. The AHRS should be running with its new software. The software version can be verified elsewhere on the AHRS maintenance page.

## **7.4 HX / WS Differences**

Other functions are the same for all GRT Horizon models.

## Chapter 8 LIMITATIONS

### 8.1 Attitude Heading Reference System (AHRS)

The AHRS is subject to an angular rate maximum of 200 deg/second. If this limit is exceeded, the **AHRS Unreliable** message will be displayed. The air data (airspeed and altimeter) will remain valid however, attitude data will not be.

The AHRS may take up to 180 seconds to align during initial startup. During the first 10 seconds after power-up the aircraft should remain motionless, after that you may move the aircraft as desired. The **Align** message will show on the screen with the time remaining for alignment. Once the process is complete the artificial horizon will display

AHRS/ Air Data computer software is independent of EFIS software. The software versions are designated by the form 0.XX to distinguish them from EFIS software.

The AHRS /Air Data computer system provides attitude, airspeed and altitude data that is not dependent on external data such as GPS to perform these functions. GPS data is not used to aid the AHRS, and thus the loss of GPS data will have no effect on the AHRS. The AHRS does use airspeed data (but not altitude data) to improve the accuracy of its attitude data. Loss of airspeed data will only slightly degrade the accuracy of the attitude data, and will not significantly alter the integrity of the data. Thus, the AHRS may be operated without an airspeed (pitot/static) connection. Inaccurate airspeed data could result in noticeably inaccurate attitude data during turns and for a short time after a turn. In IFR conditions this will be observed as a

difficulty in holding a heading after a turn is completed.

### 8.2 Hardware

Maximum Angular Rate in one all axis simultaneously: 200 degrees/second

Maximum Indicated Airspeed: Per Label on PFD

Maximum Altitude: Per Label on PFD

Operating Voltage Range: Per Label on Display Units

### 8.3 HX / WS Differences

All Limitations are the same for all GRT Horizon models.

## Chapter 9 : CALIBRATION

### 9.1 Altimeter Calibration

When the AHRS is to be used for IFR flight, the altimeter portion of the AHRS must be calibrated to conform to FAR 91.411. This is to be done at an interval in time as dictated by FAR 91.411. It is not necessary to calibrate the altimeter more often than this requirement.

The accuracy of the altimeter can be adjusted using entries provided on this page to account sensor errors that may occur due to aging.

The adjustments are stored within the AHRS/Air Data Computer. This means that is not necessary to enter these corrections into other display units that use data.

#### 9.1.1 Partial Altimeter Calibration – Correcting Altimeter vs Baroset

This calibration adjusts the relationship between the altitude display, and the barometric pressure setting. This calibration does not require an air data test set, and may be performed on an annual basis, or as needed as follows:

Position the aircraft at a location with a known elevation.

1. Turn on the GRT Horizon and allow at least 5 minutes to elapse before continuing.
2. Obtain the current barometric pressure setting. This setting should be provided by the airport at which the airplane is located, or a nearby airport, and should be as recent as possible.
3. Select the **Altimeter Calibration** screen by selecting **SET MENU** from the button

menu and **Altimeter Calibration** from this menu.

1. Using the left knob, highlight the **Altimeter Calibration – OFF** selection.
2. Toggle this to **(Initiate)ON**.
3. Set the baroset to the currently reported altimeter setting.
4. Select **Altimeter Bias**. Adjust the setting until the altimeter matches the airport elevation. (Note that there is about a 2 second delay until adjustments are reflected in the displayed altitude.)
5. Use the buttons to exit.

Calibration is complete! Do not alter any other altitude settings. The altimeter calibration will be turned off automatically when this page is exited.

#### 9.1.2 Full Altimeter Calibration – Using Air Data Test Set

This calibration adjusts the relationship between the altitude display, and the barometric pressure setting using an Alti-meter Test Set.

1. Turn on the GRT Horizon and allow at least 5 minutes to elapse before continuing.
2. Connect test set to the pitot AND static ports of the AHRS.
3. Set the test set to sea level (0').

**NOTE:** Failure to connect the test set to the pitot connection will damage the airspeed sensor in the AHRS, and any mechanical airspeed indicators which are also connect to the pitot/static system under test.

4. Set the baroset to 29.92 on the GRT Horizon display unit. Turn the right knob to set baroset.
5. From the display unit which contains the AHRS (PFD), select the **Altimeter Calibration** page in the **Settings Menu**
6. Verify the baroset is 29.92.
7. Use the left knob to select (blue box) and press the knob to highlight (white box) the **BIAS** field.
8. Temporarily adjust the **BIAS** on this page until the altimeter reads 0 ft.
9. Set the altimeter test set to 30,000 ft.'
10. Note the GRT Horizon altimeter reading.
11. Calculate the scale factor as follows:

Calculate the Altitude Error as:

**Altitude\_Error =**

GRT Horizon\_Altimeter\_Reading with test set at 30,000 ft.

