



MLIU-550 MULTI LINK INTERFACE UNIT

MLIU550 is a Tactical Data Link Processor supporting all Tactical Data Links required by the G-550 CAEW surveillance aircraft. MLIU-550 allows participation to major Tactical Data Link networks in a small form avionic computer.

THE SYSTEM

MLIU-550 task is to interface the onboard aircraft mission system with the Tactical Data Link terminals, taking care of the tactical communications channels control.

It provides a standard and reusable interface to manage the Tactical Data Links, able to allow the data forwarding or concurrent operations among the tactical data links.

MAIN FEATURES

The MLIU-550 features Link 11A, Link 16, J-REAP and VMF, guaranteeing high level of interoperability among various types of platform such as aircraft, ground based and maritime based, command posts.

MLIU is basically multilink-oriented. Its architecture allows either single-link or multi-link operation, featuring a normalised data link database.

External data link interfaces configured into the MLIU-550 independently scan the Track's Database both on a periodic and on-demand basis to generate the appropriate messages for output.

Data received over a configured data link external interface is validated for errors and processed for automatic link responses (Reporting Responsibility shifts, ID conflicts processing, command processing, etc.).

The normalised data link database provides also a common interface to the Host Tactical Data System designed in support of Host Application Requirements. Control and status, surveillance and raw data message are translated into a common format and output over a LAN to the host tactical system.

This architecture allows an easy addition of future National or Standard Tactical Data Links.

MLIU-550 embeds a VMF Improved Data Modem module.



Supported Data Links

- Link 16
- Link 11A
- VMF (Variable Message Format) (embedded modem)
- JREAP (Joint Range Extension Application Protocol)

External Interfaces

- MIL-STD-1553B (two)
- Ethernet (three)
- RS-232C
- ATDS
- MIL-STD-188-220

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Software Environment

Programming Language	C++
Operating System	Green Hills Integrity
Computer platform	Multi-processor

NATO Standards

STANAG 5516	Link 16
STANAG 5511	Link 11
MIL-STD-2045-47001	VMF
STANAG 5519	VMF
STANAG 5616	Data Forwarding
MIL-STD-3011C	JREAP

Qualification

MIL-STD-810G	Environmental conditions
RTCA/DO-160F	Environmental conditions
MIL-STD-461E	EMC
MIL-STD-1472	Human Engineering
BS 3G 100	Combustibility

Environmental Characteristics

Temperature Operating	-15 °C to +55 °C
Storage	-55 °C to +85 °C
Altitude	Up to 15000 feet

Mechanical Characteristics

Dimensions (3/8 ATR Short)	Width 90.4 ± 0.76mm
Height	194mm max
Depth	320.5 ± 1mm
Weight	< 6Kg
Cooling	No cooling required
Mounting	Hard mounted

Other Characteristics

Reliability	MTBF > 13000hours
Maintainability	MTTR < 20min (1st level)
MTTR	< 100min (2nd level)
Testability	92.38% (1 SRU) 100% (2 SRU)
Consumption	< 50W
Input power	28VDC i.a.w. MIL-STD-704F