# PCM FLIGHT TERMINATION RECEIVER

Robust design for missiles and remote targets

Six simultaneous command channels available

Ruggedised for extreme missile environment

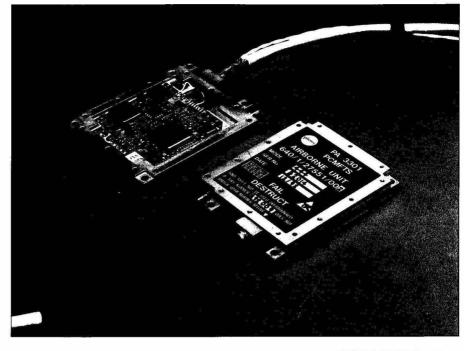
All solid state, hybrid construction

Pulse coded modulation format

Lightweight, 245 gms (0.541lb)

Small size, 45cc (2.75 cu in)

**Telemetry interface** 



PA3301 PCM Receiver

In response to UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) requirements, GEC-Marconi Defence Systems, Electronic Systems Division (GMDS-ESD) have developed the PA3301 Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) Flight Termination Receiver (FTR). The PA3301 is robust, competitively priced and is designed to provide an attractive alternative to the larger and heavier receivers currently in service. The chosen PCM format reflects UK MoD requirements for multiple vehicle command (such as salvo firing) and high resistance to interference. The PA3301 significantly enhances the safe break-up of missiles and remote targets on Trial Ranges.

The airborne FTR, used together with the ground based transmitter and the PA3305 PCM Transmission Controller, forms part of a high integrity Flight Termination System. The Receiver can be situated either inside a missile or attached externally to the skin. It accepts a constant stream of data from the ground station; the data is either constant 'prohibit' signals or 'fire' signals when termination is necessary.

Flight Termination is implemented when missiles violate established safety criteria or exceed pre-established Range limits.

GMDS-ESD also provide a Ground Test Set, the PA3306, and a Transmission Controller, PA3305. The PA3306 Ground Test Set is used to confirm the operation of the PA3301 Receiver prior to flight or for revalidation purposes. Its role is to monitor the outputs of the Receiver and measure responses to an RF input signal.

The Transmission Controller, PA3305, is an integral part of the Range's command system and it encodes the signals for transmission to the airborne Receiver. It also monitors its own operation, checks the integrity of the transmitted signal and reports faults to the Range Safety Control Officer. The PA3305, with a suitable interface, allows a Trials Range ground station that can independently control up to six airborne units simultaneously.



# PCM FLIGHT TERMINATION GROUND TEST SET

Checks all functions of Airborne Flight Termination Unit (PA3301)

Provides electronically isolated power supplies for the Airborne Unit under test

Menu driven test operations

Alphanumeric dot matrix display shows test menus and test results

Buffered test
points/connectors
available at the front
panel for ease to access

Serial port enables communication with Ground Test Set via a CCITTX24 or RS232C interface

Ruggedised for ease of transport

PA 3306



PA3306 PCM Ground Test Set

The PA3306 Ground Test Set provides a facility to comprehensively check all functions of the PA3301 PCM Flight **Termination Receiver Unit prior to** flight or for revalidation purposes. Check-out of an airborne Receiver Unit command circuitry is accomplished by monitoring responses to an internally generated FSK modulated RF signal. Data content and other characteristics of the signal are automatically selected by the test routine and could be either an airborne Flight Termination Receiver Unit data word or a pseudo-random data stream.

The PA3306 provides a stabilised, electrically isolated power source for the airborne Receiver Unit under test and monitors voltage and current parameters of DC signals required by the airborne Receiver Unit. Test operations are menu driven and manually controlled by a keypad. Test results are displayed via LED indicators and as messages on an alphanumeric dot matrix display.

LED indicators monitor logic levels of telemetry signals and show the status of the PA3306, airborne Transmitter Unit and airborne Receiver Unit power supply.

Although intended to be operated in a fixed laboratory environment, the PA3306 is ruggedised to enable easy transportation.

