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FPS-Plus-nt INSTALLATION MANUAL

THANK YOU! . . . for purchasing the FPS-Plus-nt system from Aircraft Extras, Inc. Please review **ALL** instructions thoroughly before you install and program the FPS-Plus-nt. Please adhere to ALL safety precautions.

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DESCRIPTION

The FPS-Plus-nt system is an automatic flap positioning system. It can be used in the manual positioning mode, or the automatic mode. In the fully automatic mode, a "short touch" of the flap button, positions the flaps. A one second or more touch of the flaps, commands the flaps to go to either the full up or full down position.

COMPATIBLE MOTOR ASSEMBLY TYPES for the FPS-Plus-nt

The FPS-Plus-nt system was designed to operate with flap motors that are "clutch driven". In other words, when these motors are connected to the flap control surfaces, the motors cannot be over driven to damage the control surfaces or linkage components. Most aircraft actuator motor assemblies have clutches or end stops built in them so that, . . for instance, when they reach the end mechanical flap stop, the clutch slips so no damage is done to the flap or flap linkage.

NON-CLUTCH DRIVEN MOTOR ASSEMBLIES can be made to work.

If your flap motor assembly is not clutch driven, please refer to the alternate schematic published on our web for wiring.

INSTALLATION

ENCLOSURE INSTALLATION

The FPS-Plus-nt enclosure should be installed inside the cockpit area of the aircraft, away from excessive vibration and high temperatures. The enclosure should be secured to a "metal panel" by the two holes provided on the bottom flanges of the enclosure. The enclosure should then be electrically connected to the aircraft chassis common. In the case of a fiberglass aircraft, you should run a separate wire to ground the chassis of the FPS-Plus-nt. The enclosure should be mounted so that the LED can be seen for initial programming only. There is no need after that.

PROGRAMMING BUTTON INSTALLATION

It is not necessary to install the programming button on your instrument panel for the FPS-Plus-nt. It is not needed after initial programming. Temporary connection is necessary for initial programming only.

WIRING

Review the wiring diagram included, along with the "Standard Aircraft Wiring Practices Guide". Wires depicted on the schematic that have a larger thickness, (the motor current wiring to the power source) should be sized for the maximum amperage for that motor circuit. An absolute maximum motor current of 10A is allowed for the FPS-Plus-nt. All other wires are low amperage wires and can be #24AWG to #18AWG.

TO MINIMIZE ELECTRICAL and/or RF INTERFERENCE

Avoid routing wiring for the FPS-Plus-nt, in the same vicinity of your radio transmitter antenna cabling or the strobe light systems. This also includes devices such as the transponder or other types of RF transmitters, or devices that put transients on the +12V or +24V power bus.

PRE-TESTING the FPS-Plus-nt AFTER INSTALLATION

PRE-TESTING the POSITION SENSOR DIRECTION

Whether your flap position sensor is separate or part of your motor assembly, you will have to ensure it is connected up properly. Please pay particular attention to the direction of travel for the proper connections. When the position sensor (potentiometer) is connected to the FPS-Plus-nt, it should be installed so that the "full up flap position" measures approximately 4.4Vdc to 4.95Vdc into the FPS-Plus-nt system. The "full down flap position" should measure approximately 0.05V to 0.6Vdc. (measurements taken from terminals 8 to 3) See the schematic diagrams for details. You can test these voltages when the potentiometers are connected to the FPS-Plus-nt, and the unit is powered on. Using the FPS-Plus-nt in Mode 1, you can actuate the flaps and see this voltage changing.

USING: RAY-ALLEN POSITION SENSORS: If you are using a Ray-Allen model POS-5, POS-7, or POS-12 position sensor, the wiper of their pot is the green wire. This should be connected to the "Flap Position In" (FPS-Plus-nt terminal 8). The orange and blue wires are the end positions of the pot. Connect the orange wire to "+5V Output" (FPS-Plus-nt terminal 4), the blue to "common" (FPS-Plus-nt terminal 3). Measure the voltages mentioned above. If you measure these voltages, and the voltages seem to be reversed from the full up and the full down positions, simply swap the orange and blue wires.

