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# E80 CONTROLLED AFCS





#### A STEP AHEAD

in automatic flight control system technology, the E80AFCS is aimed at meeting advanced system requirements with economy. The E80AFCS is organised digitally to give an entirely new flexibility and system integration capability while retaining the reliability and integrity of present day systems.

#### DIGITAL CONTROL

of the E80AFCS is by means of a programmable digital computer which organises all the modes and parameters of the system — including test and check-out modes. The diagram opposite illustrates the extent of the E80AFCS package which includes two new features:

Director Autopilot Mode Organisation Computer — DAMOC Mode Organisation Data Transmission System — MODATS enabling the system to organise its information.

#### **MORE CAPABILITY**

is available in the E80AFCS because **DAMOC** and **MODATS** enable more information to be organised in the system. It also means that the same hardware can be made to do more jobs for the pilot without creating new engineering problems. Interface with area navigation and energy management systems is now straightforward. Additional AFCS modes and parameter changes to suit customer requirements, or 'stretched' aircraft, are incorporated via a programme adapter.

#### **AND RELIABILITY**

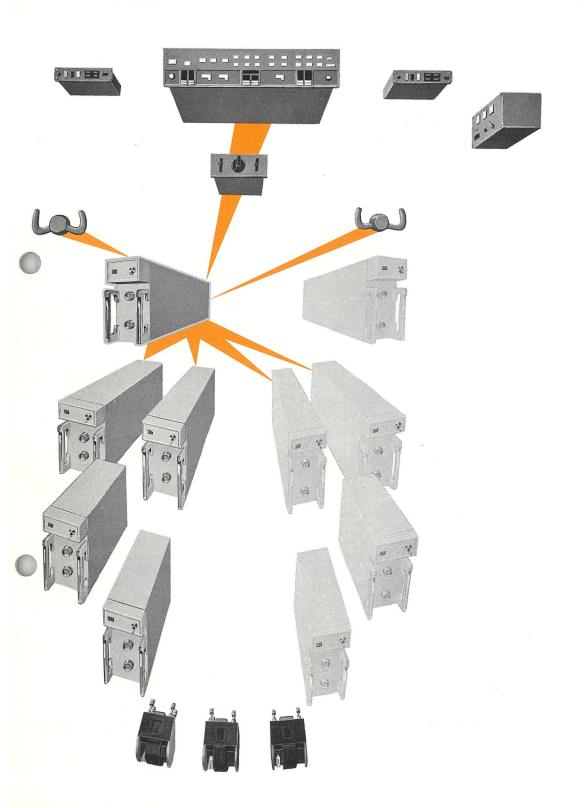
is a key feature of the unique E80AFCS design. The digital organisation computer DAMOC operates in parallel with standardised and simplified analogue control channels. This enables reversionary modes to be incorporated in the event DAMOC fails. It also means that failure-survival automatic landing integrity is not compromised by the digital features.

#### FOR THE 1970s & 80s

aircraft manufacturers are already studying the E80AFCS and their reaction to date is encouraging. The aim of this publication is to bring to your attention the advantages in automatic flight control and flight management which the E80 system can now make available to meet the challenge of modern systems requirements.

# -AND FLEXIBILITY TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS......NOW

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CONTROLS AND DISPLAYS

DATA MULTIPLEXER
AND INTERFACE MODATS

DIRECTOR-AUTOPILOT
MODE ORGANISATION
COMPUTER DAMOC

UP TO 4 INTEGRATED AUTOPILOT-FLIGHT DIRECTOR BOXES-ALL ONE TYPE

1 OR 2 MONITORED STABILITY AUGMENTATION COMPUTERS

1 OR 2 MONITORED SPEED CONTROL COMPUTERS

FAILURE SURVIVAL
QUADRUPLEX ACTUATORS

#### THE E80 AFCS PACKAGE:-

A digital organiser and one standard type of box for each of the sub-systems:— Autopilot Flight Director
Stability Augmentation
Speed Control

The <u>number</u> of boxes defines the capability — from fail-passive to two-fault-survival automatic landing.

