



## ps PM1200 Panel Mounted Intercom Instruction Manual

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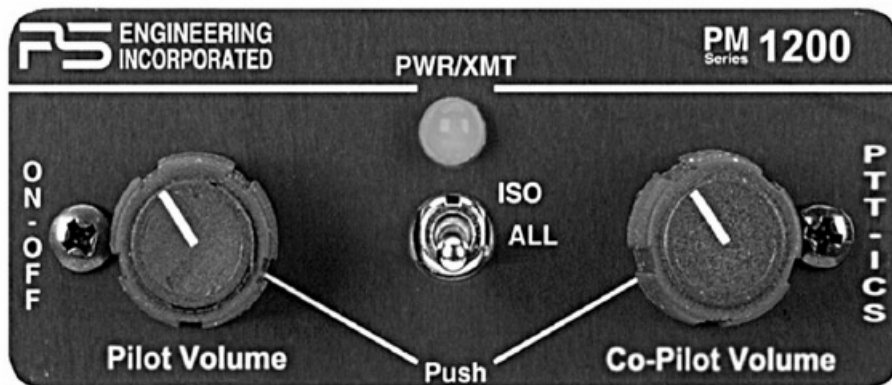


### Introduction

The PM1200 is a panel-mounted, 2-place (expandable with IntelliPAX p/n 11616R) monaural intercom system (ICS) designed specifically for high-noise aircraft environments. Please read this manual completely before installation to minimize the risk of damage to the unit and to become familiar with all the features.

## Scope

This manual contains installation and operational instructions for the following PS Engineering units:



<b>11960</b>	Push to talk intercom for use in noisy cockpits
<b>11961</b>	Same as above but remote (blind) mounting
<b>11960-Exp</b>	Same as above, but with expansion capability

## Description

- The PM1200 is a 2-place (unless expanded), panel-mounted intercom with PS Engineering's proprietary IntelliVOX® intercom protocol. The audio has been further enhanced with extra audio filtering for the microphones, and added headphone audio power.
- The PM1200 is backward compatible with PM1000II units, P/N 11902, 11909 and 11922— contact factory for details. However, the PM1000-series MUST be wired correctly per the manual, particularly the pilot radio PTT.
- The unit can be used as either voice-activated, or push to talk intercommunications, by simply pushing a front panel switch.
- The PM1200 has an automatic fail-safe interconnect to the aircraft radio. If power to the intercom is disrupted, an internal relay will connect the pilot's headset to the aircraft radio. This allows continuous radio communications. Note: The copilot will no longer hear aircraft radio when power is removed.
- An entertainment input is provided, allowing the users to listen to music during flight. During intercom or aircraft radio traffic, this music is automatically muted to allow communications without distraction. When the activity ceases, the Soft Mute™ circuit gradually returns the music to the original volume.
- Both pilot and copilot have transmit capabilities over the radio. The PM1200 allows only the person who presses their radio PTT to be heard over the aircraft radio. If both pilot and copilot press the PTT at the same time, the pilot will have priority and override the copilot.

## Approval Basis \*None\*

The PM1200, 11960, 11960-EXP, or 11961, is NOT FAA Approved. It is the responsibility of the installer to determine suitability for installation.

## Specifications

- **Input power:** 13.8 – 27.5 Volts DC
- **Current Drain:** < 250 mA (Externally fused at 1 Amp)
- **Output** 120 mW into 150@ 27.5 VDC 70 mW @ 13.75 VDC
- **Headphone Impedance:** 150-1000 ohms typical
- **Aircraft Radio Impedance:** 500- 1000 typical
- **3 dB Music Frequency Response:** 200 Hz to 15 kHz
- **Unit weight:** 12 Ounces (0.342 kg)
- **Temperature** -20°C to +55°C
- **Altitude** 50,000 ft.

### **Equipment required but not supplied**

- **A.** Headphones, 150-300 monaural, up to two as required
- **B.** Microphones, up to two, as required
- **C.** Crimping Tool, AMP 601966-1 , and Positioner, 601966- 5 (or equiv.)
- **D.** Appropriately constructed interconnect wiring
- **E.** Circuit Protection, 1 Amp.
- **F.** Radio PTT switches (1-pilot, 1-copilot)
- **G.** Intercom PTT switches (if desired) 2 ea.

### **Installation**

#### **General Information**

The PM1200 comes with all the necessary mechanical hardware for installation. Installation of the PM1200, using the appropriate wiring and hardware, does not require special tools or knowledge other than described in FAA Advisory Circular 43.13–2B. Installers should be qualified in accordance with 14 CFR 65.81(b).

