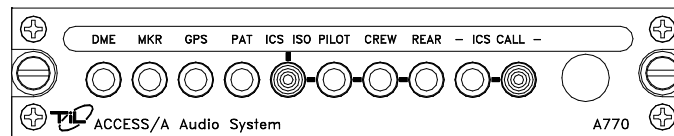
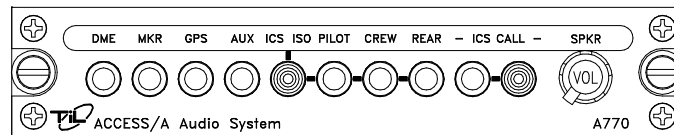
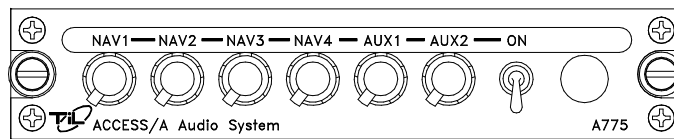
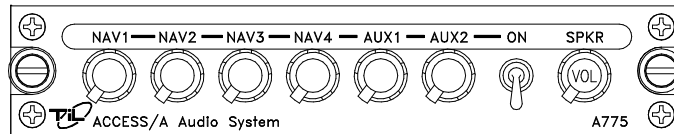


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## MODELS: A770 & A775



## Installation and Operating Instructions

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**SECTION 1****GENERAL DESCRIPTION****1.1 INTRODUCTION**

This publication provides operating and installation information on the Model **A770 and A775**, **ACCESS/A** Audio Control series “eyebrow” panels manufactured by Technisonic Industries Limited. These units are designed to provide high performance cockpit audio control in high noise installations. The **A770** provides a convenient centralized location for system level functions (ICS routing and calling), as well as supplemental audio selections routed to a specific panel. The **A775** provides a variable input adjustment location to a specific panel, and both units can be used to implement many custom variations. These units are normally used in conjunction with other **ACCESS/A** family controls, such as the **A710** or **A711**, to provide expanded capability.

**1.2 DESCRIPTION**

The **A770** has pushbutton selectors for up to four additional groups of input signals, or for 3 input groups and an optional “patient headset” control for EMS applications. This headset disable function allows EMS operators to kill headset audio to a patient when information that would alarm the patient must be discussed over the common ICS system. The **A770** also provides ICS loop control, with three ICS isolation switches (pilot, crew, rear), and an ICS ISO status light to indicate tie/split status. The ISO indicator is GREEN when all units are tied together, and turns AMBER when any unit is split or isolated from the network. The ICS ISO status light is dimmed automatically by the panel dimmer, to avoid unwanted cockpit glare if mounted in the pilot’s field of vision

The **A770** has an ICS call button and light, which can be used to co-ordinate communication with a rear (out of sight) location; logic is a ground to indicate “called”. The **A770** can also have an optional speaker level control installed, as part of a complete system package, when used with the **A710** or **A711**.

The **A775** is a variable input control, and can be used to provide input adjustment for unusual sources or to permit special mixing configurations to be implemented. It can have up to 8 input controls, or 6 and a master on/off switch (default), or 6 and a master on/off switch, plus a speaker level control. It may also be configured with some **A770** features, and can have simple ICS tie/split functions as a custom unit. These two eyebrow panels allow basic control stations to have greatly expanded system functionality, ***without compromising essential harness compatibility and inter-operability within a fleet of aircraft***. The eyebrow panels can contain a wide variety of special and fully customized features to suit even the most complex installations unusual system requirements. Supplemental plugs on each unit provide even more customization flexibility, while retaining basic unit testability and compatibility.

Both units are compact (3 hole) Dzus mounted enclosures, and can be provided in either matte black or Cessna Cadet Gray, to match most installations. Legends are provided by Lexan panel inserts, and are easily customized either at TiL, or at outside aircraft or avionics completion centers, without requiring re-manufacture of the lighted overlay assembly. These Lexan inserts can be changed at any time, making the unit easily upgradeable in the field as requirements change.

Both units are essentially passive switching assemblies, and work with or without power (except for any system indicator lights).

### 1.3 PURPOSE OF THE EQUIPMENT

The **A770 and A775 ACCESS/A** Audio Control Eyebrow Panels are designed to provide added capability to centralized audio management and control within an airborne communications environment. This includes radio selection, intercom switching and calling, and crew management. These units have been packaged to minimize size and weight characteristics and are ideally suited for helicopter installations, or any other Dzus rail panel location. These products are also compliant with all **TSO-C50c**, **DO-214** and **DO-160C** applicable categories relating to frequency response, cross-talk, vibration, humidity, temperature, altitude and general environmental conditions in an airborne environment.

### 1.4 MODEL VARIATION

The **A770** and **A775** come in two basic lighting configurations. A +28VDC panel lighting version and a +5VDC panel lighting version. Operationally the two are identical. The color of the solid-state backlighting is green-yellow, at approximately 565nm wavelength. NVG compliant (IR filtered) lighting is also available on request, add "NVG" suffix to dash number. Panel front color may be either Cessna Cadet gray or matte black. The default configuration is black, with 28VDC backlighting. Units may also be supplied with or without **speaker volume controls** (far right hand pot position). See the ACCESS/A price list for model numbers and availability or different versions. The most common variations are summarized below:

**A770 = 9xxxxx** - (dash number)

**A775 = 9xxxxx** - (dash number)

#### Dash Numbers:

-2	Black Panel	28VDC Lighting
-4	Black Panel	5VDC Lighting

#### special order:

-1	Gray Panel	28VDC Lighting
-3	Gray Panel	5VDC Lighting

-n**NVG** any version

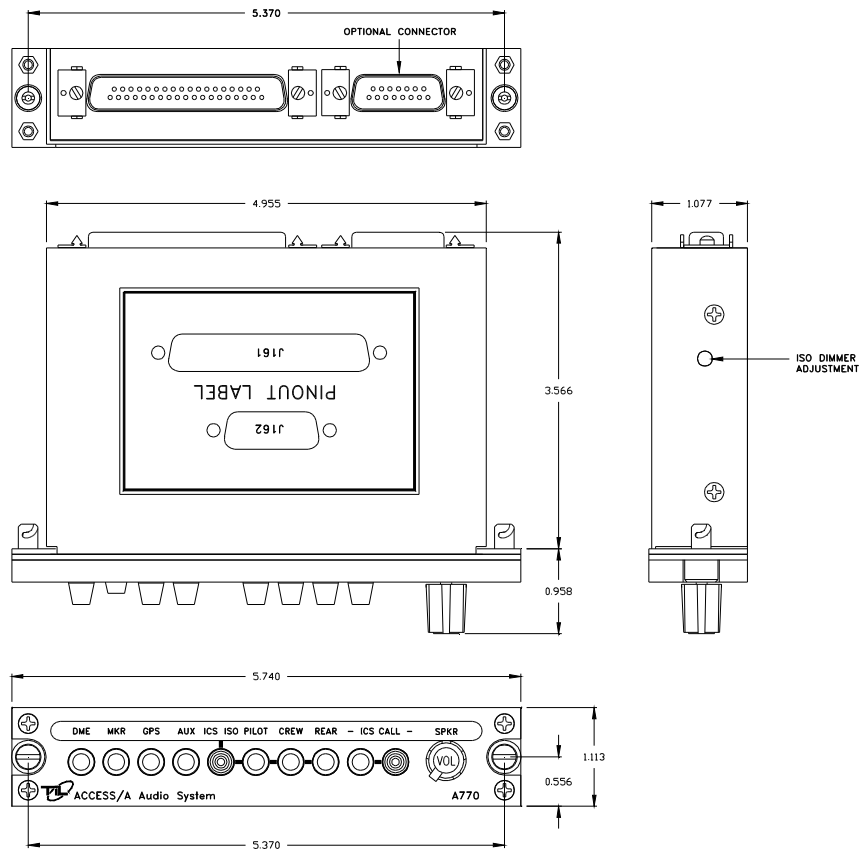
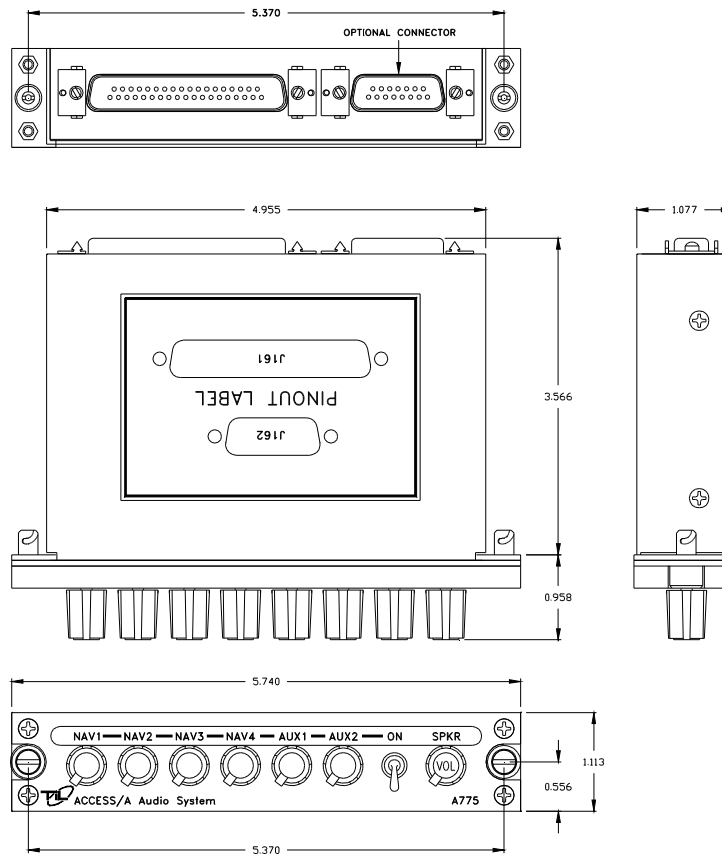


