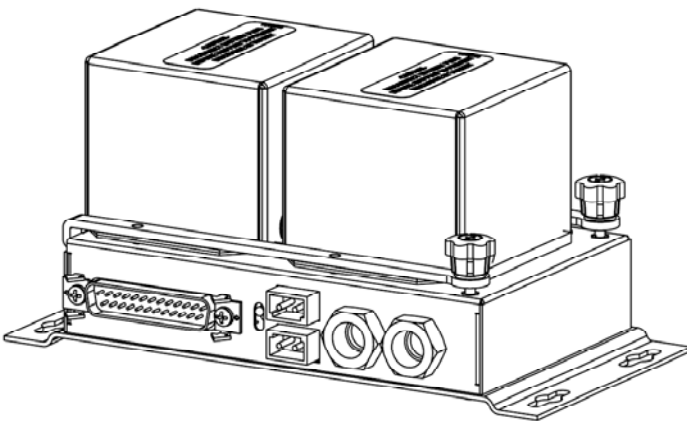


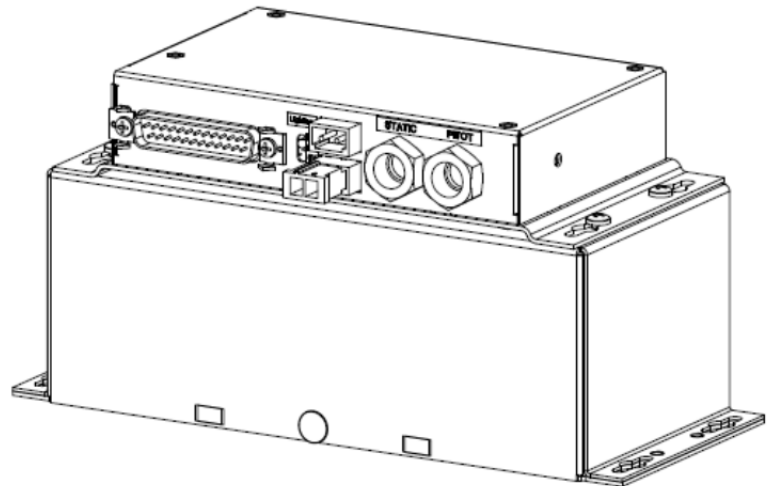


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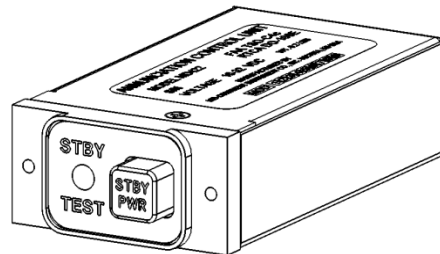
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Section 1: General Description

1.1 Purpose of Equipment

The MD420/MD420-1 Emergency Power Supply (EPS) System is designed to supply emergency power to the Mid-Continent Instruments and Avionics 4200 or 4300 series attitude indicator, or other applicable equipment, when the aircraft main power buss has been de-energized. Additionally, the MD420/MD420-1 EPS System will supply emergency lighting power to two additional instruments such as an airspeed and altimeter. During normal aircraft operation, the MD420/MD420-1 EPS System will utilize the aircraft main power buss to recharge or maintain existing charge on the System.

1.2 Physical Description

The MD420 EPS system consists of two components, the remote mounted MD421 Battery Module and the MD422 panel mounted Annunciation Control Unit (ACU).

The MD420-1 EPS system consists of two components, the remote mounted MD421-1 Battery Module and the MD422 panel mounted Annunciation Control Unit (ACU).

1.3 Functional Description

The MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module requires 10 to 32 VDC input voltage for in-flight charging and operation in normal mode. The Battery Module routes aircraft main power to the associated equipment (possibly an attitude gyro or other associated load) in normal power conditions. Upon loss of power, the primary output will supply 15-18 volts of power to the load. Additional outputs are provided to power two incandescent (2 bulbs each) or LED light trays in addition to the lighting for the primary load. Lighting voltage is selectable for 5, 14 or 28 volts on the front of the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module. Output voltage is intended to power a Mid-Continent Instruments and Avionics model 4200 or 4300 attitude indicator for one (1) hour under typical conditions. Run time for alternate equipment will vary based on power requirements.

The MD422 ACU controls the standby battery functions and provides annunciation of the current operating mode. The ACU can annunciate a Power Loss Warning (flashing amber "STBY" light), can annunciate when the battery is providing power (dim amber "STBY" light), and can test status when activated (red or green "TEST" light). The white backlit "STBY PWR" button has multiple functions and can be used to turn the battery on, turn the battery off, or initiate the self-test function.

The MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module contains pitot and static ports that, when connected, will automatically switch on emergency power when power is lost and in-flight conditions are detected - without the need to press the STBY PWR button on the MD422 ACU. This automatic function utilizes airspeed of approximately 60 knots to determine validity of flight. An electrical signal from an external sensor (such as a squat switch) can also be supplied to the unit as an alternative method to verify flight. Neither of these automatic methods is required to be employed. Manual operation can still be used as described previously.

Refer to an FAA authorized maintenance facility for testing and maintenance of this system.