## WHY DIGITAL CONTROL?

#### MORE CAPABILITY

LESS COST

Digital Computers organise information more effectively than their analogue counterparts but usually involve a complex interface. When this interface is in series with the control system, it can be costly and unreliable. The E80AFCS has simplified analogue channels of control whose parameters are organised by the Director Autopilot Mode Organisation Computer - DAMCC . This means that DAMCC is in parallel with the control function and can organise the system through simpler interface. The E80AFCS features an entirely standard microcircuit interface whose design unlocks the door to reliable digital system organisation. The self-test mode is also organised through the same interface components. Thus BITE is no longer a compromise between maintainability and reliability. With the E80AFCS, BITE is 'deeper and cheaper' and more reliable.

#### MORE FLEXIBILITY

LESS COST

The selection of system modes, both automatic and manual, and the system gearing parameters, are all organised by DAMOC's programme store. In the E80AFCS, DAMOC has a removable store which is a complex incorruptible system adapter. During flight development of the E80AFCS a flexible store is incorporated until the programme has been optimised for the aircraft. On certification, the programme is used to define the fixed store configuration. Flexible stores can be held ready so that system capability can be up-dated throughout the useful life of the aircraft type to meet later requirements.

#### HIGH INTEGRITY

LESS COST

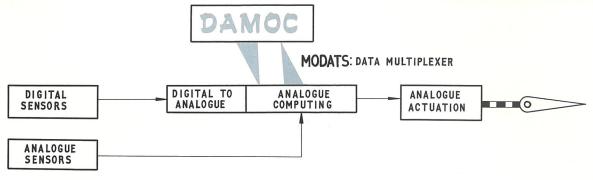
Being in parallel with the control system, DAMOC can organise both multiple and multiplexed channel alike. In the failure-survival automatic landing mode, DAMOC operates in the complex phases of ILS capture until final approach is established. During this time it also helps to trim out inter-lane errors in the control system. Once the landing approach is established, DAMOC reliably locks itself out and plays no further part in the operation. Thus the E80AFCS carries out the automatic landing using only simple "steady state" redundant analogue control channels.

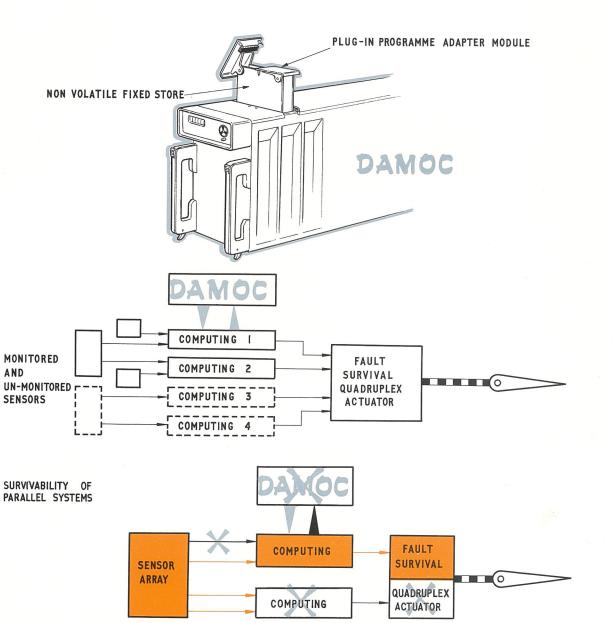
## HIGH RELIABILITY

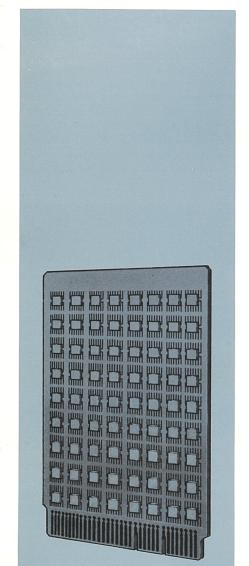
LESS COST

Here again, organisation and control by DAMOC in parallel with the control system makes for a high "survivability" in the event of failures. Analogue systems are also designed with circuits in parallel rather than in series so that several failures may be necessary to put a system completely out of operation. With the E80AFCS the parallel redundancy of its analogue components is also reflected in the digital control. Complete failures of DAMOC do not mean a loss of all the E80AFCS facilities.

