Intelligent Power Stabilizer

Modes: IPS-12v-4a  
        IPS-12v-8a

The Intelligent Power Stabilizer, IPS, is an electronic power converter for critical electrical equipment found in general aviation aircraft. IPS provides aircraft bus voltage surge and sag protection for the connected electrical equipment. The IPS system will operate over an input voltage range from 5 volts to 15 volts and provides a regulated output voltage of greater than 11.25 volts. The IPS system allows electronic equipment such as engine monitors, EFIS and GPS’s to be operational before and during engine starting. This important feature allows the pilot to load flight plan data into the aircraft GPS prior to starting the engine, thereby saving fuel and operating expense. When used with aircraft engine monitors it ensures the pilot can monitor critical engine operating parameters such as oil pressure during the engine starting process.

The electronic power converter in the IPS system ensures the connected electronic equipment is provided with a stabilized source of power even when the aircraft battery voltage drops significantly. This is particularly important during engine starting or alternator out conditions. IPS additionally provides surge protection by actively clamping the regulated output voltage.

The IPS-12v-4a model features a panel mounted low voltage warning light which may be used to provide a pilot warning when the aircraft bus voltage falls below 12 volts.

The Intelligent Power Stabilizer system is suitable for use with equipment such as Garmin GNS-430/w, GNS-530/w, G900X, G3X systems. Advanced Flight System EFIS, Dynon EFIS, Grand Rapids EFIS, MGL EFIS, Tru-trak Autopilots.

No other uses of the IPS system are permitted except for those identified in this installation manual.

IPS must be installed using the current aircraft standards and practices. Refer to AC 43.13-2A/1B. The installer/builder is solely responsible for determining the suitability of the installation and use of this product.
Installation instructions:

1. IMPORTANT NOTE:
   Consult the attached wiring diagrams to identify wiring connections similar to your particular installation. Please note, some equipment such as GPS’s and EFIS systems may be provided with multiple power inputs. For these installations the IPS system must be connected on the “back-up” power input. It is strongly recommended that the “main” power input in these installations be provided from the aircraft avionics bus. The “back-up” power source should be provided through the IPS system and fed from a bus that is active during engine starting. This will typically be the master bus. For equipment having a single source of power, ensure the IPS system is fed from a bus that remains active during engine starting, such as the master bus.

Garmin 430/530(w) GPS systems are available in versions with and without back-up power inputs. Consult the Garmin GPS installation manual to determine which model you are working with, wiring diagrams for connection of each type to the IPS system are shown at the end of this document.

2. Check the total connected load to be used with the IPS system and ensure that it is less than the following product ratings.
   - IPS-12v-4a = 4 amps maximum continuous current
   - IPS-12v-8a = 8 amps maximum continuous current

3. Mount the IPS power converter in a suitable location in the aircraft. The IPS must be mounted inside the aircraft, do not mount IPS in the firewall forward area.

4. For the IPS-12v-4a, mount the Low Voltage warning light on the instrument panel in the pilot's viewing area. The LV warning light is polarized, observe polarity: + to white/red stripe, - to white/black stripe.

5. Connect the aircraft wiring according to the wiring diagrams as shown. IPS must be powered through a properly sized circuit breaker or fuse. ENSURE the proper size wire is utilized for the input feed and ground connection powering the IPS system. Additionally, the output of the IPS must be fused as shown in the wiring diagrams.
   - IPS-12v-4a model: Input Fuse = 12 amps, Output Fuse= 5 amps
   - IPS-12v-8a model: Input Fuse = 25 amps, Output Fuse= 10 amps
PRODUCT OPERATION:

The IPS system is fully automatic and requires no input from the pilot. The IPS system will provide a regulated output voltage to the connected equipment with an input bus voltage as low as 5 volts. The IPS system will automatic shut down if the input bus voltage remains below 4 volts for an extended period of time. NOTE: During automatic shutdown the output voltage of the IPS will no longer be regulated, but instead will fall to the nominal input voltage, thereby reverting back to system operation equivalent to that of systems not having the benefits of the IPS system.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

If the aircraft battery is extremely weak, the IPS system may not be able to keep the connected equipment operational during engine starting. If the battery is incapable of driving the starter to rotate the engine through a complete compression cycle the aircraft battery may be sagging below 4 volts. During these conditions the IPS system will protect itself and the attached equipment by shutting down.

Battery replacement is strongly encouraged if this condition exists.

