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**RCOM-100**  
**Installation GUIDE**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The RCOM-100 is a Globalstar satellite telephone for aviation. It is housed in an ARINC 600 2 MCU enclosure. The RCOM-100 is designed to provide voice and data communication in an avionics application.

The voice connection is established through a standard TIP/RING interface. The RCOM-100 can be connected to any standard telephone handset that complies with EIA/TIA-464B and TIA/EIA/IS-470-B.

The data connection is through the RCOM-100 data port. The data port supports two types of data services: asynchronous data, and packet data. Asynchronous data provides the capability of establishing a connection between a device connected to the data port, and any Hayes compatible modem connected to the Public Switch Telephone Network. For packet data the device connected to the data port must be able to support a PPP session over TCP/IP. This is the typical standard used by computers for dial-up services.

The installation to the RCOM-100 consists locating and mounting the transmit/receive antenna, locating and mounting the GPS antenna, installation of the mounting tray for the ARINC 600 2MCU box, and wiring the 37 pin circular connector for power, tip/ring, and the data connection port. For systems used only for data communications the Tip/Ring interface is not required, and for systems using voice communication only, the data port connection is not required.

## Installation Requirements:

When installing the ARNAV RCOM-100 the installer must have a working knowledge of aircraft electronics installation, and be a holder of a FAA Repairman's Certificate. All installations should meet the requirements of FAA advisory circular AC43.13-1B.

# 2. OVERVIEW

The main tasks for this installation are listed below:

1. Check the shipped installation kit components against this manual.
2. Determine the approximate location of the RCOM-100, transmit/receive antenna, the GPS antenna, and the mounting tray for the equipment. Factors considered for locations are minimum and maximum antenna coax lengths, and minimum GPS and transmit antenna separation.
3. Mount the ARINC 600 2 MCU tray.
4. Mount the transmit/receive antenna.
5. Mount the GPS antenna.
6. Route the coax cables for transmit, receive, and GPS antenna signals to the ARINC 600 2 MCU tray.
7. Create the wire harness for the RCOM-100.
8. TIP/RING voice communication check out.
9. Data port check out.

### 3. INSTALLATION

#### Installation Kit:

ITEM #	ARNAV P/N	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	150-1115	6	Connector, TNC
2	150-2168	1	Receptacle, Circular 37 Pin
3	452-0217	1	Mounting Frame Ass'y, ¼ATR
4	870-1575	1	Antenna, RF Transmit/Receive Satcom
5	870-0028	1	Antenna, GPS
6	570-8050	1	RCOM-100 Installation Manual

#### Determining Mounting Locations:

There are two basic restrictions for mounting locations. The first restriction is the distance between the equipment mounting location and the transmit/receive antenna location. The second restriction is the distance allowed between the transmit antenna and any GPS antenna located on the aircraft. The data below will help identify proper equipment and antenna locations.

#### Transmit/Receive antenna and equipment location:

The Transmit/Receive antenna and associated coaxial lines have a minimum and maximum signal loss that must be adhered to. Exceeding the min/max signal strength by having an improper coax length may cause poor performance.

The first step is to select the cable and then determine the length of cable that falls in the min/max signal loss window. The coax selection and length will determine the distance between the antenna and the RCOM-100.

The transmitter is at 1.6Ghz.

Transmitter Minimum Loss: 0.66db  
Transmitter Maximum Loss: 1.66db

The receiver operates at 2.5Ghz.

Receiver Minimum Loss: 1.14db  
Receiver Maximum Loss: 7.14db

The tables below identify different coax cable types that can be used and shows minimum and maximum cable lengths for that coax type. Any other quality coax type can be used as long as the signal loss falls between the minimum and maximum db requirements.

**Table 3-1 Transmit Cable Lengths**

Part Number	Cable Outside Diameter in Inches	Bend Radius in Inches	Minimum Length in Feet	Maximum Length in Feet	Cable Loss per foot
ECS Cable					
311901	0.195	1	4.4	11	0.1513
311601	0.229	1.15	3.7	9.4	0.1768
311501	0.229	1.15	7.5	18.9	0.0877

**Table 3-2 Receive Cable Lengths**

Part Number	Cable Outside Diameter in Inches	Bend Radius in Inches	Minimum Length in Feet	Maximum Length in Feet	Cable Loss per foot
ECS Cable					
311901	0.195	1	5.7	35.7	.2
311601	0.229	1.15	8.2	51.5	.13850
311501	0.229	1.15	10.3	64.3	.11100

**GPS antenna proximity to transmit/receive antenna:**

The GPS coaxial cable length may use any of the above cable types but must be kept less than 40 feet. There is no minimum length on the GPS cable.