If the GRT Horizon altitude is less than 30000 ft, the **Altitude Error** is negative.

Calculate the **Pressure Error** by multiplying the **Altitude Error** by 0.819. The result will be a negative number.

If the GRT Horizon altitude is greater than 30000 ft, the **Altitude Error** is Positive.

Calculate the **Pressure Error** by multiplying the **Altitude Error** by 0.795. The result will be a positive number

The scale factor is then calculated as follows:

**Alt Scale Factor =**  $42012 / (42012 + \text{Pressure Error})$

The result should be a number greater than 0.9744, and less than 1.0255

Set the **Alt Scale Factor** as calculated.

(Current GRT Horizon software may show **ERROR** next to **Calibrate**. This can be ignored.)

12. Set the altimeter test set back to sea level (0 ft')
13. Set the **BIAS** so that the altimeter reads 0 ft.
14. Complete the calibration by setting the altimeter test set to each altitude listed on the calibration page (5000, 10000, 15000, etc.), and adjusting the corresponding entry until the altimeter reads this altitude.

The accuracy of the scale factor adjustment can be verified by noting a small altitude error (less than 200 feet) is observed with a zero correction at 30,000 feet.

15. Adjust the 30,000 foot correction until the altimeter reads 30,000 feet.
16. Exit the calibration page.
17. Calibration is complete.

If necessary, the **BIAS** adjustment can be made without affecting the other corrections at any time.

## 9.2 Magnetometer Calibration

Magnetometer calibration is required to achieve accurate magnetic heading readings. This calibration corrects for errors induced by magnetic disturbances local to the sensor, such as ferrous metal objects.

Before performing this procedure, the magnetometer location should be validated as follows:

### 9.2.1 Magnetometer Location Validation

**Note:** The magnetometer must be installed according to the mounting instructions provided with the magnetometer.

Select the **AHRS Maintenance** screen by selecting **SET MENU** from the button menu and **AHRS Maintenance** from this menu, and locate **Magnetic Heading** field on this screen. (Do not use the heading data shown on the heading tape on the PFD is the gyro slaved heading, which responds slowly to magnetic heading changes).

Observe this reading and verify it does not change by more than +/- 2 degrees while doing the following:

1. Turn on and off any electrical equipment whose wiring passes within 2 feet of the magnetometer.
2. Move the flight controls from limit to limit.
3. If the magnetometer is located within 2 feet of retractable landing gear, operate the landing gear.

If greater than +/- 2 degree change is noted, either relocate the magnetometer or offending wiring or metallic materials. Recheck.

Before performing the magnetometer calibration procedure, the approximate accuracy of the uncorrected magnetic heading data must be checked.

While the calibration procedure can remove errors as large as 125 degrees, accuracy is improved if the location chosen for the magnetometer requires corrections of less than 30 degrees.

### 9.2.2 To check the accuracy of the uncorrected magnetic heading:

1. Scroll to **Magnetometer Calibration**
2. Press knob to select
3. While on this page, rotate the airplane 360 degrees. A red graph will appear on this page showing the errors showing the calculated errors.

If errors of greater than 30 degrees are observed, this may be caused by magnetic disturbances near the magnetometers, such as ferrous metal, magnetic fields from electric motors, or if the magnetometer orientation is not the same as the AHRS. (For every 1 degree of misalignment between the magnetometer and the AHRS, approximately 3 degrees of heading error can be expected.)

If errors greater than 30 degrees are noted, either relocate the magnetometer or offending wiring or metallic materials. Recheck.

### 9.2.3 Calibration Procedure

**NOTE:** The AHRS will not allow magnetometer calibration to be initiated if the airspeed is greater than 50 mph to prevent inadvertent selection while in flight. If calibration is successful, the existing calibration data (if any) will be replaced with the new corrections.

The **Magnetometer Calibration** page will guide you through this procedure with its on-screen menus.

The steps you will follow are:

1. Point the aircraft to **magnetic** north, in an area without magnetic disturbances, such as a compass rose.

A simple means of pointing the airplane toward magnetic north is to taxi the airplane slowly and use the GPS ground track to determine when you are taxiing in a magnetic north direction. Make small corrections to the direction of travel of the airplane, and continue to taxi for several seconds for the GPS to accurately determine your ground track. The GPS

cannot determine your track unless you are moving.