It is the installer's responsibility to determine the approval basis for this installation. An FAA Form 337, or other field approval may be required in a certified aircraft. A custom-made wiring harness is available from PS Engineering, and shipped within 5 business days of order. Visit [www.psengineering.com](http://www.psengineering.com) for more information.

#### **IntelliVox®**

The PM1200 has both automatic VOX (IntelliVox® and PTT-ICS. For open cockpit aircraft and the majority of warbirds, using the PM1200 in PTT-ICS (Push-To-Talk Intercom Mode) is required. Turning either IntelliVox® or PTT-ICS function on and off you simply depress the Copilot Volume control knob. In one mode it will work with the Voice Operated Relay (VOX) automatically. Pressing the knob again will place the intercom into the PIT-ICS mode. While in IntelliVox® mode, there must be some background noise so that the circuits that makes the automatic VOX work knows what noise is so then it can determine when a voice is present.

**PM1200 Standard and Expansion****(11960 & 11960-Exp) Installation Kit P/N 250-120-0100**

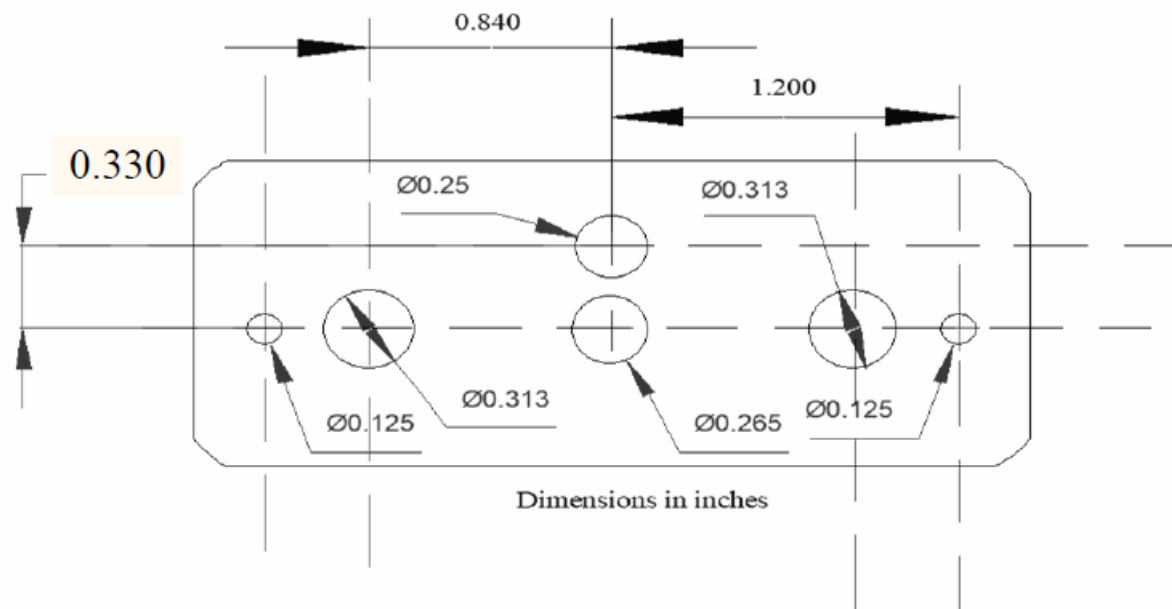
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350-9909-0001	Leather Mic cover	2
475-442-0002	#4-40 Machine screws, black	2
625-003-0001	Soft Touch knobs	2
425-025-0009	25 pin Sub-d connector shell	1
625-025-0001	Connector hood	1
425-020-5089	Crimp Pins (Male)	25
575-120-0001	Reversible aluminum face plate	1
250-000-0002	2-place jack kit	1
200-196-00XX	Operator's and Installation Manual	1
122-102-0001	Drill Template	1
475-002-0002	Thumbscrews	2

**PM1200 Remote (11961) Installation Kit P/N 250-120-0200**

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
350-990-0015	Foam Mic Muff	2
350-9909-0001	Leather Mic cover	2
425-025-0009	25 pin Sub-d connector sell	1
625-025-0001	Connector hood	1
425-0205089	Crimp Pins (Male)	25
250-000-0002	2-place jack kit	1
200-196-00XX	Operator's and Installation Manual	1
675-120-0103	Pilot volume pot w/Switch ¼" shaft	1
675-020-0103	Copilot volume pot ¼" shaft	1
731-001-0001	Switch, SPDT On-On	2
625-020-0005	Knob, Black 1/2" shaft	2
475-002-0002	Thumbscrews	2

**Equipment installation procedures**

1. Using the template, drill six holes in the instrument panel in a location convenient to the pilot position(s). The intercom can be mounted horizontally or vertically with supplied face plate.