Due to potential transmit power saturation of a GPS antenna input, there must be a minimum separation between any GPS antenna and the transmit antenna. For a typical active GPS antenna for aviation the minimum separation should be 6 feet. For least interference between the antennas a preferred distance between antennas is 13 feet. The preferred distance may not be practical on aircraft installations so every effort should be made to provide the most separation that circumstances permit.

NOTE: Some GPS antennas provide a filter prior to the pre-amp that help provide more rejection of non-GPS frequencies. If the GPS antenna can provide additional filtering the separation requirement can be reduced. The standard antenna supplied in this kit requires the 6 foot minimum separation.

When routing the coaxial cables make sure to identify the cables so they can be connected to the proper location. There are 3 cables with TNC connectors on both ends and all appear to be the same.

Once the antennas and RCOM-100 locations have been verified to meet the above restrictions the installation can proceed.

### **Securing The Mounting Tray:**

Refer to drawing ENG-4985 in appendix A. This drawing shows the dimensions of the mounting holes and the screws to be used. You should prepare the mounting location to provide a good electrical bond between the mounting tray and the airframe. If the removal of paint is required to obtain this electrical bond it should be done.

Prepare the mounting holes and secure the equipment-mounting tray. Place the RCOM-100 into the mounting tray and secure it with the lockdown knob.

### **Transmit/Receive Antenna Installation:**

Refer to SENSOR Systems drawing S67-1575-164 in Appendix A. S67-1575-164 shows the dimensions of the antenna and mounting holes.

Prepare the mounting location by drilling holes in the aircraft skin or through a mounting plate. Installation of an antenna on the aircraft should be performed only as defined by the aircraft manufacture or in accordance with FAA approved engineering data. Special caution must be observed when installing antennas in pressurized aircraft.

Note: The bond between the airframe and the antenna needs to be 10 milliohms or less. Make sure that this antenna has a spatial separation of 45dB between it and any GPS antennas (as defined above).

### **GPS Antenna Installation:**

Refer to drawing 870-0028 in Appendix A. Drawing 870-0028 shows the dimensions of the antenna and mounting holes for the GPS antenna.

Prepare the mounting location by drilling holes in the aircraft skin or through a mounting plate. Installation of an antenna on the aircraft should be performed only as defined by the aircraft manufacture or in accordance with FAA approved engineering data. Special caution must be observed when installing antennas in pressurized aircraft.

Note: The bond between the airframe and the antenna needs to be 10 milliohms or less. Make sure that this antenna has a spatial separation of 45dB between it and the transmit/receive antenna (as defined above).

### **Circular 37 Pin Connector:**

Table 3-3 is the pin definition for the circular 37-pin connector. The RCOM-100 has been designed to work with either a 28VDC aircraft or a 14VDC aircraft. TIP and RING are for EIA/TIA-464B compatible telephone equipment. The DATA PORT shows how it should be wired up to a DB-9 female connector, which should then plug into a DTE device.

**Table 3-3 Circular 37 Pin Connector Description**

<b>PIN #</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	DATA PORT RXD (OUTPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 2
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5	DATA PORT CTS (OUTPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 8
6	DATA PORT TXD (INPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 3
7	DATA PORT RI (OUTPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 9
8	DATA PORT RFR (INPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 7
9	POWER RETURN
10	POWER
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12	
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14	
15	RING
16	TIP
17	
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19	DATA PORT SIGNAL RETURN
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25	DATA PORT RLSD (OUTPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 1
26	DATA PORT DTR (INPUT) TO DB9 FEMALE PIN 4
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## 4. DATA PORT

The Data Port allows the user to connect a computer to the RCOM-100 to access data services. There are 2 types of data services handled by the Data Port: Asynchronous, and Packet Data. In both of these services the equipment interfacing to the RCOM-100 must be configured for 19200-baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity, hardware handshaking, with EIA/TIA RS-232 standard signal levels.

### **Asynchronous Services:**

Asynchronous Services establishes a data connection between a computer or other device connected to the data port, and any Hays compatible modem that is connected to the Public Switched Telephone Network. The connection between the device and the remote modem is accomplished by dialing from the AT command line the number of the remote modem (i.e. ATD18883359533 <ENTER>). Once the connection is established between the 2 modems, binary data, or ASCII data can be transmitted. Sending the “+++” followed by a delay of longer than 1 second then the “ATH” terminates the connection.