1.4 Specifications

Table 1.1

MD421 Battery Module Physical Characteristics:	
Qualification:	FAA-TSO-C4c
Environmental Qualification:	RTCA DO-160E D1S2AER(B1G)XXXXXXZZAZ[ZC][WF]M[A3H33]XXAX
Weight:	3.1 pounds
Dimensions:	6.75 inches long by 3.35 inches high by 3.38 inches wide
Mating Connector:	MD25F20JVL0 25 pin D-Sub or equivalent (MCI P/N 7014517)
Mounting:	Must be mounted inside the cabin/bulkhead

Table 1.2

MD421-1 Battery Module Physical Characteristics:	
Qualification:	FAA-TSO-C4c
Environmental Qualification:	RTCA DO-160E D1S2AER(B1G)XXXXXXZZAZ[ZC][WF]M[A3H33]XXAX
Weight:	4.9 pounds
Dimensions:	7.90 inches long by 4.00 inches high by 3.38 inches wide
Mating Connector:	MD25F20JVL0 25 pin D-Sub or equivalent (MCI P/N 7014517)
Mounting:	Must be mounted inside the cabin/bulkhead

Table 1.3

MD422 Annunciation Physical Characteristics:	
Qualification:	FAA-TSO-C4c
Environmental Qualification:	RTCA DO-160E D1S2AER(B1G)XXXXXXZZAZ[ZC][WF]M[A3H33]XXAX
Weight:	0.2 pounds
Dimensions:	Length behind panel (not including mating connector) 3.0 inches long by 0.8 inches high by 1.65 inches wide
Mating Connector:	MD9F20JVL0 9 pin D-Sub or equivalent (MCI P/N 8017287)
Instrument Panel Mounting:	Rear mount only. (template is MCI P/N 90176344)

Table 1.4

Performance: MD421	
Battery Capacity	1.0 amp-hour @ 0.05C rate (approx 60 minutes @ 0.5A)
Current Rating	0.25 A nominal input 1.0A maximum output 1.0A maximum output on lighting bus
Maintenance	Batteries should be replaced every three years.

Table 1.5

Performance: MD421-1	
Battery Capacity	2.5 amp-hours @ 0.1C rate (approx 60 minutes @ 1.8A)
Current Rating	0.25 A nominal input 1.8A maximum output 1.0A maximum output on lighting bus
Maintenance	Batteries should be replaced every three years.

Section 2: Installation

2.1 General

This section contains mounting, electrical connections, and other information required for installation. After installation of cabling and before installation of the equipment, ensure that power is applied only to the pins specified in the interconnection diagram.

2.2 Pre-installation Inspection

- A. Unpacking: Carefully remove the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module and MD422 Annunciation Control Unit from the shipping container. The shipping container and packing materials should be retained for use should these units require future shipment.
- B. Inspect for Damage: Inspect the shipping container and units for any signs of damage sustained in transit. If necessary, return the units to the factory using the original shipping container and packing materials. File any claim for damages with the carrier.
- C. **CAUTION: The MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module is shipped with the battery cables disconnected to prevent inadvertent operation of the unit during shipping.** If the cable was found connected when received, check the battery condition per section 3 and then reconnect the battery during installation if it checks out ok. The battery packs may be permanently damaged by remaining discharged for extended periods.

2.3 Parts

2.3.1 INCLUDED PARTS

- A. MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module
- B. MD422 Annunciation Control Unit
- C. D-Sub 25 Pin Mating Connector, MD25F20JVL0 or equivalent (MCI P/N 7014517).
- D. D-Sub 9 Pin Mating Connector, MD9F20JVL0 or equivalent (MCI P/N 8017287).
- E. Installation Manual (P/N 9016391)

2.3.2 INSTALLER SUPPLIED PARTS

- A. MD421/MD421-1 Mounting Screws, 6-32 Pan head. Four (4) required.
- B. MD422 Mounting Screws, 4-40 X 3/8" Flat or Pan Head Phillips screw.
Two (2) Required

2.3.3 ADDITIONAL PARTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED

- A. Materials to complete static and pitot installation (if used).
- B. File Template (MCI P/N 9016344) to assist in MD422 ACU hole cutout.
- C. Replacement battery for the MD421 (P/N 9015607).
- D. Replacement battery for the MD421-1 (P/N 9016925).

2.4 Equipment Location

The MD420/MD420-1 system should be located within the aircraft in accordance with the following considerations:

- A. The MD422 ACU indicator is ideally located in the instrument panel directly within the pilot's normal line of sight. Installations that result in viewing angles in excess of 30 degrees may reduce readability.
- B. The power cable should not run adjacent to heaters, engine exhausts, or other heat sources. Also, take care to route and tie the cable away from aircraft controls and cables.
- C. For optimum battery performance it is recommended to mount the battery in a temperature controlled section of the aircraft.

2.5 Installation

2.5.1 MOUNTING THE MD422 ANNUNCIATION CONTROL UNIT

Plan a location in the aircraft for the MD422 ACU to be mounted as close to the pilot's field of view as possible. Avoid mounting close to heater vents or other high heat sources. Allow a clearance of at least 3 inches from back of unit for plug removal.

The indicator is secured in place behind the panel since it is designed for rear mount only. Make a panel cutout as shown in Figure 2.2. Secure the indicator in place with two 4-40 x 3/8 flat or pan head Philips screws.

2.5.2 MOUNTING THE MD421/MD421-1 BATTERY MODULE

The MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module may be mounted at various angles, see Figure 2.1. Locate an area large enough to facilitate mounting of unit with connector, back shell, and air fittings (if used) in place. Ensure area is clear of mechanical obstructions and is not impeding movement of any other aircraft systems. Avoid mounting close to heater vents or other high heat sources. Allow a clearance of at least 3 inches from front of unit for plug removal. The unit must be installed inside the aircraft cabin.