FIGURE 1-1 A770 ACCESS/A EYEBROW PANEL - GENERAL VIEW



**FIGURE 1-2 A775 ACCESS/A EYEBROW PANEL- GENERAL VIEW**



**1.5 TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the relevant electrical, operational, mechanical and physical characteristics of the eyebrow panels are given in **Table 1-1 and 1-2**, General Specifications.

<b>TABLE 1-1 A770 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>MODEL A770</b>	
ACCESS/A Audio Controller Eyebrow Panel	
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:</b>	
Width (max.).....	5.75 inches
Height (max.).....	1.125 inches
Depth.....	3.5 inches
Weight.....	9.6 oz. (.27Kg)
Mounting .....	Standard Dzus, 2 fasteners
<b>POWER SOURCE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	
DC Voltage (Negative Ground) .....	28 Vdc(-20%+15%)
DC Current.....	60 mA (nominal)
Backlighting Input:	
Standard.....	28 Vdc @ 30 mA
Optional.....	5 Vdc @ 150 mA
<b>TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS:</b>	
Input Impedance (Normal Mode, any RX input).....	1.55K Ohms (typical)
Inputs available .....	up to 9; 6 switched (4 switches), 3 direct
ICS Node Inputs available.....	up to 3; pilot, crew and rear
Deselected input isolation (switch OFF).....	better than -65 dB
Speaker Level Control (optional).....	10K audio taper control
ICS Call Circuit.....	Outputs and expects a GROUND
ICS ISO Output .....	Outputs +28V input via 15 Ohm resistor when station is SELECTED
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL:</b>	
Temperature (operating) .....	-40°C to +70° Celsius
Temperature (survival non-operating) .....	-55°C to +85° Celsius
Humidity .....	95% Non-condensing
Shock .....	12 g (any axis)
Altitude .....	15,000 feet

**TABLE 1-2 A775 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**MODEL A775**

ACCESS/A Audio Controller Eyebrow Panel

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Width (max.).....	5.75 inches
Height (max.).....	1.125 inches
Depth.....	3.5 inches
Weight.....	9.6 oz. (.27Kg)
Mounting .....	Standard Dzus, 2 fasteners

**POWER SOURCE REQUIREMENTS:**

DC Voltage (Negative Ground) .....	Not Required
DC Current.....	Not Required
Backlighting Input:	
Standard.....	28 Vdc @ 20 mA
Optional.....	5 Vdc @ 100 mA

**TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Input Impedance (Normal Mode, any RX input).....	1.55K Ohms (typical)
Inputs available .....	up to 9; 8 variable (6 default), 1 direct
ICS Node Inputs available (optional).....	up to 3; pilot, crew and rear
Deselected input isolation (Main Switch OFF) .....	better than -65 dB
ICS Call Circuit (optional).....	Outputs and expects a GROUND
Speaker Level Control (optional, requires one variable input) .....	10K audio taper control

**ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Temperature (operating) .....	-40°C to +70°Celsius
Temperature (survival non-operating) .....	-55°C to +85°Celsius
Humidity .....	95% Non-condensing
Shock .....	12 g (any axis)
Altitude .....	15,000 feet

**SECTION 2****INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS****2.1 GENERAL**

This section contains information and instructions for the correct installation of the **A770 and A775, ACCESS/A** Audio Control Eyebrow Panels.

Make certain that the unit is correctly operating in accordance with the equipment user's requirements and manufacturer's specifications, prior to releasing the equipment for service.

**2.2 EQUIPMENT PACKING LOG**

Unpack the equipment and check for any damage that may have occurred during transit. Save the original shipping container for returns due to damage or warranty claims. Check that each item on the packing slip has been shipped in the container. Verify that the equipment's backlighting configuration is the **same as that required**.

**2.3 WIRING REQUIREMENTS**

Airframe wiring should be MS22759 Tefzel or Raychem 44 (81044) or 55 single or multi-conductor and shielded wire. Heatshrink solder sleeves (such as Raychem or equivalent) should be utilized for shield termination.

All Microphone audio input and output line connections should be made with 2 conductor/twisted pair shielded cables as illustrated. Receiver audio input lines should also be 2 conductor twisted pair shielded cables. The power and ground lines should be a minimum of #22 AWG (#20 preferred). Keying and all audio lines may be #24 AWG or larger.

 **CAUTIONS:**

**DO NOT** bundle **any low level audio lines with RF coaxial cables, 60 Hz or 400Hz AC inverter, motor, pump or blower wiring**, which can cause noise coupling between the various systems, especially during RF transmission or pump/blower mechanical operation. Maintain as much distance as possible from these types of wire bundles.

Note that there is really **no effective field-installable shielding for magnetic coupling** (which occurs at high currents), and the only suitable prevention for this type of interference is **distance** between the interfering lines. Shielded wiring is effective **only** for electrostatic coupling, or voltage driven interference.

**2.4 ACCESS/A EYEBROW PANEL INSTALLATION**

The **A770 and A775 ACCESS/A** Eyebrow Panels are designed to be Dzus mounted and should be installed in conjunction with an **IN-A770** installation connector kit. See **Figure 2-1** for an outline drawing of the units with dimensions, to facilitate the installation.

**☑ CABLE CLEARANCE:**

Allow **at least 2.5" of additional rear clearance** for mating connectors and hoods (side routing), or 3.0" (back routing). Cables should be long enough to **permit the unit to be removed** from the panel, and the connectors to be easily disengaged. **DO NOT** dress or strap the mating cables so that front removal is impossible, or the unit cannot be removed for service or adjustment in the field.

**☑ PANEL MODIFICATIONS:**

**Modified panel legends, panel lighting, NVG compatibility, or overlay colors** are also possible, please see the price list for a full summary of options and part numbers. Overlays and legends may be easily changed at low cost in the field with no special tools or service facilities required. Many custom variations are possible in these units, both in the field and at the factory.

