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1 INTRODUCTION

All of us at Skyforce congratulate you on choosing this product. You are now the owner of one of the most sophisticated yet simple-to-use Navaids available today. We understand you probably can't wait to see it in action but before you try to use it do please take the time to read through this Manual and understand its many interesting and useful features. Time spent in familiarising yourself with your new Skyforce unit will be more than repaid by trouble-free operation later, and more importantly safe and accurate navigation.

We have made the operation of this unit as intuitive as possible through the use of soft keying and on-screen help, thus reducing users' dependence on the Manual. You should very quickly find that handling it efficiently and expertly becomes second nature to you. Don't be afraid to experiment. No matter which Key you activate, your unit will not be damaged. If you do get into a mess, simply switch off and back on again to reset all functions. We must mention just one word of caution. Never remove the memory card whilst the unit is switched on and never attempt to switch the unit on when there is no memory card fitted.

Whichever model of our equipment you have chosen, we at Skyforce are sure you will be pleased with its performance. We thank you for your custom and wish you many happy and safe hours flying.

WARNING

The Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite constellation is operated by the Department of Defence (DoD) of the United States, which is solely responsible for its accuracy and maintenance. Although declared fully operational on July 17th 1995, the system is still under development and subject to changes, which could affect the accuracy and performance of all GPS equipment.

Use this equipment at your own risk. Your new Skyforce equipment is a precision navigation aid but like any navaid it can be misused or misinterpreted and so become unsafe. You are strongly advised to read and fully understand this Manual before using it. Your unit has a DEMO MODE or simulation facility that allows you to practice with it before you begin using it for actual navigation.

Whenever you are using the unit for navigation in the air you should treat it as a supplemental navigation system. You should always carefully compare indications from your Skyforce equipment with the information available from all other navigation sources including NDB's, VOR's, DME's, visual sightings, charts, etc. For safety, any discrepancies observed should be resolved immediately.

The altitude calculated by GPS equipment is geometric height above a theoretical mean sea level of a mathematically calculated ellipsoid that approximates to the shape of the earth. This altitude can differ significantly from that displayed by your pressure altimeter. You must therefore NEVER USE GPS ALTITUDE FOR VERTICAL NAVIGATION OR TERRAIN CLEARANCE.

This equipment is not a replacement for your chart. It is intended as an aid to VFR navigation only. The database within the equipment has been compiled from the latest official information available, and although every care has been taken in the compilation, the manufacturers will not be held responsible for any inaccuracy or omissions therein.
DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Definitions

alphabetic: any of the following characters (b/ is a space):
 b/ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

alphanumeric: any of the following characters (b/ is a space):
 b/ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789

baud: bits per sec

barometric altitude: pressure altitude corrected for barometric altimeter setting

bearing to user waypoint: bearing from the present position to the active user waypoint measured clockwise relative to true or magnetic north (true is implied unless magnetic is specified)

cross track error: distance from the present position to the nearest point on the desired course, and the direction (right or left) from the desired course to the present position

cursor field: a character position or group of adjacent character positions on which a cursor can appear

data entry field: A data entry field is a data field where the ENTER, SET or SELECT button must be pressed before data entered in the field becomes effective. A data entry field can be a single or multiple character cursor field. During data entry, the active cursor field remains reverse video.

data field: a character position or group of adjacent character positions which display a single data item; a data field may be a single character cursor field, or may contain multiple characters.

data list: an ordered list of data elements which a given cursor field can accept

desired track: The angle, which the desired flight path makes with respect to true north at the point nearest the present position. Magnetic desired track uses the local magnetic variation.

destination: If the active user waypoint is not in the active flight plan, the active user waypoint is the destination. If the active user waypoint is in the active flight plan, the final user waypoint in the flight plan is the destination.

distance to user waypoint: distance from the present position to the active user waypoint

en route safe altitude: the highest minimum safe altitude which will be encountered for a given flight path (present position to destination, via flight plan if appropriate; or a flight path being analysed by trip planning)

flashing: active for .75 sec ∀ .05 sec, inactive for .25 sec ∀ .05 sec

ground speed: absolute value of the rate of change of position

headwind: difference between true airspeed and ground speed when true airspeed is more than ground speed

knots: N.M./hr

minimum safe altitude: Minimum safe altitude is the highest minimum off route altitude for any sector within a 10 N.M. square centred at a given position. A minimum off route altitude of 7000 feet or less clears all known obstructions and terrain in a sector by 1000 feet; a minimum off route altitude
greater than 7000 feet clears all terrain by 2000 feet. A sector is an area bounded by a 1°
latitude/longitude grid.

**RAIM:** Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring - A technique whereby a GPS receiver determines
the integrity of the GPS navigation signals by a consistency check among redundant pseudo range
measurements.