# A RELIABLE STEP AHEAD







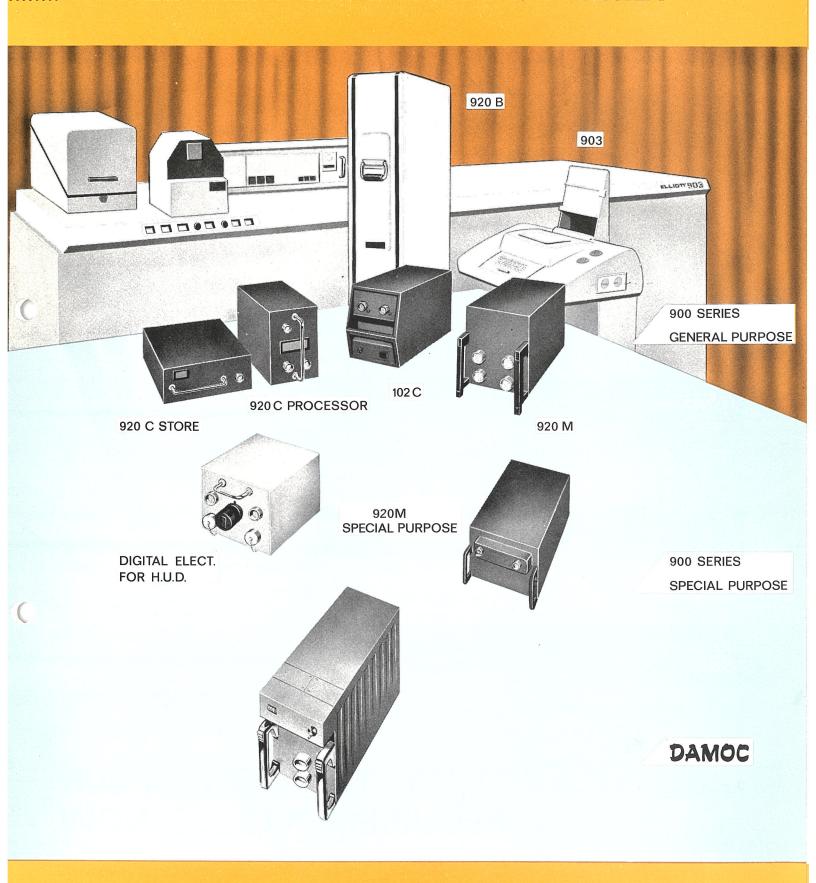
**DAMOC** is a miniature ½ ATR (long) digital processor with a big part to play in the E80AFCS. It is a special purpose processor derived from the 102C general purpose computer, the latest addition to the successful 900 series digital range (illustrated opposite).

The 900 series equipment is specifically designed for on-line control and its present use ranges from road traffic control to advanced airborne systems. Examples of the 920 series airborne equipment applications are LTV-A-7 Head Up Display, Jaguar Navigation and weapon aiming system and Nimrod maritime search and attack system.

DAMOC is a modular computer using card modules which are common to the 102C and the 920 series special purpose range. These modules have high reliability, a unique thermal design, are extremely rugged and maintainable and are in large quantity production. Automated assembly and test methods and reliability screened components, coupled with automated 'end of assembly line' environmental testing have enabled a high quality to be achieved at a competitive price.

Of **DAMOC** 4096 word built-in store, approximately 2000 words are required to organise the E80AFCS. Store capacity may be limited for AFCS operation leaving a good margin for growth. Spare capacity can be utilised for navigation and flight management purposes. Ultimate store capacity is 32,768 words.

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#### WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU...

The E80AFCS is designed to keep ahead of the expanding automatic flight guidance and control system requirements with a minimum of hardware. By means of programming and DAMOC 's extendable store, the E80 system can 'grow' from a competitively-priced installation to meet today's needs - into a more and more advanced capability system during the long operating life of new transport aircraft. This is due to the flexibility inherent in the digital organisation and the access to more information due to the new data multiplexers and interface.

This is not a new concept although the E80AFCS is the first automatic flight control system to use it. Experience gained with inertial navigation and head up display systems has proved that this technique is not only viable - it brings new benefits to aircraft manufacturer and airline operator alike.