2. After the aircraft is positioned accurately, turn **ON** the GRT Horizon. (If it was already on, then turn it **OFF**, and then back **ON** again.)
3. Allow at least 1 minute for the AHRS to fully stabilize.
4. Activate the magnetometer calibration function by selecting the **AHRS Maintenance Page**, and highlighting the **Magnetometer Calibration** selection.
5. Change this setting with the knob to select the **Magnetometer Calibration** page.
6. Press **Start**.
7. Answer the question, **Yes**.
8. Verify the airplane is still pointed to magnetic north, and answer the question **Is the airplane, AHRS, and magnetometer pointed north?** with **Yes**.

A message will appear at the bottom of the screen indicating the system is waiting for the gyros to stabilize.

9. Wait until this message is replaced with the message, **Calibration in Progress**, and immediately (within 15 seconds) begin the next step.
10. Rotate the aircraft 360 degrees plus 20 degrees in a counter-clockwise manner (initially towards west).

The airplane does not need to be rotated in place, but simply pulled or taxied in a circle. The airplane must be rotated completely through 360 degrees, plus an additional 20 degrees past magnetic north, within 3 minutes after initiating the calibration. The airplane should be rotated slowly, such that it takes approximately 60 seconds for the complete rotation.

If calibration is successful, the AHRS will re-start itself automatically, and begin using the corrections. While re-starting, the AHRS data

will not provide data, and this will result in the AHRS data disappearing from the display unit for about 10 seconds.

If calibration is unsuccessful, one of two things will happen.

1. It will exit calibration mode, and will show **Calibration INVALID - Maximum correction exceeded** if a correction of greater than 127 degrees is required. (**Invalid - OVERLIMIT** will be shown on the AHRS maintenance page next to the Magnetometer Calibration field.

A correction of greater than 127 degrees can be caused by incorrect mounting of the magnetometer, or location of the magnetometer too close to ferrous metal in the aircraft, or starting with the airplane not pointed toward magnetic north or magnetometer wiring errors.

2. If the airplane is rotated too rapidly, the calibration will not end after the airplane has been rotated 380 degrees. In either case, the calibration procedure must be repeated.

The accuracy of the magnetometer calibration can now be verified.

1. Point the airplane toward magnetic north.
2. Turn **ON** the AHRS (if already **ON**, turn it **OFF**, and then back **ON**).
3. Verify the AHRS (on **AHRS Maintenance** page) shows a heading close to north. (Small errors are likely to be a result of not positioning the airplane to the exact heading used during magnetometer calibration.)
4. Select the **Magnetometer Calibration** page. (Do not activate the calibration this time.)

5. Rotate the airplane through 360 degrees, and inspect the **Calculated error** graph (the red line) drawn on the screen.

The magnetic heading errors should be less to 5 degrees, and can typically be reduced to about 2 degrees. Accurate magnetic heading is required for the AHRS to display accurate heading data, and to allow accurate wind speed/direction calculations.

The graph will also show the correction stored in the AHRS as a green line. The green line will be within the +/- 30 degree range if the magnetometer was mounted in a good location, and was mounted accurately with respect to the AHRS.

The status of the magnetometer correction data is indicated by the field next to the **Magnetometer Calibration** setting on the **AHRS Maintenance** page, if the field has the message (**Change to open page**), then valid data is stored within the AHRS.

Valid data means that the data is present, but the accuracy of this data is not assured. The accuracy is dependent on how carefully the user performed these steps.

Calibration is complete.

### 9.3 True Airspeed and Wind Calibration

The GRT Horizon accurately calculates indicated airspeed via its measurement of the difference between pitot and static pressures.

Typical instrument errors are less than 2 mph at 100 mph, and diminish to less than 1 mph at 200 mph. It is not uncommon for airspeed errors to be observed however, as the

pressures provided by the aircraft's pitot/static system does not always represent the actual static and impact pressures.

The GRT Horizon provides a means of correcting the true airspeed that it displays in the PFD data box, and which is used in the wind calculation. Since the wind calculation is based on the difference between GPS groundspeed, and true airspeed, it is quite sensitive to true airspeed errors, and for some airplanes a significant improvement in the accuracy of the winds can be achieved by performing this calibration.

The GRT Horizon does not provide any means to correct the indicated airspeed, as this would result in the GRT Horizon showing a different indicated airspeed than other indicators that may be installed in the airplane.

