

## GE Sensing

### Features

- High accuracy, RVSM compliant
- ATE systems compatible
- Protection for unit under test
- Compatible with existing IEEE systems
- 12 month recalibration period
- Programmable test routines and limits

GE is the foremost supplier of air data test systems, with over 25 years of experience in the design and manufacture of advanced pressure measuring instruments and sensors.

The ADTS 403 is the latest in a series of reliable, high accuracy, air data test systems designed for the civil aviation industry. A military qualified version of this instrument is also available, the ADTS 401 (see ADTS 401 data sheet). The compact, rack-mount design has evolved as a result of GE's continuous research and development, customer feedback and experience gained from manufacturing thousands of automatic pressure controllers. This has enabled performance, ease of maintenance and operational simplicity to be optimized.

# ADTS 403

## Druck Air Data Test System

ADTS 403 is a Druck product. Druck has joined other GE high-technology sensing businesses under a new name—GE Industrial, Sensing.



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The ADTS 403 is a twin-channel Ps and Pt pressure control system used for the precision calibration/verification of aircraft pitot-statics, compliant with reduced vertical separation minima (RVSM) requirements. A separate pressure/vacuum supply unit type PV 103 provides suitable pneumatic supplies.

Fully programmable for a wide range of fixed or rotary wing aircraft, the ADTS 403 enables vital flight instrumentation, such as altimeters, airspeed indicators, rate of climb indicators, Mach meters and air data computers to be quickly and accurately tested.

The ADTS 403 has been designed for 483 mm (19 in) rack mounting and being only 178 mm (7 in) (4U) high with a range of IEEE 488 interfaces available it is ideal for use with existing automatic test equipment (ATE) systems.

In addition to automated and local keypad control, a remote hand terminal option is also available for even greater flexibility of operation.

## Control Key Function

### **ALT/Ps**

Altitude read and value entry.

### **Speed/QC**

Airspeed read and value entry.

### **Mach/Pt**

Mach read and value entry.

### **EPR**

Engine Pressure Ratio test  
(Ps/Pt for inlet/exhaust).

### **RoC/Ps Rate**

Rate of climb, rate of speed entry and timing display.

### **Rate Timer**

Select timing for RoC testing or leak testing.

### **Hold**

Freeze control value to 'on state' at current conditions.

### **Rate**

Rate control for Pt channel.

### **Help**

On-screen operator advice.

### **Leak Measure/Control**

Select Measure or Control Mode.

### **Ground**

Controlled vent to ground and read QFE/QNH.

### **Local/Remote**

Keypad control or ATE/IEEE 488.

### **Port**

Select multi-outputs on Ps and Pt if Line Switching Unit (LSU) is in use.

### **Print**

Print displayed values if printer connected.

### **Execute Test**

Manual stepping when in-built.

### **Program**

The test program manager option is available.

### **Set Up**

Select units, limits, local conditions, display format, etc.

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# ADTS 403 Specification

Parameter	Operating Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Repeatability
Altitude	-914 m to 24,384 m <sup>(1)</sup> (-3,000 ft to 80,000 ft)	0.3 m (1 ft)	0.9 m (3 ft) at sea level <sup>(2)</sup> 2.1 m at 9144 m <sup>(2)</sup> (7 ft at 30,000 ft) 9 m at 18,288 m <sup>(2)</sup> (29 ft at 60,000 ft)	±0.3 m (±1 ft)  ±0.6 m (±2 ft)  ±2.1 m (±7 ft)
Static Sensor	35 <sup>(3)</sup> to 1355 mbar (1 to 40 inHg) absolute	0.01 mbar (0.0001 inHg)	±0.1 mbar (0.0003 inHg)	±0.05 mbar (±0.0015 inHg)
Airspeed	10 to 1,000 knots	0.1 kts	±0.5 kts at 50 kts ±0.07 kts at 550 kts ±0.05 kts at 1,000 kts	±0.4 kts  ±0.02 kts  ±0.02 kts
Pitot Sensor	35 <sup>(3)</sup> to 3500 mbar (1 to 103 inHg) absolute	0.01 mbar (0.0001 inHg)	0.01 FS	0.05 mbar rising to 0.17 mbar (0.0015 inHg rising to 0.005 inHg)
Rate of Climb	(0 to 1829 m/minute <sup>(5)</sup> (0 to 6000 ft/minute)	0.3 m/minute (1 ft/minute)	±1% of value	±0.5%
Mach	0.6 to 10	0.001	Better than 0.005	0.001 rising to 0.005
Engine Pressure Ration (EPR)	0.1 to 10	0.001	Better than 0.005	

(1) 32,004 m (105,000 ft) available (control with suitable vacuum pump).  
 (2) Accuracy at ambient 5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F) for 0°C to +50°C (32°F to 122°F) x 1.5  
 (3) Lowest calibration point, operates to 0 mbar (0 psi) a  
 (4) Limits settable to prevent excessive mach. (Civil limit Mach 1).  
 (5) 30,480 m/minute (100,000 ft/minute) rates selectable  
 - limit protected for safety  
 - volume dependant

The ADTS 403 is a 483 mm (19 in) rack mounted instrument with a local front panel display and keypad. A remote hand held terminal is optional and a matched separate pressure/vacuum supply unit PV 103R is available.

