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System Twenty/System Thirty System Thirty ALT Autopilots Pilot's Operating Handbook



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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

The primary purpose of the System Twenty/Thirty/Thirty ALT Pilot Operating Handbook (**POH**) is to provide pilots with step-by-step functional Preflight and In-Flight Operating Procedures for the installed system.

NOTICE

This handbook must be used in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) or Aircraft Flight Manual Supplement (AFMS). Refer to the applicable AFM or AFMS for aircraft specific information, aircraft emergency procedures, and return of aircraft to service.

If the autopilot is to be used during Instrument Flight Rules **(IFR)** operations, we recommend that you develop a thorough understanding of the autopilot system, its functions, and characteristics in Visual Meteorological Conditions **(VMC)**. Accomplish this before undertaking an **IFR** flight.

SECTION 2 BLOCK DIAGRAM

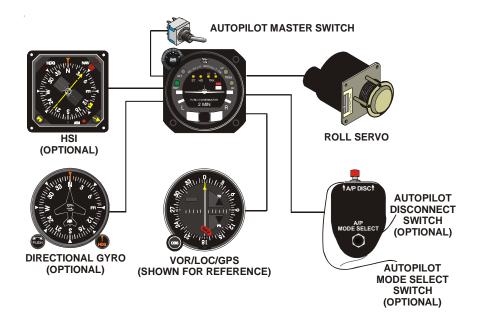


Fig. 2-1. System Twenty Block Diagram

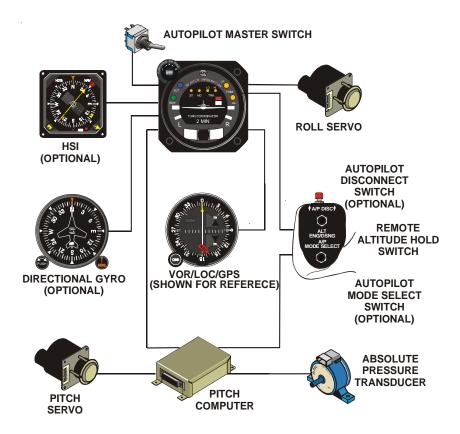


Fig. 2-2. System Thirty Block Diagram

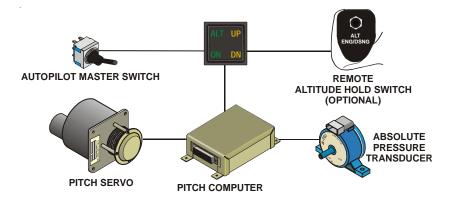


Fig. 2-3. System Thirty ALT Block Diagram

SECTION 3 THEORY OF OPERATION

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SYSTEM TWENTY/THIRTY/THIRTY ALT POH

3.0 Theory of Operation

3.1 System Twenty Modes of Operation



- 1. The System Twenty provides the aircraft with Roll Axis control only.
- The Turn Coordinator contains the Roll Computer, Rate Gyro, AP pick-off, Rate Gyro RPM detector, and an instrument power monitor that will flag if low system voltage occurs.
- 3. The System Twenty Turn Coordinator receives power through the battery buss and connects through an existing circuit breaker **(CB)** such that the basic Turn Coordinator function is powered on application of aircraft power. With adequate power applied, the Red Flag in the face of the unit fully retracts, indicating the Turn Coordinator function is operational.
- 4. A separately mounted ON/OFF panel switch and an **AP CB** provides Integrated Roll Computer power. Power to the **AP CB** can be supplied through the Avionics Master Switch. When activated a self-test is completed. The Functional Preflight section contains this procedure.
- 5. The Rate Gyro is the basic sensor for roll stabilization.
- 6. The Rate Gyro signal combines with the Turn Command Knob, Heading Error Signal, or **NAV** inputs to generate a Roll Error signal, which then drives the roll servo as needed.
- 7. The System Twenty operates in one of four roll modes. The modes are Stabilizer, Heading, Low Track, and High Track, the latter two being navigation modes.
- 8. The green Ready **(RDY)** Light indicates the gyro has reached its operating **RPM** and the autopilot can be engaged.
- 9. The multi-functional Push Mode Select Knob, with each push, engages any one of the four autopilot modes sequentially. Depress and hold it until the **AP** disconnects.



