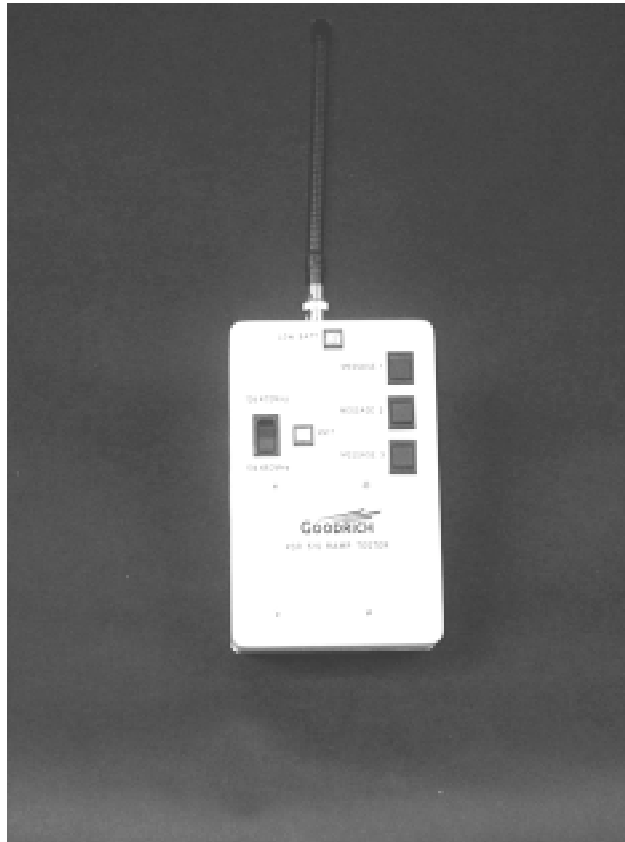

Operator Manual
FIS-B Ramp Tester
For The KMD 540/KDR 510
FIS-B Avionics Display System



FIS-B Ramp Tester

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1 Contents And Setup

The Ramp Tester system includes the following items:

1. Ramp Tester Electronics Assembly
2. Plug In antenna assembly (BNC connector)
3. External Power Supply <Not provided with prototype units>
4. This Operators Manual

1.1 Assembling The Ramp Tester

Remove the Ramp Test Electronics Assembly from the shipping package and plug in the supplied antenna. The Ramp Tester (RT) is now ready to use. Note: the prototype unit(s) are shipped with the alkaline batteries already connected.