The **AHRS Maintenance** page provides a **True Airspeed Corrections** selection. When selected, a correction table is shown, over-laid on the PFD screen. The table allows for up to 8 corrections. It is recommended that at least the following 3 airspeeds be used for the corrections: correction at the typical cruising speed, typical climb airspeed and typical approach speed. For example, with an RV-6, a good approach speed might be 80 mph with flaps at 1 notch. Additional corrections can be entered if desired, especially if TAS errors are noted that vary significantly with speed. Only one correction for a specific airspeed should be made.

#### To record a TAS correction:

1. Press any button or knob.
2. Press **NEXT** (more than once may be required)
3. Press **SET MENU** button
4. Scroll with either knob to **AHRS Maintenance**
5. Scroll to **True Airspeed Corrections**
6. Press knob to select

7. Turn knob to open calibration page
8. Select a blank table entry in the correction table using a knob.

If no entries are blank, then select an entry and press **Delete** to clear the entry. The **Start Cal** button will be displayed when the cursor box is on a blank entry.

9. Press the **Start Cal** button to begin.
10. Find a heading such that the ground track indicator is aligned with the heading indicator on the PFD or map pages within 5 degrees. This will result in the airplane flying directly into, or with the wind.
11. Establish the desired IAS for the correction. Do not change the power setting until the calibration is complete.
12. Press the **Ready** button.

The GRT Horizon will average the data until the on-screen count-down timer reaches 0.

13. Maintain constant heading and altitude until the count-down timer reaches 0.
14. Turn to the reciprocal heading when prompted.
15. When established on this heading, at the same altitude and power setting as in step 11, press the **READY** button.

The data will be collected until the count-down timer reaches 0. The correction table will then display this correction.

16. Process is complete

If you feel that an entry is inaccurate, it may be deleted by selecting it with the cursor box using the knob, and pressing the **DELETE** button. You will be asked to confirm deletion of this entry before it is erased.

These entries can be saved using the **GRT Horizon Settings Backup** selection on the

display unit maintenance page. They may also be manually entered if desired using the **EDIT** function.

## 9.4 Flap/Trim Calibration

See **General Setup, Flaps and Trim Calibration**. This setting assumes electric flap/trim servos are installed. Follow the on screen instructions.

## 9.5 Fuel Flow Totalizer Calibration

The fuel flow totalizer (fuel quantity) can be set on the EIS engine monitor, or the GRT Horizon display unit.

If the EIS is mounted in the instrument panel, it is used to set the fuel quantity whenever fuel is added to the airplane. This data will be transmitted to, and displayed on all display units to which it is connected.

If the EIS is not mounted in the instrument panel, the fuel quantity can be set on any display unit, but only if the fuel quantity in the EIS is reporting zero fuel. If the display unit detects a change in the fuel quantity reported by the EIS fuel flow function, it will use this data, overriding the user selection made on the display unit. By setting EIS fuel quantity to zero, it assures the EIS reported fuel quantity will not change.

The fuel flow calibration must be set in the EIS, via its **FloCal** entry. See *EIS* manual for more detail.

## 9.6 Multi-Display Unit Communication

The display units share information; using the Inter-Display Link. This allows user selections that affect the entire system to affect all display units, such as the altimeter setting for instance.

The following items are updated in all display units whenever this data is changed in any display unit.

- Altimeter Setting
- Heading Selection
- Selected Altitude
- All autopilot modes and selections, including ARming of approaches
- Navigation Mode
- Synthetic Approach On/Off
- Fuel Flow Totalizer
- Alarm Acknowledgements

The Inter -Display Link menu allows you to select what data is shared between units. Since the number of serial and analog ports on each DU is limited, some data may need to be shared. However, from a redundancy point of view, the minimum amount of data should be shared so if a DU fails, the other DU will still be able to display flight critical data. The Inter Display Link Set Up is in Settings Menu, General Setup. See the Horizon Set Up Manual for more details.

**CAUTION:** If any display unit in the chain is inoperable, the display units will not be able to share information. The pilot must account for this down-graded mode of operation as necessary and expect data will not transfer between displays.

## 9.7 Angle of Attack Calibration

(not implemented in v32a software)

### Calibration

The EFIS requires user-calibration account for the AOA at which stall occurs for the particular wing. This is accomplished by adjusting the "AOA Pitch Offset" setting. This setting is

adjusted so that the EFIS stall warning occurs at the desired AOA threshold.

### Making the Adjustment

Select "Settings" Menu, and "PFD Setup". Select "EFIS Angle of Attack" to ENABLED. Next, locate the "Angle of Attack Pitch Offset" setting. If you have never adjusted this setting, the AOA Pitch Offset will show "Uncalibrated - Change to Calibrate" or "X - Change to Calibrate" if calibration has been previously completed.

