

Vega TP-3

4 Channel Universal Analog input (Pressure / Temperature / Current / Volts) indicator

Operating Manual – English 1.04



Introduction

The TP-3 is a 2 1/4" (57mm) sunlight readable 4 channel universal analog input color display instrument. Each channel can be individually programmed to display either pressure, temperature, current or volts from a universal analog input that can interface to many sensors such as oil temperature, coolant temperature, oil pressure, fuel pressure, manifold pressure, boost pressure and many more.

The TP-3 can display any combination of 1 to 4 analog channels in a horizontal / vertical bargraph or a numeric display format.

Pressure can be measured using standard automotive resistive senders (e.g. VDO 2, 5 and 10 Bar), Rotax 4-20mA senders as well as voltage output pressure senders (e.g. UMA). Temperature can be measured using standard automotive resistive senders (e.g. VDO, Westach) as well as the MGL Avionics precision LM335 semiconductor sensor. In addition the temperature, pressure and current inputs can be programmed to a user defined curve for custom senders.

All analog channels have a programmable low and high alarm. This results in a contact closure that is typically used to switch a warning lamp on. The TP-3 also records the minimum and maximum values reached for each channel in permanent memory.

The TP-3 can also be interfaced via the CAN bus to an external RDAC unit (Remote Data Acquisition Computer). This allows for easier installation as the RDAC unit is normally mounted in the engine compartment.

1 Features

- Large 1.8" high resolution 160x128, sunlight readable, wide viewing angle, 1000 cd/m2 TFT LCD display
- Four universal analog inputs that can be used for pressure / temperature / current or volts
- Pressure can be measured using standard automotive resistive senders (e.g. VDO 2, 5 and 10Bar), Rotax 4-20mA senders as well as voltage output pressure senders (e.g. UMA)
- Temperature can be measured using standard automotive resistive senders (e.g. VDO, Westach) as well as the MGL Avionics precision LM335 semiconductor sensor
- Current can be measured using the MGL Avionics Magnetic Closed Loop Current Sensor (Sold Separately)
- High accuracy: Built in linearization curves for common senders
- Analog channels can be programmed to a user defined curve for custom senders
- Supports the Rotax 4-20mA pressure sender as used in the 912/914 engines
- Temperatures can be displayed in °C or °F
- Pressure can be displayed in psi or bar
- Records minimum and maximum values reached for each channel
- External RDAC (Remote Data Acquisition Computer) interfacing via the CAN bus
- Includes a RS232 serial output for interfacing to external equipment e.g dataloggers etc.
- Standard 2 1/4" (57mm) aircraft enclosure (can be front or rear mounted)
- · Rotary control plus 2 independent buttons for easy menu navigation and user input
- An external output activates when a high alarm condition has been reached
- Wide input supply voltage range of 8 to 30V DC with built in voltage reversal and over voltage protection for harsh electrical environments
- 1 year limited warranty

2 Layout



3 Main Displays

The TP-3 has 3 different main display screens. The main display screen can be selected by rotating the rotary control.

Horizontal Display



Numeric Display



Vertical Display



Max Values

MI	N /	MA	х	
OILP:		5. 9.	6 4	bar °C
AMPS:	3	.31	3	.3 A
BAT: RESET	12	10.	12	.0 V

3.1 Horizontal display

The below images show the horizontal display mode displaying 1,2,3 and 4 channels



3.2 Vertical display

The below images show the vertical display mode displaying 1,2,3 and 4 channels



3.3 Numeric display

The below images show the numeric display mode displaying 2,3 and 4 channels



3.4 Maximum Values display

MI	N / I	мах	
OILP:		5.6	bar
OILT:		94	°C
AMPS:	3.	31 3	3.3 A
BAT:	12.	0/12	2.0 V
RESET			

This display can be accessed by rotating the rotary control during the normal display mode. Press the F1/Up button when the max values display is showing to reset the maximum values.

Note: The maximum values are stored in non-volatile memory and are recalled on power-up.

4 Menu System

Press the rotary control button during the normal display mode to enter the menu system. Use the rotary control to navigate through the menu system.



4.1 Exiting the menu system

Press the F1/Up button to exit the menu system when the "EXIT" soft key is shown. All changes made during navigation of the menu system will be saved in non-volatile memory upon exiting. The instrument will not save any changes if you remove power before exiting the menu system.