10. In the Stabilizer Mode (ST), the Mode Select Knob, when centered, holds the wings level. When turned left or right it sends a proportional turn command to the roll servo. It activates the turn command for roll axis maneuvers up to 90% of a standard rate turn. The turn command function is inactive in HD, LO-TRK, and HI-TRK modes.



11. Heading Mode requires an optional Directional Gyro (DG) or Horizontal Situation Indicator (HSI) with compatible outputs. The heading bug permits pre-selected heading turns and heading hold. If the System Twenty is not interfaced to an autopilot compatible DG or HSI the autopilot will by-pass this mode and advance to the "LO-TRK" mode.



12. LO-TRK Mode is primarily for VOR cross-country navigation. The low gain minimizes autopilot response to needle deviations. This will prevent over-correction in areas where low elevation or extreme distances from a VOR cause the needle to become noisy or have a scalloping effect.



- 13. The **HI-TRK** Mode is designed for Localizer approaches, **GPS/LORAN** tracking, and a more aggressive **NAV** tracking such as **VOR** approaches.
- 14. The aircraft lighting rheostat controls the AP systems light intensity.

3.2 System Thirty Modes of Operation

NOTE: The Roll Axis is identical for the System Twenty and System Thirty. Refer to the System Twenty section for Roll Axis procedures.



- 1. The System Thirty incorporates an accelerometer and absolute pressure transducer as pitch rate sensors.
- 2. The Dynamic Acceleration, Vertical Speed, and Altitude Error Signals combine to obtain the Pitch Error Signal that drives the pitch servo as needed.
- 3. Altitude Hold Mode, the blue Altitude Hold light, located above the green "RDY" light illuminates when Altitude Hold engages.
- 4. The trim Up light indicates the aircraft is out of trim nose down and requires elevator "UP" trim.
- 5. The trim Dn light indicates the aircraft is out of trim nose up and requires elevator "**DOWN**" trim.
- 6. When both lights are out, the aircraft is in trim.
- 7. The aircraft lighting rheostat controls the **AP** systems light intensity.
- *NOTE:* A roll mode must be engaged before **ALT** can be engaged.

3.3 System Thirty ALT Modes of Operation



- 1. The System Thirty ALT provides aircraft pitch axis control only. The System Thirty and Thirty ALT pitch computers are identical.
- The Dynamic Acceleration, Vertical Speed, and Altitude Error Signals combine to obtain the Pitch Error Signal, which then drives the pitch servo as needed.
- 3. Green "ON" and "ALT" lights will illuminate when the ALT Hold switch is engaged on the ALT Hold Push ON/OFF panel. A yellow trim UP or DOWN light will illuminate and a steady audio alert will accompany the trim light after approximately five seconds. If the pilot fails to trim the aircraft, the UP or DN trim light will begin to flash accompanied by a beeping tone to emphasis a need for trim. When lights are out, the aircraft is in trim.
- Altitude Hold Power comes through the Master Power Switch for the Thirty ALT System. This switch must be ON before the "ALT Hold" switch will function.
- 5. The control wheel **ALT ENG/DSNG** switch is an optional switch that permits the pilot to engage or disengage the Altitude Hold from the control wheel once the Master Switch has been powered up.
- 6. The aircraft lighting rheostat controls the **AP** systems light intensity.

SECTION 4 PROCEDURES

4.0 Procedures

4.1 System Twenty Functional Pre-Flight Procedures

- **NOTE:** There must be adequate aircraft DC voltage (14 or 28 VDC) to perform these checks. Low voltage may adversely effect the Functional Pre-flight Procedures.
- Autopilot Master Switch "ON". The RDY, ST, HD, LO-TRK, and HI-TRK lamps will temporarily illuminate on the annunciator panel. After 7 seconds, all lamps will be out. After 1-2 minutes the green "RDY" light illuminates indicating the autopilot can be engaged.
- Press and release the Mode Select Knob; "ST" lamp illuminates. Rotate turn knob left then right, observe that the control wheel moves respectively. Center the Mode Select Knob. The control wheel should remain motionless.
- Set the DG (if installed) and place the heading bug under the Lubber line. Press and release the Mode Select Knob, "HD" lamp illuminates. Rotate heading bug left then right, observe the control wheel moves respectively.
- 4. <u>Override Test</u>: Grasp the control wheel and slowly overpower the roll servo left and right to ensure proper clutch action.