Note: The AOA indexer and pitch limiter function is inhibited until calibration has been performed, even if the EFIS Angle of Attack function has been enabled.

To calibrate:

1. Change this entry to start calibration. The EFIS will return to the PFD screen, and will show the pitch limit indicator and AOA indexer on the screen, with the right knob showing "ADJUST" and a value above it.
2. Start with the airplane at least 5000' above the surface. Slow the airplane and extend flaps. Reduce power to idle and establish gliding flight.
3. Gradually slow the airplane and note the speed at which stall occurs.
4. Resume gliding flight and slow the airplane to within 1 or 2 mph of stall. Use the right knob to adjust the pitch limit indicator until it is on nose or bar pitch indicator.
5. If the EFIS detects it is equipped with the AOA module, it will prompt you to perform additional steps to calibrate this module also. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete this process.

6. Press the "EXIT" softkey to end calibration.

Calibration must be repeated if the AHRS is remounted in a different position.

### **Setting the optimal approach AOA**

This setting is used to set the optimal approach angle of attack. The entry is made as a multiplier on the stall speed, so a setting of 1.3Vs means that the AOA indexer will show optimal AOA when the airplane's speed is 1.3 times the stall speed (30% above stall speed.) This setting has a range of 1.25 - 1.5. The suggested setting is 1.3-1.4. (The factory default is 1.4.)

## **9.8 HX / WS Differences**

Calibration functions are the same on all GRT Horizon models.

## **Chapter 10 SPECIFICATIONS**

### **PHYSICAL**

Please refer to [www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com) ,  
Products, Flight Instruments, Horiaon for the  
latest dimensions and weights.

### **POWER**

Input:12 Vdc (9-18V, 1.5 amps)  
28 Vdc (optional) (18-36V, 1.0 amp)

### **INTERFACES**

RS-232 serial  
Analog  
USB  
Ethernet (HS only)

## Chapter 11 FAQ

### What is the difference between the GRT Horizon and Horizon?

The Horizon is built for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flying. It accepts a wide variety of radios, gps and autopilots. The autopilot command functions built into the Horizon allow for lateral and vertical coupling to the autopilot. This permits “hands-off-stick” flying much like current and future technology airliners.

The GRT Horizon is much like the Horizon although tailored to the Visual Flight Rules (VFR) pilot. It will communicate with a Garmin SL30/40 radio and provides lateral autopilot commands. The AHRS/Air Data computer is physically inside the Horizon instead of external like the Horizon. The Horizon has limited inter-display link features.

If you like to fly hard IFR with an automated cockpit your choice will likely be the GRT Horizon. If you fly on fair weather days mostly with occasional light IFR your choice will likely be the GRT Horizon.

### What do I do if I want to upgrade to the Horizon?

All we require to upgrade to the GRT Horizon is the cost difference, send the Horizon back and we will ship a Horizon in its place.

### What do I need to upgrade to internal GPS?

All we require is the cost difference for the internal GPS option. Send us the Horizon display unit and we will return the Horizon with internal GPS installed and antenna.

### Why a wide format display?

The wide format of the display was chosen to allow a more natural sense of the horizon, this

especially useful for low-time IFR or VFR pilots. The wide format is necessary to allow split screen displays. It also allows for airspeed and altitude tapes to include analog and digital representations.

### Why was the overall size chosen?

The overall size is such that two will fit, stacked on top of each other, in the RV and similar panels. This allows a great deal of flexibility, yet is still large enough to be easily readable.

### Why not save the cost of the magnetometer, and make this optional?

Without a magnetometer, GPS data is required for calculation of attitude. Bad or loss of GPS data would cause unexpected loss of attitude data, and would reduce the integrity of the attitude data, and would reduce the performance of the GPS/AHRS cross-check.

### Why not build the EIS into the GRT for its engine monitoring functions?

The EIS provides a full time, easy-to-read display of engine data. This makes a single GRT display unit completely practical. Without the EIS, a second GRT display would be required to allow full time display of engine data.

Engine monitoring requires numerous connections to the engine and its sensors. Each of these connections is exposed to high levels of electrical noise, and has the potential of electrical faults introducing unexpected voltages to them. Bringing signals of this type into the GRT has the potential for adversely affecting the GRT, and thus reducing its integrity.

The EIS provides a convenient backup for altitude and airspeed data if desired.

For multiple display screen configurations, the EIS may be remotely mounted.

### **How does this GRT compare with the other EFIS systems?**

There are 3 “levels” of differences.

#### **The First Level**

The obvious differences are the size and functionality.