PRE-TESTING the MOTOR ASSEMBLY DIRECTION

To ensure that the flap motor assembly functions properly with the FPS-Plus-nt, you must connect it so it moves the control surface in the proper direction. Pay particular attention to the output wiring of the FPS-Plus-nt. When the wire that is connected to terminal 15, goes to +12V, the flap motor should move the flaps up. (The wire at terminal 16 will stay at common or ground potential)

FPS-Plus-nt POSITION INDICATOR OUTPUT

FPS-Plus-nt FLAP POSITION INDICATOR OUTPUT

There are several types of position indicators on the market today. Unfortunately, they all seem use different voltages for their inputs, and have different input impedance. (DO **NOT** connect your position indicators directly to the position sensors.) The FPS-Plus-nt provides an output to drive your position indicator or EFIS input. This output has two possible output scalings. One output scaling option is 0.1V to 1.2V. This one is for the RayAllen Inc. LED indicator. The second output scaling option is 0 to 6V. This one is for the RayAllen Inc. Analog indicator or EFIS input. The proper output scaling can easily be changed at installation by using jumpers on the back of the FPS-Plus-nt. . Set for 0-6V for most EFIS type system indicators. If you cannot utilize one of these two scalings for your indicators, please contact Aircraft Extras, Inc. for information on how to make these outputs work for your application

SELECTING the PROPER JUMPER POSITIONS for your FLAP POSITION INDICATOR

Having read the previous paragraph, you are now ready to select the correct jumper settings for your FPS-Plus-nt. These jumper positions are located on the back of the FPS-Plus-nt. Refer to the diagram included in this manual to select the correct jumper settings for your application.

SYSTEM OPERATION OVERVIEW

SYSTEM OPERATING MODES

There are two modes of basic operation, one mode for user programming, and one intermediate mode. The intermediate mode is used for toggling from mode to mode during system set-up only. This system is designed to operate in one of the two operating modes while in the air. NOTE: You should never change from mode to mode while in the air. The user should choose one of the two operating modes below for operating his aircraft, mode 1 or mode 3.

When the FPS-Plus-nt is on, the LED will be blinking, denoting what mode it is in. (For example, for mode 4, the LED will blink 4 times then stop for a short time, . . then repeat that process)

MODE 1 - (Manual flap operation only)

Flap moves only when flap button is pressed. You must keep holding the button for the flap to move.

MODE 2 - *(Not used with the FPS-Plus-nt)*

MODE 3 - (Automatic flap mode, moves from programmed flap stop to programmed flap stop)

Flap moves from programmed flap stop to flap stop. One press less than 1 second (Short Press) begins the movement, up or down. Hold the flap button for more than 1 second (Long Press), and the flap will go all the way to its end stop. The direction will be towards the button pressed, flap up, or flap down. If the flap is moving, to stop it, simply press the opposite command. The flap movement will stop.

MODE 4 - *(Not used with the FPS-Plus-nt)*

MODE 5 - (Program flap stops)

Operation is the same as in mode 1, except that you can erase and program intermediate flap stops.

MODE 6 - *(Not used with the FPS-Plus-nt)*

"MODE CHANGE" MODE

In this mode, you will not be able to move any control surfaces with the FPS-Plus-nt. The only thing you can do, is change modes with the program push button. You are in this mode when the LED is blinking YELLOW.

(MODE OPERATION BEFORE PROGRAMMING)

NOTE: Before you program the FPS-Plus-nt, the normal operating modes (1 or 3) will function as follows:

Mode 1 - Full operation as described above

Mode 3 - Full operation as described above (except - the only positions that will be recognized, are flap full up, and full down)

MOTOR ZERO SPEED SENSING

If the FPS-Plus-nt commands a motor to move, and it senses that the motor is at or near zero speed, the FPS-Plus-nt will stop the output command to move that particular motor within about 1 second. This is a built-in safety feature for your aircraft.

PROGRAMMING

There is one mode that you must program, mode 5. In mode 5 you can program your flap positions or "flap stops". Reading further will detail how this is accomplished.

CHANGING MODES

The first thing that you need to do, is learn how to change operating modes of the FPS-Plus-nt**. <u>This should be done only when the aircraft is on the ground, and parked.</u>** A program push button (normally open switch) should be temporarily installed between terminals 5 and 3. See the connection diagram. After the unit has been successfully programmed, this button should be removed.