4.2 CH1 to CH4 Setup (Analog Channel Setup)

The 4 analog channels are universal analog input channels that can be used for pressure, temperature, current or volts.

Only "CHANNEL 1" Setup is shown below, follow the same steps for Channel 2, 3 & 4



4.2.1 Pressure Setup

Vega setup
MODE: PRESSURE
TYPE: RESISTIVE
SENDER: VDO
MODEL: 10 bar
LABEL: OILP
UNIT: bar
DISPLAY MAX: 10.0
DISPLAY MIN: 0.0
HIGH ALARM: ON
HIGH ALARM: 8.0
HIGH CAUTION: 7.0
LOW CAUTION: 2.5
LOW ALARM: ON
LOW ALARM: 1.5
DATA: RDAC
RDAC ADDRESS: 1
BACK

Mode:

Select the function for the analog channel. Options are "PRESSURE", "TEMP", "CURRENT", "VOLTS" or "OFF".

Type:

Select if you are using a resistive, voltage or current pressure sender.

If the "RESISTIVE" pressure sender is selected

Sender:

Select what type of resistive pressure sender you are using. Select "VDO" for VDO / resistive senders, "USER" for a custom sender.

Model:

Select which VDO pressure sender you are using. A selection between a VDO 2, 5 or 10 Bar can be selected.

If the "VOLTAGE" pressure sender is selected

Sender:

Select the type of voltage sender you are using. Select "UMA" for UMA senders, "0.5-4.5V" for voltage senders, or "USER" for a custom voltage sender.

Model:

For UMA senders select the UMA model number.

If the "CURRENT" pressure sender is selected

Sender:

Select the type of current sender you are using. Select "4-20mA" for Rotax 912/914 4-20mA sender or "USER" for a custom 4-20mA sender.

Pressure @ 4mA:

Enter the pressure specified at 4mA output.

Pressure @ 20mA:

Enter the pressure specified at 20mA output.

Menu options for all sender types

If the "USER" pressure sender is selected

Calibrate Sender:

If the sender type is set to "USER", then use this menu option to calibrate your pressure sender. See section 4.2.3 for more information.

Label:

Enter a label to suit your pressure channel so you can identify it easily.

Unit:

Select whether you want to display the pressure in Bar, psi or psi(0.1). The psi(0.1) is for low range pressure senders e.g. UMA 7PSI.

Display Max:

Select the maximum pressure that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

Display Max:

Select the minimum pressure that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

High Alarm:

This enables or disables the pressure high alarm.

High Alarm:

Enter the pressure threshold for when the high alarm must be activated. Any pressure above this value will activate the alarm.

High Caution:

Enter the pressure value for the high caution. This is the lower value of the upper yellow band.

Low Caution:

Enter the pressure value for the low caution. This is the upper value of the lower yellow band.

Low Alarm:

This enables or disables the pressure low alarm.

Low Alarm:

Enter the pressure threshold for when the low alarm must be activated. Any pressure below this value will activate the alarm.

Data:

Select the data source of the pressure signal. Options include internal (using one of the analog channels within the TP-3) or from an optional external RDAC unit.

RDAC Address:

Select the CAN address of the RDAC unit.

4.2.2 Temperature Setup

Vega setus
MODE: TEMP
SENDER: VDO 150°C
LABEL: OILT
TEMP UNIT: °C
DISPLAY MAX: 150
DISPLAY MIN: 50
HIGH ALARM: ON
HIGH ALARM: 135
HIGH CAUTION: 120
LOW CAUTION: 90
LOW ALARM: ON
LOW ALARM: 70
DATA: RDAC
RDAC ADDRESS: 1
BACK ¥ ¥

Mode:

Select the function for the analog channel. Options are "PRESSURE", "TEMP", "CURRENT", "VOLTS" or "OFF".

Sender:

Select what type of sender you are using. Select "VDO 120" for a VDO 120 degree NTC sender, Select "VDO 150" for a VDO 150 degree NTC sender, "WESTACH" for Westach 339 NTC sender, "MGL" for a MGL NTC sender, "LM335" for a MGL precision temperature sender or "USER" for a custom sender.

If the sender type is set to "USER"

CALIBRATE SENDER:

If the sender type is set to "USER", then use this menu option to calibrate your pressure sender. See section 4.2.3 for more information.