This size of the display unit is large enough to allow the artificial horizon to look "natural", that is, like a synthetic view of the outside world (complete with airports and obstructions), and still have room for both tapes and large digital displays of airspeed and altitude.

At the same time, the size is small enough to allow multiple display screens. Since each multi-function display unit can display any data (primary flight data, moving map, graphical engine data, or a split screen of any 2), the use of 2 display units provide twice as much viewable data, while at the same time, adding redundancy. This also allows for a simple means to expand your system to meet future avionics needs.

The functions of our GRT are extensive, including major functions such as integrated navigation/attitude displays on the wide-format primary flight display, graphical engine monitoring, moving map, and also including interfaces to the autopilot, localizer and glideslope inputs, with planned growth for weather and traffic.

Clearly the functionality and size is far beyond that provided by other units. The difference in architecture, that is, the ability to use multiple display units independently, vastly distinguishes us from single screen systems. Those familiar with commercial jets may notice

a similarity between the architecture (and functionality) our equipment, and that of commercial jets. This is no accident, as the chief engineer's background included 10 years experience in the aerospace industry.

This first level is where the functionality that results in efficient and safe automation of the cockpit is built in.

#### **The Second Level**

These differences are more subtle. They include such things as wide-temperature range operation, direct sunlight readability and hardware designed specifically for aircraft use. The design of this hardware is based on the design principles developed over 12 years of experience with the Engine Information System (EIS) line of engine monitoring and more than 20 years of aerospace experience. This results in a robust design that has excellent tolerance for real-world exposure to wiring errors, radio and electromagnetic fields, etc.

By comparison, other manufactures will use displays not viewable in direct sunlight, or their system may operate only over a limited temperature range, or may be limited by low maximum angular rates, incomplete interfaces, lack of built-in test functions or data validation, and further may operate in "unconventional manners".

This second level is the level where the quality is designed in.

#### **The Third Level**

These details are usually unseen, but are what distinguishes aviation equipment from non-aviation equipment. It includes not only the selection of components suitable for use in an aircraft environment, but also relies on a failure modes and effects analysis. This analysis results in design features and functions (such

as built-in-test functions) that add integrity. High integrity means a low probability of an undetected failure of any of the flight critical data provided to the pilot.

This third level is the level where safety is designed in.

## **Conclusion**

In the simplest terms, the difference between us and the others is the engineering and flying experience upon which our system is designed. The GRT Horizon provides aerospace grade design, at kit plane affordable prices.

## **What are the limitations of the AHRS?**

When flying close to the magnetic north or south poles, the AHRS must revert to using GPS track data, instead of magnetic heading data. This reduces the integrity of the AHRS calculation of attitude, and the effectiveness of its GPS/AHRS cross-check. The GRT will alert the pilot to this degraded mode of operation. Obviously, this is unlikely to affect most users.

In theory, it is possible for the AHRS to be affected by vibration, especially if resonances (flexibility) exist in the mounting of the GRT to the airplane. A simple flight test is performed to check for this possibility. We have not seen this problem occur in our testing, but in theory, it is possible.

The maximum angular rates are 200 degrees/second in roll, pitch, and yaw simultaneously.

## **What backup instruments are recommended for a single GRT Horizon installation?**

For VFR flight, the addition of airspeed is suggested.

For IFR flight the Horizon ADAHRS replaces the function of the traditional six-pack but does not replace the redundancy, therefore at least two other attitude sources are recommended. These can include a turn coordinator and autopilot. As well as an airspeed indicator, and altimeter as a minimum, but the pilot should consider their flying skills when configuring their cockpit. For dual electrical bus installations, the EIS can be equipped to serve as a backup airspeed indicator, and altimeter.. This has the added benefit of automatic cross-checking against the GRT Horizon's airspeed and altitude.

## **Why is the GPS database free?**

Our database is based on U.S. government data, provided to us at no charge.

## **Will a database be available for airspace outside of the United States?**

Yes. The only difference regarding the database outside of the US is that it will only include airports with runways of 3000 feet or greater.

## **Can I use a Nav/Com other than a Garmin SL30 with the Horizon?**

The GRT Horizon interfaces with the SL30 exclusively. There are no analog inputs for other radios. You may use other Nav/Com for Nav data however you will need a CDI head like a GI106A to show course deviations.

## **Can I use a low-cost handheld GPS with the GRT Horizon?**

Yes. Even low-cost GPS receivers include the required NMEA 0183 output.

## **Are GRT settings user-selectable?**

Yes. Practically all data may be displayed in your choice of units, including the barometric pressure setting, temperatures, fuel quantity, etc.