**scrolling region:** a set of consecutive cursor fields which display a portion of a scroll list; "scroll up"
means that the data item in each cursor field in the scrolling region moves to the preceding cursor
field. The data item in the first cursor field disappears from the page, and the last cursor field displays
the next item in the scroll list; "scroll down" is the opposite. If there is other data associated with the
data in the cursor fields (such as user waypoint numbers in flight plans), it also moves.

**selected course:** The angle, which the desired flight path makes with respect to true north at the
active user waypoint. Magnetic selected course uses the magnetic variation at the active user
waypoint; if the active user waypoint is a VOR, the magnetic variation stored for that VOR is used.

**special use airspace:** any of the following: prohibited area, restricted area, warning area, alert area,
MOA, Class CARSA, Class BTCA, unknown, danger, caution, training, CTA, or TMA type

**standard rate turn:** 3°/sec

**tailwind:** difference between ground speed and true airspeed when ground speed is more than true
airspeed

**terminal user waypoints:** user waypoints that are duplicated within a country code or "unnamed"
user waypoints associated with an approach that are assigned to distinct airports

**time to user waypoint:** distance to user waypoint divided by ground speed

**track:** angle of the aircraft’s path over the ground measured clockwise relative to true or magnetic
north (true is implied unless magnetic is specified)
Acronyms and Abbreviations.

AC: alternating current
ACT: active (user waypoint or flight plan)
ADF: automatic direction finder
ANSI: American National Standards Institute
APT: airport
ARTCC: air route traffic control centre
ASCII: American standard code for information interchange
ATC: air traffic control
ATF: aerodrome traffic frequency
ATIS: automatic terminal information service
A/C: aircraft
baud: or Baud Rate; a measurement of data transmission speed
BRG: bearing
CAA: Civil Aviation Authority
CAS: calibrated airspeed
com: communication
CDI: course deviation indicator
CTA: control area
CTAF: common traffic advisory frequency
CTR: centre
CWI: continuous wave interference
dB: decibels
DC: direct current
DIS: distance
DME: distance measuring equipment
DOT: United States Department of Transportation
EFIS: electronic flight instrument system
ELT: emergency locator transmitter
ESA: en route safe altitude
ETE: estimated time en route
FAA: Federal Aviation Administration
FAF: final approach fix
FAR: Federal Aviation Regulations
FPL: flight plan
FPM: feet per minute
FSS: flight service station
ft: feet
FT: feet
G: gravitational acceleration = 32.2 ft/sec\textsuperscript{5} = 19.3 kt/sec\textsuperscript{5}
GAL: gallons
GPS: Global Positioning System
hr: hour
HSI: horizontal situation indicator
Hz: hertz
IAF: initial approach fix
IAP: instrument approach procedure
IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
IFR: instrument flight rules
in.: inches
INT: intersection
kHz: kilohertz
Kt.: knots
KΩ: kilohms
LAT: latitude
A QUICK LOOK AT YOUR UNIT

Skymap IIIC Front View

Skymap IIIC Rear View

KEY TO DRAWINGS
1. Joystick
2. Function Keys
3. ON / OFF / Brightness control
4. Full Colour TFT Liquid Crystal Display.
5. Leg Strap Slot.
6. Accessory Mounting Point.
7. Rear Cover Fasteners.
8. Antenna Socket (Skymap IIIC only)
KEY TO DRAWING
8. Antenna Socket (Skymap IIIC only)
10. Memory Card.
11. Cooling Air Intake (do not block).
13. Rear Case Earth Tab (do not bend).

Standard Accessories
- SM2100 Portable Antenna with Cable and Suction Cup (Skymap IIIC only)
- SM2104 Carrying Case
- SM2200 Leg Strap
- SM2207 Cigar Adapter Cable (Skymap IIIC only)
- SM2102 Power/Data Cable (Tracker IIIC only)
- SM2105 Pilots Guide
- SM2106 Getting Started Card

Optional Accessories
- SM2201 Yoke Mount
- SM2204 Panel Mount
- SM2213 Panel Mount with Power/SMB Connector
- SM2202 Rack Mount
- SM2209 Gimbal Mount
- SM2228 Pedestal Mount
- SM2203 Avionics Interface Module (AIM)
- KA92 Low Profile External Antenna
- SM2212 SMB to BNC Adapter
- SM2101 Antenna Extension Lead
- SM2225/6/7 AC Power Adapter
- SMP514 PC Interface Cable
- FM25/26/2700 Flight Manager PC Software
2 GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the Manual explains how your Skyforce unit should be used and provides you with an overview of the software architecture and screen presentation.

This Manual provides a detailed explanation of each of the individual Screens that your Skyforce unit displays, and will take you step by step through each of them. To simplify this process each Screen is numbered and indexed at the front of this Manual for reference. For those users who wish to get stuck into operating the system immediately, the Quick Reference Section of the Manual has been designed to get you up and running.