### **Packet Services:**

The data connection is established by the computer issuing a dialing command “ATD#777 <enter>”. This starts a PPP session using the TCP/IP protocol. Sending the “+++” followed by a delay of longer than 1 second then the “ATH” terminates the connection.

The PPP connection using TCP/IP can be set up as a standard Windows Dial Up networking connection or it can be part of the connecting application. In order to access data through the Packed Services you must have an Internet service provider that allows remote connection through a gateway. Your dial up connection must be set up as follows:

#### **Modem Setup:**

Add the RCOM-100 Qualcomm modem INF file to your computer:

Windows 98 example:

Select: Start – Settings – Control Panel – Modems

Select: Add Modem

Check: Do not detect modem; I will select it from a list

Select: Next

Select: Have Disk

Insert the supplied floppy disk into the A: drive

Make sure the A: drive is selected as the file source and select OK

The Modem will be identified as Qualcomm Globalstar Phone Modem

Select: Next

Select: the communications port on your computer that will connect to the RCOM-100

Select: Next

Select: Finish

In the Modem Properties Dialog Box – Select the new Globalstar Modem and click Properties

Change the Baud Rate to 19200 and press OK

#### **Dial Up Connection:**

Under “My Computer” – Dial Up Networking --, Make a New Connection

Select: Qualcomm Globalstar Phone Modem

COM port connected to Data Port of RCOM-100

Baud Rate 19200  
8 Bit  
1 Stop Bit  
No Parity  
Hardware Handshaking  
Phone Number = #777  
Type of Dial Up Server = PPP  
Allowed Network Protocols = TCP/IP  
Enable Software Compression = Yes  
TCP/IP Settings  
    Server Assigned IP Address  
    Specify name server addresses  
        Primary DNS = Provided by your internet service provider  
        Secondary DNS = Provided by your internet service provider  
    Use IP Header Compression  
    Use Default Gateway on Remote Network

When connecting to the "Dial Up Networking" connection you must enter your User name and Password for your Internet Service Provider.

## 5. SYSTEM TESTING

### Phone Test:

Hook up a standard telephone handset to the TIP and RING signals from the 37-Pin connector.

Move the aircraft out of any hanger or enclosed area so the antenna has a clear view of the sky.

Take the phone off hook and you should get a dial tone.

Dial a phone number and verify that you are able to connect with the number (NOTE: This telephone requires a full area code and number to make connection. Do not put a "1" in front of the area code.).

### Data Port Test:

With the aircraft out of any enclosed hanger, hook up a laptop computer to the Data Port (Assumes that you have terminated the Data Port with a DB-9 female connector).

Using a terminal emulator program with the serial port is set up for (19200,8,n, 1). You should be able to type AT<ENTER> and get an OK back from the RCOM-100. This verifies that the data port is wired correctly and that you can communicate with the internal Modem of the RCOM-100.

Once you have verified connection with the modem you can test the PPP connection using TCP/IP. (Verify that you have configured the modem and dial up networking connection as above, and that you have a working Internet Service Provider)