To change modes of operation, simply make sure there is no power to the FPS-Plus-nt unit. Depress the program button. Keep the program button depressed, and then, turn on power to the FPS-Plus-nt. Keep the button pressed until the LED on the unit starts blinking RED, rapidly. Now, release the button. Notice that the RED LED, will blink YELLOW, indicating that the FPS-Plus-nt is in the "Mode Change" mode. The number of yellow blinks will indicate your present mode number. (For example, for mode 3, the LED will blink 3 times then stop for a short time, . . then repeat that process) Now, to change the mode, simply press and release the program button once, to advance to the next mode. Notice that the number of LED blinks changes every time that you press the program button. Do this until the LED counts, match the mode that you desire. After you have reached your desired mode, turn the unit off. When you power back up, (without depressing the program button) you will be in the mode you just selected. The unit will respond by blinking your mode number in RED, not YELLOW. Keep in mind, if the LED blinks YELLOW, the only thing you can do is change modes. You have to power down, and then back up again to be in your desired mode.

FLAP POSITION PROGRAMMING (Mode 5)

<u>Programming of the flaps should be done only when the aircraft is on the ground, and parked.</u> Temporarily install a programming push button (normally open switch) between terminals 5 and 3.

In order to program the intermediate flap stops, you will need to put the unit in mode 5. Follow the previous instructions given in "Changing Modes" to change to mode 5. Make sure the LED color is "RED", and blinking 5 times before proceeding.

Starting up in Mode 5

NOTE: This is the flap programming mode. Powering up the FPS-Plus-nt in mode 5, erases <u>ALL</u> previously programmed flap stops. Another way to ensure that they were all erased, is to depress and hold the program button in for 5 seconds or more after power up. The LED will turn GREEN temporarily, then blink RED very rapidly, letting you know that all previously programmed flap stops have been erased. Now, release the program button. You may begin programming your flap stops.

Programming the flap stops

Just as a reminder;

1.) All intermediate flap stops have to be programmed. (It can be done in any order)

2.) <u>DO NOT</u> program the full up and full down flap stop positions! The FPS-Plus-nt will sense these automatically.

Using the flap up button, position the flap so it is in its "full up" position. Remove your hand from the flap button. Now, pressing the flap down button, move the flap down to the first intermediate flap position you choose. Now, momentarily press the program button (approx. 0.5 to 1 seconds). You will note that the LED will turn GREEN while the program button is depressed, indicating that you have stored the first flap position. Press the "flap down" button again until you reach your next desired flap stop.

Repeat this process for as many flap stops as desired, until you reach your last intermediate flap stop (8 maximum). DO NOT program the full down flap position. After all intermediate flap stops have been programmed, turn the unit off. Change to mode 3. Test the flaps to see that you have programmed them properly by momentarily pressing the flap button up or down. If the flap stops are not where you desire, repeat the flap programming steps. NOTE: If your flaps do not go all the way up, or down, you may have installed the position potentiometer incorrectly.

FLIGHT TESTING

JUST TO KEEP YOU ALL SAFE!

We feel that it is the responsibility of Aircraft Extras, Inc. to protect all pilots. We have to assume that there will be all skill levels of aircraft builders and pilots using our systems. This being the case, we have to make the following recommendations to keep all of you safe during your flight testing. After all, you are using this system to automatically alter your aircraft's flight configuration.

1.) Before flight, you should have permanently installed the FPS-Plus-nt system and programmed all flap stops utilizing mode 5.

2.) Do not flight test the FPS-Plus-nt for the first time, unless you are at least 4000 AGL in altitude and you are familiar with the aircraft, flight characteristics, and all emergency procedures.

3.) Make sure you know how to override the automatic adjustments of the flap made by the FPS-Plus-nt in case of emergency. Make sure you know how to turn the FPS-Plus-nt off, and to take over manual control of the flaps.

5.) Before you fly, be sure that you test the FPS-Plus-nt (mode 3) on the ground while;
keying up each of the transmitting devices aboard the aircraft,
operating the strobe systems of the aircraft,
operating the transponder. (unit transmitting),
operating any other electrical apparatus that may interfere with the operation of the FPS-Plus-nt,
. . . . and no abnormal behavior of the flap system is noted.

6.) Ensure that all installed switches are working properly, including your manual control switches.