CAUTION

Control wheel movements should be smooth. If any unusual noise or feel occurs immediately inspect the installation and the clutch setting and repair as needed. <u>Do not operate the Autopilot under these conditions.</u>

- <u>Radio Check:</u> Tune the NAV radio to a valid VOR signal. Press and release Mode Select Knob, LO-TRK lamp illuminates. Move VOR OBS so the CDI needle moves left and right. Observe that the control wheel moves respectively. Press and release Mode Select Knob, HI-TRK lamp illuminates. Perform the same test. The control wheel response should be slightly faster in this mode.
- Press and hold the Mode Select Knob until the A/P disconnects. Repeat this test using the optional control wheel mounted A/P disconnect switch, if installed. As the autopilot disconnects, the "RDY" light flashes with a five-second audible beeping tone.

4.2 System Twenty In-Flight Procedures

- 1. Check that the "RDY" light is ON.
- 2. Trim aircraft to desired flight conditions.
- 3. Center Mode Select Knob, press and release to engage the "ST" mode.
- 4. Set the Mode Select Knob as desired for level flight or turns.
- 5. Set the heading bug (if installed) to a desired heading, press and release the Mode Select Knob to engage "HD".

4.3 VOR Tracking and VOR Approach

- **NOTE:** The System Twenty/Thirty does not provide intercept capability but will accurately track a reliable navigation signal when following any of the following procedures:
- 1. Tune the NAV receiver, verify a valid NAV Signal, and then select a Radial.
- 2. Set the A/P NAV select switch to the proper source, if so equipped.
- 3. Maneuver the aircraft to within +/-1 needle width and within 10° HDG of the selected radial.
- Press and release Mode Select Knob until LO-TRK lamp illuminates for VOR cross country or HI-TRK for VOR approaches and more sensitive tracking.

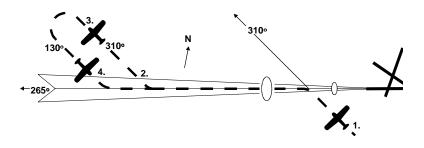
4.4 Localizer Approach

- 1. Tune the NAV receiver to the desired Localizer frequency.
- 2. Set A/P NAV select switch to proper source, if so equipped.
- 3. Maneuver the aircraft to within +/-1 needle width and within 10[°] HDG of the published inbound localizer course.
- 4. Press and release Mode Select Knob until HI-TRK lamp illuminates.

4.5 GPS Tracking and GPS Approach

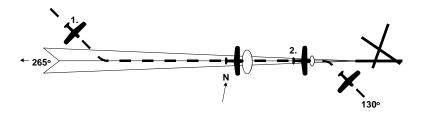
- 1. Enter desired waypoint in GPS receiver.
- 2. Set A/P NAV select switch to proper source, if so equipped.
- 3. Maneuver the aircraft to within +/-1 needle width and within 10° of the course displayed on the GPS receiver.
- 4. Press and release Mode Select Knob until HI-TRK lamp illuminates.
- **NOTE:** This procedure is also applicable with Loran.
- **NOTE:** When flying multiple waypoints repeat steps 3 & 4 for each leg if it involves more than a 10° course change.

4.6 Procedure Turn Localizer Approach and Tracking with Standard DG



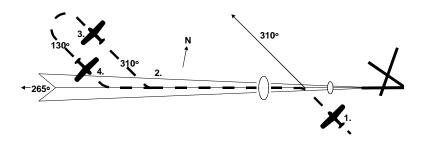
- 1. A. Tune navigation radio to LOC frequency.
 - B. Set heading bug to published **OUTBOUND** LOC heading. Select HDG Mode.
- 2. A. Set heading bug to OUTBOUND procedure turn heading.
- 3. A. In 90 ° increments, set heading bug to **INBOUND** procedure turn heading.
- 4. A. Set heading bug to **INBOUND** LOC heading.
 - B. Select the HI-TRK mode. Autopilot will track **INBOUND** to the airport.
 - C. Once established in HI-TRK mode, set heading bug to the published missed approach heading.
- **NOTE:** Before engaging HI-TRK be sure the aircraft is on course within ± 1 needle width and within $\pm 10^{\circ}$ of HDG of the inbound course.
- 5. If a missed approach is declared at the middle marker:
 - A. Disconnect the autopilot and stabilize the aircraft for the missed approach.
 - B. Select the HDG mode.