### *PM1200 Hole spacing (Not to scale)*

2. Insert the PM1200 from behind the instrument panel, aligning the holes for the knobs, LED, and switch.
3. Place the aluminum face-plate over the knob shafts and secure, using the two # 4-40 round head screws provided.
4. Install the knobs over the volume and squelch control shafts (except in the case of the 11961).

**NOTE:** See Page 9 for PM1200 Remote (11961R) installation diagram

#### **Cable harness wiring**

To complete the installation, a wire harness must be made as shown in the appropriate diagram. PS Engineering can make a custom-tailored wiring harness for the installer. All harnesses use Mil-spec quality components with professional techniques, and are fully tested before shipment. Contact PS Engineering (865-988- 9800) for more information. If the aircraft already has pilot and copilot headset jacks installed, you may re-use them. Remove and discard all wires from the copilot headset jacks. You may use the existing pilot headset jacks as the Auxiliary Aircraft Radio Headset Jacks, but they should be moved to a new location to avoid confusion with the pilot's headphone jacks. In the event the intercom has to be removed for any reason, these jacks provide access to the aircraft radio system. To connect intercom into the aircraft audio system, parallel the appropriate set of cables from the intercom to the Auxiliary Aircraft Radio Headset Jacks. Finally, install new headset jacks into the aircraft and connect them directly to the appropriate pins of the PM1200. See the wiring diagram for all details of the wire harness interconnects.

#### • **Electrical Noise Issues**

**WARNING:** You must use separate shielded cables for the microphone and headphone jacks. Combining these two wires WILL cause loud oscillations and degrade the intercom function. The oscillation is caused by the crosscoupling between the large headphone signal and the small microphone signal. The resulting feedback is a high-pitched squeal that varies with the volume controls.

Due to the variety of the radio equipment found in today's general aviation aircraft, there is the potential of both radiated and conducted noise interference. The PM1200 has a specially designed power supply to reduce conducted electrical noise on the power bus of the aircraft by at least 50dB. Although this is a very large amount of attenuation, it does not eliminate all noise when the amount is excessive. There must be at least 12 Volts DC present at the PM1200 for the power supply to work within its designed regulation. Otherwise, it will not be able to attenuate noise properly.

Shielding can protect the system from radiated noise (rotating beacon, electric gyros, switching power supplies, etc.). However, installation combinations can occur where minor interference is possible. The PM1200 was designed in an interference-protected chassis and has internal filter capacitors on all input lines.

Ground loop noise occurs when there are two different return paths for the same signal, such as airframe and ground return wire. Large cyclic loads such as strobes, inverters, etc., can inject audible signals onto the airframe return path. Follow the wiring diagram very carefully to help insure a minimum of ground loop potential. Radiated signals can be a factor when low level mic signals are bundled with current-carrying power wires. Keep these cables separated. Insulating washers are required on all mic and headphone jacks to isolate them from aircraft ground. The use of a conductor instead of a shield for ground return eliminates these ground loop paths.

- **Power Requirements**

The PM1200 was designed to work with either 12 or 28 volt DC negative ground systems. The PM1200 must be externally protected with a one ampere (1A) circuit breaker

- **PTT-ICS**

The PM1200 is designed for noisy installations, such as open cockpit aircraft. In addition to the Advanced Microphone Processing (AMP) and IntelliVOX® squelch, the unit includes a VOX/PTT-ICS mode, controlled by the pushing the copilot volume knob. In this mode, no pilot mic audio is passed to the intercom unless pin 2 is connected to 16, or copilot mic audio unless pin 15 is connected to pin 2 through a normally-open, momentary switch (not supplied).

- **Music Input**

Entertainment devices can be connected to the PM1200. Install a 1/8" jack convenient the pilot to connect the entertainment device into the system. Since the PM1200 is monaural, you may want to connect the left and right channels together at the music jack. Depending on the music source used, 10Ω resistors in series with the left and right channels may be desirable to avoid loading and possibly damaging the source. A "Soft Mute" system is installed in the PM1200 that will mute the music during intercom or radio activity.

**WARNING:** Local oscillators and other internal signals from CD or radio equipment can cause undesired interference with VHF navigation and communication equipment. Before takeoff, operate the entertainment device to determine if there is any adverse effect on aircraft systems. If any unusual operation is noted in flight, immediately switch the entertainment device off.