**☑ SHIELD GROUNDS:**

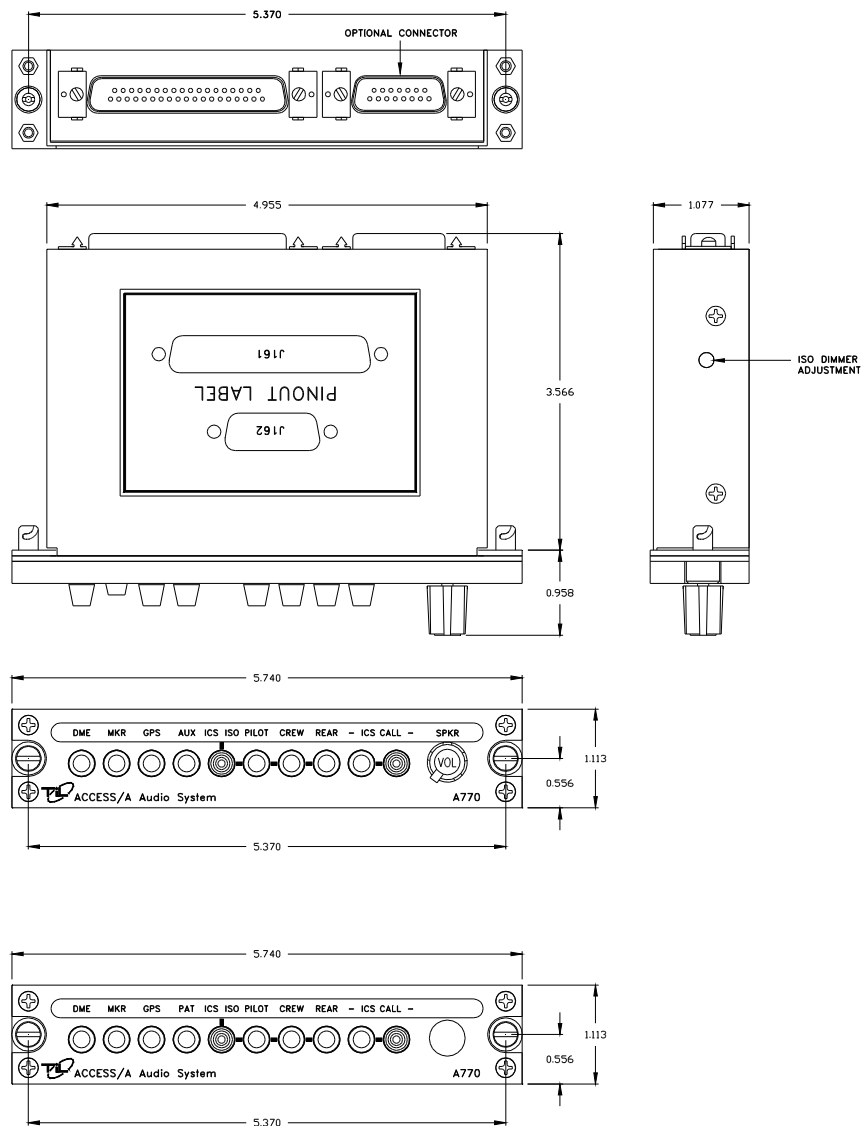
**Shield ground connections** are made at the closest clean DC ground for the indicated input signal shield drains, and should give the shortest possible return for these lines. These shield lines may be daisy chained together, and a single wire from each cable brought out to the connector pin.

**☑ INTERNAL OPTIONS:**

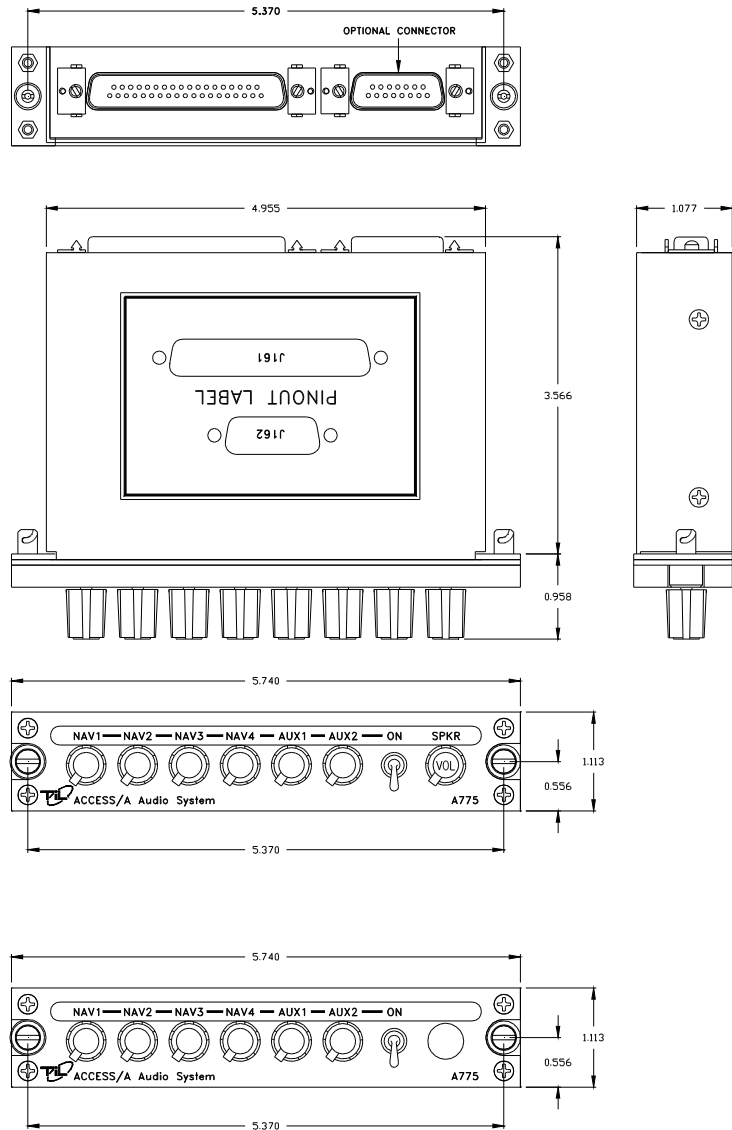
All **configurable and variable options** of the **A770** and **A775** (input routing and control functions) can be set or changed simply by altering internal jumpers, but these changes **require opening the unit for access** to the required connections.

**DRAWINGS:**

System installation examples are given in the multi-page sections of **Figure 2-x**. These installation and mechanical drawings are available as OrCAD, or Windows Metafile "WMF" format free of charge to authorized TiL dealers and completion centers.



**FIGURE 2-1A Outline Drawing for Model A770 ACCESS/A Eyebrow Panel**



**FIGURE 2-1B Outline Drawing for Model A775 ACCESS/A Eyebrow Panel**

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**Figure 2-2 A770**

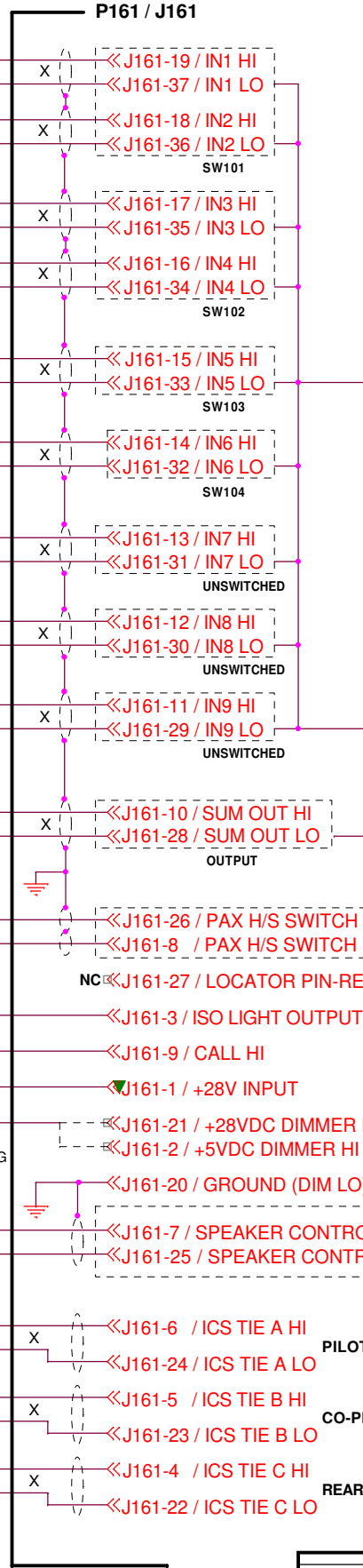
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### A770 EYEBROW PANEL

#### RADIO SOURCE CONNECTIONS

- SOURCE 1 HI <<
- SOURCE 1 LO <<
- SOURCE 2 HI <<
- SOURCE 2 LO <<
- SOURCE 3 HI <<
- SOURCE 3 LO <<
- SOURCE 4 HI <<
- SOURCE 4 LO <<
- SOURCE 5 HI <<
- SOURCE 5 LO <<
- SOURCE 6 HI <<
- SOURCE 6 LO <<
- SOURCE 7 HI << UNSWITCHED
- SOURCE 7 LO << UNSWITCHED
- SOURCE 8 HI << UNSWITCHED
- SOURCE 8 LO << UNSWITCHED
- SOURCE 9 HI << UNSWITCHED
- SOURCE 9 LO << UNSWITCHED



THIS CONNECTION SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY, DO NOT MAKE IN HARNESS!

= FLOATING GROUND, NOT TIED TO LOCAL POWER SUPPLY COMMON.