### **What is the most important feature of the GRT Horizon?**

The most feature of the GRT Horizon is the high integrity AHRS that is not GPS dependent. What good are attitude data, and the GRT, if you can't trust it?

### **Why doesn't the GRT include an autopilot function?**

While it is possible for the GRT to also perform an autopilot function with the addition of a control panel, and appropriate servos, we intentionally choose to interface to stand alone autopilots. A stand-alone autopilot does not use the attitude data from the GRT, and thus is effectively another source of this data. If the autopilot was driven from the GRT attitude data, an undetected failure of this data would result in the autopilot following the bad data. This would make detecting the failure more difficult. While undetected attitude failure is unlikely with our system, the consequences of such a failure are potentially fatal. In effect, the autopilot serves as another source of attitude data, and a good argument could be made for choosing an autopilot over a backup attitude indicator. (A turn coordinator would still be required for IFR flight)

Conversely, with the independent autopilot and GRT attitude combination we have chosen, a failure of either the autopilot, or the GRT attitude data would result in an obvious disagreement, and could trigger an GRT unusual attitude warning. Safety is greatly enhanced.

Also, autopilot designs are far from trivial. The safety concerns, and control laws which dictate

the response of the autopilot require a degree of expertise that we feel is best left to the experts.

### **Why do you recommend the TruTrak autopilots?**

We felt the design of the TruTrak was excellent in terms of safety, and performance. We especially liked the safety considerations in the design of the servos. More obvious to the pilot, the control laws are based on the extensive experience of the designer, Jim Younkin, which result in excellent performance in smooth air or turbulence. In the same way that we have developed extensive experience in instrumentation, TruTrak has extensive experience in autopilots. Other autopilots work well with the Horizon also. Some may require a GPS-coupler which converts the digital data to analog used by the autopilot.

### **What will be your policy on revisions to the software and hardware systems?**

Software updates are available via the [www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com) website at no cost. We do not have a policy for hardware revisions.

### **Can non-TSO instruments be approved for IFR flight in an experimental aircraft?**

Yes.

### **How often does the GRT update the GPS map?**

Our displays are gyro-stabilized, so our map moves smoothly when you turn, no matter how slowly or quickly your GPS updates. Our screens update at high rates, so everything appears smooth on our screens...no jerks or jumps. This makes a significant difference when rolling out to capture a new ground track on the moving maps, as you don't have to

guess or anticipate what the map will look like at the next 1 second update..

**What provides the land and airspace data (database)?**

We have our own database derived from US government databases.

**Is the HITS offset on the screen because you are crabbed for wind?**

Yes, exactly. It "grows" up and out of the runway, which is obviously a ground-based reference. The primary flight display is shown in **Heading Up** mode, which is the preferred mode, as this makes the view on the GRT match the view out the window. Thus, the difference between the heading up centered display and the ground-based runway guidance is the crab angle. This means that the approach is flown by maneuvering the airplane so that the flight path marker (which represents your path through space) is centered in the HITS. Even without the flight path marker displayed, interpreting the HITS is very natural, as it is identical to the visual clues you use when you look out the window and fly the airplane to the runway in the presence of a cross-wind. You instinctively develop a sense of the direction of travel of the airplane through space when you look out the window, and the flight path marker is a precise indication of this point. The flight path marker is commonly used on head-up displays in fighter aircraft.

**If so, what happens if the wind is stronger - does the HITS go off screen?**

It would, except that we apply "display limiting". This means we alter the position of all ground based symbology to keep the HITS and runway on the screen.

**What is the sight picture if you are doing a circling approach or a close in base leg?**

You see the HITS as though it was a tunnel projected up from the ground. The HITS will not appear on the screen if it is out of view, unless it is out of view due to a strong-cross wind. We will be adding guidance to bring you to the top of the HITS so that we guide you to the vicinity of the airport, and then provide steering to get you to top of the HITS. This is not trivial however.

**Does the GRT have a "Quick Erect" function?**

No. The only reason to have such a function is if the attitude information was to sometimes become corrupted. The attitude data provided by our system is of very high integrity, and there is no need for a "quick-erect" function. Note that even if the airplane is continuously performing turns and/or aerobatics, the attitude data will remain accurate.

**What happens if the AHRS is turned off in flight?**

It would be unusual to turn off the AHRS in flight, as it is the primary source of attitude data. If it is turned off, the airplane must be flown as steady as possible for the first 10 seconds after power is re-applied. The plane can then be flown in any manner, and the AHRS will begin providing attitude data within a minute or two.

## Chapter 12 Troubleshooting

The Troubleshooting section gives aid to common installation or use questions.