The STBY indicator may light when the battery is first connected to the system. Momentarily push the STBY PWR button on the MD422 ACU, twice if necessary, until the STBY light is off.

Manual Installation: In an in-flight emergency, with complete loss of aircraft power, the pilot must press the STBY button for continued emergency battery operation. **NOTE: To avoid unexpected system operations when the pitot and static lines are not connected, use only supplied fitting plugs or other non-sealing plugs.**

Automatic Installation: If automatic operation is desired, the pitot and static lines may be connected to the MD421/MD421-1 battery module. This will allow activation of the system during power loss without pilot intervention.

******WARNING******

The recommended torque range for 1/8" NPT fittings is 45-65 in/lbs. Excessive torque can damage the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module. It is recommended to use a thread sealant (i.e. Teflon tape) to prevent air leaks.

An alternate method may also be used to signify validity of flight as an option to the pitot-static connection. An external sensor that provides a ground signal to the unit may be used (such as a squat switch, etc (not included)). If an external signal is used for automatic operation, verify that the sensor can operate during main aircraft power loss. See Note 2 of Figure 2.4.

The Power Loss Warning Disable feature can be employed by wiring Pin 17 to ground. See Section Section 3: Operation for a description of this feature and Figure 2.4 for the installation wiring diagram.

2.5.3 INSTALLATION COMPLETION

After completing installation, plug the standby battery cables into the module. (Note: The MD421-1 has a single cable and should be plugged into the lower receptacle.)

NOTE: The cable is disconnected for shipping to prevent accidental activation and battery discharge in transit.

2.5.4 SETTINGS AND VERIFICATION

Set the desired instrument lighting voltage on the front of the MD421/MD421-1. The unit is capable of supplying 5, 14, or 28VDC lighting capable voltages to support the lighting of the attitude indicator and two other instruments. When in standby mode, the aircraft dimming control on the lighting buss is not used. Lighting is supplied at approximately half of full brightness.

The STBY PWR button on the MD422 ACU is backlit. Set the brightness of the button lighting by adjusting the dimming potentiometer on the side of the MD421/MD421-1 battery module. It is recommended to set the brightness for nighttime operation and to balance it with other light sources on the instrument panel.

After aircraft power has been turned on, press and hold the STBY PWR button for approximately three seconds. The "TEST" annunciator will illuminate green, indicating the standby battery is functioning properly. If the "TEST" annunciation becomes red at any point during the 1-minute test, the standby battery should be fully recharged. If the standby battery fails to pass this short battery capacity test after 1 hour of charging, a full battery capacity test and/or maintenance check should be performed. See Sect. 2.6.

2.6 Continued Airworthiness

2.6.1 BATTERY

- A. The battery mounted on the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module is designed to be a user replaceable item if desired. Recommended replacement interval for the standby battery is 3 years due to diminished capacity. See section 2.3.3 for replacement battery part numbers.



NOTE: The standby battery contains lead. Do not dispose of in local land-fills or other environmentally sensitive areas.



NOTE: Recycle the battery in accordance with state and local regulations. For recycle locations visit www.rbrc.com or call 1-800-8-BATTERY (1-800-822-8837)

- B. In normal use, the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module supplies the proper float charge voltage to maintain its battery at peak capacity; however, the battery will slowly self-discharge if left unused for long periods (over 3 months). In addition, self-discharge rates are directly related to the storage temperature. The higher the storage temperature the faster the self-discharge rate. Therefore, the battery should be periodically charged or removed from the installation and maintained on a charger.
- C. If the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module has not been operated for an extended period (more than 3 months), the standby batteries should be charged by one of the following methods:
1. MCI Battery Charger/Tester P/N 36029 may be used for the MD421 (not MD421-1). This Battery Charger/Tester will fully recharge the battery and then automatically switch to maintain a float charge indefinitely after initial charging is complete.
 2. Power the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module for approximately 15 hours at the rated input voltage.
 3. Float Charging: Disconnect the batteries from the MD421/MD421-1 base assembly. Connect each battery to a voltage source (battery plug (pin 1) red wire = positive) of 20.4 to 20.6 VDC.
 4. Routine Charging:
 - a. MD421; Disconnect the batteries from the unit. Connect each battery to a constant voltage source (battery plug pin 1 red wire = positive) of 21.6 to 22.1 VDC with a current limit of 0.1 amp maximum. When the charging current drops to approximately 5mA, or remains unchanged for 30 minutes, the battery is fully charged and should be disconnected. Leaving 21.6 to 22.1 VDC charge voltage on the battery for an extended time will degrade its life. If continuous maintenance of the charge is desired, perform a Float Charge as described above.
 - b. MD421-1; Disconnect the battery from the unit. Connect battery pack to a constant voltage source (battery plug pin 1 red wire = positive) of 22 VDC with a current limit of 1.6 amp; after 8 hours the battery is fully charged. Leaving 22 VDC charge voltage on the battery for an extended time will degrade its life. If continuous maintenance of the charge is desired, perform a Float Charge as described above.

******WARNING******

Battery out gassing and a rotten egg odor may occur due to prolonged high rate overcharging and may result in battery damage. MCI recommends that the battery assembly be replaced if out gassing has occurred.

