

HOSTILE FIRE INDICATOR TYPE 740

Universal, Life-Saving, Essential



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The Hostile Fire Indicator [HFI] Type 740 is a device which gives a warning to the pilot of a rotary wing aircraft that they are under small arms fire, and indicates the general direction from which that fire originated.

The design of the equipment is based upon the detection of the shockwave front generated by a supersonic projectile. The system calculates the set of bullet velocity vectors which thus shows the direction of the source of the possible hostile fire. On receipt of an indication, the pilot would normally be able to take avoiding action and minimise the danger of a subsequent direct hit, the exact pilot action being dependent on the operational conditions prevailing.

Although the standard unit is designed for rotary wing aircraft, there is a more compact unit for attachment to ground-based vehicles. The Vehicle Hostile Fire Indicator [VHFI] may be attached to VIP cars or armoured personnel carriers.

The VHFI system comprises the same basic units, however the sensor array is more compact and there may be multiple arrays fitted to vehicles with protruding parts e.g. turrets.

MINIMISE THE DANGER

Versatile:

- All small arms projectile types detected.
- Responsive to wide misses.
- Ground-based vehicle adaptability.



Simple and Effective:

- Instant feedback.
- Visual and audio warnings.
- Clear indication.



Tough and Convenient:

- Compact design.
- Easy operation.
- Reliable operation.



HARDWARE

Sensor Array

- Five sealed piezo-electric plate transducers are mounted at the ends of five mutually orthogonal tubes, four of which lie along the positive and negative horizontal axes, with the fifth mounted in the axis perpendicular to the other four.
- Anti-vibration mounts connect the transducers and support arms to a junction box.
- Five coaxial leads carry the transducer signals from the junction box to the computer.

Computer Unit

- 3/8 ATR short case houses this unit.
- Five-channel amplifier converts the pre-processed transducer signals into a logic signal format.
- Logic circuitry determines the occurrence and spatial orientation of a valid shock wave front, and computes the
 possible sources of hostile fire which could have produced the shock wave.
- Information is visually displayed on the indicator unit.
- Audio warning signal in the form of a 1 second, 300Hz square wave tone is injected into the intercom system to give the pilot additional indication of a detected shock wave.

Indicator Unit

- Standard 4ATI case situated in the aircraft instrument panel houses this unit.
- Red disc on the front of the unit is divided into eight, 45° segments, each one of which may be individually illuminated.
- In the event of hostile fire, 4 contiguous segments are illuminated for 5 seconds, producing a 180° arc which indicates the possible locations (relative to the helicopter axes) of the source of fire.
- Where an unambiguous indication cannot be given, the full 360° display is illuminated.

SPECIFICATION

CONFIGURATIONS		
Power Supplies	28V ± 5V DC (22V emergency)	
Power	30W + 35W display illuminated	
Sensitivity	Responsive to supersonic projectiles with miss distances of up to 20m	
Calibration	By means of special purpose Test equipment	
Display	180° floating sector, illuminated for 5 seconds	
Audio Warning	300Hz square wave, duration 1 second	
Self-Test	B.I.T.E from amplifier inputs onwards is provided	
CONTROLS		
Power ON/OFF Switch	Power on/off	
RESET (Switch)	Cancels the current display and readies the system for new input	
RESET (Switch)	Initiates an internal automatic test sequence producing an easy-to-follow sequence of displays lasting	

	approximately 10 seconds. If	
	the sequence of displays is	
	completed, then the system has	
	undergone a thorough self-	
	testing procedure successfully	
ENVIRONMENT		
Operating Temperature	-10°C to 50°C	
(Flight)	[14°F to 122°F]	
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(Ground)	[14°F to 122°F]	
DIMENSIONS		
	305mm x 305mm x 195mm	
L X W X H (Sensor)	[12.0in x 12.0in x 7.7in]	
	94mm x 41mm x 228mm	
L X W X H (Computer)	[3.7in x 1.6in x 9.0in]	
L x M x H (Indicator)	106mm x 106mm x 125mm	
	[4.2in x 4.2in x 4.9in]	
Weight (Sensor)	1.097kg [2.4 <i>lbs</i>]	
Weight (Computer)	3.95kg [8.7lbs]	
Weight (Indicator)	1.25kg [2.8lbs]	





Nimbus Type 155







Bomb Scoring System Type 650

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