If the sender type is set to "LM335"

LM335:

If the sender type is set to LM335, then use this menu option to calibrate your LM335 precision temperature sender. If recalibration is required then adjust the value until the temperature matches the reference ambient temperature. Please note that the LM335 can only be calibrated in degrees Celsius irrespective if the TP-3 is setup to display temperature in Fahrenheit.

Menu options for all sender types

Label:

Enter a label to suit your temperature channel so you can identify it easily.

Temp Unit:

Select whether you want the temperature to be displayed in degrees Celcius (°C) or in degrees Fahrenheit (°F).

Display Max:

Select the maximum temperature that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

Display Min:

Select the minimum temperature that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

High Alarm:

This enables or disables the temperature high alarm.

High Alarm:

Enter the temperature threshold for when the high alarm must be activated. Any temperature above this value will activate the alarm.

High Caution:

Enter the temperature value for the high caution. This is the lower value of the upper yellow band.

Low Caution:

Enter the temperature value for the low caution. This is the upper value of the lower yellow band.

Low Alarm:

This enables or disables the temperature low alarm.

Low Alarm:

Enter the temperature threshold for when the low alarm must be activated. Any temperature below this value will activate the alarm.

Data:

Select the data source of the temperature signal. Options include internal (using one of the analog channels within the TP-3) or from an optional external RDAC unit.

RDAC Address:

Select the CAN address of the RDAC unit.

4.2.3 Calibrating the user defined pressure,temperature and current senders



- 1. Enter the number of points that you want to calibrate.
- 2. Enter the display reading that you want to show when the sender is at that actual display reading.
- 3. Enter the ADC (analog to digital converter) reading that corresponds to this display reading. The ADC reading is shown at the top of the display if you are applying the actual stimulus from the temperature, pressure or current sender. You can also manually enter this value if the ADC value is known or pre-calculated.
- 4. Continue entering display and ADC values until all the points have been entered.
- 5. Verify the above calibration by checking the temperature, pressure or current display versus the actual applied sender stimulus.

4.2.4 Current Setup (MGL Avionics Magnetic Closed Loop Current Sensor required)

Vega setua
MODE: CURRENT
LABEL: AMPS
DISPLAY MAX: 50A
DISPLAY MIN: -50A
HIGH ALARM: 40A
HIGH CAUTION: 30A
LOW CAUTION: -30A
LOW ALARM: ON
LOW ALARM: -40A
ZERO SENSOR
GAIN: 100 -20A
DATA: RDAC
RDAC ADDRESS: 1
BACK ¥

Mode:

Select the function for the analog channel. Options are "PRESSURE", "TEMP", "CURRENT", "VOLTS" or "OFF".

Label:

Enter a label to suit your current channel so you can identify it easily.

Display Max: Select the maximum current that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

Display Min:

Select the minimum current that you want the bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

High Alarm:

This enables or disables the current high alarm.

High Alarm:

Enter the current threshold for when the high alarm must be activated. Any current above this value will activate the alarm.

High Caution:

Enter the current value for the high caution. This is the lower value of the upper yellow band.

Low Caution:

Enter the current value for the low caution. This is the upper value of the lower yellow band.

Low Alarm:

This enables or disables the current low alarm.

Low Alarm:

Enter the current threshold for when the low alarm must be activated. Any current below this value will activate the alarm.

Zero Sensor:



Select this function to indicate to the TP-3 that zero current is flowing through the MGL Avionics Closed Loop Current sensor. This is best done with the MGL Closed Loop Current sensor disconnected from the main current supplying conductor.

Gain:

Adjust the gain factor until the current is reading correctly. It will be best if a multimeter can be inserted in series with the current supplying conductor and the gain calibration adjusted until the TP-3 matches that of the multimeter. Please see the MGL Avionics Closed Loop Current Sensor documentation for more information.

Data:

Select the data source of the current signal. Options include internal (using one of the analog channels within the TP-3) or from an optional external RDAC unit.

RDAC Address:

Select the CAN address of the RDAC unit.

4.2.5 Volts Setup

Vega setua	
MODE: VOLTS	I
LABEL: BAT	
DISPLAY MAX: 20.0	
DISPLAY MIN: 8.0	
HIGH ALARM: ON	
HIGH ALARM: 15.0	
HIGH CAUTION: 14.0	
LOW CAUTION: 11.0	
LOW ALARM: ON	
LOW ALARM: 10.0	
CAL: 100% 11.6V	
BACK	

Mode:

Select the function for the analog channel. Options are "PRESSURE", "TEMP", "CURRENT", "VOLTS" or "OFF".