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D. On at least an annual basis, as well as any time there may be a question about battery performance (life), a Full Capacity Test should be performed. To perform a Full Battery Capacity Test use one of the following methods:

1. Automatic (MD421 only)

Use MCI Battery Charger/Tester P/N 36029 for MD421 only. When in the capacity test mode, this Charger/Tester will fully charge the battery and measure the time required for discharge (60 minutes minimum). The unit will then automatically switch to the charge/float mode to maintain the standby battery at full charge.

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- a. Disconnect batteries from the MD421/MD421-1 base assembly.
- b. Ensure each battery is completely charged and at or near normal room temperatures (20-25°C). (Ref. Sect. 2.6.1C)
- c. Connect battery to a load while monitoring the battery voltage level.
 - i. For MD421 use 90 ohms (rated for 10 watts)
 - ii. For MD421-1 use 12 ohms rated for 40 watts or greater.
- d. Note the time required for the battery voltage to drop below 15V with the load attached, immediately remove the load.
 - i. If the battery capacity test runs more than 58 minutes, the battery should be capable of continued use after recharging is complete.
 - ii. If the battery voltage drops below 15.0 volts before 58 minutes, the battery pack is nearing the end of its service life and should be replaced.
- e. Recharge each battery immediately.

******WARNING******

The battery may be permanently damaged if it is left in a discharged state. Recharge a discharged battery as soon as possible and maintain with a float charge for maximum battery life.

