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Direction Instrument, Magnetic (Stabilized Type)

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1. PURPOSE:

To specify minimum requirements for gyroscopically stabilized Magnetic Direction Instruments for use in aircraft, the operation of which may subject the instruments to the environmental conditions specified in Paragraph 3.3.

2. SCOPE:

This Aeronautical Standard covers minimum requirements for gyroscopically stabilized Magnetic Direction Instruments for use in aircraft.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Material and Workmanship:

3.1.1 Materials: Materials shall be of a quality which experience and/or tests have demonstrated to be suitable and dependable for use in aircraft instruments.

3.1.2 Workmanship: Workmanship shall be consistent with high-grade aircraft instrument manufacturing practice.

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3.2 Identification:

The following information shall be legibly and permanently marked on the instrument or attached thereto:

- a. Name of Instrument
- b. Aeronautical Standard AS399A
- c. Manufacturer's part number
- d. Manufacturer's serial number or date of manufacture
- e. Manufacturer's name and/or trade-mark
- f. Rating, if applicable (Electrical, Vacuum, etc.)

3.3 Environmental Conditions:

The following conditions have been established as design requirements only. Tests shall be conducted as specified in Sections 5, 6 and 7.

- 3.3.1 Temperature: When installed in accordance with the instrument manufacturer's instructions the instrument shall function over the range of ambient temperatures shown in Column A below and shall not be adversely affected by exposure to the range of temperatures shown in Column B below:

<u>Instrument Location</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Heated Areas (Temperature Controlled)	-30 to 50 C	-65 to 70 C
Unheated Areas (Temperature Uncontrolled)	-55 to 70 C	-65 to 70 C

- 3.3.2 Humidity: The instrument shall function and shall not be adversely affected when exposed to any relative humidity in the range from 0 to 95% at a temperature of approximately 32 C.

- 3.3.3 Vibration: When installed in accordance with the instrument manufacturer's instructions, the instruments shall function and shall not be adversely affected when subjected to vibrations of the following characteristics:

<u>Instrument Location in Airframe</u>	<u>Cycles Per Sec.</u>	<u>Max. Double Amplitude (Inches)</u>	<u>Max. Acceleration</u>
Power Plant Mounted	5 - 150	0.100	20g
Wings and Empennage	5 - 500	0.036	10g
Fuselage	5 - 500	0.036	5g
Panel or Rack (with Shockmounts)	5 - 50	0.020	1.5g

3.3.4 Altitude: The instrument shall function and shall not be adversely affected when subjected to a pressure and temperature range equivalent from -1000 feet to 40,000 feet standard altitude per NACA Report 1235 except as limited by application of Paragraph 3.3.1. The instrument shall not be adversely affected when subjected to a pressure of 50 in. Hg. absolute.

3.4 Radio Interference:

The instrument shall not be the source of objectionable interference, under operating conditions at any frequencies used on aircraft either by radiation of feedback, in radio equipment installed in the same aircraft as the instrument.

3.5 Magnetic Effect:

The magnetic effect of the instrument shall not adversely affect the operation of other instruments in the same aircraft.

4. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 Indicating Method:

One of the following methods of indication shall be employed:

Method I Horizontal drum dial with fixed lubber's line. The graduations shall move to the right for right turns.

Method II Rotating Vertical dial with fixed lubber's line. Dial shall rotate counter-clockwise for right turns.

Method III Rotating pointer with fixed graduated dial. Pointer shall rotate clockwise for right turns. Dial position may be settable.

4.2 Operating Limits:

The instrument shall indicate magnetic heading throughout the 360 degree scale range. During dives, climbs or banks up to at least 60 degrees displacement from level flight the instrument shall remain functional; however, the heading error involved through the gimbal system need not be corrected.

4.3 Dial Markings:

4.3.1 Graduations: The indicators shall be provided with degree graduations at intervals not to exceed 5 degrees, with major graduations every 10 degrees and with numerals at intervals not greater than 30 degrees, except that the 0, 90, 180 and 270 degree positions shall be marked N, E, S and W respectively.

4.3.2 Visibility: Index and dial markings shall be visible from any point within the frustum of a cone the side of which makes an angle of 30 degrees with the perpendicular to the dial and the small diameter of which is the aperture of the instrument case. At least two numerals shall be simultaneously visible.

4.3.3 Finish: Unless otherwise specified by the user, matte white material shall be applied to major graduations, numerals and pointers. Non-functional surfaces shall be a durable dull black.

4.4 Power Variation:

All units shall properly function with $\pm 15\%$ variation in D.C. voltage and/or $\pm 10\%$ variation in A.C. voltage and $\pm 5\%$ frequency.

4.5 Compensation Provisions:

Means shall, if necessary, be provided for compensating for semi-circular deviation. Compensating effect shall not exceed 30 degrees in each direction for each axis when adjusted for maximum effect.

4.6 Gyro Caging Provisions:

Unless the gyro assembly has unrestricted freedom of operation in the pitch and roll axes, means shall be provided for caging and/or relevering the gyro. Means shall be provided to indicate when the gyro is caged, except when it is not possible to leave the gyro in caged condition.

4.7 Synchronizing Provisions:

Automatic or manual means shall be provided to bring the indicated heading into alignment with the magnetic heading. If manual synchronization is required, an indication of alignment shall be provided.

4.8 Power Malfunction Indication:

Means shall be incorporated in the instrument to indicate when adequate power (voltage and/or current) is not being made available to all phases required for the proper operation of the instrument. The indicating means shall indicate a failure or a malfunction in a positive manner.