7.) For initial flight testing, DO NOT actuate the flaps in the air unless you are below a speed that will accept full flap travel.

If all pre-testing was satisfactory, and there was no abnormal operation, you may proceed.

Before you take flight, put the FPS-Plus-nt in mode 3. Make sure that the LED is flashing 3 times and is RED. Test the operation of the flaps. If all is OK, you may take-off normally and climb to 4000 AGL or some safe altitude. Test the flaps for all different flight configurations. Once you are satisfied with the operation you may land. This concludes the flight testing.

MISCELANEOUS

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Be prepared! Make sure that you review what needs to be done in case of a failure of the FPS-Plus-nt in flight. Put the procedures that you create, in the aircraft manual. Create and display in the aircraft, any applicable pla cards, warnings, labels, or cautions if applicable. After all, you are using this system to automatically alter your aircraft's flight configuration.

SOFTWARE

The FPS-Plus-nt is micro-controller based. If there are any safety issues or up-dates, we will attempt to contact you and advise you how to get the latest up-dates. Please keep us informed as to your latest address, or please visit our web site regularly to review any up-dates on this product. (web www.aircraftextras.com e-mail: sales@aircraftextras.com) Other features may become available for this product as well.

GOOD LUCK, have FUN, and please FLY with SAFETY!

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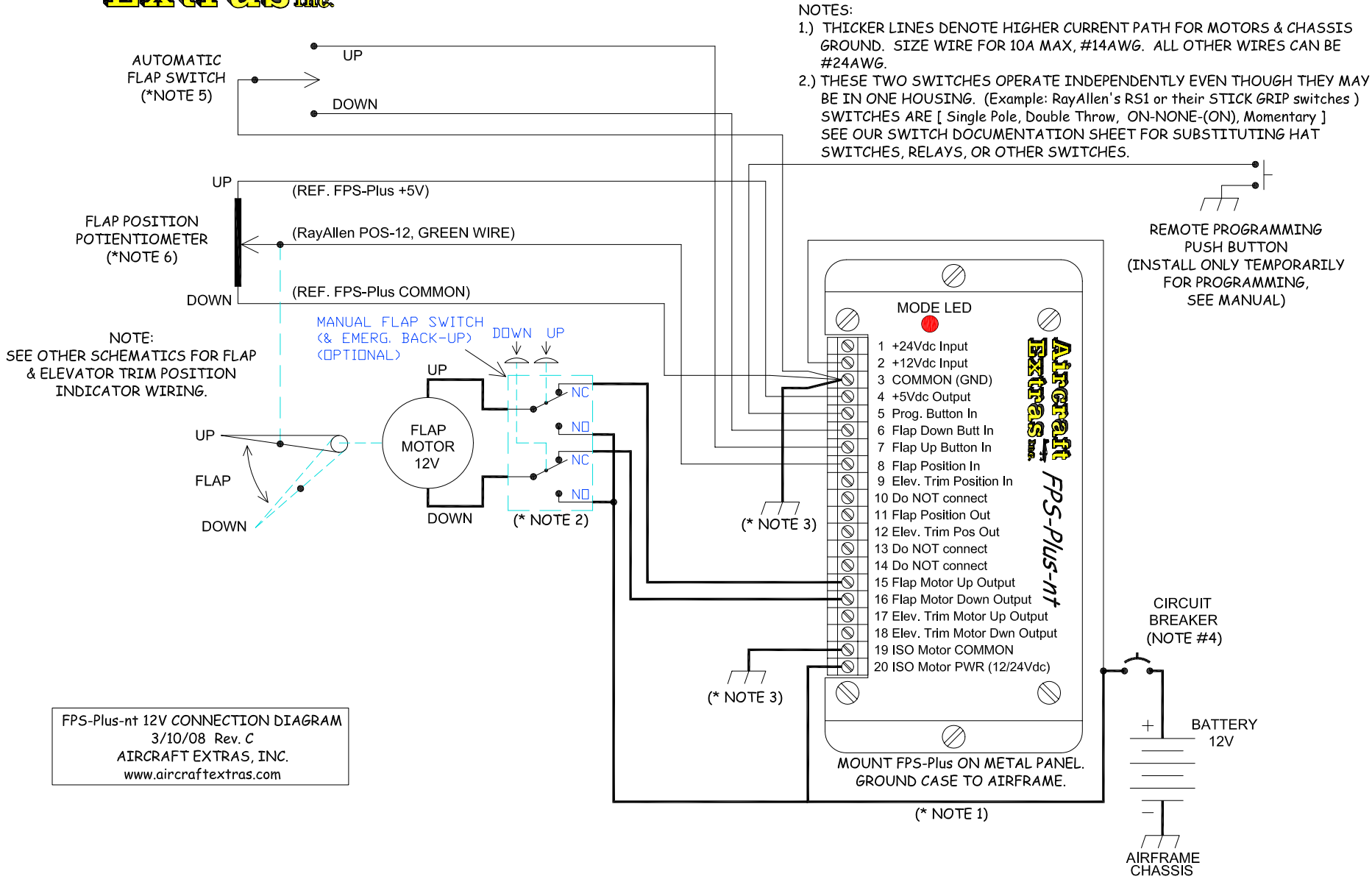
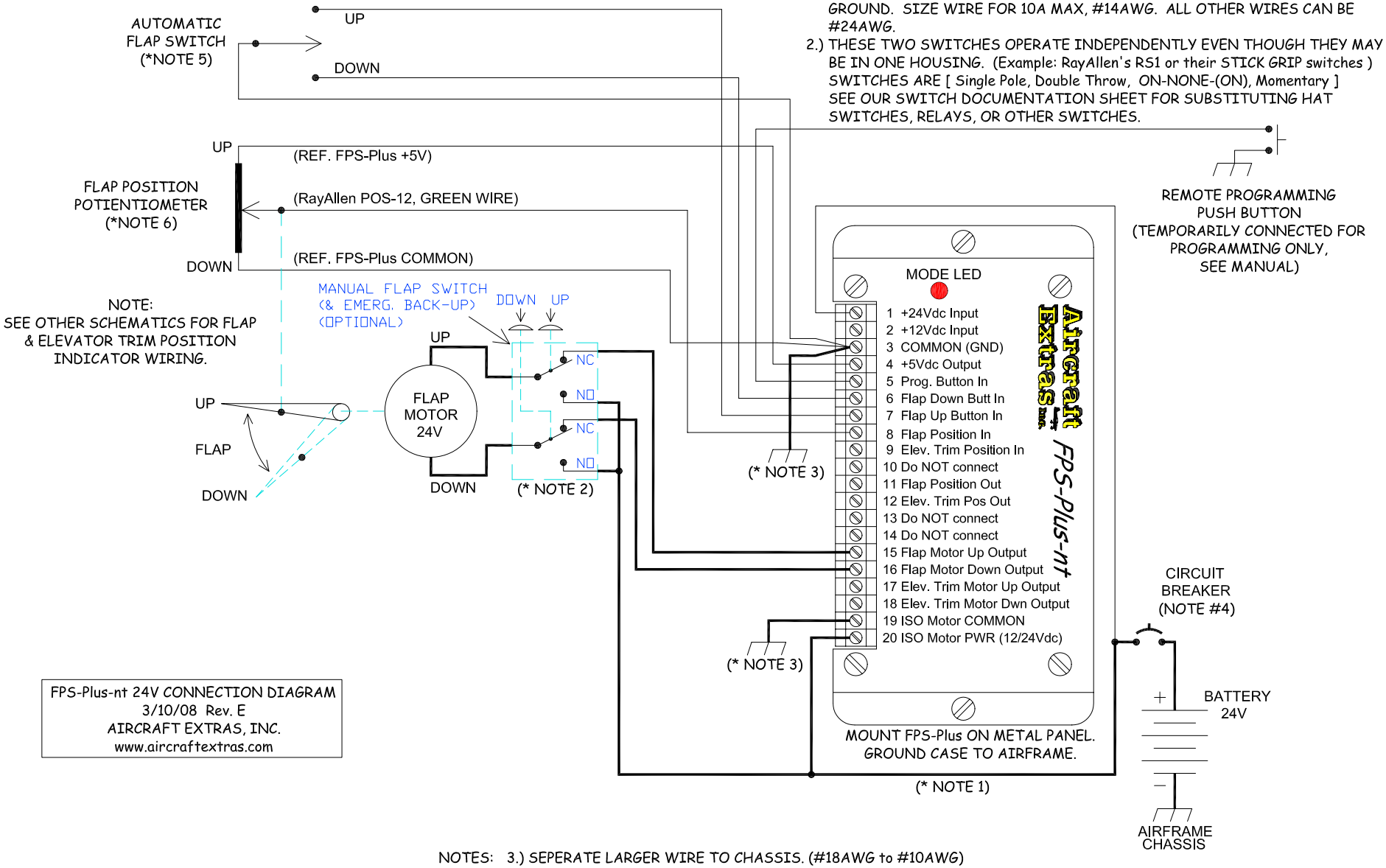
SCHEMATIC (FPS-Plus-nt for +12V Systems)