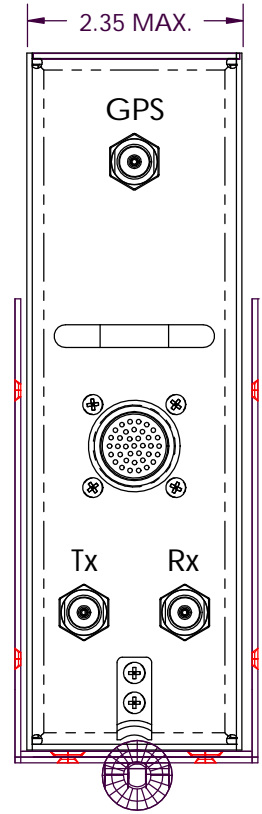
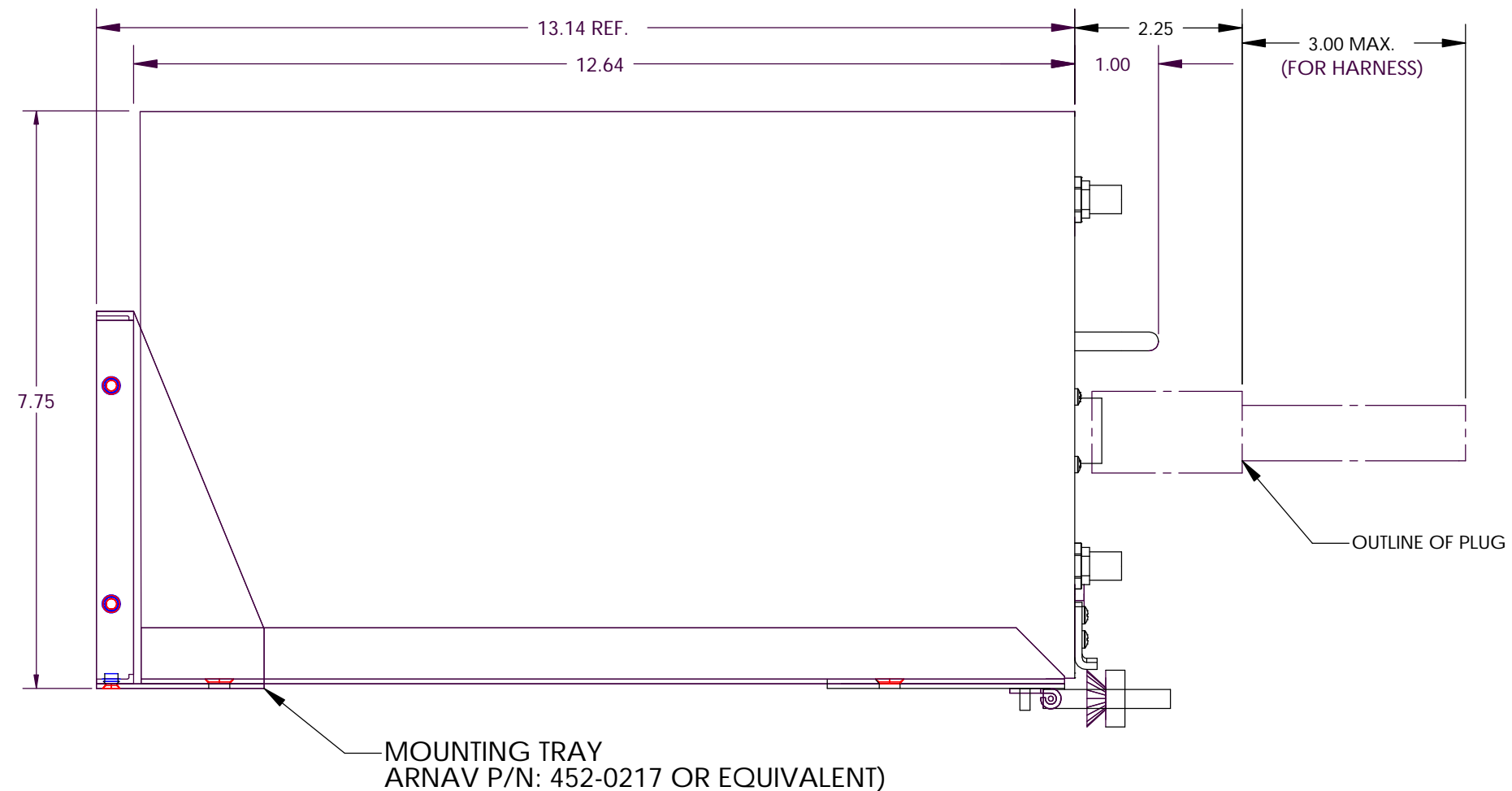
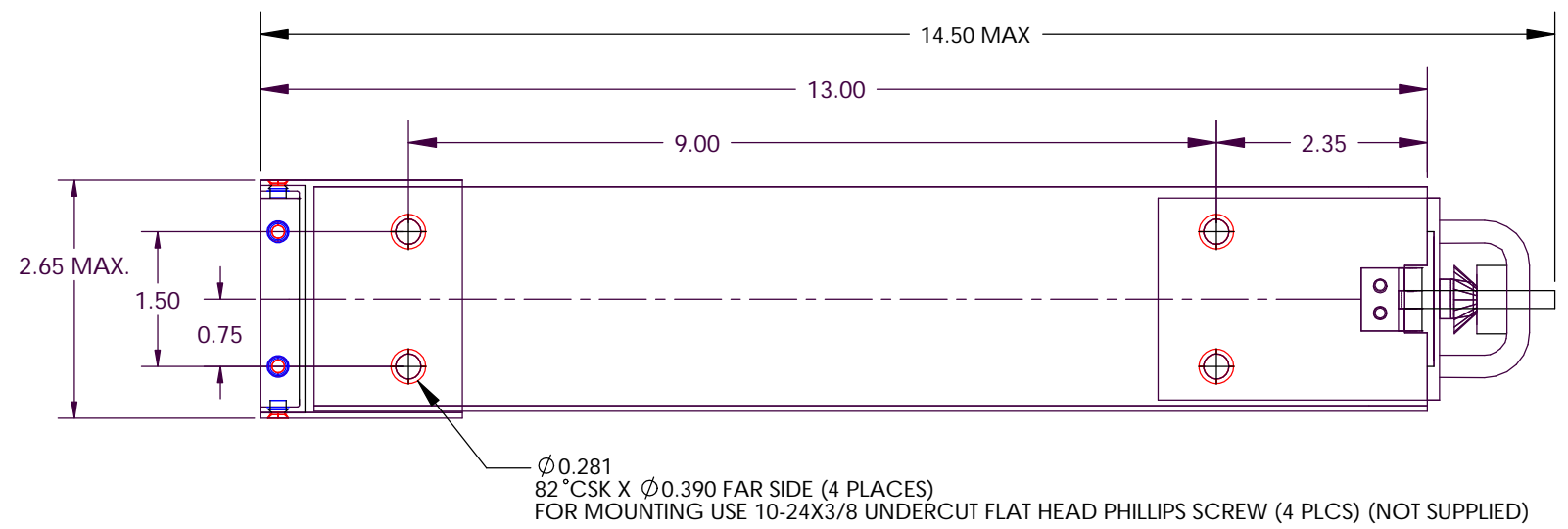
## **6. TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