- #### SWITCH FUNCTIONS
- S101- INPUTS 1 & 2
  - S102- INPUTS 3 & 4
  - S103- INPUT 5
  - S104- INPUT 6 OR PAX H/S SWITCH
  - S105- RESERVED
  - S106- PILOT ISO
  - S107- CREW ISO
  - S108- REAR ISO
  - S109- ICS CALL (MOMENTARY)
  - S110- RESERVED

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J201-2 / SUM NODE HI** <<  
**J201-21 / SUM NODE LO** <<

LOCAL CONTROL THAT REQUIRES THE EXPANDED INPUT SELECTIONS. (MAY BE CONNECTED TO ONLY ONE CONTROL !)

OPTIONAL CONNECTION FOR EMS INSTALLATIONS

**PATIENT H/S HI OUTPUT** <<  
**PATIENT H/S HI CONNECTION** <<

"ICS CONNECTED LAMP" (100mA MAX) TYPICALLY GREEN, AT REMOTE LOCATION

LP101  
Up to 2x 327/387

+28V SIGNAL LINE (INDICATES ICS IS CONNECTED) MAY BE USED TO CLARIFY STATUS AT REMOTE STATIONS.

ICS CALL (GOES LOW FOR CALL)

ALTERNATE CONNECTION TO SECOND A770  
**J161-9 / CALL HI** <<

SUPPLEMENTAL CONNECTION TO RELATED A710/A711  
**J102-10 / ALERT #6** <<

ICS CALL VOICE ALERT TRIGGER

"ICS CALL" LIGHT AT REMOTE LOCATION

"ICS CALL" SWITCH AT REMOTE LOCATION

LP102  
Up to 2x 327/387

+28VDC  
CB101  
1A

DIMMER BUS

SELECT LIGHTING PIN

INTERNAL JUMPER (A770) SELECTS WHICH SWITCH -PILOT-CREW-REAR- ACTIVATES THIS EXTERNAL LIGHT.

DIMMER BUS SENSING CIRCUIT CUTS FRONT PANEL ISO LIGHT INTENSITY FOR NIGHT FLYING. (THIS MAY BE PLACED IN PILOT'S FIELD OF VISION). FRONT PANEL ISO LIGHT IS GREEN WHEN ALL LINES ARE TIED, AMBER WHEN ANY LINE IS ISOLATED.

OPTIONAL CONNECTION, ONLY FOR A710/711 CONTROLS WITH REMOTE SPEAKER VOLUME CONNECTION ADDED TO RESERVED PIN. INTERNAL JUMPERS IN A770 MUST BE SET TO CONTROL THIS FUNCTION, AND PROPER POT (10K) MUST BE INSTALLED.

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J101-5 / SPKR VOLUME HI** <<  
**J101-43 / INT. GROUND** <<

- #### WIRE DEFINITIONS:
- SHIELDED WIRE, 24GA OR LARGER
  - SHIELD
  - SHIELDED, TWISTED PAIR, 24GA OR BIGGER
  - SIGNAL WIRE, 22GA OR LARGER

PILOT

CO-PILOT/CREW

REAR

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J201-1 / ICS NODE HI** <<  
**J201-20 / ICS NODE LO** <<

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J201-1 / ICS NODE HI** <<  
**J201-20 / ICS NODE LO** <<

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J201-1 / ICS NODE HI** <<  
**J201-20 / ICS NODE LO** <<

PILOT

CO-PILOT/CREW

REAR

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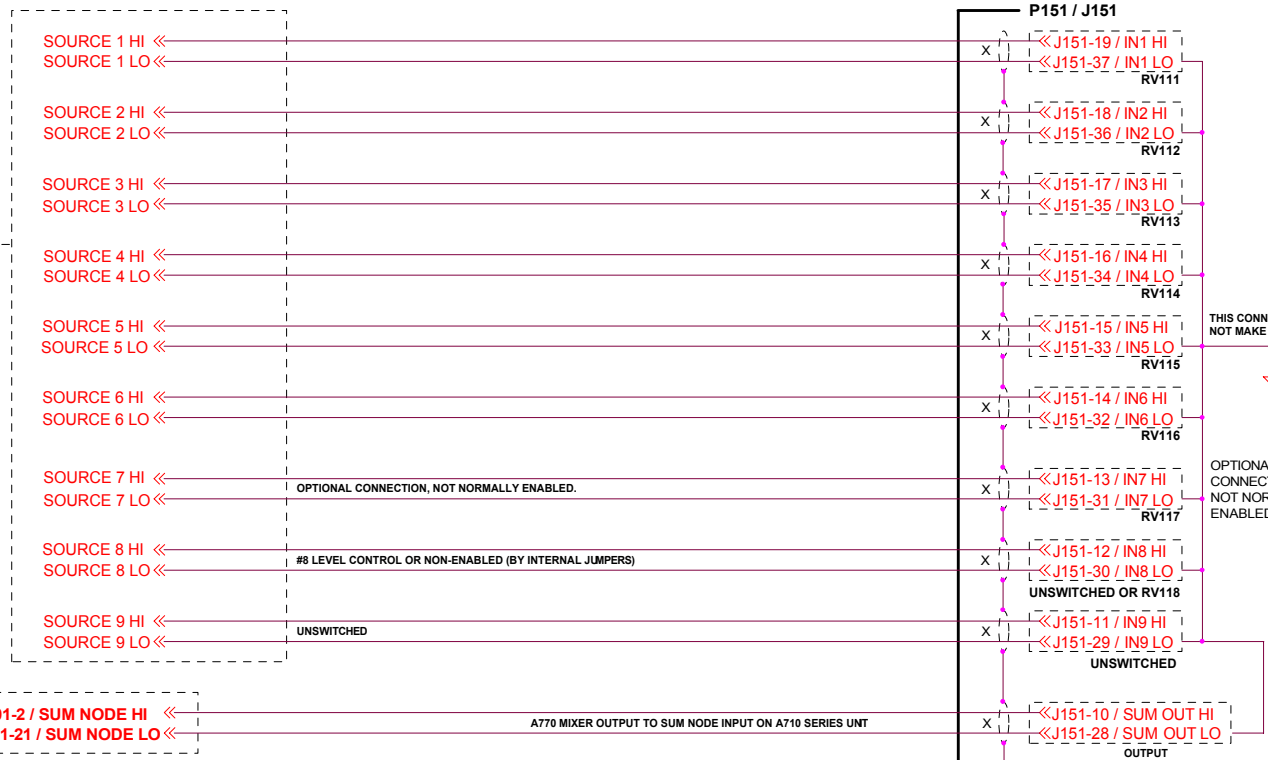
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**Figure 2.3 A775 Installation Drawing**

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**A775 EYEBROW PANEL**



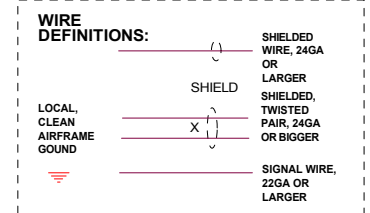
**RADIO SOURCE CONNECTIONS**

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J201-2 / SUM NODE HI** <<  
**J201-21 / SUM NODE LO** <<

LOCAL CONTROL THAT REQUIRES THE EXPANDED INPUT SELECTIONS. (MAY BE CONNECTED TO ONLY ONE CONTROL I)

**DEFAULT "LOW SETTING" (FULL CCW) IS ELECTRICAL ZERO, BUT PROVISION IS MADE IN THE A775 FOR A 5% VOLUME SETTING AS AN OPTION ON ANY OR ALL INPUTS.**

TO A710 SERIES UNIT  
**J101-5 / SPKR VOLUME HI** <<  
**J101-43 / INT. GROUND** <<



HIGHEST DESIGNATION(S) USED

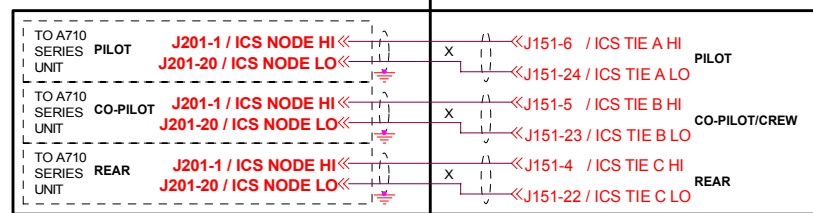
THIS CONNECTION SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY, DO NOT MAKE IN HARNESS!  
 = FLOATING GROUND, NOT TIED TO LOCAL POWER SUPPLY COMMON.

OPTIONAL CONNECTION, NOT NORMALLY ENABLED.