NOTES: 3.) SEPERATE LARGER WIRE TO CHASSIS. (#18AWG to #10AWG)
4.) WE RECOMMEND A PUSH-ON/PULL-OFF BREAKER. SIZE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR MAX. MOTOR CURRENTS UP TO 10A.
5.) ANY SWITCH [Single Pole, Double Throw, (ON)-OFF-(ON), Momentary] WE DO NOT RECOMMEND MOUNTING THIS SW ON STICKS SINCE ACCIDENTALLY BUMPING THIS SWITCH ACTIVATES A SIGNIFICENT FLAP MOVEMENT.
6.) POTIENTIOMETER CAN BE 5K, 10K, or 20K Ohms. (Ex. model: RayAllen's POS-12)
7.) FOR SWITCHES, (ON) MEANS "ON MOMENTARY" OR SPRING LOADED. ALL SWITCHES SHOWN DE-ENERGIZED.

SCHEMATIC (FPS-Plus-nt for +24V Systems)

NOTES:
1.) THICKER LINES DENOTE HIGHER CURRENT PATH FOR MOTORS & CHASSIS GROUND. SIZE WIRE FOR 10A MAX, #14AWG. ALL OTHER WIRES CAN BE #24AWG.
2.) THESE TWO SWITCHES OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE IN ONE HOUSING. (Example: RayAllen's RS1 or their STICK GRIP switches) SWITCHES ARE [Single Pole, Double Throw, ON-NONE-(ON), Momentary] SEE OUR SWITCH DOCUMENTATION SHEET FOR SUBSTITUTING HAT SWITCHES, RELAYS, OR OTHER SWITCHES.



