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To: CIAM web site under AMRT Approvals
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F5 Sub Committee

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Date: 29 August 2018

CIAM APPROVAL FOR F5J ALTIMETER/MOTOR RUN TIMER (AMRT)

Approval Reference:	**AMRT024**
Manufacturer:	**Aerobtec**
Manufacturer Contact:	**info@aerobtec.com**
Device Names:	**Altis Micro Altis Device Terminal**

(i) This document gives formal approval from the above date for the AMRT equipment described below to be used for competitions under the Sporting Code Section 4:Aeromodelling – Class F5J – Electric Thermal Duration Gliders.

(ii) This document is the initial approval for this type of AMRT and only applies to the functions relevant to the F5J competition class rules.

(iii) Tests undertaken by EDIC-WG (or such representative as it may appoint), are specifically concerned with the functions relevant to the F5J competition class rules. Other functions of the equipment are not part of this approval and the relevance of this document does not extend beyond the specific validation and certification purposes mentioned above.

(iv) This document does not constitute a guarantee of compatibility of the device listed above with any associated devices with which it may be interconnected.

(v) This document does not constitute any guarantee and/or statement by EDIC-WG, CIAM and/or FAI as to the reliability of the device listed above.

(vi) This approval is not concerned with National and other regulations relating to electronic equipment and compliance with such regulations is not the responsibility of the FAI.

(vii) This approval is not concerned with, and the FAI has no responsibility for, matters related to: (a) intellectual property and intellectual property rights and/or, (b) relations of the manufacturer listed above with any other entities except with FAI and its agents or as they affect the FAI, its agents and this approval.

EQUIPMENT

1 HARDWARE

1.1 Equipment Name

1.1.1 Aerobtec Altis Micro

1.1.2 Altis Device Terminal

1.2 Hardware Version

The Equipment Name defines the Hardware Version

The Device Terminal is a multi-purpose unit. In the F5J application, it serves only as a display and all other programming functions are disabled. Other functions of the Device Terminal are available when not connected to the Altis Micro/F5J firmware.

1.3 External Features

The AMRT module is a heatshrink encased circuit board with two cables terminated in 3 pin JR style connectors for connection to the control equipment within a model.

A miniature 3 way connector is provided for connection of the Device Terminal via an extension cable, to provide the readout facility.

A USB interface is built into the altimeter for the purpose of upgrading firmware or viewing logged data. This additional feature does not form part of this Approval.

1.4 Pressure Altitude Sensor

The pressure sensor module is manufactured by Bosch Sensortec.

2 FIRMWARE

2.1 Firmware Version

2.1.1 Altis Micro Altimeter module 5.0

2.1.2 Altis Device Terminal 1.0 or 1.1

Except for activating back lit illumination of the display, the pushbuttons on the Device Terminal provide no functionality with this combination of hardware and F5J firmware.

2.2 Pressure to ISA Height Conversion

The firmware uses a polynomial series calculation to perform the pressure to ISA height calculation. This has a demonstrated accuracy consistent with the F5J competition application.

Calibration factors provided by the pressure sensor manufacturer are incorporated in the calculation.

2.3 Temperature Compensation

The firmware incorporates temperature compensation processing in accordance with the pressure sensor manufacturer's recommendations.

2.4 Dynamic Response

Oversampling of pressure sensor data and subsequent processing does not contribute any significant degradation of dynamic response in the context of the F5J competition application.

3 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

3.1.1 This Approval is only applicable to devices of the type described and manufactured to the same production standards as the example evaluated.

3.1.2 This Approval is not applicable to any device which has been subject to repair or modification by person(s) other than the original manufacturer or his authorised agent.

3.1.3 The use of an extension cable to permit remote connection of the display unit is permitted subject to the AMRT device being accessible as required by the F5J class rules.

3.2 Withdrawal of Approval

If after this Approval has been issued, inconsistencies of performance are found in further examples of the device(s), Approval may be withdrawn upon notice to the manufacturer.

3.3 Changes to F5J Class Rules

If the F5J class rules are amended in any manner that affects the technical specification of the AMRT, the validity of this Approval will be subject to review.

3.4 Expiry of Approval

This Approval remains active until it is either superseded or withdrawn. A list of all currently active Approvals can be obtained from the FAI CIAM website.

4 PRODUCTION STATUS

At the date of issue of this Approval, the Altis Micro and the Device Terminal are in current production.

5 MANUFACTURER'S CHANGES

Notification of any changes to hardware and/or firmware must be made by the manufacturer to the Chairman of EDIC-WG so that a decision can be made on any further testing that might be required to maintain CIAM Approval of the AMRT. This includes changes that are applicable to any additional functions of the device(s) that do not necessarily form part of the F5J requirements.

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