**IMPORTANT !**  
 THE #8 POT POSITION CAN CONTAIN A VARIABLE INPUT, A SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROL, A MASTER ON/OFF SWITCH (INTERRUPTS COMPOSITE OUTPUT), AN ICS TIE SWITCH, OR AN ICS CALL SWITCH OR LIGHT. NOT ALL VARIABLE POSITIONS MUST BE FILLED, AND THIS UNIT MAY BE CUSTOMIZED IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO SUIT A SPECIFIC INSTALLATION. IT IS PREFERRED TO MAKE SYSTEM CHANGES IN EYEBROW PANELS RATHER THAN CONTROL STATIONS LIKE THE A710/711, TO RETAIN HARNESS COMPATIBILITY.

OPTIONAL CONNECTION, ONLY FOR A710/711 CONTROLS WITH REMOTE SPEAKER VOLUME CONNECTION ADDED TO RESERVED PIN. INTERNAL JUMPERS IN A770 MUST BE SET TO CONTROL THIS FUNCTION, AND PROPER POT (10K) MUST BE INSTALLED.

THESE FUNCTIONS NOT NORMALLY PRESENT, BUT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS OPTIONS IN A CUSTOM UNIT.



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**2.5 INSTALLATION KIT - CONTENTS**

The **IN-A770** installation kit (used for both **A770** & **A775** units) consists of:

1. One **37 pin female** D-subminiature mating connector complete with crimp pins, V-locks and hood. (DC37S) **P201**  
**Positronics p/n SD37F00JVLX +**  
**36ea. FC7520D contacts**  
**1ea. MC7520D contacts (goes in keyed position)**

Note: The mating connectors use a “one-hand”, tool-free Positronics V-lock assembly for ease of airframe installation and removal.

In addition, the following items **are packed with each A770/775 unit**:

1. This manual.
2. Warranty registration card.

**2.6 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS:**

- To improve understanding of the individual pin connections, a chart is provided that maps the functions of each pin in the connector, and shows the related and connected pins.
- Remember that in this system, audio lines are **FULLY FLOATING**, which means they do **NOT** use the airframe ground for their low return line. Even if the originating signal is grounded, it is imperative that **BOTH** the hi and lo lines be connected in every case.
- The audio lines not only float above ground, they float from each other, and ICS and radio lines common are **NOT** connected together. This further galvanic isolation prevents unwanted signal contamination, and greatly improves over-all system cross-talk performance in a completed installation.

**IMPORTANT**

- Charts are provided for both the **A770** and **A775** panels, and you will note that these units have essential harness compatibility, and that the **A775** is a SUB-SET of the **A770** wiring.
- **Connector Keying pins prevent accidental mis-installation in the airframe, but the matching lock-out pins MUST be installed into the mating connector to achieve this protection This is achieved by installing a male contact into the keying location, as it effectively blocks the connector from mating.**

**2.6.1 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS: A770 Eyebrow Panel**

The pin numbers and locations for the connectors located on the rear of the **A770 ACCESS/A** Eyebrow Panel are shown in the following table.

**Top Connector J161 DC37P  
(A770)**

**Mating Cable Connector: DC37S  
(37 Pin Female)**

J161		Connector Pin Assignments	Main Connector
Low	High	Connection	Notes
20	1	+28VDC Power Input	Main unit <b>Power/Ground</b> Ground (20) is also dimmer common
20	2	+5VDC Dimmer Input	Alternate dimmer connection
20	21	+28VDC Dimmer Input	Normal dimmer connection
	3	ICS ISO Light Output	Goes to <b>+28V</b> for internally selected station when ICS is <b>connected</b>
22	4	ICS TIE C	Normally for REAR station
23	5	ICS TIE B	Normally for CREW (co-pilot) station
24	6	ICS TIE A	Normally for PILOT station
25	7	Speaker Control	<b>Optional lines</b> (to attach to A710/11 station) Low side goes to local ground at A710/11
26	8	PATIENT/PAX H/S Switch	Right-hand-most RX switch-SW104 (#4) Optional connection, can be used to interrupt H/S audio, links/opens pins 8 and 26
27		Locating Pin	<b>(male pin for connector keying)</b>
	9	ICS CALL Line	Goes Low (ground) to signal an ICS Call Operation
28	10	SUM NODE OUT	To <b>Sum Node</b> on A7XX Audio Control Station (composite audio out)
29	11	INPUT #9	Unswitched input
30	12	INPUT #8	Unswitched input
31	13	INPUT #7	Unswitched input
32	14	INPUT #6	Right-hand-most RX switch-SW104 (#4)
33	15	INPUT #5	RX switch-SW103 (#3)
34	16	INPUT #4	RX switch-SW102 (#2)
35	17	INPUT #3	RX switch-SW102 (#2)
36	18	INPUT #2	Left-hand-most RX switch-SW101 (#1)
37	19	INPUT #1	Left-hand-most RX switch-SW101 (#1)

Common Lines	Floating above airframe ground in ACCESS systems, but serves as common signal low for corresponding input signal lines.
Common Lines	Floating above airframe ground in ACCESS systems, used only for <b>ICS node returns</b> in the system.

**View from solder side of DC37S MATING CONNECTOR:**

1.....19  
20.....37

**2.6.2 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS: A775 Eyebrow Panel**

The pin numbers and locations for the connectors located on the rear of the **A775 ACCESS/A** Eyebrow Panel are shown in the following table.

Top Connector J151 DC37P  
**(A775)**

**Mating Cable Connector: DC37S**  
(37 Pin Female)

J151		Connector Pin Assignments	Main Connector
Low	High	Connection	Notes
	1	Not used (reserved for power)	
<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	+5VDC Dimmer Input	Alternate dimmer connection
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	+28VDC Dimmer Input	Normal dimmer connection
	3	Locating Pin	<b>(male pin for connector keying)</b>
22	4	Not used (reserved ICS TIE C)	Normally for REAR station
23	5	Not used (reserved ICS TIE B)	Normally for CREW (co-pilot) station
24	6	Not used (reserved ICS TIE A)	Normally for PILOT station
25	7	Speaker Control	<b>Optional lines</b> (to attach to A710/11 station) Low side goes to local ground at A710/11
26	8	Not used (reserved)	
27		Not used (reserved)	Ground
	9	Not used (reserved for ICS CALL Line)	Goes Low (ground) to signal an ICS Call Operation
28	10	SUM NODE OUT	To <b>Sum Node</b> on A7XX Audio Control Station (composite audio out)
29	11	INPUT #9	Unswitched input
30	12	INPUT #8	Right-hand-most <b>Optional</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Control RV118
31	13	INPUT #7	<b>Optional</b> Control RV117 #7
32	14	INPUT #6	Control RV116 #6
33	15	INPUT #5	Control RV115 #5
34	16	INPUT #4	Control RV114 #4
35	17	INPUT #3	Control RV113 #3
36	18	INPUT #2	Control RV112 #2
37	19	INPUT #1	Left-hand-most Control RV111 #1

Common Lines	Floating above airframe ground in ACCESS systems, but serves as common signal low for corresponding input signal lines.
Common Lines	Floating above airframe ground in ACCESS systems, used only for <b>ICS node returns</b> in the system.

**View from solder side of DC37S MATING CONNECTOR:**

1.....19  
20.....37

**2.7**  **SIGNAL SOURCES**

The **A770 & A775 ACCESS/A** Audio Control Eyebrow Panels are intended for use with industry standard radio sources, with 50-100mW levels into 150/600 ohms. Levels should be approximately 4.5Vrms into these inputs, to achieve full power out from connected **A710/A711** stations. Note that all lines are FULLY FLOATING, and both hi and lo lines **must be connected in all cases**.

In all cases, the lines should be run as **shielded, twisted pairs**, to avoid contamination (and resulting cross-talk) of companion low level mic lines or audio input lines. Failure to follow this wiring guideline will result in unwanted cross-talk, and phantom audio that will appear to be transmit or intercom related.

**2.8**  **ICS ISO LIGHT/ICS CALL INSTALLATION**

The A770 can support a **remote ICS ISO indication function**.

The A770 can select any of 1 of 3 remote stations to associate with this output. The station that has the +28V output line mapped to it's respective switch is **internally programmable inside the A770 with jumper blocks**. This output is **asserted when a station is CONNECTED to the ICS network**. A typical way this may be implemented is with a remote GREEN light, labelled ICS CONNECTED. When the switch on the A770 is isolated (splitting the rear or other station from the common ICS bus), the light **will go out**. The +28V line can also be used with a relay to generate an inverted signal (with another +28V connection), to give an ICS DISCONNECTED light, if desired.