- **Remote Configuration (11961)**

The PM1200-Remote is designed for blind mounting. The unit can be controlled through two remote potentiometers for volume and two SPDT switches. Mount the volume controls in a location accessible to the pilot and copilot, and the VOX and ISO switches convenient to the pilot in command position. The pilot's volume pot also contains an onoff switch. See page 7 for wiring information.

**NOTE:** Due to the exposed signal paths for the volume controls, these installations are more prone to electrical noise, and extreme care must be taken in constructing the harness, with wire runs as short as possible. PS Engineering does not guarantee a noise-free installation in this configuration.

This version cannot be expanded.

- **Expansion Configuration (11960-EXP)**

The PM1200-EXP is configured internally to add expansion capability for more than two positions. Using an IntelliPAX expansion unit, part number 11616, an additional 6 intercom positions can be available. Although not marked, the lower position on the ISO/ ALL switch becomes a "Crew" position.

**NOTE:** The IntelliPAX includes IntelliVOX intercom, but is not specifically designed for high noise environment. It may be desirable to have an intercom P-T-T, by installing an inline, momentary normally open switch on the

mic audio lines, or use a portable intercom P-T-T that have an open mic audio switch contact.

### Post installation checkout

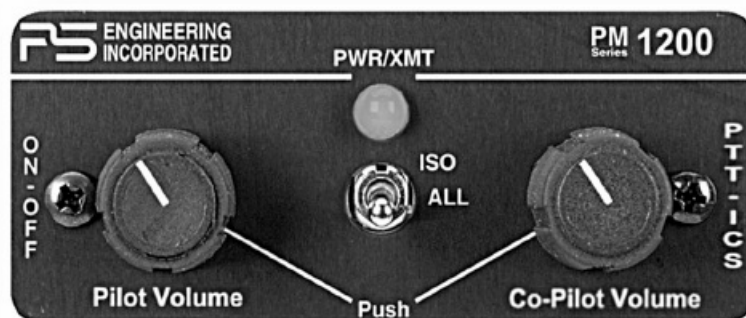
After wiring is complete, verify power is **ONLY** on pin 14 of the connector, and airframe ground on pin 1. Failure to do so will cause internal damage and void PS Engineering's warranty.

1. Apply power to the aircraft and avionics.
2. Plug headsets into the pilot and copilot positions.
3. Verify that the pilot position can transmit and receive. With the PM1200 in the OFF position (press the pilot's volume control knob to turn off).
4. Turn the unit on and rotate the pilot volume clockwise, about half way. Verify that the Pwr/Xmt light comes on, and shows green. If the LED is red, stop testing and trouble-shoot the microphone PTT installation.
5. Verify that the pilot can transmit and receive on the com transceivers.
6. Verify that the LED in the intercom changes from green to red when a radio PTT is pressed.
7. Verify proper intercom operation for pilot and copilot. For more information, consult Section 3.
8. Verify proper transmit and receive operation on the copilot position, noting that the copilot PTT switch allows proper transmission on the selected transceiver.
9. Verify proper Intercom system operation in the ALL and ISO modes.
10. Verify that the intercom system does not adversely affect any other aircraft system by systematically switching the unit on and off, while monitoring the other avionics and electrical equipment on the aircraft.
11. PTT ICS– Push the copilot volume control to activate the PTT-ICS mode. Verify that the mic audio is heard when the intercom push to talk switch is activated.

## OPERATION

### On/Off and Volume

Press the left hand knob to turn the unit on and off. This is also the fail-safe position. Whenever the unit is off, or power removed, the pilot's headset is connected directly to the aircraft audio system. The pilot's volume control knob adjusts the loudness of the intercom and music for the pilot's headset only. It has no effect on aircraft radio volume level, allowing an additional degree of aircraft radio listening flexibility. The copilot's volume control adjusts the intercom volume for the copilot.



### Squelch

The PM1200 incorporates PS Engineering's revolutionary Advanced Microphone Processing (AMP) and IntelliVox™ intercom squelch. No adjustment of the squelch control is required. Through individual signal processors, the ambient noise appearing in both microphones is constantly being sampled. Non-voice signals are blocked. When someone speaks, only their microphone circuit opens, placing their voice on the intercom.

The system is designed to block continuous tones, therefore people humming or whistling in monotone may be blocked after a few moments. The IntelliVox® is designed to work with normal aircraft cabin noise levels (70 dB



and above). Therefore, it may not recognize speech and clip syllables in a quiet cabin, such as in the hangar, or without the engine running. This is normal. For best performance, the headset microphone must be placed within 1/4 inch of your lips, preferably against them. It is also a good idea to keep the microphone out of a direct wind path. Moving your head through a vent air stream may cause the IntelliVox™ to open momentarily. This is normal.