4.7 Straight-In Localizer Approach and Tracking with Standard DG



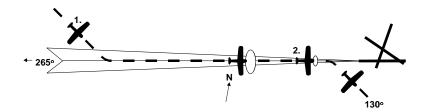
- 1. A. With HDG Mode selected, tune navigation radio to localizer frequency.
 - B. With HDG bug, position aircraft on the Localizer **INBOUND** course.
 - C. Select the HI-TRK mode. Autopilot will track **INBOUND** to the airport.
 - D. Once established in HI-TRK mode, set heading bug to the published missed approach heading.
- **NOTE:** Before engaging HI-TRK be sure the aircraft is on course within ± 1 needle width and within $\pm 10^{\circ}$ of HDG of the inbound course.
- 2. If a missed approach is declared at the middle marker:
 - A. Disconnect the autopilot and stabilize the aircraft for the missed approach.
 - B. Select the HDG mode.

4.8 Procedure Turn Localizer Approach and Tracking, Optional HSI



- 1. A. Tune navigation radio to LOC frequency.
 - B. Set published INBOUND LOC course with course pointer.
 - C. Set HDG bug to desired HDG for Localizer **OUTBOUND**. Press HDG mode switch.
- 2. A. Set HDG bug to published **OUTBOUND** procedure turn HDG.
- 3. A. In 90° increments, set heading bug to INBOUND procedure turn heading.
 - B. When established on **INBOUND** course to the airport select HI-TRK mode.
 - C. Once established in HI-TRK mode, set heading bug to the published missed approach heading.
- **NOTE:** Before engaging HI-TRK be sure the aircraft is on course within ± 1 needle width and within $\pm 10^{\circ}$ of HDG of the inbound course.
- 4. If a missed approach is declared at the middle marker:
 - A. Disconnect the autopilot and stabilize the aircraft for the missed approach.
 - B. Select the HDG mode.

4.9 Straight-In Localizer Approach and Tracking, Optional HSI



- 1. A. With the HDG Mode selected, tune navigation radio to LOC frequency.
 - B. Set published INBOUND LOC course with course pointer.
 - C. With the HDG bug, position the aircraft on the Localizer course.
 - D. Select HI-TRK mode. The A/P will track **INBOUND** to the airport.
 - E. Once established in HI-TRK mode, set heading bug to the published missed approach heading.
- **NOTE:** Before engaging HI-TRK be sure the aircraft is on course within ± 1 needle width and within $\pm 10^{\circ}$ of HDG of the inbound course.
- 2. If a missed approach is declared at the Middle Marker:
 - A. Disconnect the autopilot and stabilize the aircraft for the missed approach.
 - B. Select the HDG mode.

4.10 System Thirty Functional Pre-Flight Procedures

NOTE: Refer to the System Twenty Pre-Flight for Roll command checks.

- 1. Autopilot Master Switch "ON".
- 2. RDY, ST, HD, LO-TRK, HI-TRK, Trim-Up, Trim-Dn, Alt, all annunciate.
- 3. Trim-Up light extinguishes after 2 seconds. All others extinguish after 7 seconds except ALT, which extinguishes after 10 seconds.
- 4. Engage desired roll mode, move control wheel to the neutral position.
- 5. Select ALT mode by pressing and releasing the Remote Altitude Hold ENG/DSNG switch. The blue indicator light will illuminate.
- Slowly apply forward pressure to the control wheel, "Trim-Up" light illuminates and alert tone is audible, release pressure. Light should go out and tone off.
- **NOTE:** Some aircraft have weights in the control system that may apply a FWD pressure when the controls are released. This keeps the "Trim Up" light illuminated. Applying AFT pressure to the controls during this check will "Unload" this pressure on the system.
- Slowly pull control wheel aft until the "Trim Down" light illuminates and alert tone is audible, return wheel to neutral. Light should go out and tone is off.
- 8. Press and release the Alt Hold ENG/DSNG switch, the blue indicator should go out. Verify disengagement of the pitch servo by moving the control wheel fwd and aft.
- Press and hold the Mode Select Switch, until the A/P disconnects or the optional control wheel mounted A/P Disconnect Switch (if installed). The RDY light flashes, you should get an audible beeping tone for approximately 5 seconds.