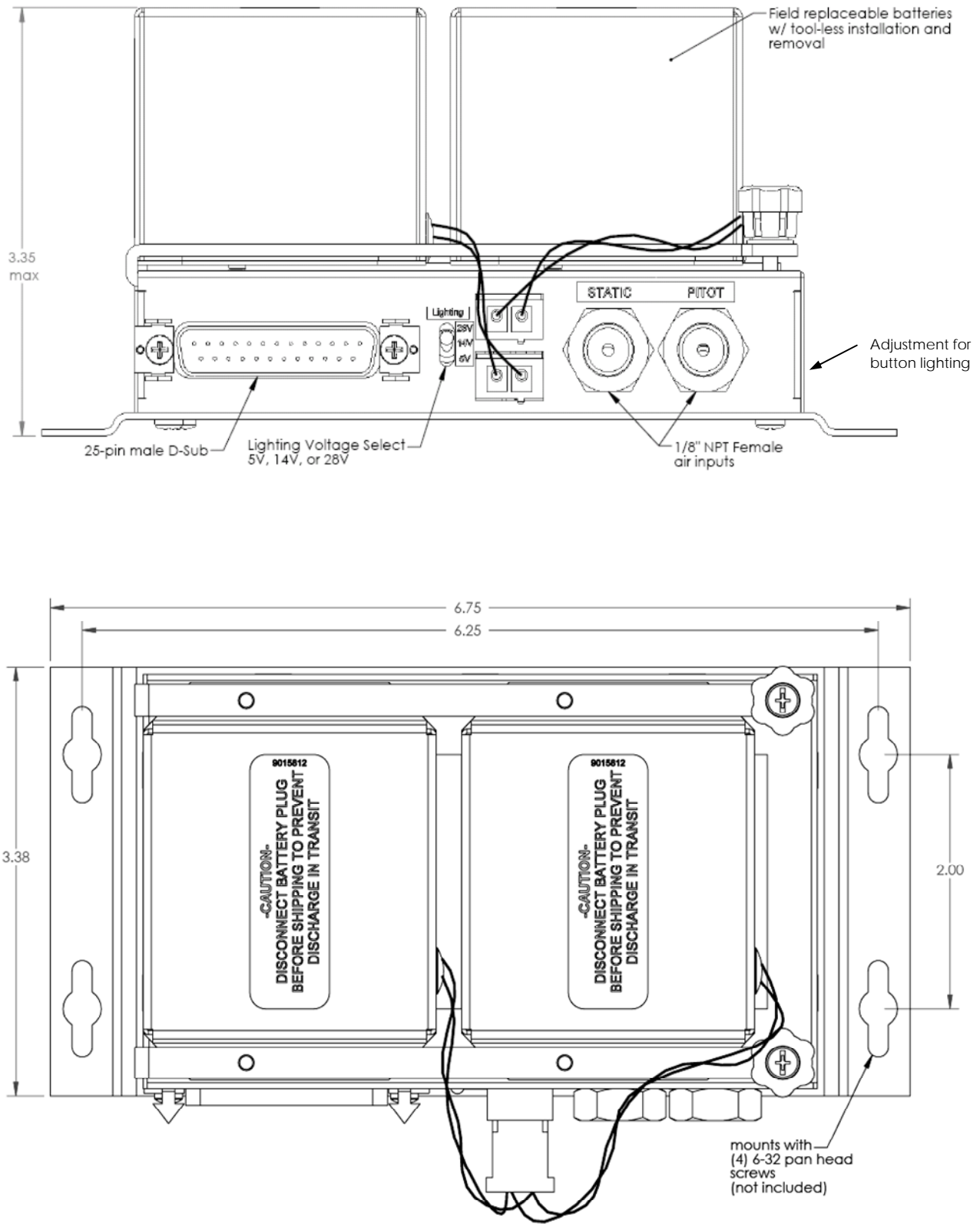


Figure 2.1 MD421 Battery Module Mounting Dimensions

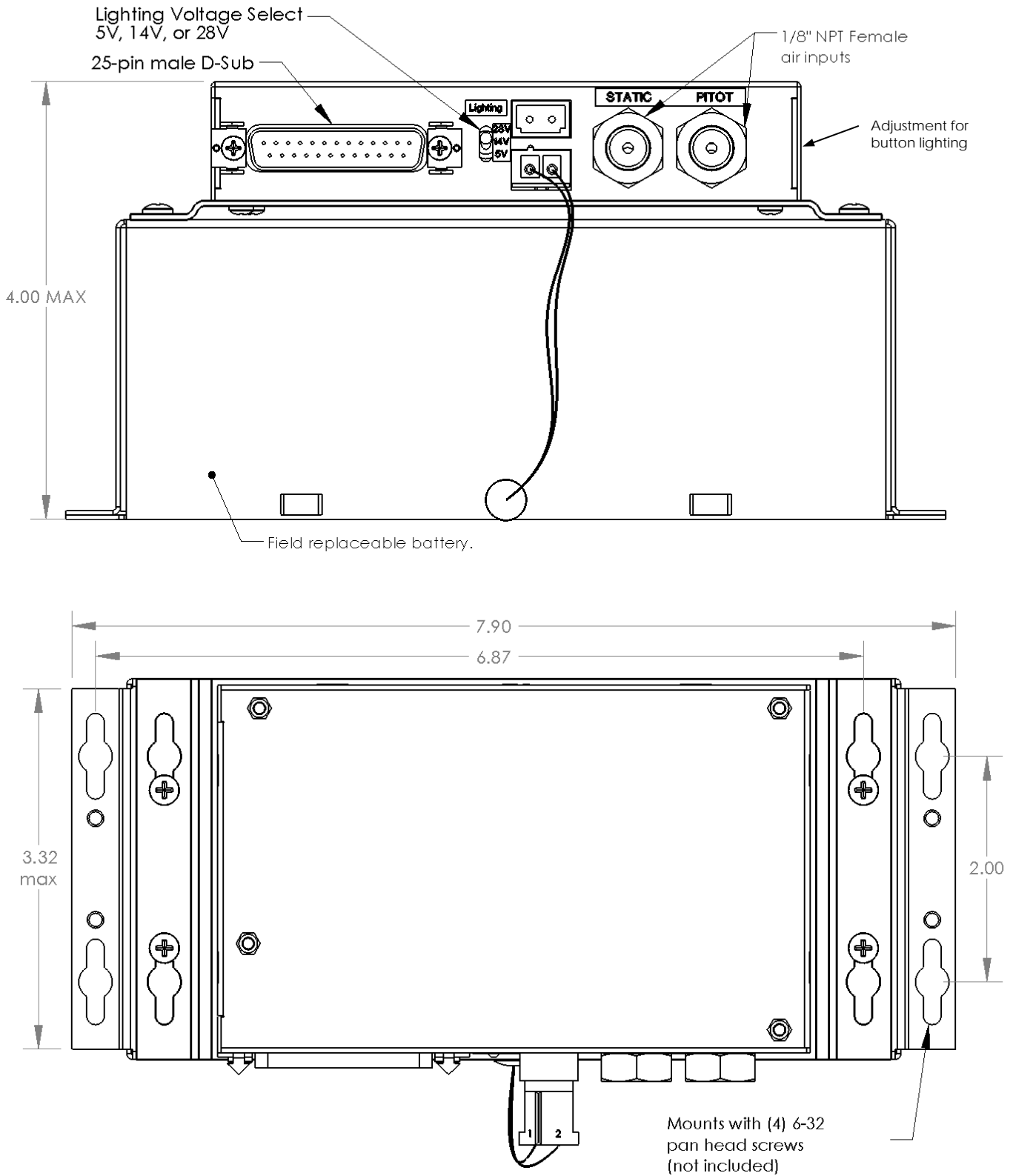
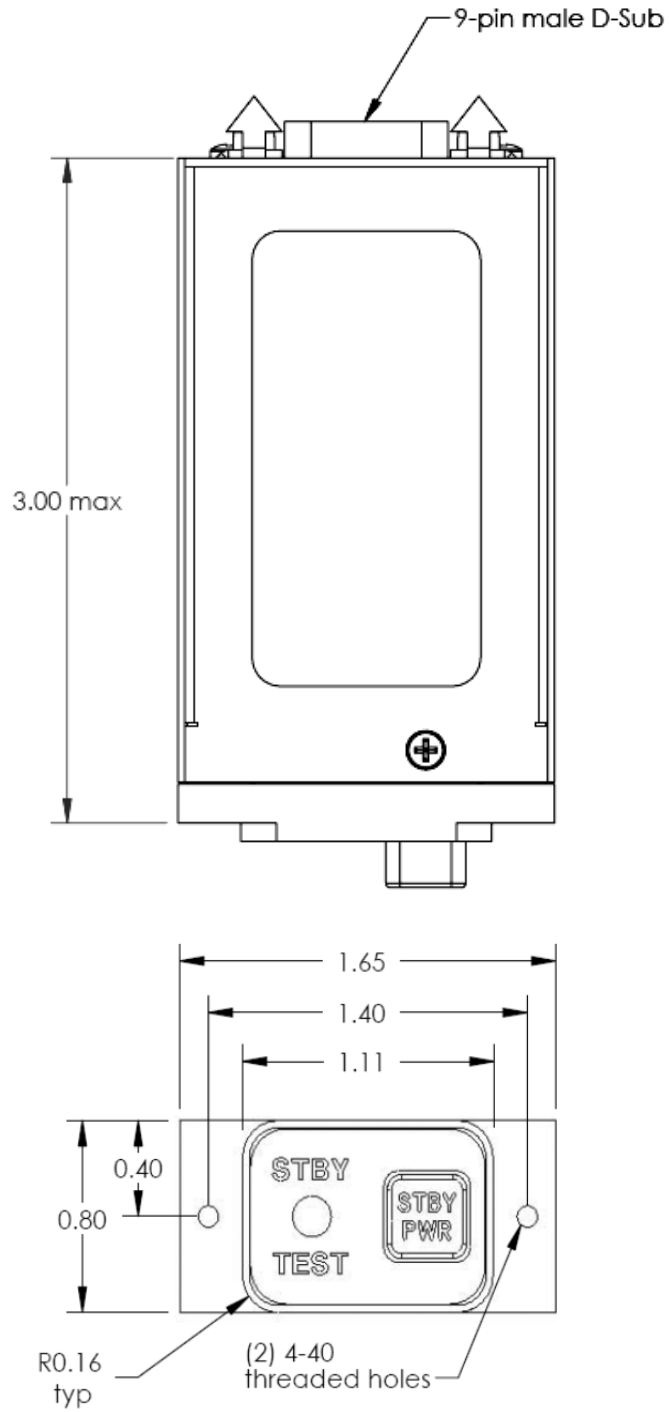