For optimum microphone performance, PS Engineering, Inc. recommends installation of a Microphone Muff Kit (provided). This will not only optimize VOX performance, but will improve the clarity of all your communications. In some extremely high noise environments, it may be desirable to have a push to talk (PTT) intercom, instead of relying on voice-activation (VOX). In the PM1200 audio panel the PTT intercom capability is added. To operate the PTT, push the PTT-ICS control switch on the copilot volume control. Using an external ICS PTT switch for pilot and copilot will allow voice on the intercom.

### **Mode Select**

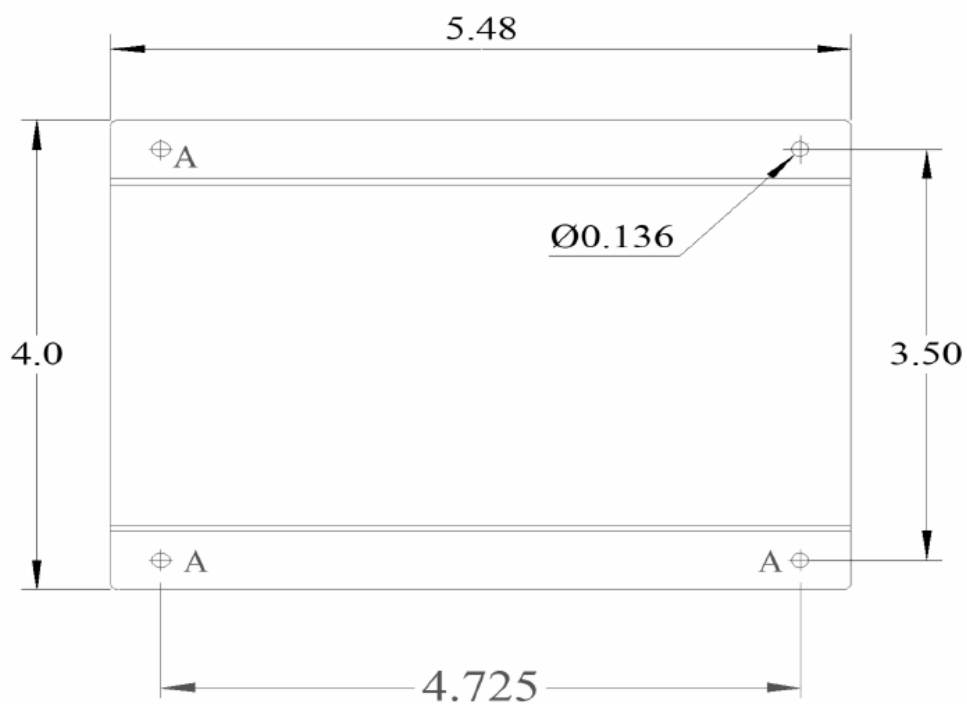
The center switch is a mode control that allows the pilot to tailor the intercom function to suit flight conditions. Regardless of configuration, the pilot will always hear the aircraft radio. NOTE: If there is a power failure to the PM1200, or if the power switch is turned off, the copilot will not hear the aircraft radio. Only the pilot is connected directly to the aircraft radio.

- **ISO (Up Position):** The pilot is isolated from the intercom and is connected only to the aircraft radios. He will hear the aircraft radio reception (and sidetone during radio transmissions). Copilot and passengers will hear themselves and music but not the aircraft radio traffic.
- **ALL (Middle position):** All parties will hear the aircraft radio, intercom, and music. However, during any ICS or radio communications, the music volume automatically mutes. The music volume increases gradually back to the original level after communications have been completed.
- **CREW (with expansion and 11960-EXP ONLY, down position, unlabeled):** Pilot and copilot have access to aircraft radios, and hear Music input to PM1200. Passengers do not hear aircraft radio or pilot and copilot, but can talk to each other, and hear Music 2. In non-expanded systems, the down and middle positions operate the same way.