## Scaling Factors

- Altitude: ft, meters
- Airspeed: knots, km/hr, mph
- Rate of Climb: ft/min, m/min, m/sec, hm/min
- Others: mbar, inHg, inH<sub>2</sub>O (4°C, 20°C, 60°F), mmHg, kPa, hPa, psi
- Airspeed: CAS (calibrated), TAS (true—ability to enter temperature)

## Rate Control/Indication

- Roc: Rate of Climb
- Rt Ps: Rate of Static
- Rt Pt: Rate of Pitot
- Rt Qc: Rate of Pt-Ps
- Rt CAS: Rate of calibrated airspeed
- Rt EPR: Rate of engine pressure ratio

## Overpressure

Negligible calibration change with up to 1.25 x full scale (FS) overload applied.

## Calibration Stability

Better than 50 ppm per annum.

## Recalibration

Simple keypad instruction. 12 month interval suggested. Use of a primary pressure standard is recommended, Ruska primary pitot static tester Model 2468.

## Display

- LCD backlit, supertwist/wide angle viewing.
- 4.8 in x 1.6 in (122 mm x 41 mm) window with four lines of 20 characters 8 mm (0.3 in) high. Optional hand terminal display window 73 mm x 24 mm (2.87 in x 0.95 in).

## Response

- Two readings per second display value update.
- Five readings per second interface and control system updates.

## Power Supplies

90 to 126 VAC at 47 to 440 Hz, 207 to 260 VAC at 47 to 63 Hz. 200 VA maximum.

## Power Failure Protection

In the event of a power interruption, the output ports will be vented to ambient conditions safely. On power reconnect, the system is in measure mode.

## Self Test

Integral test routines and reporting for both electrical and pneumatic systems.

## Digital Interfaces

Parallel printer interface available as standard. IEEE-488.2 and earlier versions also available in excess of those detailed. Please refer to GE.

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## Temperature Range

- Calibrated: 5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)
- Operating: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F)
- Storage: -20° to 81°C (-4° to 178°F)

## Sealing

Front panel dustproof. Enclosure complies with CE safety requirements.

## Humidity

0% to 90% non-condensing

## Shock and Vibration

Designed to meet section 8, EN61010.

## Safety Performance

- EN61326 for EMC emissions and immunity.
- EN61010 for electrical and mechanical safety.

## Physical

- Weight: 13 kg (29 lb) nominal
- Case dimensions: 483 mm x 432 mm x 178 mm (19 in x 17 in x 7 in)

## Pneumatic Connections

Front and rear panel mounted fittings with blanking caps:

- Static: AN-6 37° flare
- Pitot: AN-4 37° flare

Rear panel mounted fittings with blanking caps:

- Pressure supply: AN-4 37° flare
- Vacuum supply: AN-6 37° flare

All fittings are supplied with replaceable filters and 2.5 m (8 ft) long mating hoses. Rear Ps and Pt connections available as an option.

## Pneumatic Supplies

For normal use, dry, non-corrosive gases with source pressure at a maximum 25% above specified pressure range. PV 103R recommended.

## Options

### (A) Remote Control Terminal

A remote control hand-held terminal complete with approximately 2 m (6 ft) long cable.

### (B) Bench Case

A case to enclose the instrument for benchtop use.

### (C1) IEEE-488 Interface (SCPI version)

Current air data test systems communications protocol.

### (C2) IEEE-488 Interface (Honeywell Sperry compatible)

Compatible with earlier instruments.

### (C3) IEEE-488 Interface (Ruska 6610 compatible)

Compatible with earlier instruments.

### (D) Test Program Manager

A software package with serial interface mode adaptor. Permits PC based control and program download for resident test routines. Please refer to product note for further details.

### (E) Altimeter Encoder Interface

For altimeters with ICAO reporting encoders. Permits display of the bit stream and reporting of altitude value.

### (F) ARINC 429 Interface

Permits the ADTS to monitor data from an aircraft bus, display the 12 pitot static label information and transmit to the aircraft. Please refer to product note for further details.

## Accessories

AC power lead—2 m length (6 ft approximately). Ps, Pt, pressure and vacuum hoses—2.5 m lengths (8 ft) approximately. Operators manual and calibration certificate also supplied as standard.

## Calibration Standards

Instruments manufactured by GE are calibrated against precision calibration equipment traceable to international standards.

## Ordering Information

Please state the following (where applicable):

1. Basic model number ADTS 403
2. Options and related products if required.



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