POWER: less than 40W Max. Typical Idle Operation: 5.5W  
WEIGHT: ~7.5lb includes antennas, mounting tray, and RCOM-100

## **7. Appendix A - Drawings**



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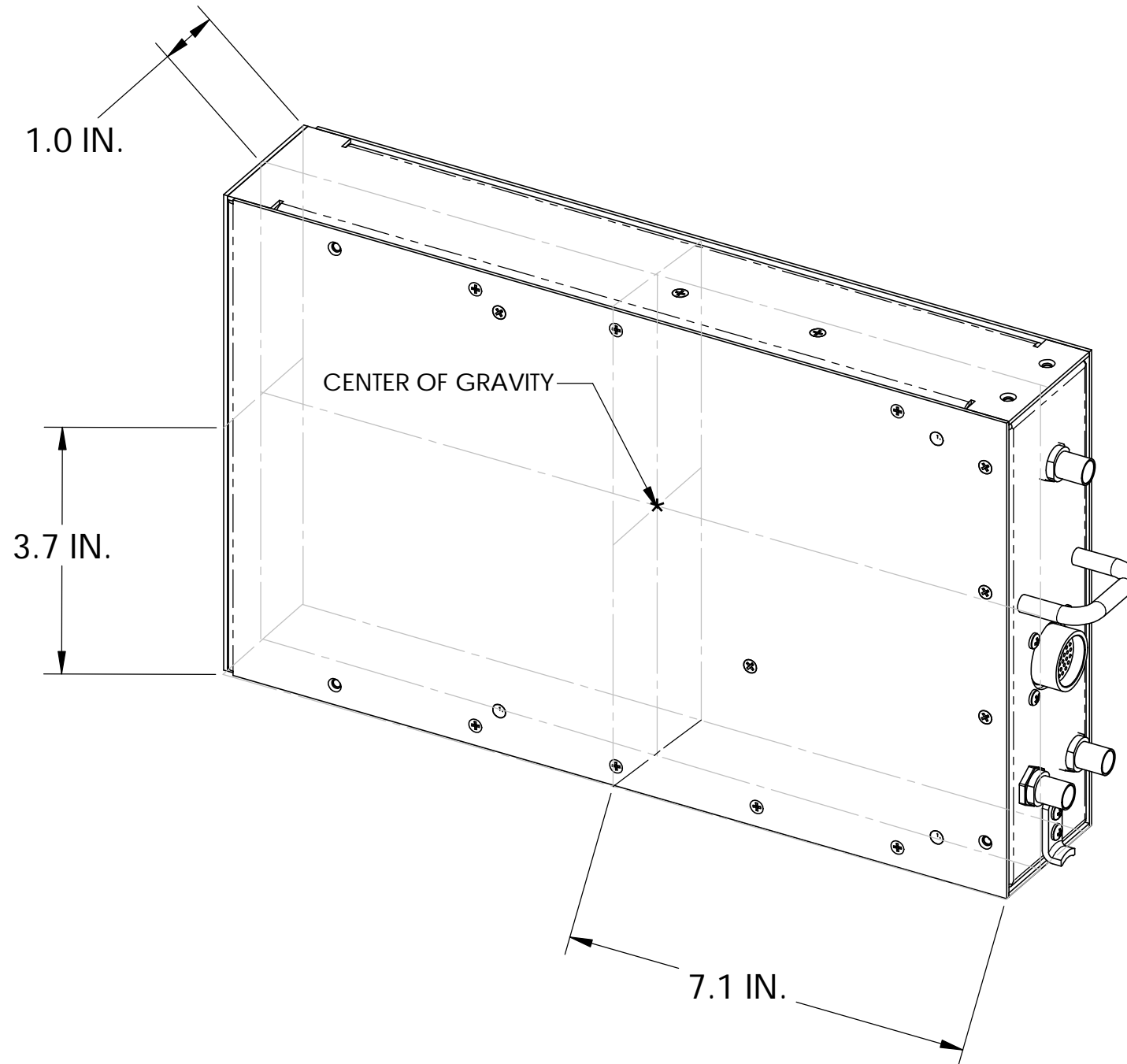
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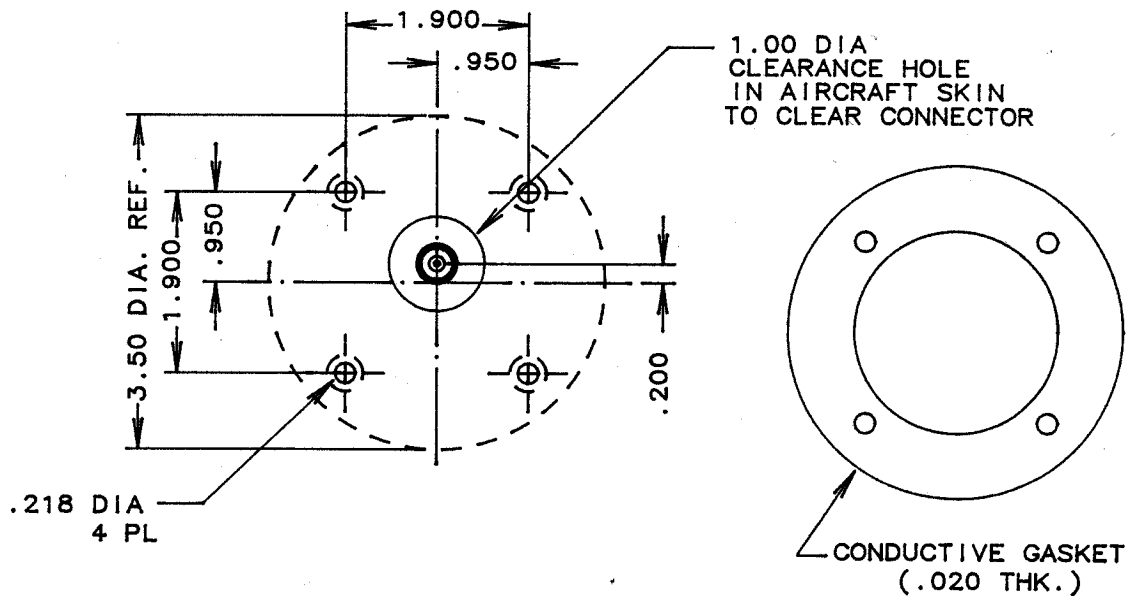
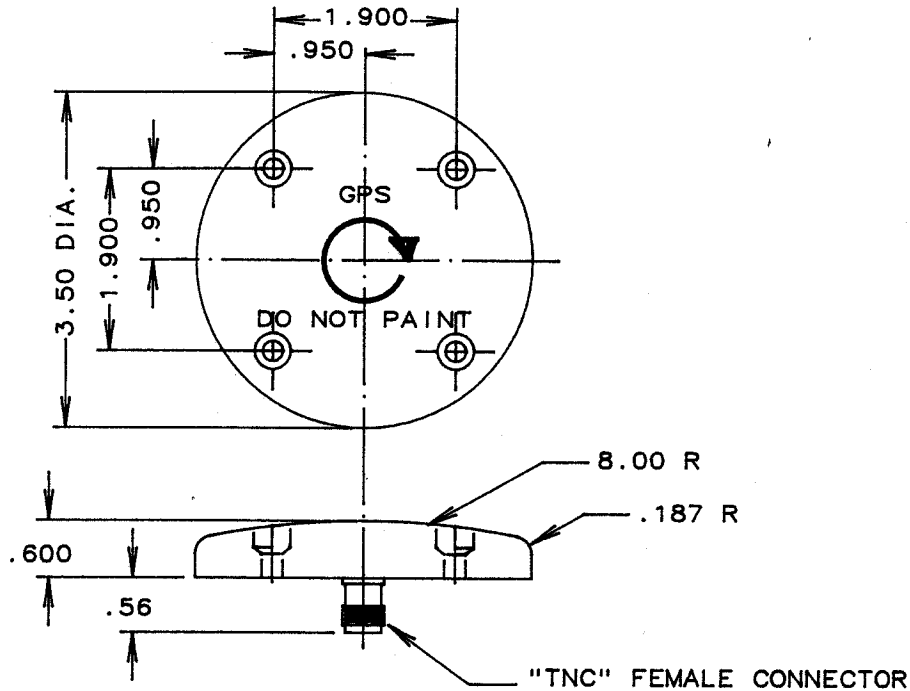