Relative to systems already in service, the E80AFCS offers more operational modes and fail-operational capability — without attendant hardware complexity and weight penalty. Beyond this datum, capability can be expanded through the organisation programme with minimum hardware impact. Expansion can take place when the customer needs it.

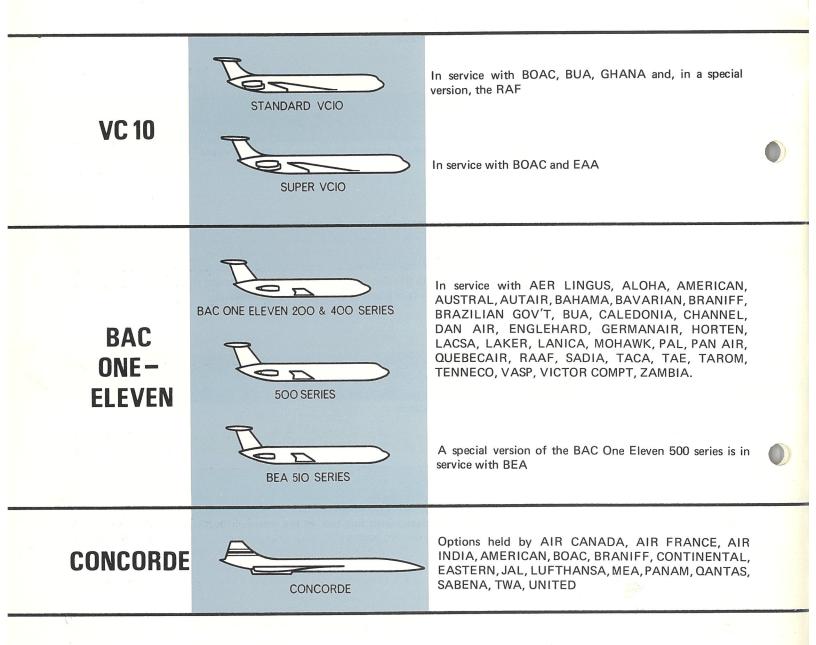
Because the E80AFCS applies automation to already-proven principles of automatic flight control system reliability and safety, it is capable of meeting and beating present day standards.

Two decades during which the E80AFCS is designed to stay "in vogue". It offers a unique opportunity for systems integration which is being actively studied by aircraft manufacturers faced with this task in the future. Elliott is continuing its development of the E80AFCS to be ready to meet this challenge.

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#### BEHIND THE E80 AFCS:

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#### AND EQUIPMENT

VC10's are fitted with Elliott dual-monitored autopilots and autothrottle system as standard equipment. This system was to set a new standard in en-route reliability and system availability, now taken for granted as a requirement for new aircraft types yet to enter service.

Super VC10's are also fitted with the Elliott dual-monitored autopilot and BOAC is in process of up-dating its fleet to the full failure-survival automatic landing standard. BOAC has already commenced service use of the equipment and was the first airline to have an automatic failure survival system in service. Elliott has now completed its VC10 automatic landing programme in readiness for BOAC crew training to begin in earnest.

BAC One Elevens are fitted with the Elliott E2000 series autopilot. The system entered service on 400 series aircraft and introduced new forms of automatic approach control which have set a standard for aircraft of the future. The accuracy of control has prompted American Airlines to incorporate the E2000 autopilot in their Category II programme.

500 series machines are fitted with autopilots up-dated towards the E2100 passive failure standard. Elliott autothrottle and E2200 autoflare systems are also optional equipment for these machines.

A special version of the E2200 automatic landing system was specified for the BEA fleet of BAC One Elevens. This system embodies entirely new cruise autopilot features aimed at reducing pilot work load and is different in operation from the E2000 standard equipment. The system has completed its first full year of service with BEA and is being developed to incorporate the Category II and automatic landing features.

With French participation, Elliott is producing the automatic flight control system for Concorde. This system embodies the safety and reliability features now proven successfully on the VC10 and implemented by advanced microcircuit technology. Concorde is still the only civil aircraft type flying with such advanced failure-survival equipment. Dependability of the system was demonstrated on the maiden flights of both British and French Concordes and this again has set a new standard which will be maintained on future aircraft. Elliott is proud to have the cooperation and interest of the world's airlines in continuing this programme.

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