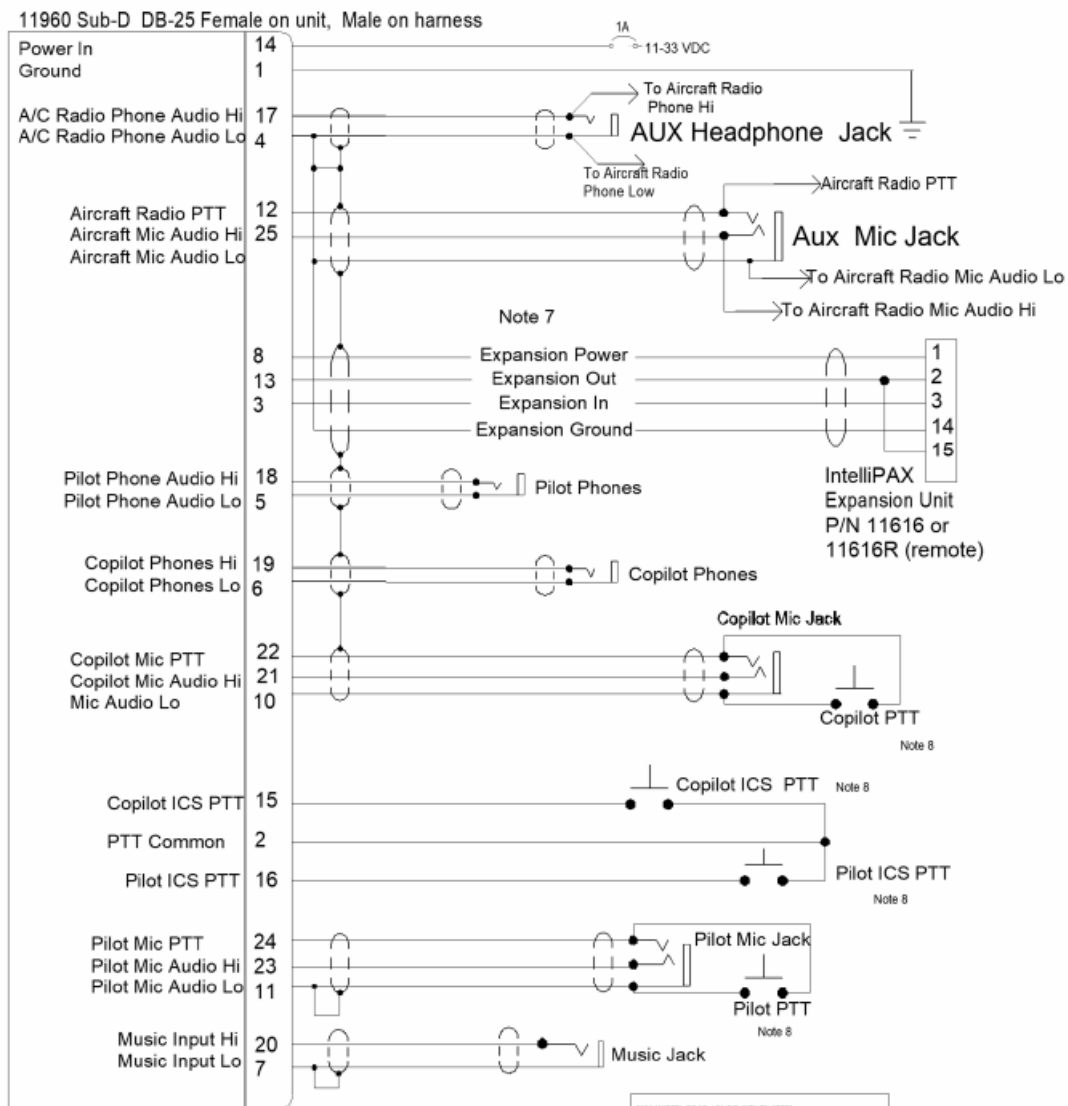
The music input on the expansion unit will only be active in Crew mode, otherwise, music from the PM1200 EXP will be heard by passengers.

### **DIMENSION**

PM1200 Remote P/N 11961  
installation drawing (not to  
scale)