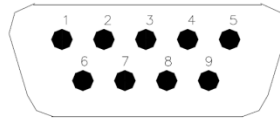
Figure 2.2 MD421-1 Battery Module Mounting Dimensions



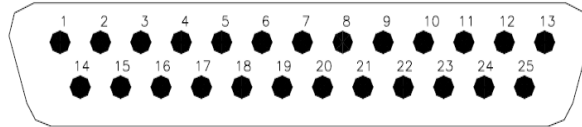
File Template (MCI P/N 9016344) may be purchased from Mid-Continent to assist in hole cutout

Figure 2.3 MD422 Annunciation Control Unit Panel Cutout Dimensions

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Rear view of MD422 ACU Mating Connector



Rear view of MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module Mating Connector

PINOUT FOR THE MD421/MD421-1 BATTERY MODULE, AND MD422 ANNUNCIATOR

MD421/MD421-1 BATTERY MODULE

1	10-32VDC AIRCRAFT POWER INPUT
2	PRIMARY INSTRUMENT POWER
3	AIRCRAFT POWER GROUND
4	PRIMARY INSTRUMENT POWER GROUND
5	5V, 14V, OR 28V AIRCRAFT LIGHTING BUS INPUT (NOTE 1)
6	PRIMARY INSTRUMENT LIGHTING POWER
7	SECOND INSTRUMENT LIGHTING POWER
8	THIRD INSTRUMENT LIGHTING POWER
9	AIRCRAFT LIGHTING BUS GROUND
10	PRIMARY INSTRUMENT LIGHTING GROUND
11	SECOND INSTRUMENT LIGHTING GROUND
12	THIRD INSTRUMENT LIGHTING GROUND
13	reserved
14	reserved
15	reserved
16	reserved
17	POWER LOSS WARNING DISABLE
18	AIR SWITCH
19	ANNUNC GREEN
20	ANNUNC RED
21	ANNUNC YELLOW
22	ANNUNC WHITE
23	STDBY PWR SWITCH
24	ANNUNC SENSOR
25	ANNUNC GROUND

MD422 ANNUNCIATOR

1	ANNUNC GREEN
4	ANNUNC RED
5	ANNUNC YEL
8	ANNUNC WHITE
6	STDBY PWR SWITCH
2	ANNUNC SENSOR
3	ANNUNC GROUND
9	reserved
7	reserved

NOTE:

- 1) INSTALLER MUST SELECT 5V, 14V, OR 28V LIGHTING ON THE MD421/MD421-1 BATTERY MODULE.
- 2) PIN 18 MAY BE USED INSTEAD OF CONNECTING THE PITOT AND STATIC PORTS. A GROUND ON PIN 18 WHEN THE AIRCRAFT IS IN FLIGHT WILL ALLOW FOR FULL AUTOMATIC BACKUP POWER WHEN AIRCRAFT POWER IS LOST. SEE SECTION 2.5.2.
- 3) USE 22 GAUGE (OR HEAVIER) WIRE FOR THE MD421/MD421-1 POWER AND GROUND. ALSO USE 22 GAUGE (OR HEAVIER) WIRE FOR PRIMARY POWER AND GROUND. ALL OTHER CONNECTIONS MAY BE 24 GAUGE.

Figure 2.4 Installation Wiring

Section 3: Operation

3.1 Standby Battery Operation

When aircraft power is supplied to the MD420/MD420-1 Emergency Power Supply system, the internal standby battery will automatically maintain a full charge.

During loss of aircraft power, the MD420/MD420-1 EPS system provides emergency lighting power to the primary load and two additional instruments. The brightness for the instrument lighting during power loss is preset to approximately half of full brightness. The installer may wish to adjust the lighting level of the STBY PWR button on the MD422 ACU to an optimal level under low light conditions. This adjustment is located on the right side of the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module. See Figure 2.1.