Label:

Enter a label to suit your volts channel so you can identify it easily.

Display Max:

Select the maximum value that you want the volts bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

Display Min:

Select the minimum value that you want the volts bargraph to show. This can give you increased display resolution.

High Alarm:

This enables or disables the volts high alarm.

High Alarm:

Enter the voltage threshold for when the high alarm must be activated. Any voltage above this value will activate the alarm.

High Caution:

Enter the voltage for the high caution. This is the lower value of the upper yellow band.

Low Caution:

Enter the voltage for the low caution. This is the upper value of the lower yellow band.

Low Alarm:

This enables or disables the volts low alarm.

Low Alarm:

Enter the voltage threshold for when the low alarm must be activated. Any voltage below this value will activate the alarm.

Cal:

Measure the battery voltage with a multimeter and then adjust this value to match that of the multimeters volts reading.

4.3 COMM Setup (Communication Setup)



Serial Out:

Select "ON" to enable the RS232 serial output.

Unit Address:

Enter the unit address.

Baud Rate:

Select the desired baud rate of the serial output.

The transmission format is set to 8 data bits, No parity, 1 stop bit. The baud rate can be changed in the Communication Menu.

4.3.1 Protocol Format

STX, Address, Message type, Length, Data payload, Checksum, ETX

STX: Start of text (0x02)

Address: unsigned char (8bit), Unit address (range 0-255)

Message Type: unsigned char (8bit), Specifies the message type

Length: unsigned char (8bit), Length of the data payload (does not include the STX, Address, message type, checksum or ETX)

Data payload: Data

Checksum: unsigned char (8bit), XOR of all bytes starting from the unit address to the end of the data payload. The checksum is seeded with 0xa5. (does not include the STX or ETX)

ETX: End of text (0x03)

4.3.2 Data payload

Message type=8 Data Length=10 bytes Output Rate=1Hz

Analog Channel Type:	Unsigned Int (16 bits)
	CH4 (4 bits), CH3 (4 bits), CH2 (4 bits), CH1 (4 bits)
	0=Off
	1=Pressure
	2=Temperature
	3=Current
	5=Volts
Analog Channel 1:	Signed Int (16 bits)
	Pressure in instrument units
	Temperature in Degrees C
	Current in 0.1A
	Volts in 0.1V
Analog Channel 2:	Signed Int (16 bits)
	Pressure in instrument units
	Temperature in Degrees C
	Current in 0.1A
	Volts in 0.1V
Analog Channel 3:	Signed Int (16 bits)
	Pressure in instrument units
	Temperature in Degrees C
	Current in 0.1A
	Volts in 0.1V
Analog Channel 4:	Signed Int (16 bits)
	Pressure in instrument units
	Temperature in Degrees C
	Current in 0.1A
	Volts in 0.1V

4.4 MISC Setup (Miscellaneous Setup)





Backlight:



Select this menu option to adjust the backlight brightness.

Security Setup:





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Information:



This menu option displays information about the unit.

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Default Settings:



Select this menu option to reset all the settings to factory defaults.

5 Loading factory default settings



Press and hold the F1/Up button and rotary control during power up to load the preprogrammed factory default settings. The following screen will be displayed:

Factory default settings can also be loaded in the Miscellaneous setup menu.

6 Error Messages



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Unit settings CRC error. Load default settings to restore to factory defaults. If the error message still persists then it could possibly be a non-volatile memory failure in which case the instrument will then have to be returned to the factory.

Internal flash CRC error. The instrument does a firmware check on the program when power is applied to the instrument. If the program is corrupt in any way then the internal flash CRC error will be displayed. Reload the instruments firmware and load default settings. If the error message still persists then it could possibly be an internal flash memory failure in which case the instrument will then have to be returned to the factory.

Max Values CRC error. Load default settings to restore to factory defaults. If the error message still persists then it could possibly be a non-volatile memory failure in which case the instrument will then have to be returned to the factory.

The red cross over the display means the TP-3 has lost communications with the external RDAC unit. Check the wiring between the TP-3 instrument and the RDAC unit. This error message is only available when the external RDAC is selected as the analog data source.