4.11 System 30 In-Flight Procedures

CAUTION

If necessary, the required Pre-flight Test can be conducted in flight. However, during the power up test, the pitch servo will engage and disengage to ensure that it will disengage during excessive "G" conditions. Therefore, do not attempt flight maneuvers during the power up test.

CAUTION

If the pilot fails to trim the aircraft, the UP or DN trim light will annunciate with an audible alert tone. Within 4 seconds, the trim light will flash and the alert tone will beep.

- 1. Trim aircraft for level flight conditions, set power and permit air speed to stabilize, then trim elevator as required.
- Toggle "A/P" switch "ON"; verify green "RDY" light is illuminated after power on test terminates.
- 3. Select desired Roll Mode, verify light illuminates.
- 4. Engage Altitude Hold, verify blue "ALT" indicator light illuminates.
- 5. Trim elevator according to light indication on the System Thirty controller.
- 6. In order to climb or descend, disengage the Altitude Hold.
- **NOTE:** If aircraft encounters turbulence, it is normal for the Trim Annunciator Lights to flicker. Elevator trim is only required if the trim Annunciator Light remains on and you hear an alert tone.
- **EXAMPLE:** "Trim Up" indicates the need for nose up trim. The aircraft is in trim when both lights are out.

4.12 System Thirty ALT Functional Pre-flight Procedures

- **NOTE:** There must be adequate aircraft DC voltage (14 or 28 VDC) to perform these checks.
- 1. Each time the Altitude Hold power is switched on, the system will go through a self-test. All annunciator lights and the integral pitch accelerometer circuitry are tested during this time. The following should occur:
 - A. All lights on the switch should illuminate.
 - B. Trim UP light goes out.
 - C. Trim DN light goes out.
 - D. ALT and ON lights go out.
 - E. The system is ready for engagement after approximately 15 seconds.
- **NOTE:** If the system test fails, the Altitude Hold cannot be engaged, and service is required.

CAUTION

If necessary, the required pre-flight test can be conducted in flight. However, when the trim lights are flashing the pitch servo will momentarily engage and disengage as part of the test. Therefore, avoid flight maneuvers during the test.

- 2. Center the elevator control and engage the Altitude Hold. Notice that the pitch servo engages.
- 3. Slowly apply forward pressure on the control wheel, after 3 seconds the trim UP light illuminates with an audible tone. In approximately 5 seconds, the trim light flashes and audio beeps until the aircraft is trimmed.
- 4. Slowly apply aft pressure on the control wheel, after 3 seconds the trim DN light illuminates with an audible tone.
- Disconnect the Altitude Hold by pressing the face of the Altitude Hold Switch or by using the remote ALT ENG/DSNG switch (if installed) on the control wheel.
- 6. Verify that the pitch servo has disengaged by moving the control wheel fwd and aft .

4.13 System Thirty ALT In-Flight Procedures

- 1. Maintain roll axis trim during Altitude Hold operation.
- 2. Trim aircraft for level flight conditions, set power, and permit air speed to stabilize, then trim elevator as required.
- 3. Engage ALT Hold by pushing the Altitude Hold Switch or the remote ALT ENG/DSNG Switch (if installed) on the control wheel.
- 4. Trim the elevator according to the trim indications on the Altitude Hold annunciator panel.
- 5. Disengage the Altitude Hold for climb or descent modes of flight.
- **NOTE:** If the aircraft encounters turbulence, it is normal for the Trim Annunciator Lights to flicker. Elevator trim is only required if the trim Annunciator Light remains on and you hear an alert tone.
- **EXAMPLE:** "Trim DN" indicates the need for nose down trim. The Aircraft is in trim with both lights out.
- **NOTE:** If using the Thirty ALT system as a stand alone A/P, without a Roll Axis system, do not use bank angles exceeding 30°, excessive altitude losses may occur with the need to re-trim the elevator.

4.14 Emergency Procedures

If the aircraft, that has a System Twenty/Thirty/Thirty ALT installed, encounters any malfunctions with the A/P, follow the procedures below.