5. TEST CONDITIONS:

5.1 Atmospheric Conditions:

Unless otherwise specified, all tests required by this Aeronautical Standard shall be conducted at an atmospheric pressure of approximately 29.92 inches of mercury and at an ambient temperature of approximately 25 C and at a relative humidity of not greater than 85 percent. When tests are made with the atmospheric pressure or the temperature substantially different from these values, allowance shall be made for the variation from the specified conditions.

5.2 Vibration (to minimize friction):

Unless otherwise specified, all tests for performance may be conducted with the instrument subjected to a vibration of 0.002 to 0.005 inches double amplitude at a frequency of 1500 to 2000 cycles per minute. The term amplitude as used herein indicates the total displacement from positive maximum to negative maximum.

5.3 Vibration Equipment:

Vibration equipment shall be used which will provide frequencies and amplitudes consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 3.3.3 with the following characteristics:

5.3.1 Linear Motion Vibration: Vibration equipment shall be such as to allow vibration to be applied along each of three mutually perpendicular axes of the instrument.

5.3.2 Circular Motion Vibration: Vibration equipment shall be such that a point on the instrument case will describe a circle in a plane inclined 45 degrees to the horizontal plane, the diameter of which is equal to the double amplitude specified.

5.4 Power Conditions:

Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be conducted at the power rating recommended by the manufacturer.

5.5 Position:

Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be made with the instrument (indicators, amplifiers, transmitters, etc.) mounted in their normal operating position.

5.6 Magnetic Field Strength:

Unless otherwise specified, all tests required by this specification shall be made with a horizontal field strength of approximately 0.18 gauss and a vertical field strength of approximately 0.54 gauss, in the direction normal in the northern hemisphere. When tests are made with field strength values substantially different from these values, allowance shall be made for variations from the specified tolerances.

5.7 Compensators:

Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be made with magnetic compensators removed or adjusted to neutral position.

6. INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS:

All instruments shall be subjected to whatever tests the manufacturer deems necessary to demonstrate specific compliance with this Aeronautical Standard, including the following requirements where applicable.

6.1 Starting:

Instrument performance shall be achieved within 3 minutes after normal rated power is applied for both air and electric operated instruments. By application of 50 percent of rated suction for air operated instruments and 80 percent of rated voltage for electrically operated instruments the gyro rotor shall start and continue to rotate.

6.2 Scale Error:

When the magnetic-sensitive unit is placed on magnetic headings at 30 degree intervals, starting from North, the indicated headings shall correspond to actual magnetic headings within 2 degrees.

6.3 Heeling:

When the instrument is tilted 10 degrees about the roll or pitch axis and rotated 360 degrees in azimuth in 30 degree increments, the indicated headings shall not differ from the indicated headings with the instrument in normal level position by more than 4 degrees. The instrument shall remain at each heading for 5 minutes before reading.

6.4 Compensation:

With the instrument on N heading and the magnetic compensator adjusted for minimum effect, the scale error with compensator shall not differ from the scale error without compensator by more than 2 degrees. The range of adjustable compensation effect shall not exceed 30 degrees in each direction for each axis.

6.5 Field Strength Variation:

With transmitter at a total field of $.57 \pm .02$ gauss at a dip angle of 72 degrees ± 1 degree and the compass at a null, the null shall not vary more than ± 2 degrees when the dip angle is changed to 80 degrees ± 1 degree.

6.6 Turn Error:

The scale error resulting from a coordinated turn of 180 degrees in one minute at a true air speed of 180 miles per hour shall be within 2 degrees 2 minutes after resumption of straight and level flight. The error shall have been obtained from a turn which was begun from an easterly heading.

6.7 Dielectric:

Ungrounded instruments or grounded instruments prior to connection of internal ground wire, shall be tested by either the method of inspection of Paragraph 6.7.1 or 6.7.2.

6.7.1 Insulation Resistance: The insulation resistance measured at 500 volts D.C. (200 volts for hermetically sealed, inert gas filled instruments) between all electrical circuits connected together and the metallic case shall not be less than 20 megohms.

6.7.2 Dielectric Strength: The insulation shall withstand without evidence of damage the application of a sinusoidal voltage at a commercial frequency between all electrical circuits connected together and the metallic case, for a period of five seconds. The RMS value of the sinusoidal voltage applied shall be either five (5) times the maximum instrument operating voltage, or 500 volts, whichever is lower, except that on hermetically sealed (inert gas filled instruments) the test voltage shall be 200 volts RMS.

6.7.2.1 Instruments having a permanent internal ground connection shall be tested as follows:

The insulation shall withstand without evidence of damage the application of a sinusoidal voltage at a commercial frequency between each electric circuit and the metallic case, for a period of five (5) seconds. The RMS value of the sinusoidal voltage applied shall be 1.25 times the maximum circuit operating voltage obtainable between the test points.

7. QUALIFICATION TESTS:

As many instruments as deemed necessary to demonstrate that all instruments will comply with the requirements of this section shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

7.1 Low Temperature:

The instrument, or components, shall be subjected to the temperatures indicated in the following table in accordance with their location in the aircraft. After exposure to these temperatures for 5 hours, rated performance shall be obtained in 15 minutes after application of rated power using the magnetic field strength specified in Paragraph 5.6 except the field strength tolerance shall be $\pm 20\%$.

<u>Instrument Location</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Heated Area (Temperature Controlled)	-30 C
Unheated Area (Temperature Uncontrolled)	-55 C

7.2 High Temperature:

The requirements of Paragraph 7.1 shall apply except that the exposure temperatures shall be 50 C for heated areas and 70 C for unheated areas and rated performance shall be obtained in 3 minutes after application of rated power.