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ELIOTT-AUTOMATION AEROSPACE

Elliott-Automation is a unique company. Its origins stretch back to the eighteenth century. During both World Wars, Elliotts manufactured large quantities of flight and engine instruments for the Royal Air Force. In 1946 the decision to convert an old and respected instrument making business into the pioneering force in automation opened up a whole new world of opportunity. Today, there is hardly any human activity to which automation does not give a new dimension. This booklet gives an indication of what Elliott-Automation is achieving in one particular field — that of aerospace.

All automatic control involves comparison and decision taking. In complex control systems these functions can best be performed by the electronic digital computer. That this is so was first appreciated by Elliotts in 1947. After twenty years of computer design and manufacture the company has the proud achievement of having implemented the widest range of on-line computer applications of any company anywhere.

For aerospace we have developed a number of microminiature computers which have already been ordered for several airborne applications. In this booklet there are many examples of what is already being achieved: we are on the threshold of new advances throughout this chosen field.



Elliott 920M microminiature computers for aerospace environments



BAC One-Eleven



Concorde autopilot electronics unit





Hawker Siddeley P.1127 V/STOL close-support aircraft

Flight Control-Combat



In addition to producing conventional combat autopilots, Elliotts has developed the most advanced techniques in stabilisation and autopilot control for VTOL aircraft and for the systems required for the next generation of advanced military aircraft.

Flight control system for Lightning intercepter



Two-axis autostabiliser for P.1127



Quadruplex electro-hydraulic actuator

| Exam | ples |
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| Lightning | • | • | • | FCS and autothrottle for RAF and Royal Saudi Air Force. |
|---------------------------|-------|------|---|--|
| Buccaneer | | • | | FCS for Royal Navy and South African Air Force. |
| P.1127 . | | | | Two-axis autostabiliser. |
| F–4K, F–4M | Pha | into | m | Autopilot and navigation computer. |
| C–5A . | • | • | | Energy Management Analogue Computer |
| Avro 707C Hunter Mk. 1 | 2 | • | • | Electrically signalled, failure-surviving manoeuvre demand controls. |
| Drone autop | ilots | ÷. | • | Jindivik, Meteor and Canberra. |



Self-monitored rate gyro



Nomad mobile defence system for the Royal Air Force

Airspace Control



Firebrigade computer-controlled interception system was the first defence system to provide effective control of supersonic interceptions. It was ordered by the RAF and the Royal Netherlands Air Force. Nomad, a more sophisticated, air-transportable system incorporating a computer complex, is the first of its kind to be put into production. Nomad systems are being delivered to the RAF.

Secondary radar decoding, defruiting and display equipment has been manufactured for the Government, the RAF and for export. A computer-controlled SSR system is being supplied to Eurocontrol.

Advanced studies on the problems of future air traffic and of control, involving new computer techniques and software, have brought orders for computer systems, heuristic studies of airspace, approach control evaluation and simulation for research.

Nomad air-transportable equipment pallets



Light pen and electronic display



920B computer in Nomad equipment pallet



Computer-controlled SSR system for Eurocontrol



Space

Elliott-Automation is working on sounding rockets, satellites and space guidance techniques. These activities have involved co-operation with the Royal Aircraft Establishment, ELDO, ESRO, other European manufacturers and with a number of British universities for whom the Company is designing and manufacturing 'passenger' experiments to fly in United States satellites.

> MCS 920M microminiature computer for digital inertial guidance of Europa launch vehicles (left)





Three-axis attitude control for Skylark sounding rocket

Examples

| ELDO Europa | Digital inertial guidance: 920M computer. |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Skylark Attitude Control | Stage 1, sun-pointing. Stage 3, Sun- and moon-pointing. Stage 5 (Starling) star-pointing. |
| EST | European Satellite Team, formed 1966. |
| Satellites | Propane attitude control. Experiments for ESRO TD–2, OAO–C, Nimbus D. |
| Bearings | Lead-lubricated, long-life ball bearings. |

Telescope structure for passenger experiment in OAO-C satellite

Buccaneer of South African Air Force

Head-up Displays

Displays have been produced for weapon delivery, navigation, flight director, and all-weather landing applications. A digital wave-form generator is being made for the US Navy's Integrated Light Attack Avionic System and a twin-tube display with the Elliott all-ceramic tube has been developed for civil transport aircraft. Elliott head-up displays are also being supplied for the Swedish Saab Viggen combat aircraft.