7 Specifications

Operating Temperature Range	-10°C to 60°C (14°F to 140°F)
Storage Temperature Range	-20°C to 80°C (-4°F to 176°F)
Humidity	<85% non-condensing
Power Supply	8 to 30Vdc SMPS (switch mode power supply) with built in 33V over
	voltage and reverse voltage protection
Current Consumption	Approx. 73mA @ 13.8V (backlight highest setting), 33mA @13.8V
	(backlight lowest setting)
	1.8" 160x128 pixel active matrix TFT display.
Display	1000 cd/m2 Suplight readable with anti-clare conting
	Sunlight readable with anti-glare coaling
	Deep collector transister owitch to ground
Alarm Output	Maximum rating 0.250
ADC	12 hit
Dimensions	see Vega series dimensional drawing
Enclosure	$2.1/\lambda^{2}$ (57mm) ABS, black in color, front or rear mounting. Eleme retardant
Woight	2 1/4 (Smin) ADS, black in color, none of real mounting. I tame relation.
Non volatilo momory storago	100000 write evelop
Non-volatile memory storage	Av Total 3x with disswitch programmable pullup resistor 1x with fixed pull
Analog Input Channels	un resistor
	VDO Pacistive Sender: The TD 2 supports the VDO 2 5 and 10 Ber
	VDO RESISTIVE Serider. The TP-5 supports the VDO 2, 5 and 10 bar
	fuel isolation kit excitable from VDO
	Botox 4 20m A Sondory The TD 2 supports the 4 20m A pressure
	conder as used in Detax 012 / 014 angines
	sender as used in Rolax 912 / 914 engines.
	Voltage Output Proceure Senderey e.g. UNA conders that output
	a voltage signal A 0.5.4.5V sonder soloction is also available
	a voltage signal. A 0.3-4.3 v sender selection is also available.
	UMA N/T 1EU07G(M): 7PSI (0.5Bar) for carburated engine (Rotax)
Pressure Sensors	UMA N/T 1EU35G(M): 35PSI (2.4Bar) for carburated engine
	(Lycoming/Continental)
	UMA N/T 1EU100G(M): 100PSI (6.9Bar) for injected (Lycoming /
	Continental)
	(M) is MGL modified senders
	The TP-3 includes linearisation curves for the UMA N/T 1EU07, N/T
	1EU35, N/T 1EU70, N/T 1EU70A, N/T 1EU100 and N/T 1EU150 pressure
	senders
	User defined senders: IP-3 has a user sender calibration feature
	that can be customized for senders not listed above.
Tomporaturo Sonsoro	
remperature sensors	
	VDU Resistive Senders: VDO 120°C and VDO 150°C thermistor
	senders supported.
	WGL NIC RESISTIVE SENGER: Echlin TS920SA (32040) automotive
	temperature sender
	MCL Dresision M225 semissraturtery D
	WGL Frecision LW335 Semiconductor: Based on ON
	Semiconductors LM335 temperature sensor

	 Westach Resistive Senders: Westach 399 thermistor series temperature senders. User defined senders: The TP-3 has a user sender calibration feature that can be customized for senders not listed above
Current Sensors	MGL Avionics Magnetic Closed Loop Current Sensor
Voltage measurement range	Up to 32Vdc
Voltage resolution	0.1V

8 Operating the alarms

The alarm output can be used to switch an external alarm indicator. The external alarm switch is an open collector transistor switch to ground with a maximum rating of 0.25A DC. It is possible to wire the alarm contacts of several Stratomaster instruments in parallel should this be desired. To avoid false activation of the alarms, the alarm function is only active 10 seconds after the instrument has powered up.

9 Firmware Upgrading

The TP-3 can be upgraded in the field by connecting the RS232 port to a PC and running the firmware update program. **Note that only the RS232 port can be used to upgrade the firmware.**

Please see the Vega firmware upgrading document for more information.

10 Installation

10.1 Temperature senders

VDO Resistive senders: The TP-3 supports the VDO 120°C and 150°C thermistor automotive senders. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the resistive temperature sender input must be in the "ON" position.

MGL NTC resistive senders: A suitable sender with the same thread used by Rotax can be obtained from MGL Avionics (manufacturer Echlin). The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the resistive temperature sender input must be in the "ON" position.

Most NTC senders require a single wire connected as shown in the installation diagram. The sender is grounded via the engine block. The ground terminal of the gauge input should be connected to the engine block. Some NTC senders have two wires. In this case it is not required that the sender housing itself is connected to the engine block. Wire the second wire to the reference ground terminal.