### 12.1 Terrain

If the GRT Horizon is unable to show Terrain data you may see one or more of these flags. This list will help in correcting in the Terrain data being displayed or not.

- **DISABLED** -- Terrain was disabled in the SET MENU but is still selected on the SHOW button.
- **NOT READY** -- The display is busy loading other databases.
- **Waiting for USB** -- The display did not find terrain on a flash card, and is waiting for a USB flash drive to be inserted. A USB flash drive may take up to a minute to be detected.
- **No database** -- A terrain database was not found on any storage device. The display will stop searching until the next boot.
- **Loading** -- The terrain database integrity is being checked and the index is being loaded into memory. The time this requires depends on the size of the database and how busy the display is. The terrain will start up faster while on the Power Up and MAP pages.
- **OK** -- The terrain database has completed loading. Terrain will be drawn and the terrain alarm activated if requested.
- **Low memory** -- Some part of the terrain database was not able to load because the display is low on memory. This message should not normally be seen, but is possible if several memory intense features are all active at the same time. Weather, terrain, large map ranges, and DEMO recording can

consume large amounts of memory. The display will attempt to use any parts of the terrain that could be loaded. Report this message to GRT.

- **Bad database** -- The terrain database has been damaged or is not compatible with the display software.
- **ERROR** -- The display has detected a failure in its terrain processing and has disabled all terrain functions. Terrain will not be available until the next boot. Report this message to GRT.

### 12.2 AHRS/Magnetometer-Comm Interference

Most problems encountered with attitude or heading after installation is the placement of the AHRS and Magnetometer near ferrous metals or com coax cables. Most of these problems can be avoided if the Installation Guide is followed.

Wire bundles from the AHRS or magnetometer must be kept away from com coax cables. It is suggested to run com coax on one side of the fuselage and AHRS/Mag wire bundles on the other. If the coax must pass by the wire bundles it is suggested that it be made perpendicular to the wire bundle.

See GRT Horizon EFIS Installation Guide for more detail.

## Chapter 13 GLOSSARY

**ADC** Air Data Computer

**AHRS** Attitude Heading Reference System

**ALT** Altitude

**AOG** Aircraft On Ground

**ARINC-429** Aeronautical Radio Incorporated Interchange- Protocol 429

**AVG** Average

**Button** Five white buttons (See soft key)

**CDI** Course Deviation Indicator

**EFIS** Electronic Flight Instrument System

**EHSI** Electronic Horizontal Situation Indicator

**EIS** Engine Instrument System

**ENG** Engine group

**FPM** Flight Path Marker

If you are not familiar with Flight Path Markers and their use, there are a number of references on the internet. This Van's Airforce thread offers a good explanation:

<http://www.vansairforce.com/community/showpost.php?p=195475&postcount=11>

This YouTube video shows how to make a landing using Flight Path Marker and the affect of wind:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=2Y4AgKOpUco>

**fpm** Climb Rate Feet Per Minute

**FTM** Flight Track Marker

**GND** Ground

**GPS** Global Positioning Satellite

**GPSS** GPS Steering

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**GRT** Grand Rapids Technology

**GS** Ground speed

**HITS** Highway In The Sky (Synthetic Approach)

**HRS** Hours

**HSI** Horizontal Situation Indicator

**Knob** Rotary Encoder (two - left and right)

**LTG** Lightning

**ILS** Instrument Landing System

**MAP** Moving Map group

**mpg** Miles per gallon

**mph** Miles Per Hour

**NAV** Navigational signal

**NDB** NonDirectional Beacon

**OROCA** Off Route Obstacle Clearance Altitude

**PFD** Primary Flight Display group

**RMI** Radio Magnetic Indicator

**Rotary Encoder** see Knob

**SAP** Synthetic Approach (See HITS)

**SFC** Specific Fuel Consumption

**Soft key** Five white soft keys (See Button)

**TAS** True airspeed

**TRK** Track

**Va** Design Maneuvering Speed

**Vc** Design Cruising Speed

**Vd** Design Diving Speed

**Vf** Design Flap Speed

**Vfe** Maximum Flap Extension Speed

**Vne** Never-exceed Speed

**Vno** Maximum Structural Cruising Speed

**VOR** Vhf (Very high frequency) Omni-directional Range

**Vs** Stall Speed

**Vx** Speed for Best Angle of Climb

**Vy** Speed for Best Rate of Climb

**Waypoint a waypoint is:**

- a GPS flight plan is a series of waypoints or

- a Direct To location (Airport, VOR, Lat/Long coordinate) is a waypoint, or
- any specified or selected point in space is a waypoint, or
- VORs, NDB's airports as used prior to GPS are waypoints.