In addition, an ICS CALL line is supported in the **A770**. An internal switch sends a ground to other stations when pressed, to activate a remote ICS CALL light. If all these ICS functions are combined in a single remote external switch/pushbutton assembly, it can then be used for ICS CALLING (switch), to display ICS CONNECTED (green light) , and a second segment can be YELLOW, and labelled ICS CALL, to be activated by an incoming call signal. This yellow segment will light when an ICS call action is performed at any station in the system (the line is grounded by any switch). The **ICS call line** may also be connected to the **#6 voice alert** (ICS call audio alert) in systems equipped with this function.

**2.9**  **SPEAKER LEVEL CONNECTIONS**

The **A770** or **A775** can have a **Speaker Level Control** installed (in the far right hand position) to support speaker operation in an **A710** or **A711** station. This is an **optional function**, and is not required in headset based systems.

**2.10** **MAIN POWER +28VDC**

The main power +28VDC ( $\pm 20\%$ ) is connected to pin **1** of the 37 pin "D" connector (P/J161) on the **A770**. Power is not required in a standard **A775**.

As previously indicated, this connection should be made with at least **#22 AWG** wire, with **#20 AWG preferred**. If from a very noisy source, with high levels of parasitic AC, shielding may improve rejection of this coupled AC into other low level audio lines.

**2.11**  **BACKLIGHTING POWER +28VDC / +5VDC**

The backlighting power for the front panel of the **A770 and A775** is supplied via pins **21 or 2** of P/J151 or P/J161. Unless ordered and indicated otherwise on the rear of the **ACCESS/A A770 or A775**, the unit is shipped with the +28VDC backlighting option (pin **21**). Note that different pins are used for 5V and 28V lighting, and there is common lighting ground pin (pin **20**), which **MUST** be connected for the lighting to work.

**2.12** **GROUND**

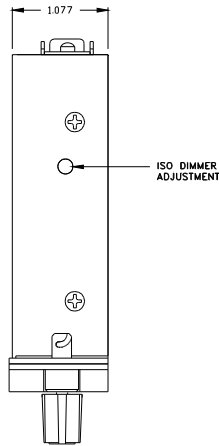
The **A770 and A775** eyebrow panels are designed for full audio signal Ground Isolation from the Airframe. This is necessary in many cases where the Airframe Ground causes significant noise in the Audio system.

Main ground (power return) to the **A770 and A775** is on pin **20** of the 37 pin "D" connector. All other groups of audio lines have their own "common" lines, which float above the airframe ground, to provide signal isolation. These common lines **MUST** be connected to the source audio, or no signal flow will result, except for stray leakage.

**2.13** **STORAGE**

When not in use, Store the **A770 and A775** in the original bag and padded box if possible, and in a non-Humid place. Optimum storage temperatures for best shelf life should not exceed +35°C, or be less than -10°C.





Side view of A770, showing ISO dimmer adjustment

**2.14 POST-INSTALLATION ADJUSTMENT LOCATIONS**

The **A770** has a single adjustment, which is to set the ISO LIGHT dimmer circuit.

**2.15 POST-INSTALLATION ADJUSTMENTS**

After installation, the **A770** may require adjustment of the ISO LIGHT dimmer circuit. This is the only installation adjustment. This adjustment is shown in section 2.14.

The unit adjustments are as follows:

Adjustment Name	Location	Procedure/purpose	Notes
ISO Light Dimmer	Side	Turn on panel dimmer circuit. ISO lamp on front panel of A770 will dim automatically. Set to suitable level for night flying, with no interference with pilots' vision.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can be set to mid position as default. Single turn adjustment.

**Unit modifications that can be set in the field during installation:**

**A770** Internal, removable jumpers may be set for the following items (**DEFAULT is BOLD**):

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**Main RX Board**

<b>ISO LIGHT</b>	PILOT, CREW, <b>REAR</b>
<b>#6 INPUT</b>	<b>ENABLED</b> , DISABLED
<b>#8 POT ASSIGNMENT</b>	Set during manufacturing, not field settings.

**A775** Internal, removable jumpers may be set for the following items (**DEFAULT is BOLD**):

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**Main RX Board**

<b>#8 POT ASSIGNMENT</b>	Set during manufacturing, not field settings.
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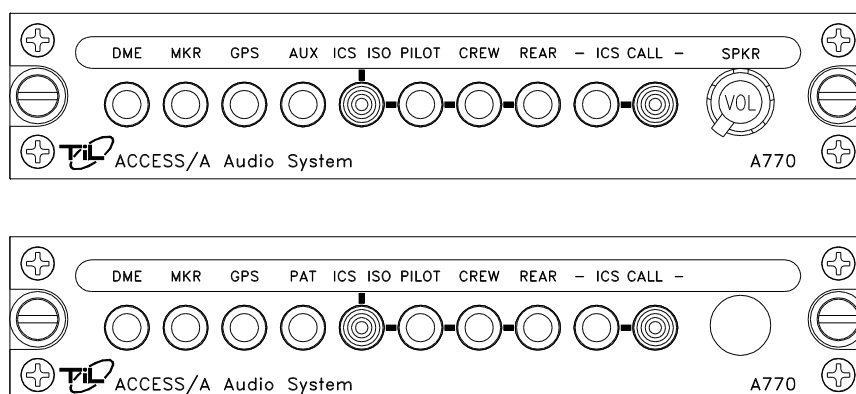
## SECTION 3

### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 3.1 FRONT PANEL OPERATORS SWITCHES AND CONTROLS

This section explains the operation of the **A770 & A775 ACCESS/A** Audio Control Eyebrow Panels, and how to use either unit in a typical aircraft environment with other ACCESS/A components. All normal user controls are on the front panel of the unit and are either variable rotating controls, or selectable pushbutton switches.

The exact radio/signal source legends on the face of the **A770** may vary from the illustrations shown, due to customer specifications, and the final legend insert that is installed for the specific aircraft installation. Full views of the common **A770** control panels are given in **Figure 3-1**.

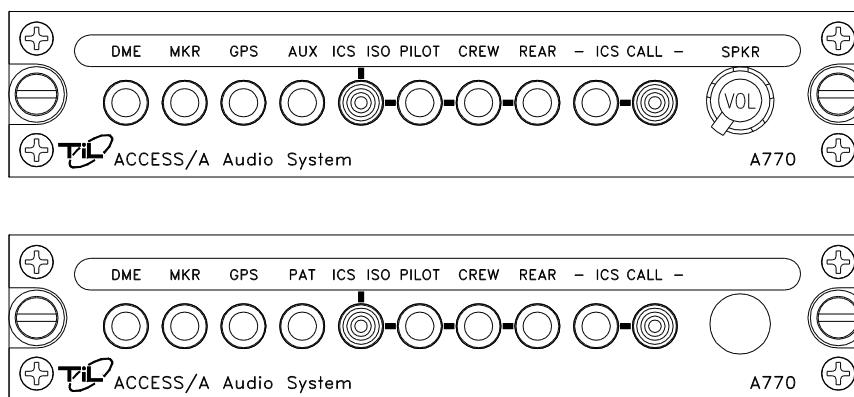


**FIGURE 3-1 A770 FRONT PANEL OPERATOR'S SWITCHES AND CONTROLS**

- **A770:** The left-hand row of round push-buttons (normally gray) selects the **RX** or **RECEIVER** audio to be sent to the companion A710/A711 station, and then to the crew headsets.
- **A770:** The next location (moving to the right) is the **ICS ISO LIGHT**, that shows the status of the ship's intercom audio (split or connected).
- **A770:** The next three round pushbuttons (normally white) select individual **ICS** connections, pushed in is **ON** or tied, out is **OFF** or split. .These switches are referred to as the **ICS ISO SWITCHES**. Any combination of ICS audio may be selected at one time, for system monitoring purposes.

- **A770:** The next switch (normally white/yellow or black) is the **ICS CALL SWITCH** (momentary pushbutton). This is used to send an ICS call command to a distant station, indicating you wish to re-establish ICS communication. The next indicator (to the right of the **ICS CALL SWITCH**), is the **ICS CALL LIGHT**, which lights whenever a remote station sends an ICS call command to this station, or when the local switch is pressed. If the companion A710/A711 control station is equipped with Voice Alerting, an internal alert can be triggered by this command signal, which will announce "intercom call" when the call switch is pressed.
- **A770:** The optional knob on the far right hand side of the panel is for the **SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROL**, if installed. This control can be used to adjust the cabin speaker level of a companion A710/A711 station, when connected.
- **A770:** Numerous variations of this eyebrow panel are possible, to accommodate special installation situations, and controls may be added or removed to suit.

The exact radio/signal source legends on the face of the **A775** may vary from the illustrations shown, due to customer specifications, and the final legend insert that is installed for the specific aircraft installation. Full views of the common **A775** controls are given in **Figure 3-2**.