1.2 Front Panel Controls

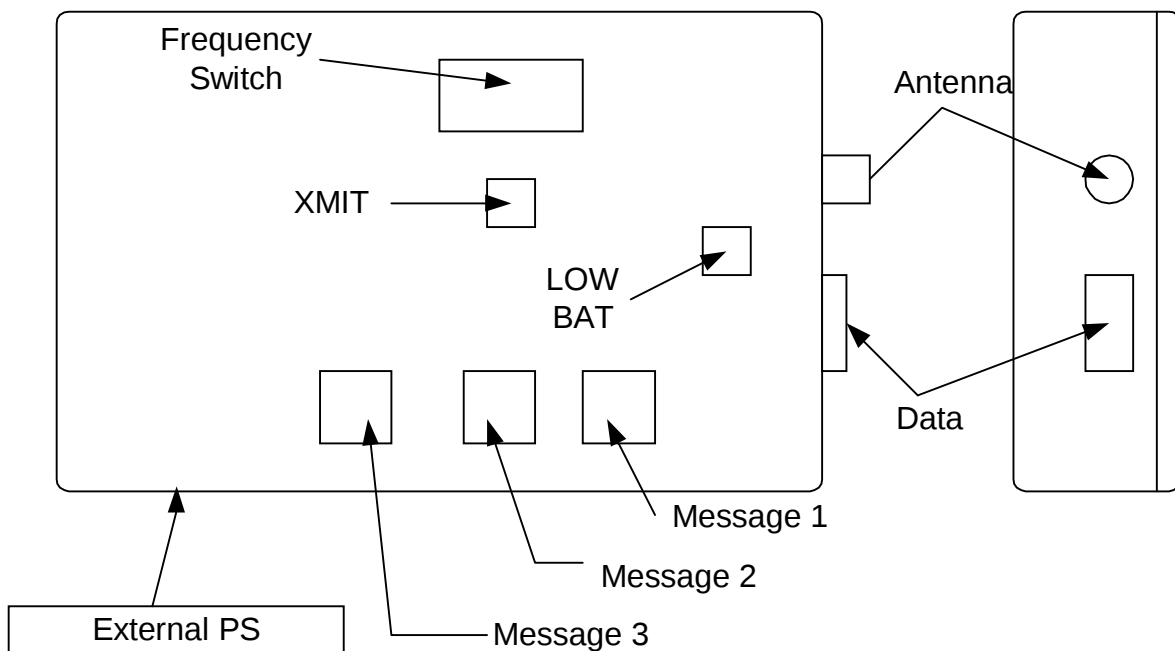


Figure 1 Controls and Connectors

2 Using The Ramp Tester

Using the Ramp Tester to ground test a FIS-B installation typically consists of several steps:

1. Power on the KMD 540/KDR 510 system and configure the KMD 540 display
2. While watching the KMD 540 display, transmit a message from the Ramp Tester by pressing one of the 'Message' buttons.
3. Interpret the results.

During the test process, please refer to the KDR 510 and KMD 540 manuals (Install and Operations) for additional details which are not covered here.

2.1 Short Course in Operating the KMD 540

The following is a quick summary on accessing some of the pertinent pages on the KMD 540. Please refer to the KMD 540 manual for more detail.

2.1.1 Accessing The Weather Display Page

The 'Weather Display Page' displays the graphical weather as well as the text based weather products. To access the 'Weather Display Page, press the [WX] key on the front of the KMD 540. Each time you press the [WX] key, you will bring up, alternately, a different weather product.

The actual weather products will depend on what options you have installed in your KMD 540. For our examples, the system has a StormScope attached as well as the FIS-B system. The first page is the 'StormScope' page, the next page is the 'NEXRAD Base Reflectivity' page and the third page is the 'Graphical METARS' page. You can also cycle between the 'NEXRAD Base Reflectivity' page and the 'Graphical METARS' page by pushing the [MODE] button. While on the 'Graphical METARS' page moving the joystick will activate each METAR site as the pointer head passes over the site on the map. When a site is highlighted, then pressing the [MORE INFO] key will bring up the text display page(s). While in the text display mode, pressing the [MODE] key will now bring up (alternately) the different text pages, i.e. METAR, PIREP, TAF, etc. Refer to the following pictures for examples:



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2.1.2 Accessing the FIS DATA page

The FIS DATA page allows us to observe and change the receiver RF receive frequency, observe the weather data packet count, etc. Pressing the following keys in sequence accesses this page: [AUX] → [WX SETUP] → [FIS] → [FIS DIAG] → [Enter password] → [FIS DATA].



Figure 2 FIS DATA Page

In the FIS DATA page shown in Figure 2, for example, the screen indicates:

FIS Data	Data	Interpretation
System Time	01/23/02 20:54:14	System Time is 20:54:14 Zulu on January 23, 2002
APDU frame count	5,914	There have been 5,914 APDU frames received since the last power on OR the last time the [CLEAR DATA] button was used
Last Product ID	402 Metar	The last weather product received was a METAR (weather product ID was '402')
Last Image Time	01/23/02 20:51:00	The last image product was time stamped 20:51:00 Zulu on January 23, 2002

When a system is first turned on or after the [CLEAR DATA] button has been pressed, all of the data on this screen will be 'zero'ed out except for the 'HDLC frame count' and the 'Frequency'. The 'HDLC frame count' will indicate some number which is incrementing by 1 every second (this is the display talking with the radio). The 'Frequency' will be set to whatever the default frequency is or whatever the frequency was the last time the system was powered down or whatever the user has last set it to. For the screen in Figure 2, the frequency is 136.450 MHz.