A. **After turning off main power:**

When the MD420/MD420-1 EPS senses power loss, the unit will indicate a Power Loss Warning. The Power Loss Warning consists of the amber STBY annunciation on the MD422 ACU flashing brightly for approximately one minute. With no further action from the pilot, the unit will turn off automatically after approximately one minute, and the STBY annunciation will turn off. This is to prevent inadvertent battery discharge when the master power switch is turned off and the aircraft is on the ground. See Power Loss Warning Disable below for alternate installation options.

B. **Loss of Aircraft Power in flight:**

Manual Installation: When the MD420/MD420-1 EPS system senses power loss, the standby system immediately provides power to the primary load and signals a Power Loss Warning. The STBY indication will flash, and standby power will be supplied to attached equipment for one minute. This is intended to attract the pilot's attention and indicate that there has been a loss of primary power. Pushing the STBY PWR button will allow the equipment to continue operating on the standby battery until the battery is exhausted. (See Fig 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 for more information on battery discharge rate.) The STBY annunciation will remain dimly lit, indicating that the equipment is running on standby battery power. If the STBY PWR button is not activated within one minute, the MD420/MD420-1 system and attached equipment will shut down.

Automatic Installation: If the pitot-static system is connected to the MD421/MD421-1 battery module or an external sensor signal is supplied to the unit, no action is required by the pilot when the MD420/MD420-1 EPS senses power loss during flight. During power loss, the standby battery immediately provides power to the attitude indicator and the amber STBY annunciation on the MD422 ACU will be dimly lit.

NOTE: For both Manual and Automatic Installations:

Any time aircraft power is absent; either during the Power Loss Warning or after shut off, pushing the STBY PWR button will put the unit in the standby power mode. This applies either during flight or on the ground. The instrument will run from standby power until the standby battery is exhausted. To turn off the MD420/MD420-1 system during standby power mode, push the STBY PWR button again. The amber STBY light will turn off and the attached equipment will power off. Pushing the STBY button at any time when the unit is off will restore standby power. Restoring aircraft power will clear any standby operation mode and resume automatic battery charging.

Power Loss Warning Disable: The Power Loss Warning is the flashing amber "STBY" light that is activated when aircraft power is lost, either in flight or when turned off on the ground. This feature can be disabled if desired, bypassing the 1-minute flashing time out. Thus, after turning off main power on the ground, the unit will immediately turn off with no additional indications. The unit will also turn off without indication (not supply standby power) immediately in flight if power is lost and if not configured for automatic operation. **NOTE:** This feature is not recommended for installation when the EPS is configured for manual operation! If configured for automatic operation, the unit will function normally as described, automatically entering standby power mode without the Power Loss Warning and without pilot intervention. If the flight valid signal (pitot-static or electrical signal) were not available, the unit would turn off with loss of input power. The EPS can always be activated at any time by pressing the STBY PWR button.

C. Standby Battery Test:

The MD422 ACU incorporates a manual test feature. This test feature places the standby battery system under a load for approximately one minute (the gyro is used as a load) while displaying the "TEST" annunciation as either green (PASS) or red (FAIL).

To initiate this test:

1. Turn on the MD420/MD420-1 Emergency Power Supply system with aircraft power.
2. Press and hold the STBY PWR button on the MD422 ACU. After several seconds the amber STBY will start flashing, indicating the unit has latched into Battery Test Mode. The STBY PWR button can now be released. The test runs for approximately one minute, during which time the amber STBY flashes continuously and either a red or green light is displayed under the word TEST.
3. Visually monitor the test lights until the amber STBY stops flashing, signaling the end of the test.
4. A green "TEST" light throughout the test indicates the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module is healthy and should function normally. A red light at any time during the test means that the battery module is at least in need of charging, and possibly of replacement.

Note:

A green light throughout this short test does not guarantee that a full hour of operation time is available. Actual operation time may vary depending on temperature, charge status, and battery condition. (See Sect. 2.6 for more details.)

Complete charging may be required to bring the battery module up to full charge if it has been stored for more than four months or if it has been partially discharged. If a steady red light is observed at any time during the test, charge the MD421/MD421-1 Battery Module completely, using one of the methods described in section 2.6 and retest the system. If after charging, the test still fails, service may be required.

The test function is only available when aircraft power is present.

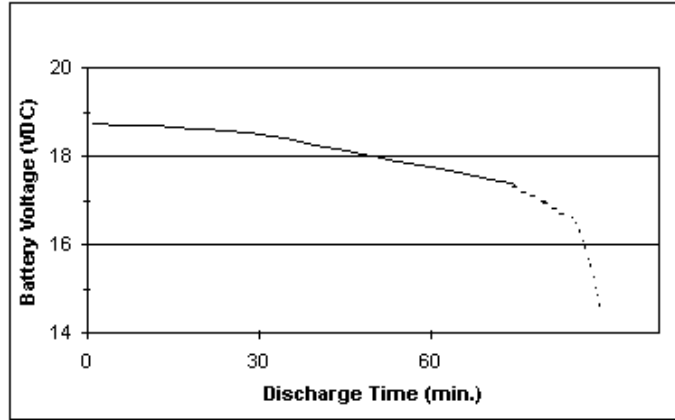


Fig. 3.1 Nominal Battery Discharge Rate at 20°C for the MD420 used with Mid Continent Instruments 4200/4300 Attitude Indicator