**FIGURE 3-2 A775 FRONT PANEL OPERATOR'S SWITCHES AND CONTROLS**

- **A775:** The row of knobs starting at the left-hand side of the unit are **RADIO** or **RX LEVEL CONTROLS**, and can be used to individually set the desired level of any source (from essentially zero to full volume).
- **A775:** The far right hand side **MASTER SELECT SWITCH** (toggle) is used to select/de-select all signals individually set by the **LEVEL CONTROLS**.
- **A775:** The optional knob on the far right hand side of the panel is for the **SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROL**, if installed. This control can be used to adjust the cabin speaker level of a companion A710/A711 station, when connected.
- **A775:** Numerous variations of this eyebrow panel are possible, to accommodate special installation situations, and controls may be added or removed to suit.

3.1.1 RADIO RX SELECTION / LEVEL CONTROLS

This variable adjustment or pushbutton switch selects a specific audio source or pair of sources (**A770** only), and when a variable control, can also adjust the level independently from other signal sources, to achieve the exact balance required. On the **A770**, selection of these sources is by pushbutton switches (in for ON, out for OFF), and on the **A775**, there is a **MASTER SELECT**, or ON/OFF toggle switch that controls all signals at once. In addition, the **A775** also has individual level controls for each input (except the direct or unswitched input), to permit setting any desired balance. Note that the companion **A710/A711** station has ultimate control of the resulting composite RX audio selected by either eyebrow panel, and it will be set by the station's **RX LEVEL CONTROL**.

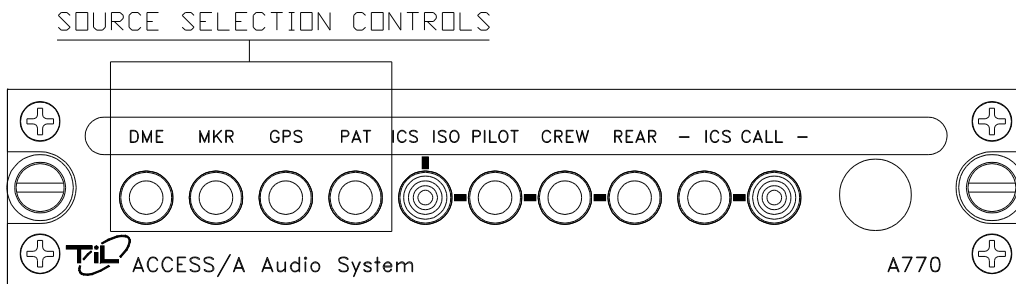


FIGURE 3-3 A770 SELECTION CONTROLS

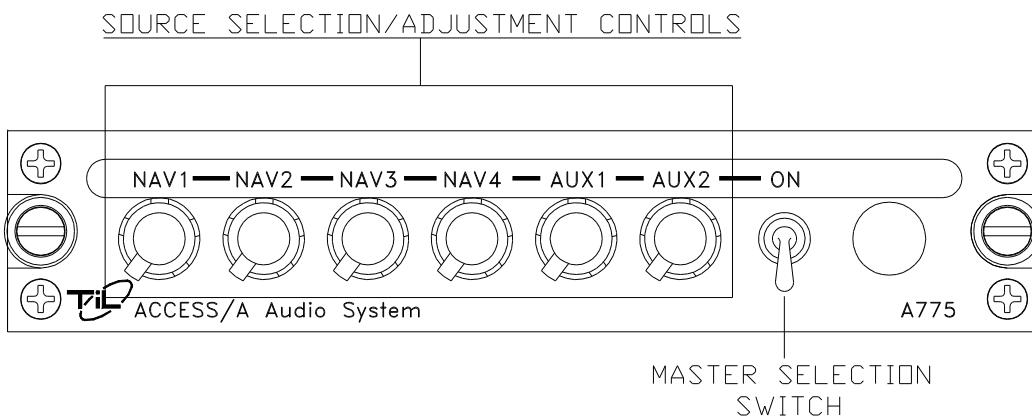
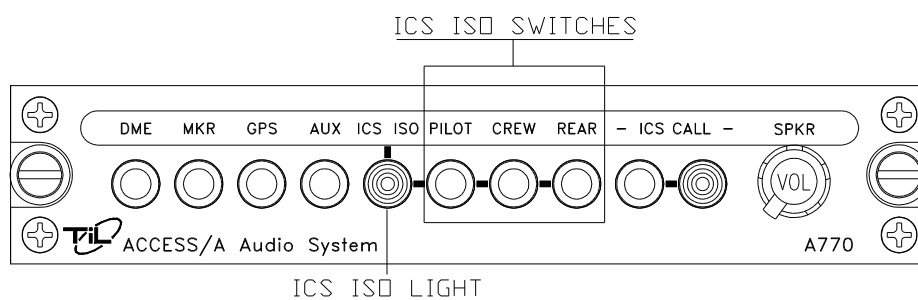


FIGURE 3-4 A775 SELECTION & ADJUSTMENT CONTROLS

**3.1.2 ICS or INTERCOM ISOLATION FUNCTIONS**

The **A770** has the ability to tie or split the ship's intercom system as needed during flight. There are three **ICS ISO SWITCHES** that control each key station (Pilot, Crew or co-pilot, and Rear), and they allow each station to be controlled independently. Pressing each switch **IN**, **attaches or ties it** to the ICS network, returning it **OUT**, **disconnects the station or splits it** from the network.

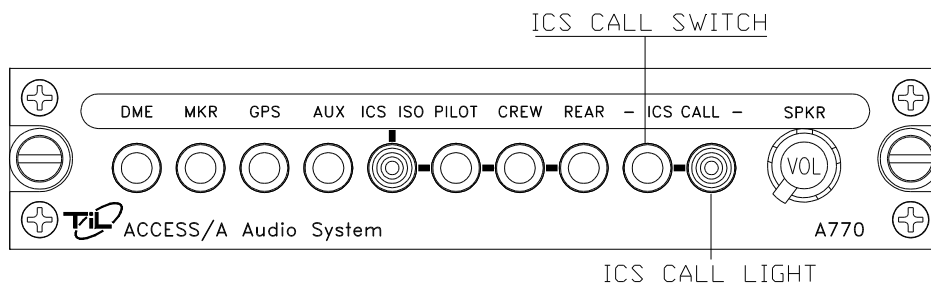
The **ICS ISO LIGHT** changes color, depending on the intercom status of the aircraft. If all stations are **connected**, then the light is **GREEN**. If **ANY** station is **isolated** (switch out), then the light turns **AMBER**, to caution that ship-wide communication is no longer possible. This light is auto-dimmed from the panel dimmer bus; if any panel dimmer voltage is present (night flying), then the lamp will drop to the pre-set dim setting, to avoid cockpit glare if in the pilot's field of vision.



**FIGURE 3-5 A770 ICS ISOLATION CONTROLS**

**3.1.3 ICS CALL FUNCTIONS**

The **A770** has both an **ICS CALL SWITCH** (momentary pushbutton), and an **ICS CALL LIGHT**. These are used to re-establish ICS communication once the connecting ICS tie lines are open, and voice communication is no longer possible. Pressing the switch lights local and distant call lights, and can also trigger voice alerting messages in the companion **A710/A711** control station to alert the user to re-establish communication. The **ICS CALL** function is asserted only as long as the button is depressed.



**FIGURE 3-6 A770 ICS CALL CONTROLS**

3.1.4 SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROL

The **A770** and **A775** can have an optional **SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROL** installed in the far right hand position of the panel. This works in conjunction with a companion **A710/A711** control station to give local control of the speaker audio output. The control can be preset internally to go to zero, or to 5% as the minimum level.