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ANTENNA MOUNTING HOLE PATTERN  
(BOTTOM SIDE OF ANTENNA SHOWN)

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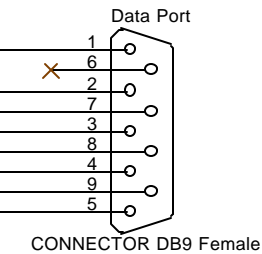
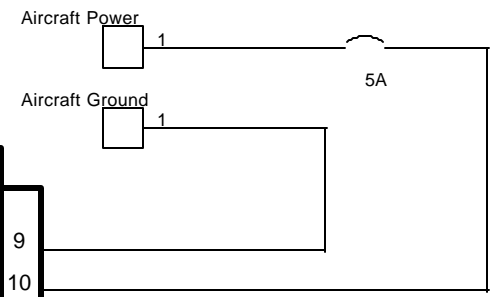
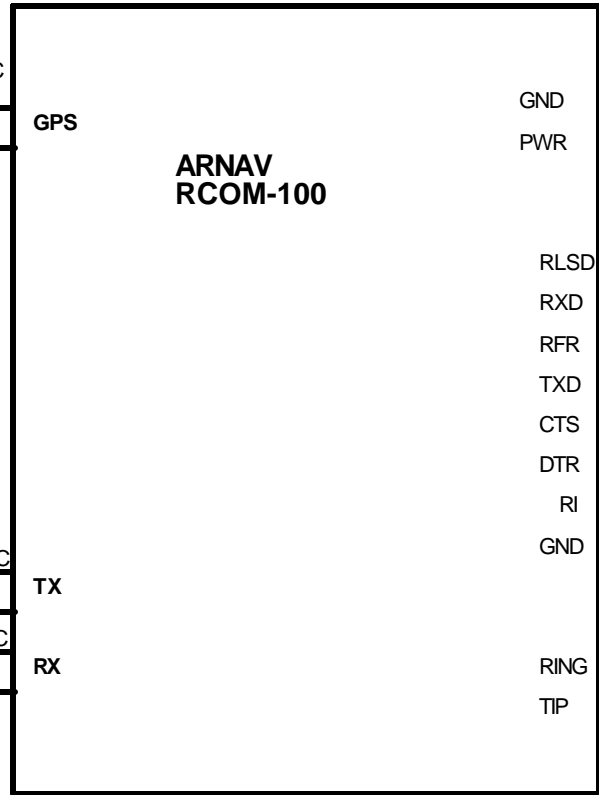
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2. SENSOR SYSTEMS P/N: S67-1575-39
3. GAIN (PREAMP): 26 dB.