The information is supplemental to and does not supercede or amend the information provided in the AFMS, POHS, SFM, for specific aircraft and autopilot installation manuals.

NOTE: If the aircraft does not have a copy of the required AFMS, please call customer service and S-TEC will provide a copy at no cost. Have the aircraft model and type of auto pilot when calling for this supplement.

WARNING

In case of an autopilot malfunction, do not attempt to diagnose the problem in flight.

- 1. Immediately regain manual control of the aircraft by overpowering the servo(s) and then disconnect the autopilot system.
- **NOTE:** The system includes a friction override clutch and a disconnect device at each Servo for that purpose. Over powering the Servo will not damage the system.
- 2. To disconnect the A/P, use of the following means. Press and release the remote A/P disconnect switch on the control wheel (if installed). Press and hold the Mode Select Knob (System Twenty/Thirty only) on the Turn Coordinator/Roll Computer. Move the autopilot master switch to "OFF". Pull the autopilot circuit breaker.
- 3. If improper operation occurs during instrument approach conditions, disconnect the system and fly a manual approach. If a failure occurs inside the Final Approach Fix, it may be desirable to conduct a Missed Approach. Notify Air Traffic Control (ATC) of the problem and fly the approach manually, seeking ATC's assistance as necessary.
- 4. If a particular mode of operation, including ALT Hold, develops a fault peculiar to that mode only, it is permissible to operate the system in other modes as long as a determination can be made as to their operational condition.

SECTION 5 APPENDICES

Appendix A: Specifications

System Requirements

Turn Coordinator

Power required Flag Voltage Detector limits Flag RPM Detector limits Current requirements Weight Dimensions TSO

Directional Gyro

Power required Minimal air flow Air filtration Autopilot pickoff

Weight Dimensions Internal lights

Roll Servo

Power required Weight Dimensions TSO

Pitch Computer

Power required Weight Dimensions TSO

Absolute Pressure Transducer

Power required Pressure range Overpressure Weight

Pitch Servo

Power required Weight Dimensions TSO 14/28 VDC 9.0 VDC (approx.) Normal RPM <20% 0.3 Amp 2.2 lbs. 3.28 x 3.28 x 7.4 in. C3d, C9c

Vacuum or pressure, 4.5-5.2 Hg 2.2 CFM 3 Micron, 95% AC, linear transformer, 5kHz, 8 Vac (pp) supplied by autopilot 3.4 lbs. 3.38 x 3.38 x 8.35 in. 14/28 VDC

14/28 VDC 2.9 lbs. 3.75 x 3.75 x 7.25 in. C9c

14/28 VDC 1.1 lbs. 5.8 x 1.75 x 3.25 in. C9c

10 VDC 0-15 PSI Absolute 150% of operating maximum 0.2 lbs.

14/28 VDC 2.9 lbs. 3.75 x 3.75 x 7.25 in. C9c

Average Operating Current

<u>System</u>	<u>@14 Vdc</u>	@28 Vdc
Twenty/Thirty/Thirty ALT	1.0 Amps	0.5 Amps
	Max Current	
Overlage	@441/-1-	
<u>System</u>	<u>@14 Vdc</u>	<u>@28 Vdc</u>
<u>System</u> Twenty	<u>@14 Vdc</u> 3.0 Amps	<u>@28 Vdc</u> 2.0 Amps

SECTION 6 GLOSSARY

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GLOSSARY

Term	Meaning
ALT	Altitude
AFM	Aircraft Flight Manual
AFMS	Aircraft Flight Manual Supplement
AP	Autopilot
СВ	Circuit Breaker
CDI	Course Deviation Indicator
CWS	Control Wheel Steering
DG	Directional Gyro
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GPS	Global Positioning System
HDG	Heading
Hg	Mercury
HSI	Horizontal Situation Indicator
HI-TRK	High Gain Tracking
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
IFP	In Flight Procedures
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
LOC	Localizer
LORAN	Long Range Navigation
LO-TRK	Low Gain Tracking
NAV	Navigation
OBS	Omnibearing Selector
POH/(S)	Pilot Operating Handbook/(Supplement)
PSI	Pounds Per Square Inch
RDY	Ready
SFM	Supplement Flight Manual
ST	Stabilizer
TSO	Technical Standard Order
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VOR	Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Radio Range

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