MGL Precision senders (On Semiconductors LM335): These are senders containing a semiconductor temperature measurement device. They can be used for water or oil temperature. These senders are available in two types: an encapsulated version with a brass housing suitable for Rotax thread; a second uncommitted version contains only the sensor itself. This can be conveniently mounted inside an existing sender housing after you remove the original insides of the sender. This is intended to give you a solution for unusual or difficult to obtain senders. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the resistive temperature sender input must be in the "ON" position.

Connect the green wire to ground and the red wire to the analog input channel.

Westach Resistive senders: The TP-3 supports the Westach 399 series senders. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the resistive temperature sender input must be in the "ON" position.

User defined senders: The TP-3 has a user sender calibration feature that can be customized for senders not listed above.

10.2 Pressure senders

VDO Resistive senders: The TP-3 includes linearisation curves for the VDO 2, 5 and 10 Bar pressure senders. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the resistive pressure sender input must be in the "ON" position.

4-20mA Pressure Senders: The TP-3 supports the 4-20mA pressure sender as used in Rotax 912/914 engines The supplied 100Ohm 1/4W resistor must be connected across the analog input channel to ground. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the 4-20mA current sender input must be in the "OFF" position. Only channel 1 to 3 can be used for the 4-20mA pressure sender if using the internal measurement circuit and only the OILP, AUX 1 and AUX 2 can be used if using the external RDAC.

Voltage output pressure senders: The TP-3 includes linearisation curves for the UMA N/T 1EU07, N/T 1EU35, N/T 1EU70, N/T 1EU70A, N/T 1EU100 and N/T 1EU150 pressure senders. The TP-3 also has a 0.5-4.5V sender selection. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the 0.5-4.5V sender input must be in the "OFF" position.

User defined senders: The TP-3 has a user sender calibration feature that can be customized for Resistive, 4-20mA as well as Voltage output senders.

10.3 Senders that are grounded in the engine block

Single wire senders require that their mounting arrangement (thread) has a very good electrical contact with the engine block. Avoid the use of any sealant or tapes as these may cause a bad electrical connection. Further to this it is very important that the engine block has a good electrical connection to the negative supply terminal of the TP-3. Any voltage drop caused by other equipment on the ground wire will cause incorrect readings. The best way to ensure a good connection is to wire a single connection between the TP-3 ground terminal (any of these terminals) and the engine block. Do not wire this anywhere else and do not allow any other equipment to use this wire as a current return path.

10.4 UMA Voltage output pressure sender



Pinout:

White/Orange: +12Vdc White: Signal White/Blue: Ground Shield: Ground

10.5 ROTAX 912/914 4-20mA Pressure sender

DIMENSIONS for reference only mm (in)



The sensor cable is approximately 3m long and has 3 leads. The black lead is not to be connected and has no function. The Red lead from the sensor has to be connected to the positive bus via a fuse or circuit breaker. The white lead (Output signal) has to be connected directly to the TP-3 analog input channel. The supplied 1000hm 1/4W resistor must be connected across the analog input channel to ground. The internal pull up resistor dip switch for the 4-20mA current sender input must be in the "OFF" position.

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10.6 Closed Loop Current Sensor



The MGL Avionics magnetic closed loop current sensor provides a 0.5V to 4.5Vdc output voltage which is proportional to a 50A bi-directional input current.

Advantages of closed loop current sensors over conventional current measurements techniques is that they provide the highest accuracy, are ideal for noisy electrical environments and they provide complete electrical isolation from the current carrying conductor.

Please see the MGL Avionics Closed Loop Current Sensor manual for connection information

10.7 External RDAC (Remote Data Acquisition) Connection (Optional)

The TP-3 can use an external RDAC unit as the source for the analog signals. Using an external RDAC may be beneficial as it will reduce the wiring from the engine compartment to the cockpit. Only the CAN High and CAN Low connections need to be made between the RDAC unit and the TP-3 in order for this to work. Select *"RDAC"* for the data source in the various analog channel setup menus if using the external RDAC option. The RDAC unit is optional and is purchased separately.