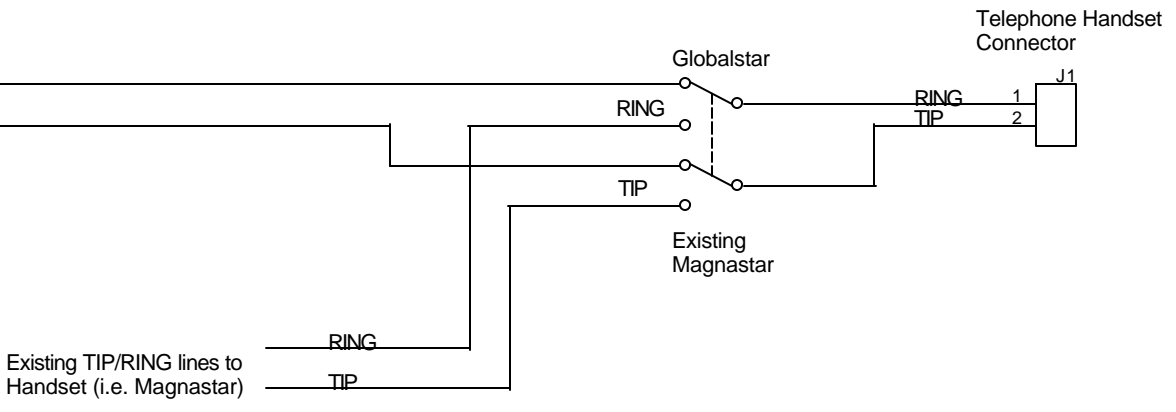
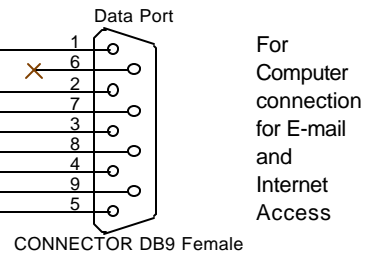
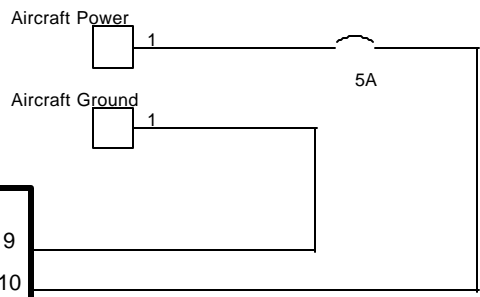
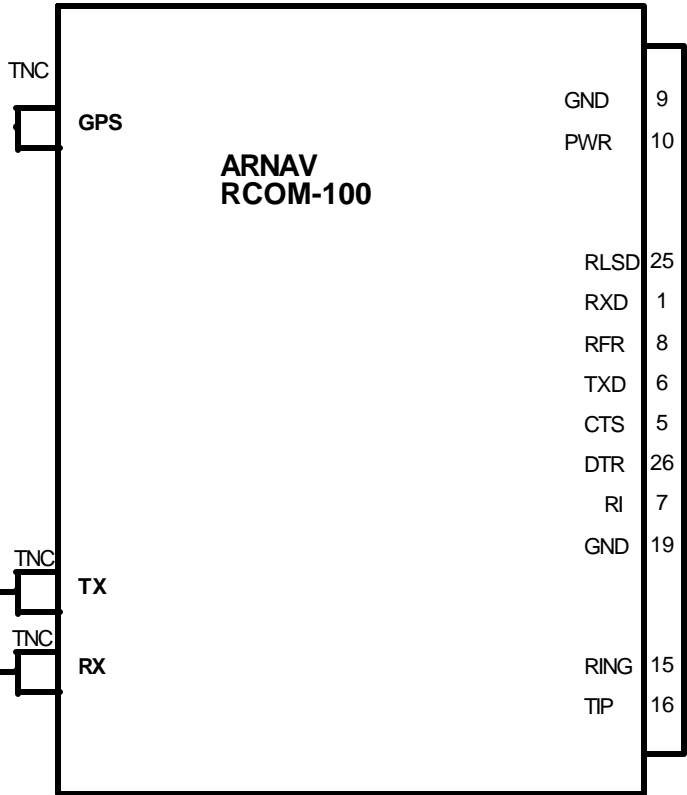
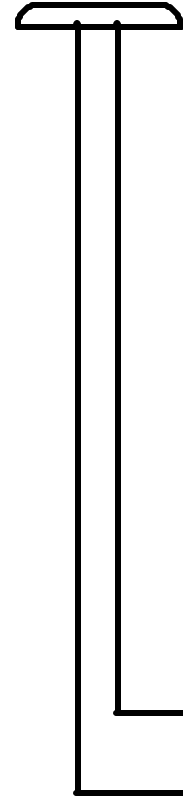
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