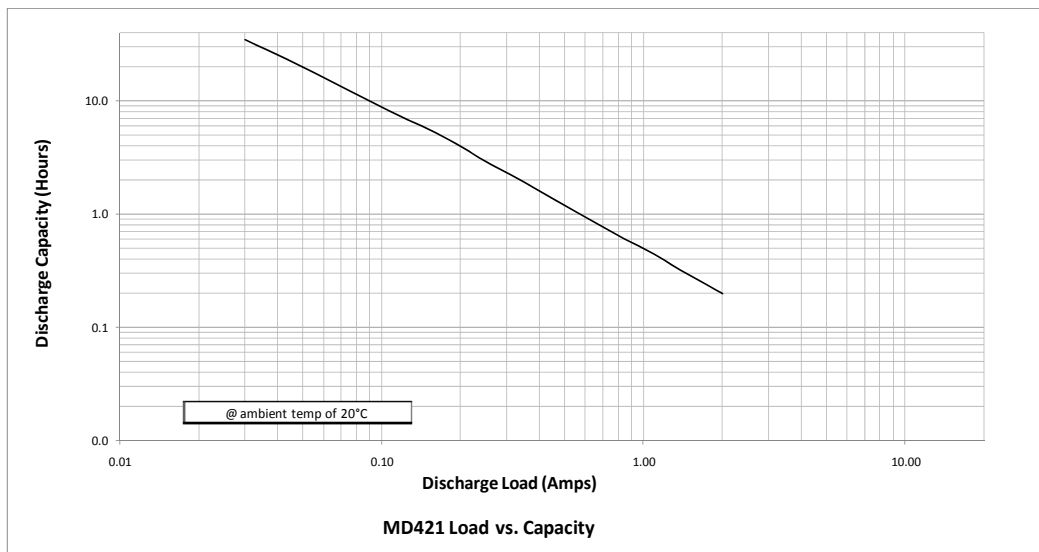


Fig. 3.2 Standard Battery Discharge Rate at 20°C for the MD420



Fig. 3.3 Standard Battery Discharge Rate at 25°C for the MD420-1

3.2 Equipment Limitations

Actual operation time on the MD420/MD420-1 Emergency Power Supply may vary considerably depending on temperature, charge status, and battery condition. Low temperatures will temporarily degrade battery capacity as shown in Fig. 3.4. Internal chemistry will slowly degrade battery capacity over several years of operation as shown in Fig 3.5, even when correctly maintained. A poorly maintained battery will suffer accelerated degradation in excess of the guidelines given in this document. Extended storage in a discharged state or at high ambient temperatures, and over-charging will all permanently damage a battery. Complete charging is required to bring the battery up to full capacity if it has been stored for more than four months or if it has been partially discharged.

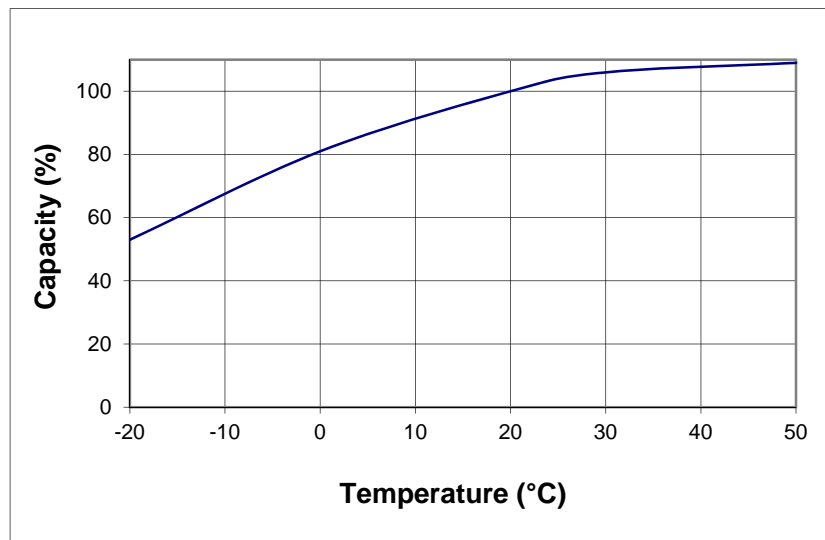


Fig. 3.4: Effect of Low Temperature On Standby Battery Capacity

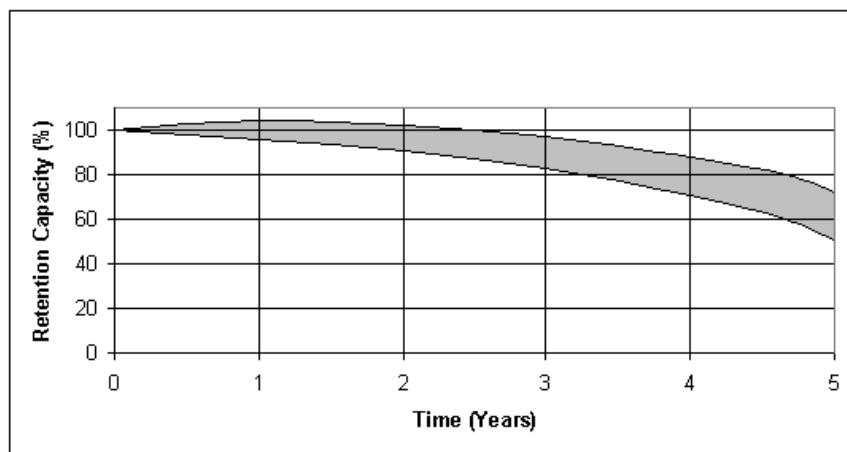


Fig. 3.5: Life Characteristics In Standby Use