- TP-3 Channel 1 = RDAC OILT
- TP-3 Channel 2 = RDAC OILP
- TP-3 Channel 3 = RDAC AUX1
- TP-3 Channel 4 = RDAC AUX2

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10.8 Cable connections

Main	connector	(D15HD	connector:	Unit	Female,	Cable	Male)
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D15HD Pin	Color	Function
1	Red	8-30Vdc power via power switch / circuit breaker
		and fuse.
2	Black	Ground. Connect the ground to the engine block,
		and the engine block to the battery negative. Do
		not connect the TP-3 ground directly to the battery
		negative. This must be routed via the engine block.
3	-	RS232 Transmit data (Firmware upgrading)
4	-	RS232 Receive data (Firmware upgrading)
5	Green	Analog Input 2
7	Orange	Analog Input 1
9	Red/Yellow Stripe	Analog Input 4
10	Grey	Analog Input 3
12	Purple	CAN Low (Used for optional external RDAC)
13	Pink	CAN High (Used for optional external RDAC)
15	White	Alarm Output (Open collector)

10.9 Dipswitch settings

Use a small screwdriver to change the switch direction.



Dipswitch	Function
1	Analog Input Channel 1 Pull up resistor (On=Enable, OFF=Disable)
2	Analog Input Channel 2 Pull up resistor (On=Enable, OFF=Disable)
3	Analog Input Channel 3 Pull up resistor (On=Enable, OFF=Disable)
4	Not used

10.10 Connection Diagram

The use of an external 1A fuse is recommended. Connect the supply terminals to your aircrafts power supply. The TP-3 can be used on both 12V and 24V without the use of any pre-regulators. Ensure that the supply voltage will not drop below 8V during operation as this may result in incorrect readings.



Connect this to the engine block (and engine block to battery negative). Do not connect directly to the battery negative. This must be routed via the engine block.

Bodies of temperature and pressure senders must have electrical connection to engine block. Engine block must have electrical connection to instrument ground.

11 Dimensions



NOTE: 57.15mm (2.25") is a standard cutout, but due to manufacturing tolerances, 58mm (2.28") is found to be more desirable.



12 Cleaning

The unit should not be cleaned with any abrasive substances. The screen is very sensitive to certain cleaning materials and should only be cleaned using a clean, damp cloth.

Warning: The TP-3 is not waterproof, serious damage could occur if the unit is exposed to water and/or spray jets.

13 Warranty

This product carries a warranty for a period of one year from date of purchase against faulty workmanship or defective materials, provided there is no evidence that the unit has been mishandled or misused. Warranty is limited to the replacement of faulty components and includes the cost of labor. Shipping costs are for the account of the purchaser.

Note: Product warranty excludes damages caused by unprotected, unsuitable or incorrectly wired electrical supplies and or sensors, and damage caused by inductive loads.

14 Disclaimer

Operation of this instrument is the sole responsibility of the purchaser of the unit. The user must make themselves familiar with the operation of this instrument and the effect of any possible failure or malfunction.

This instrument is not certified by the FAA. Fitting of this instrument to certified aircraft is subject to the rules and conditions pertaining to such in your country. Please check with your local aviation authorities if in doubt. This instrument is intended for ultralight, microlight, home built and experimental aircraft. Operation of this instrument is the sole responsibility of the pilot in command (PIC) of the aircraft. This person must be proficient and carry a valid and relevant pilot's license. This person has to make themselves familiar with the operation of this instrument and the effect of any possible failure or malfunction. Under no circumstances does the manufacturer condone usage of this instrument for IFR flights.

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Other instruments in the *Stratomaster Vega* series

- AHRS-1 Artificial Horizon and Magnetic Compass Indicator
- AHRS-3 Self contained Artificial Horizon and Magnetic Compass Indicator
- ALT-5 Altimeter and Vertical Speed Indicator (VSI)
- ASI-4 Airspeed Indicator (ASI)
- ASI-4HS Airspeed Indicator (ASI High Speed)
- **ASV-1** Altimeter, Airspeed (ASI) and Vertical Speed Indicator (VSI)
- ASV-1HS Altimeter, Airspeed (ASI High Speed) and Vertical Speed Indicator (VSI)
- **EMS-1** Engine Monitoring System
- FF-4 Fuel Computer
- **INFO-1** Information Display (G-Force meter, UTC and Local Time, Slip Indicator, Outside Air Temperature (OAT), Battery Voltage, Current and charge display, Flight Timer & Flight Log, Stopwatch, Countdown Timer and Alarm)
- MAG-1 Magnetic Compass Indicator
- MAP-3 Manifold Pressure and RPM Indicator
- **RPM-1** Universal Engine / Rotor RPM Indicator
- TC-4 4 Channel Thermocouple (EGT/CHT) Indicator
- TP-3 4 Channel Universal Analog Input (Pressure/Temperature/Current/Volts) Indicator