## PCM FLIGHT TERMINATION TRANSMISSION CONTROLLER



is an integral part of the Range's vehice command system and encodes the signals for transmission to the airborne Receiver Unit. It also monitors its own operation, checks the integrity of the transmitted signal and reports faults back to the Range Safety Control via a series of alarms. In complexity, the PA3305

The PA3305 Transmission Controller

The PA3305 Transmission Controller provides the interface between the ground station's Executive Controller, which takes the Trial Safety Officer's instruction, and the transmitter(s) which

may be considered as a sub-set of

the PA3306 includes the PA3305

features.

the PA3306 Ground Test Set in that

#### PA3305 PCM Transmission Controller

radiate commands to the airborne vehicle. One PA3305 is associated with each transmitter and data flow between the two is made via RS422 balanced lines

A ground station can employ either one or two transmitter sites, two being used to combat signal fading and gaps in coverage down to very low levels as required, for example, for sea skimming missiles.

For Range safety purposes, the PA3305 also repeats back to the Executive Controller the control inputs so that they can be cross-checked. It also verifies, via a monitor receiver, that the transmitted signal is the true command; any differences or loss of integrity will raise an alarm

commands formats

Generates the serial PCM

Generates PROHIBIT or FIRE commands for each of up to six airborne Receiver Units

Monitors and verifies the transmitted data

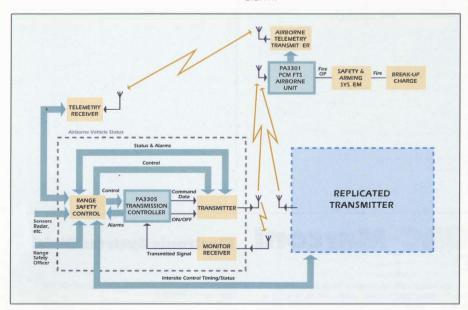
Generates self test modes

## Provides tamper-proof operation:

- (a) Remotely controlled via electrical interfaces
- (b) No accessible manual controls
- (c) Status indicators for quick confidence checks

Provides UHF link on/off control

Provides emergency TRANSMISSION STOP' control



PCM overall system operation

PA 3305

#### **Technical Data**

#### PA3301 **Flight Termination Receiver**

PCM Modulation

NRZ Binary FSK

Carrier Frequency range

400MHz to 450MHz

IF Bandwidth

38KHz

Dynamic Range

110db without performance

degradation

Command Channels

Command states

PROHIBIT or FIRE

Operational Mode

FAIL DESTRUCT or

FAIL INERT

"FIRE" Interface

**POWER FET** 

Weight

245qms (0.54lb)

Volume 45cc

(72mm x 59mm x10.5mm) (2.83in x 2.32in

x 0.41in)

Vibration

0.6q<sup>2</sup>/Hz (50 to 4500 Hz)

Shock (Operational)

100g for 8 m.sec

Acceleration

100g linear, in any direction

Safety

1 in 106 FAIL **DESTRUCT** 

Shelf Life

**5 YEARS MINIMUM** 

(0°C to 30°C AMBIENT)

#### PA3306 **Flight Termination Ground Test Set**

Size

476mm wide x 190mm high x 370mm deep (18.7in x 7.5in x 14.6in)

240V, 50Hz, Single Phase

Weight

19kg max (41.9lbs)

#### **Environmental Data**

Operating Temperature Range: +15°C to +40°C in a fixed ground laboratory

environment

**Electrical Power Requirements** 

Voltage

Power Consumption Not exceeding 200W

Stabilised Power Supply

Power requirements for the airborne Receiver Unit under test are provided by an integral stabilised power supply.

#### PA3305 Flight Termination **Transmission Controller**

Rack mounted

in standard 19in rack (482mm), 375mm (14.76in) deep including front panel handles, 130mm (5,12in) high.

Power Dissipation 40W max

(176 to 264V AC)

Weight

8kg (17.6lbs)

**Temperature** 

0°C to +50°C operating -20°C to +70°C

storage

Humidity

95% non-condensing

Shock

25mm (0.98in) drop of any one edge onto a hard wooden

surface

Vibration

Vibration profile as per MIL-STD-810D for

20min

**MTBF** 

Greater than 21,000

hours

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