2.2 Configure the KMD 540/KDR 510 system

Generally you will want to change the operating frequency so it does not interfere with whatever Honeywell FIS-B ground station is active in your area. The frequency should also be one selectable on the Ramp Tester. <the prototype Ramp Tester can tune 136.450 MHz and 136.475 MHz>.

To change the RF frequency, access the 'FIS DATA' page as discussed in 2.1.2. Use the joystick control in the upper right hand corner of the KMD 540 front panel to either increase (press UP) or decrease (press DOWN) the

operating frequency. The displayed frequency will change in 25 kHz increments. Release the joystick when the desired frequency is reached.

You may also want to press the [CLEAR DATA] key to clear the 'FIS DATA' page. This will make it easier to detect changes when a message is received from the Ramp Tester.

2.3 Transmit A Test Message

Transmitting a test message is a simple 2-step process:

1. Set the Ramp Tester frequency to the selected KMD 540/KDR 510 frequency by setting the 'Frequency' switch to the desired setting – up for 136.475 MHz and down for 136.450 MHz.
2. Press the desired 'Message' button. The 'XMIT' button will light during the duration of the transmission. The Ramp Tester will turn itself off when the message is finished. The Ramp Tester will remain OFF until the next time a 'Message' button is pressed.

2.4 Interpret The Results

There are several interesting observations that can be made when a message from the Ramp Tester has been received:

- 2.4.1 'Lightning Bolt' on Tower Symbol
If you have the FIS-B 'Weather Display Page' active (either the 'NEXRAD Base Reflectivity' page or the 'Graphical METARS' page), you will observe lightning bolts next to the tower symbol in the bottom left hand corner of the display screen. These lightning bolts indicate that a message is being received by KMD 540 display.
- 2.4.2 APDU Counter on FIS DATA page
Each time a valid message is received the APDU counter will increment by some number 'n'. The exact value of n will depend on the type of message being received. Each Mode 2 VDL RF transmission can contain up to eight(8) APDUs. The METAR message in the Ramp Tester will increment the APDU counter by 5.
- 2.4.3 Date and Time on FIS DATA page
Each test message used in the Ramp Tester includes a system information message (or SIM) which is used to force the KMD 540's internal date and time to a set value – specifically December 8, 2001 at 20:05Z for Message 1. Every time you transmit Message 1, the 'System Time' on the FIS DATA page will jump to the December 8, 2001 at 20:05Z.
- 2.4.4 APDU Type on FIS DATA page
Message 1 on the Ramp Tester is a METAR type message (type 402). After reception of Message 1, the 'Last Product ID' on the FIS DATA page will indicate '402 METAR'.

2.5 Ground Range Check

The Ramp Tester can also be used to check for system sensitivity. However the results are relatively imprecise due to the many unpredictable factors involved principally due to the RF path between the output of the Ramp Tester and the RF input on the KDR 510. These factors include:

- The RF radiation efficiency of the antenna on the output of the Ramp Tester
- The RF radiation efficiency of the antenna on the aircraft
- The many disturbances due to the physical environment, e.g. the close proximity of the aircraft to the ground, adjacent physical structures, detuning of the Ramp Tester antenna due to the physical proximity of the person operating the Ramp Tester, etc.

Despite these unknowns, it should be possible to obtain some idea of how well the FIS-B system is performing overall. This can be done by gradually walking away from the aircraft with the Ramp Tester while transmitting a test message at intervals (e.g. every 10 feet). Another person monitors the KMD 540 display (we suggest watching the FIS DATA page) to determine if the signal has been received. For example if the person in the plane sees the APDU count (on the FIS DATA page) increment when a Ramp Tester Message is sent then the transmission was successful. Generally you should be able to go between 50 and 100 feet from the aircraft before reception is lost.