FPS-Plus-nt 24V CONNECTION DIAGRAM
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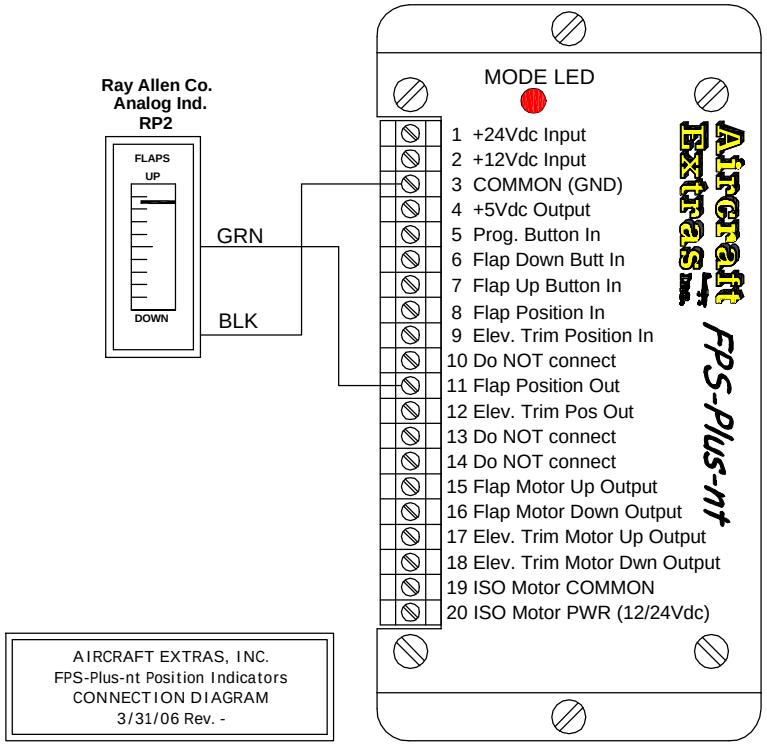
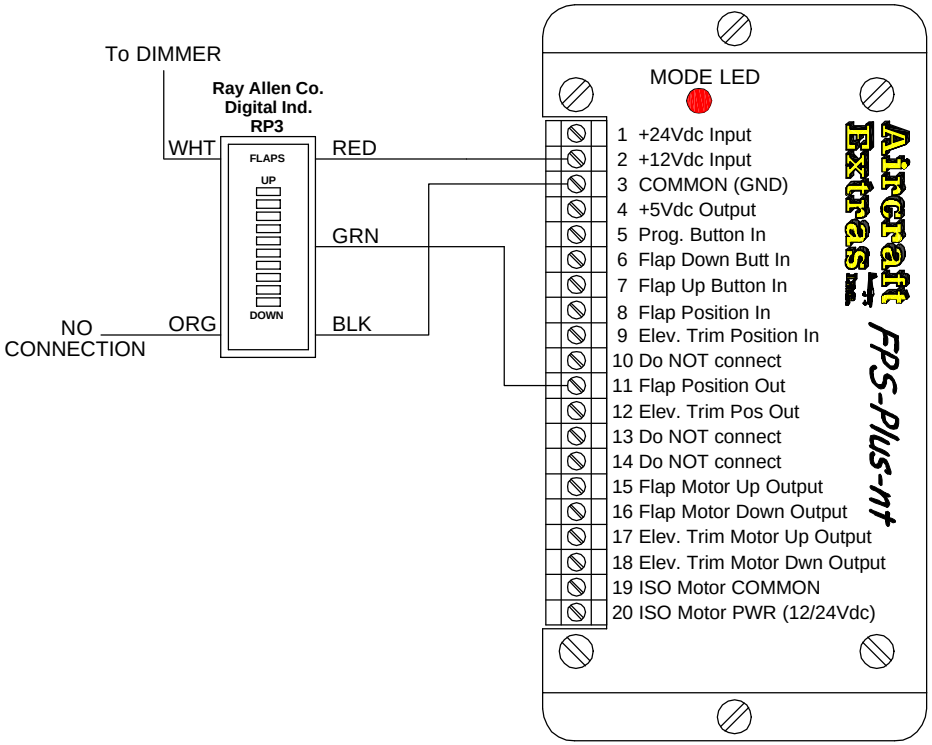
SCHEMATIC (FPS-Plus-nt Position Indicator Connection)

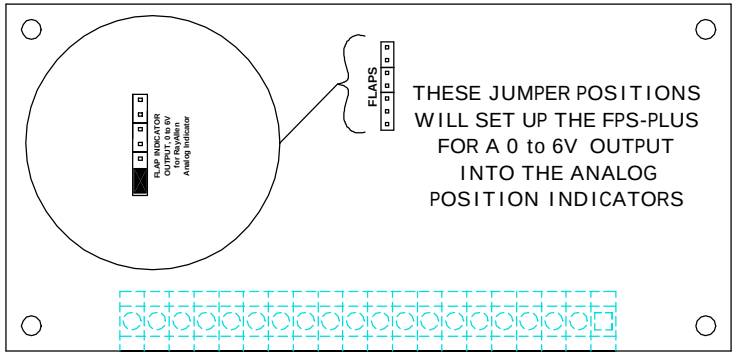
for Analog Indicators



for Digital Indicators



JUMPER CONNECTIONS (FPS-Plus-nt bottom side)



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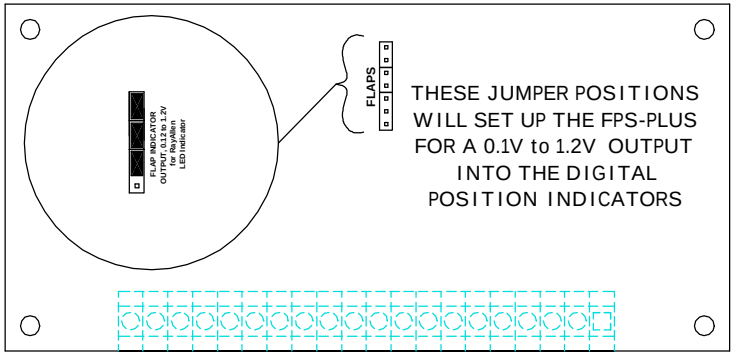


NOTES:

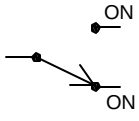
1.) IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO WIRE THE FPS-Plus-nt TO THE +12V or +24V DIAGRAMS BEFORE WIRING THE FLAP POSITION INDICATOR.