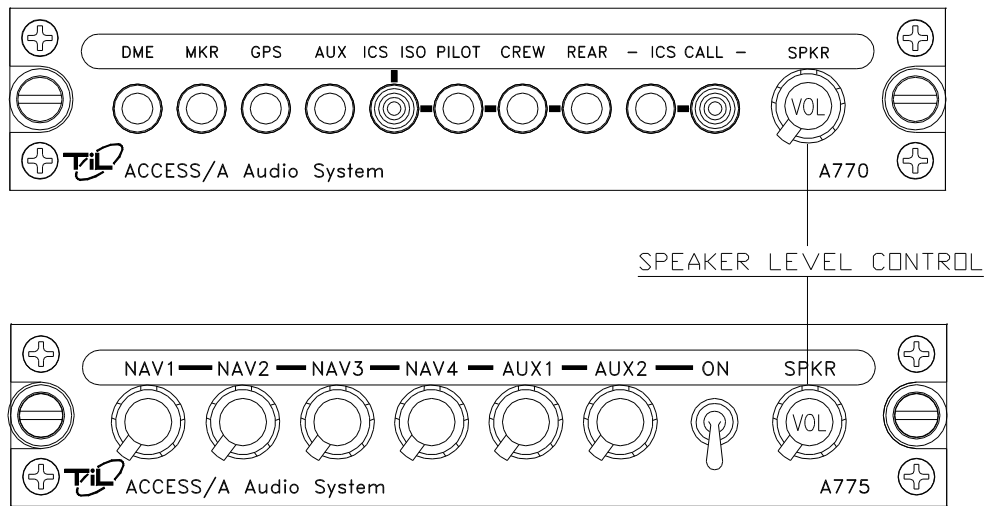


FIGURE 3-7 A770/A775 SPEAKER LEVEL CONTROLS

### 3.2 SPECIAL SIGNAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are several special signals and lines related the A770 and A775, which require careful installation planning, and understanding by the flight crew.

#### 3.2.1 DIRECT AUDIO CONNECTIONS

The **A770** and **A775** have *un-switched, direct audio inputs*. These allow a signal to be routed into the audio system without front panel control of the source. In the **A770**, these inputs (2) can be used as required, and are fed into the companion **A710/A711** station, where they are adjusted by the RX LEVEL CONTROL.

In the **A775**, the direct input has no front panel level control, but it IS controlled by the MASTER ON/OFF toggle switch.

#### 3.2.2 SUM NODE

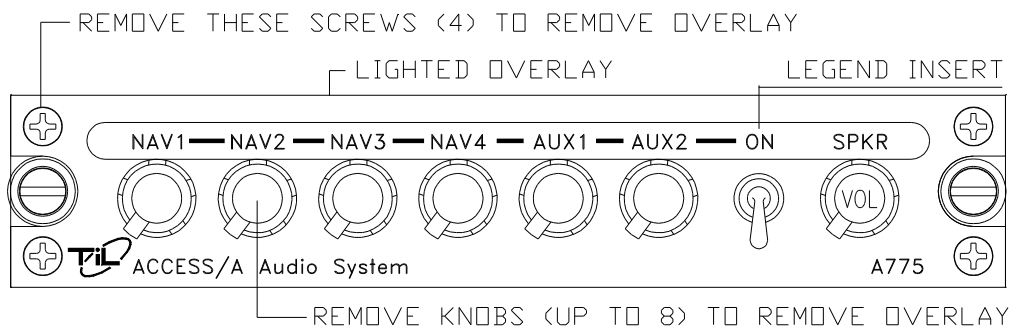
This line is used to *expand the RX input bus* of the **A710/A711** control, and allows many supplemental receivers to be attached with high isolation from other signals. Use of either the **A770** or **A775** eyebrow expansion units is required to tie to this line. All radio sources monitored by the A770 or A775 are sent to the sum node inside a companion **A710/A711** unit. Only one station may be connected in this way, or severe cross-talk will result. Signals directed to this station input will be muted during TX operation, just as for any other RX input.



### 3.3 CHANGING OVERLAY LIGHTING & RADIO LEGENDS

The legends on the **A770** and **A775** front panels, and the overlay color and lighting type can all be easily changed in the field to suit special requirements. The entire lighted overlay is changed by removing four screws, as illustrated below. Remove the knobs (use a 0.050" Allen/Hex key to undo the set screws), and the overlay assembly will pull off. A small polarized square plug on a pendant cable mates with the main board, and can be pulled off to allow the overlay to be completely removed and exchanged. If the lighting **VOLTAGE** is changed, the **internal connection must also be changed**, as well as the overlay. See the service manual for details.

The legend insert is adhesive, and can be removed by lifting a corner free with a sharp X-acto knife blade, and then gently pulling the entire Lexan strip free. Remove the backing from a new legend strip (with the desired legends), line it up evenly, and press it into place on the overlay recess. The adhesive will cure fully in 48 hours. Be sure any bubbles are pressed out, and that all edges are firmly attached.



**FIGURE 3-8 OVERLAY & LEGEND INSERT**



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Advanced Analog Systems

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**USERS:** One ACCESS/A A710 or A711 station can support up to **6 headset positions** in an aircraft, 2 flight crew (pilot/co-pilot) with full transmit and ICS capability, and 4 passengers with radio monitor and ICS operation. Passenger operation can also be extended to 5 or 6 positions if required, simply by adding resistors.

**INTERCONNECT:** Unlike earlier generation designs like the KMA24, AA95, and AMS40 series, the interconnect in this system is **FULLY FLOATING**, which means that **no audio lines use the airframe ground** as an audio return, thus avoiding noise, cross-talk and unwanted signal contamination. ACCESS/A systems offer as much as **35dB of improvement** in cross-talk (rejection of unwanted signals), a very important consideration in multi-station systems. Up to 10 A71X-series stations can be used in a single network, and they can be configured to have multiple ICS (Intercom System) loops.

**POWER:** Headset output level is a significant problem in many applications, as flight crews are now often using inefficient helmets and earplugs. ACCESS/A systems offer the highest headset drive currently available in a panel-mounted system, 1,500mW total. This is considerably more power than earlier generation systems of 100-500mW. In addition, these systems also have a 2.5W speaker output for radio monitoring when headsets are off.

**CUSTOMIZATION:** Customization is always a problem in the audio world. Every ship seems to have some custom issue that needs to be addressed in the audio system. ACCESS/A systems use an easily changed backlit polycarbonate overlay inset that allows rapid customization of any panel **without costly faceplate changes**. Systems already installed can be changed at any time, and custom new installations can be made quickly with stock units and custom overlays. Faceplate lighting can be 28V or 5V, and NVG compatible lighting is available. Extensive and convenient cosmetic options are available to the installer at very low cost.

**SIMULCAST:** Unlike rotary control audio systems, the pushbutton design and high powered mic driver of the ACCESS/A A710 and A711 controls supports simulcast, allowing multiple radios to be used at once, often an important operational requirement.

**ALERTING:** The ship's audio system serves as the focal point for audible alerting signals passed to the flight crew. Earlier generation system had limited connections for this, or a few tones that could be generated. ACCESS/A systems have **true voice alerting, with 6 spoken, prioritized messages**, and the ability to record and replay incoming audio. In addition, a direct headset alerting connection is also provided for existing shipboard systems. Alert messages can also be recorded in any language on a custom basis.

**EXPANSION:** ACCESS/A controls support 7 TX positions, which can be 6 radios and a PA, or 7 transceivers. Not enough? Need more inputs? Need more variable controls? The ACCESS/A architecture has special sum node connections that allow inputs and transceivers *to be expanded indefinitely* either using ACCESS/A system elements, or your custom external wiring.



**A711X** Transceiver expansion unit



**A775** Receiver Expansion unit

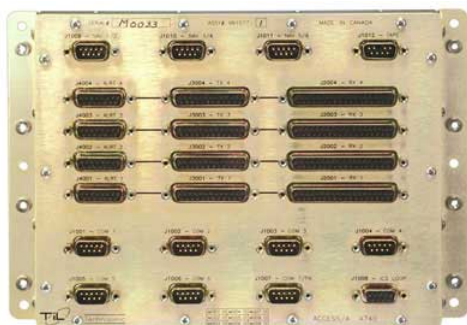
**ICS LOOP CONTROL:** Often, a ship has to be broken into isolated intercom circuits, such as Medevac applications, where the medical crew needs to work isolated from the flight crew. Using the ACCESS/A A770 eyebrow unit, additional receiver inputs, and full tie/split ICS loop control can be easily implemented. And in only 3 Dzus holes of panel space!



The **A770** provides additional audio inputs, ICS loop control with calling, and speaker volume. Many custom variations are possible.

**EMERGENCY OPERATION:** One huge benefit of analog audio systems is their implicit ability to have extensive “fail-passive” operation that permits radio operation even if there is serious internal failure, or power is lost to the box. ACCESS/A systems allow the pilot to have full control of ALL transceivers, and continued cyclic TX control even in this faulted condition or without power, a unique ACCESS/A feature. This mode can also be used to provide an isolated radio-only mode for the pilot away from the rest of the users.

**INTERCONNECT:** Airframe interconnect is always time consuming and irritating, but ACCESS/A systems can use the A740 interconnect patch bay to speed up harnessing, and provide for very clean cable fabrication with convenient break and test points. All the connectors in the ACCESS/A system have fully mapped interconnect that has logical pin assignments and easily followed connections.



The **A740** provides a very easy way to manage complex audio installations of up to 4 stations.