3 Message 1: METAR

Message 1 is a set of METAR/SPECI data. This is actual data taken on December 8, 2001 with time stamps between 1952Z and 2035Z. The data is about 1/6 of the total data set for that time frame and includes a selection of data for the continental USA. The actual data is included below so the user can verify the received data if he or she so desires.

Message #1 contents:

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FIS-B Ramp Tester

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6 Routine Maintenance

6.1 Battery Replacement

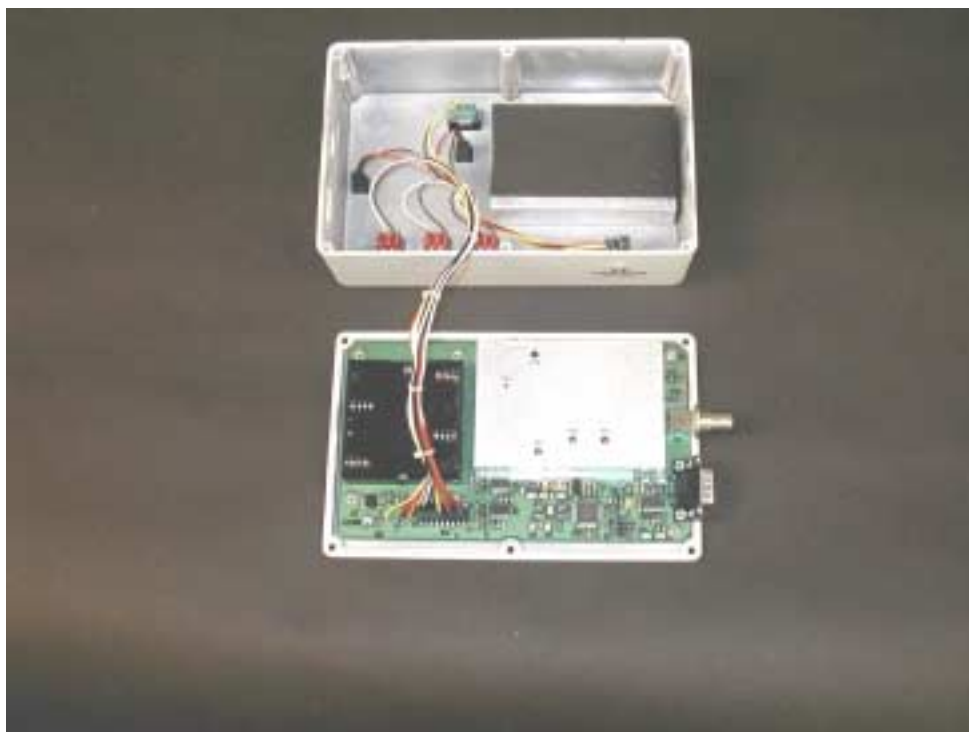


Figure 3 Interior View Showing Battery Locations

The Ramp Tester uses 4 standard AA sized alkaline dry cells. In continuous use, a set of fresh batteries should be good for several days of continuous use. In the very intermittent use anticipated in the field, the batteries should last for several years. As the batteries get low in capacity the 'LOW BATT' light will come on when a 'Message' key is depressed – this is an indication the batteries should be replaced.

To replace the batteries, first remove the antenna. Next remove the six screws on the bottom of the case. Then, on the top of the case, remove the two screws holding the DB-9 data connector and the large nut and lock washer securing the BNC connector. The bottom of the case can now be dropped down and the bottom, with the attached electronics, withdrawn backwards from the case. The batteries are now exposed. Refer to Figure 3 for a view of the inside of the case.

Remove the 4 batteries and replace them being careful of the polarity of the batteries. Carefully re-insert the board and connectors into the case (particularly insuring that the wiring harness is not pinched) and then reconnect the BNC hardware, the 2 screws anchoring the DB-9 data connector and the 6 screws connecting the bottom.