2.) OTHER OUTPUT SCALINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO INTERFACE WITH DIFFERENT POSITION INDICATORS. PLEASE CONSULT FACTORY.

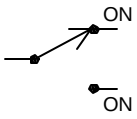
Switching Options & Background knowledge

SW1

Single Pole, Double Throw
ON-NONE-ON
2 Positions



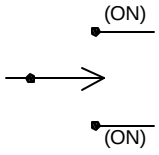
Position #1



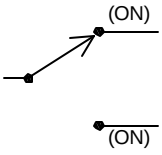
Position #2

SW2

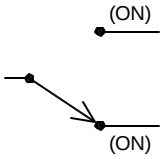
Single Pole, Double Throw
(ON)-OFF-(ON)
3 Positions
(Switch is a momentary on switch)



Position #1
Hands Off Position



Position #2
(Removing hands returns switch to Hands Off Position.)



Position #3
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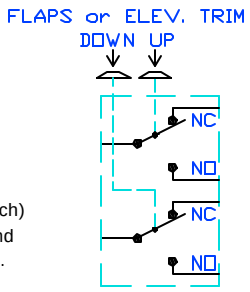

This diagram depicts 2 switches in one housing.
Each switch is operated independently.
Each switch is a Single Pole, Double Throw,
ON-NONE-(ON), 2 Position switch.
(Each switch is a spring loaded "momentary on" switch)
The RayAllen Company stick grips and their RS2 and RS2-5 panel switches can be wired in this manner.

Figure 1

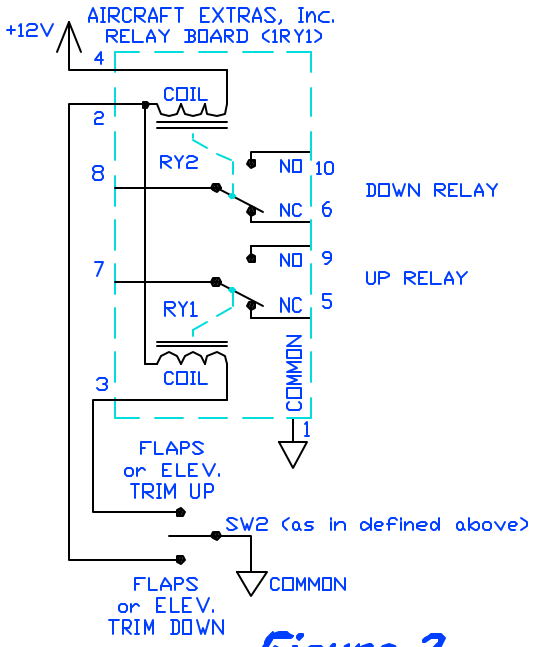

Figure 2

NOTE:
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE 2 INDEPENDENT SWITCHES THAT YOU CAN WIRE LIKE FIGURE #1, YOU CAN OBTAIN THIS SAME SWITCHING ACTION BY USING A STANDARD SWITCH (SW2 as pictured above) WITH OUR RELAY BOARD (1RY1). SEE THE DIAGRAM ABOVE. THE RELAY BOARD ARCING PROTECTION CIRCUITRY WAS OMITTED FROM THIS DIAGRAM FOR SIMPLICITY. IF YOU DESIRE TO ADD A SWITCH FOR THE CO-PILOT OR TO ANOTHER PANEL LOCATION, YOU MAY ACHIEVE THIS BY SIMPLY PARALLELING SEVERAL SWITCHES FOR SW2.

GENERAL NOTES:
1.) FOR SWITCHES, (ON) MEANS "ON MOMENTARY" OR SPRING LOADED.
2.) FOR RELAYS, NO = NORMALLY OPEN, NC = NORMALLY CLOSED WHEN DE-ENERGIZED.
3.) ALL RELAYS AND SWITCHES ARE SHOWN IN THE DE-ENERGIZED STATE.

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SWITCHING OPTIONS DIAGRAM
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