Head-up display in the Comet 4 of Blind Landing Experimental Unit

Twin-tube head-up display with all-ceramic tubes

Head-up display in RAF Belfast transport

Lockheed C–5A heavy logistics transport

Flight Instruments

Modular air data system

The modular air data computer in simplex and monitored form for military and civil aircraft is a major production activity. An advanced air data system is being manufactured for the Lockheed C-5A. Flight instruments, including servo-operated altimeters, Machmeters, airspeed indicators and temperature indicators, accompany the monitored air data system in the HS.801, and are in quantity production for other aircraft.

Servo altimeter with barometric capsule for stand-by operation

Engine Instruments

A new range of miniature engine instruments, with computers incorporated in the 2-in. case of the indicator, has been ordered for the Concorde prototypes. The new true mass flowmeter, developed in the Elliott flow laboratory, the most advanced in Europe, is being supplied for Concorde, P.1127 and British F–4K and F–4M Phantoms.

New techniques for engine control by computer, and for energy management for cruise and range control, are under development.

Energy Management Analogue Computer for Lockheed C–5A

2 in. diameter engine instruments for Concorde

True mass fuel flowmeter for Concorde, P.1127 and F–4M and F–4K Phantoms

Trainers & Simulators

Euclid digital air traffic research simulator

Simulators controlled by general-purpose digital computers to provide training for aircraft, airborne navigation, radar and sonar systems, ground-based radar complexes, naval tactics and nuclear powerplants place Elliotts in the forefront of simulator development.

Examples

| HS.801 | | Flight simulator computer complex. |
|-----------------|-----|---|
| | | Digital maritime crew trainer. |
| F—111K | | Simulator computer complex. |
| Simulator M1 | | Digital civil/military radar ATC simulator. |
| Euclid | | Digital ATC research simulator. |
| Naval Tactics | | Digital training simulator. |
| Nuclear Powerpl | ant | Digital control room simulator. |

Flight system trainer for Qantas Boeing 707

Recorders

Both airborne and ground-based precision tape recording equipment has been developed. Outstanding examples are the airborne accident recording system and ground replay equipment for the Concorde prototypes and a range of reformatting equipment for converting recorded data from various sources into a form suitable for processing by computer.

AIR-3 high-density airborne recorder tape unit

Translator for reformatting recorded data for analysis by computer

Radar

Most of the Company's work in this field is classified, but it includes major theoretical and experimental studies for the next generation of airborne military radar systems. New equipment developments include Cassegrain aerials, special microwave valves and components, and portable battlefield surveillance radar.

The Visor terrain-warning radar for airliners

Cassegrain radar aerial assembly

Radio & Communications

Principal aviation developments are the Series 70 audio systems ordered for HS.801, P.1127 and Jaguar. The audio system for HS.801 is the most comprehensive yet designed for any aircraft. Elliott rescue beacons have been ordered in quantity by World airlines.

Solid-state switching unit of the Series 70 audio system for HS.801

Dual frequency rescue beacon for airliners

Products & Components

Special aviation components include miniature relays, precision synchros and sub-miniature rate gyros.

Within Elliott-Automation, other companies manufacture programmed freight and baggage handling conveyor systems, airport information systems and automatic reconnaissance film processors.

Some examples from the range of miniature aircraft relays

Slab synchros

Sub-miniature, precision rate gyro

Service & Support

Elliott aviation equipment is designed with maintenance requirements in mind, and special divisions provide aftersales service, technical support in the field and training for customers' engineers. Where geographical conditions demand, associations have been formed with local companies to provide industrial support at close range.

Overhauling and repairing airborne equipment in an instrument clean room

Aviation Service and Repair Division maintainance workshop

The Principal Elliott-Automation Aerospace Companies

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