Additionally, if the aircraft battery is deeply discharged, i.e. below 9 volts continuous output with no load attached, then when the aircraft systems are initially energized (i.e. at aircraft power-up) the IPS system will not boost the output voltage and it is likely the attached equipment will not power up. This is a warning the aircraft battery is in a state of deep discharge and may be in need of service or replacement.
SPECIFICATIONS:

Input Voltage: 5-15 volts DC,
Output Voltage: >11.25 volts DC
Output Current: IPS-12v-4a 4 amps continuous
              IPS-12v-8a 8 amps continuous
Converter: True DC:DC converter with output over voltage,
          over current and over temperature protection
Panel warning light: IPS-12v-4a only model, preset to 12.0 volts
Surge Protection: 16 volt active clamp, 1500w 10/1000uS waveform
Wiring: IPS-12v-8a : insulated barrier strip, #6 screws
         IPS-12v-4a : 4ft leads, Mil-spec wire
Enclosure: Cast aluminum
         IPS-12v-8a : 4.6” x 3.7” x 1.18”
         IPS-12v-4a : 4.39” x 2.34” x 1.06”
Weight: IPS-12v-8a : 14 oz.
         IPS-12v-4a : 8 oz.
Temperature range: -25 C to 60 C
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Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a
Equipment without Back-up Power Input

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Power Conditioner with Surge and Sag protection

Model: IPS-12v-4a
Input: 5-15 volts DC
Output: 12 volts, 4 amps max

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Equipment being powered via IPS

Low Voltage Panel Indicator

Example wiring for systems without back-up power inputs

1) For Garmin 430/530, supply IPS protected power only to gps/nav power input, not com power input

2) Color code: Input Power = Red
Output Power = White
Ground = Black
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Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a
Equipment with Back-up Power Input

Input: 5-15 volts DC
Output: 12 volts, 4 amps max

Model: IPS-12v-4a
Power Conditioner with Surge and Sag protection

Battery
Master Solenoid
12 amp fuse
Low Voltage Panel Indicator

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Example wiring for systems with back-up power inputs

1) For Garmin 430/530, supply IPS protected power only to gps/Nav power input, not com power input

2) Color code: Input Power = Red
               Output Power = White
               Ground = Black
Equipment without Back-up Power Input

Example wiring for systems without back-up power inputs

1) For Garmin 430/530, supply IPS protected power only to gps/nav power input, not com power input
Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-8a
Equipment with Back-up Power Input

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**Model: IPS-12v-8a**
Input: 5-15 volts DC
Output: 12 volts, 8 amps max

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**Example wiring for systems with back-up power inputs**

1) For Garmin 430/530, supply IPS protected power only to gps/nav power input, not com power input.
Wiring Diagram for connection of IPS to Garmin 430/530 systems

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Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a
Equipment without Back-up Power Input

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Battery
12 amp fuse
Master Solenoid
5 amp fuse
Low Voltage Panel Indicator
Garmin 430/530 without back-up power inputs

Example wiring for Garmin systems without back-up power inputs

1) Supply IPS protected power only to gps/nav power input, not com power input

2) Color code: Input Power = Red
   Output Power = White
   Ground = Black
Wiring Diagram for connection of IPS to Garmin 430/530 systems

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**Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a**
Equipment with Back-up Power Input

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Power Conditioner with Surge and Sag protection

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Input: 5-15 volts DC
Output: 12 volts, 4 amps max

1. Wire normal power inputs, Pins 19,20 to standard avionics bus power supply
2. Supply IPS protected power only to gps/nav power input, not com power input
3. Color code: Input Power = Red
   Output Power = White
   Ground = Black

Example wiring for Garmin systems with back-up power inputs

- Red
- 5 amp fuse
- 12 amp fuse
- Master Solenoid
- White
- Pin 72
- Pin 15
- Battery
- Low Voltage Panel Indicator
- Garmin 430/530 with back-up power inputs
Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-8a used with Garmin G900x Avionics

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**Model: IPS-12v-8a**

**Input:** 5-15 volts DC  
**Output:** 12 volts, 8 amps max

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**Master Solenoid**

**25 amp**

**Main Bus**

**Battery**

**Avionics Bus Solenoid**

**Avionics Bus**

**V+in**  
**Grd**  
**V+Out**

**#12**

**#18**

**#12**

**#18**

**#18**

**#20**

**#20**

**#20**

**#20**

**#12**

**10 amp**

**Feeds power terminals identified as Aircraft Power 2 in Garmin install manual**

**Connect to terminals identified as Aircraft Power 1 in Garmin install manuals, fuse according to Garmin’s specifications.**

**Garmin G900x Avionics**

**GDU 1040 (pfd)**

**GIA 63W #1**

**GEA 71**

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**Note:** Always refer to AC 43.13-2A/1B. for the current standard and practice regarding wiring and installation.
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Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a
IPS used with Garmin G3x system

Model: IPS-12v-4a

Power Conditioner with Surge and Sag protection

Model: IPS-12v-4a

Input: 5-15 volts DC
Output: 12 volts, 4 amps max

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Battery

Main Bus

Master Solenoid

Avionics Bus Solenoid

Avionics Bus

Red

White

5 amp fuse

12 amp fuse

Low Voltage Panel Indicator

Garmin G3x Avionics

GSU 73

P731
Pin 49
Pin 47

GDU 370
or
GDU 375

P3701
Pin 31
Pin 32

GDU 370
or
GDU 375

P3701
Pin 31
Pin 32

Wiring Diagram IPS-12v-4a

power connections for G3x system
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