## Wiring

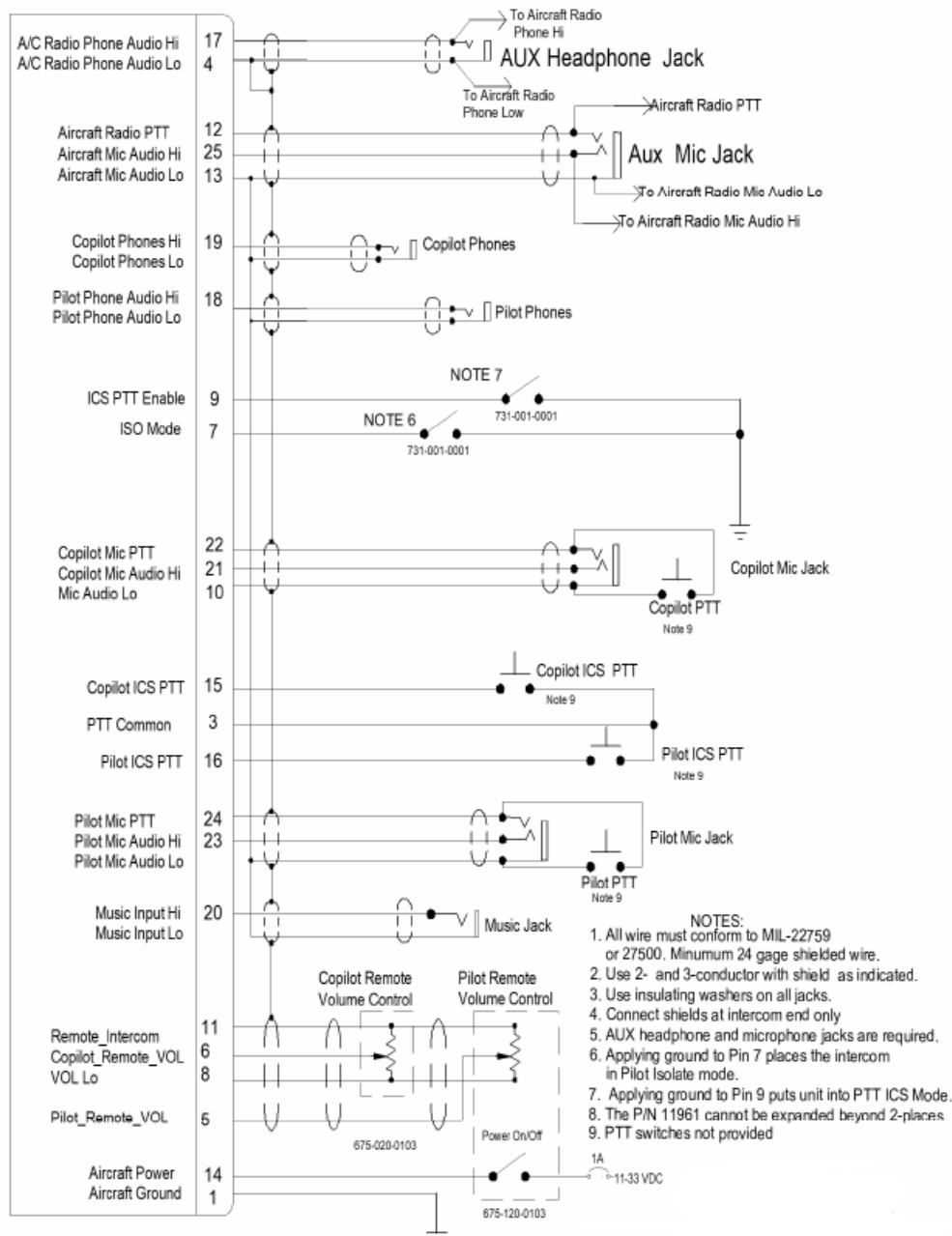


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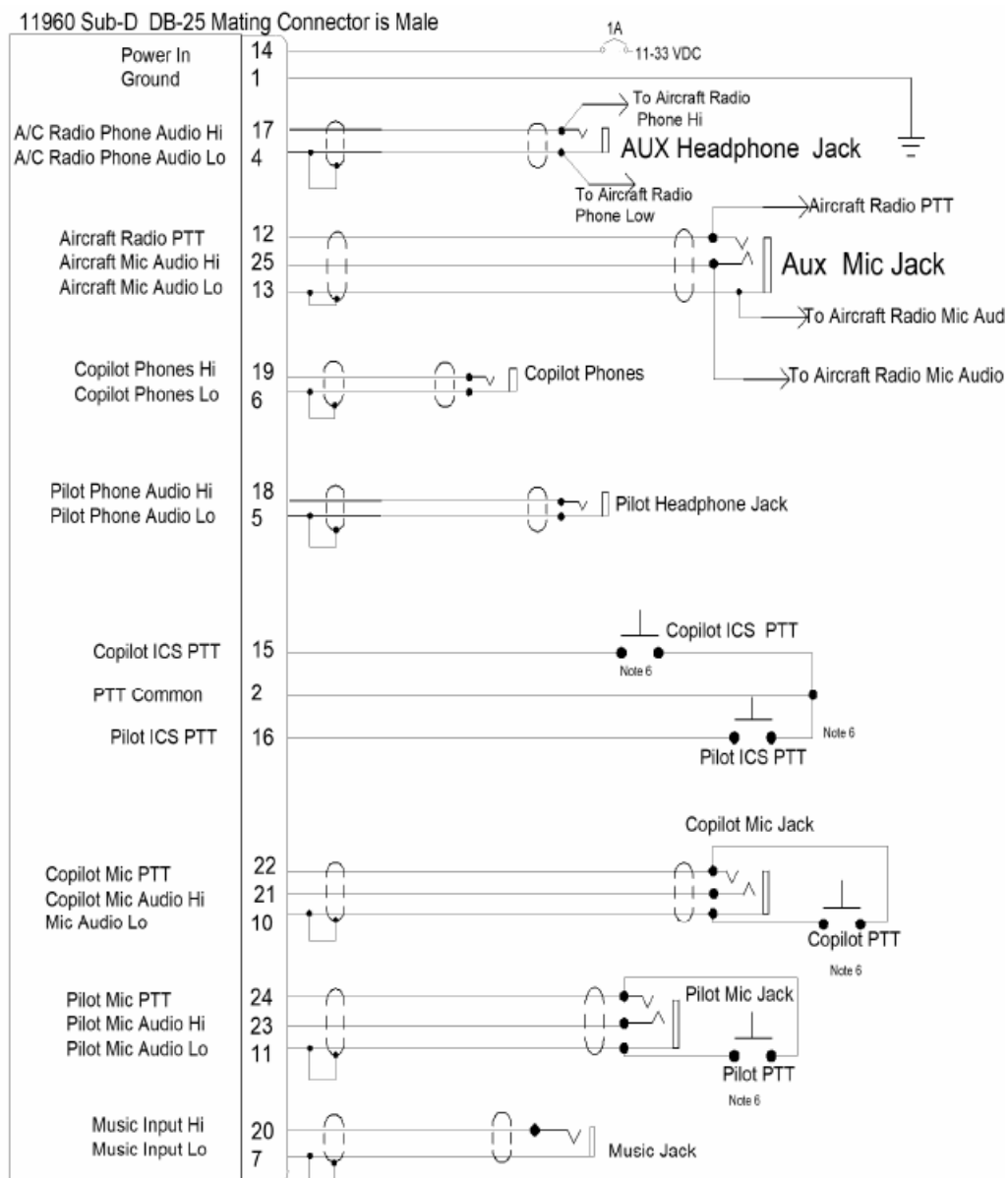
1. All wire must conform to MIL-22759 or 27500. Minimum 24 gage shielded wire.
2. Use 2- and 3-conductor with shield as indicated.
3. Use insulating washers on all jacks.
4. Connect shields at intercom end only
5. AUX headphone and microphone jacks are required.
6. UNIT MUST BE COMPATABLE WITH EXPANSION, P/N 11960-EXP
7. Music connected to the PM1200 will appear in Expansion when in "ALL" mode. Music connected to expansion will be present in passenger headset only in "Crew" mode. One music source can be connected to BOTH, if left and right channel isolation is considered.
8. Radio and ICS PTT switches NOT supplied.

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## PM1200, REMOTE Wiring P/N 11961



**PM1200, P/N 11960 Wiring**



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## Warranty and Service

### Warranty

In order for the factory warranty to be valid, the installations in aircraft must be accomplished by an FAA- certified avionics shop and authorized PS Engineering dealer. If the unit is being installed by a non-certified individual a factory-made harness must be used for the warranty to be valid. PS Engineering, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defect in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of sale. During this one year warranty period, PS Engineering, Inc., at its option, will send a replacement unit to the PS Engineering dealer, if the unit should be determined to be defective after consultation with a factory technician. PS Engineering will not ship to the end user under warranty, unless authorized by the dealer. This warranty is not transferable. Any implied warranties expire at the expiration date of this warranty. PS Engineering SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. This warranty does not cover a defect that has resulted from improper or unreasonable use or maintenance as determined by us. This warranty is void if there is any attempt to disassemble this product without factory authorization. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state. Some states do not allow the exclusion of limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusions may not apply to you.

## Factory Service

The PM1200 is covered by a one-year limited warranty. See warranty information. Call PS Engineering, Inc. at (865) 988-9800 before you return the unit. This will allow the service technician to provide any other suggestions for identifying the problem and recommend possible solutions. After discussing the problem with the technician and you obtain a Return Authorization Number, ship product to:

PS Engineering, Inc.  
Attn: Service Department  
9800 Martel Road  
Lenoir City, TN 37772  
(865) 988-9800  
**FAX** (865) 988-6619.

**NOTE:** PS Engineering is not responsible for units shipped US Mail. If no method of payment is provided, the units will be returned COD. If no RMA or description of problem is present, the shipment will be refused.

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**NOTICE:** Warranty is not valid unless this product is installed by an Authorized PS Engineering dealer.

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