The operating system of the Skyforce Skymap IIIC and Tracker IIIC has been developed from the highly successful Skymap II software. This operating system greatly reduces the number of Key presses necessary to activate the various functions, especially those most frequently used in the air. The provision of a joystick makes it considerably simpler to operate the unit and allows you fast and efficient access to most functions.

Soft Keying

You will notice that a label is drawn alongside each valid Key. Whenever a new function is selected, by pressing a valid Key, a new screen is displayed along with its new Key labels. This capability of drawing Key labels that are only applicable to a particular screen is referred to as ‘soft keying’, and allows one key to perform multiple functions without the complications of multiple key presses on a conventional keypad.

For the purpose of describing the function of a particular Key in this Manual, assume that all the Keys on the pictured screen drawings are numbered 1 - 5 from top to bottom. The ensuing text will use this numbering sequence to refer to each specific Key. The number shown alongside the pictured screen drawings refers to the number of the screen, which is called when that Key is pressed. By using these numbers it is possible to follow the paths through the operating system for all functions. If the word RET is printed next to a Key, this means that after the Key function is performed the same screen is RETurned. A good example of this is ZOOM IN. All screen drawings show the full Skymap IIIC version of software in Landscape Standard mode. Variations affecting Tracker IIIC are described in the accompanying text.

Screen Orientation

The Skymap IIIC and Tracker IIIC software can be run in one of four display modes and so allows you to mount the unit either horizontally (either landscape standard or inverse) or vertically (either portrait standard or inverse). This enables the user to configure the unit for either left or right handed operation or place the Keys along the left, right, top or bottom edges of the case. The default setting on first switch on is Landscape Standard, and it is this mode that is used to illustrate the functions of your unit in this Manual. Refer to Map Setup Screens in the Setup Screens Section of this Manual if you wish to alter your screen orientation.

Software Architecture

The software in your Skyforce unit is tree structured, an analogy can therefore be drawn between the trunk of a tree and MAIN MENU. MAIN MENU is the heart of the operating structure and can be accessed by pressing the HELP key after power up or the MAIN MENU key at any other time.

MAIN MENU has 5 main software branches, which in turn have their own sub software branches. The diagram overleaf depicts the complete tree structure and will serve as a good point of reference whilst you are familiarising yourself with your unit.
**GPS STATUS**  Shows satellite signal strength, allows UTC, local offset, date and position to be set, which will speed up the initialisation of your unit.

**FLIGHT PLAN**  Allows user defined user waypoints and flight plans to be edited/created.
- **EDIT FPLN**  Allows user defined flight plans to be edited/created either manually or visually.
- **USER WPTS**  Allows user defined user waypoints, airports and marker functions to be edited/created either manually or visually.

**DEMO MODE**  Allows you to practice operating the unit on the ground using a built-in simulator.

**NOTE PAD**  Allows up to 4000 characters of text, previously downloaded from a PC using Flight Manager™ software to be viewed. This key is only available if **DEMO MODE** is not running. **DEMO MODE** can only be selected from the first screen after switching on the unit.
- **E6-B CALC**  Allows the E6-B Calculator to be used.
- **TAS/WIND**  Allows density altitude, TAS and winds aloft to be calculated.
- **V NAV**  Allows vertical navigation to be Setup.
- **TRIP/FUEL**  Allows fuel and trip information to be calculated.
- **SUNSET/RISE**  Allows sunset and sunrise times to be calculated.

**SETUP**  Allows Setup of map, navigation and input/output characteristics.
- **MAP SETUP**  Allows all map functions to be customised, including map tracking, airport names, map units, map datum, display orientation, language, minimum runway length/surface, extended track, auto zoom and zoom level map de-clutter facility.
- **NAV SETUP**  Allows all the NAV functions to be customised, including CDI scale, CDI display, CDI alarm, arrival alarm, auto next leg/leg selection philosophy, turn anticipation and logging rate.
- **PIN SETUP**  Allows the PIN security function to be Setup.
- **INST & DIAGS**  Allows installation and diagnostics for data input/output and GPS receiver (Skymap IIIC only) to be performed. Flight logs can be viewed and various sections of memory can be cleared from here.
MAP

This is the primary operating mode of the unit.

**NAV MENU**
Accesses all navigation functions and MSA information. Joystick toggles NAV Mode.

**FLIGHT PLAN**
Allows a flight plan to be selected and edited.

**NEAR APTS**
Allows emergency search of 10 nearest airports, providing information and DIRECT TO capability. Includes Jeppesen and user defined airports which satisfies the minimum runway length and surface requirements.

**NEAR NAVID**
Allows emergency search of 10 nearest beacons (VOR’s and NDB's), providing information and DIRECT TO capability.

**SAVE WPT**
Allows your present co-ordinates to be saved in the next available user waypoint number.

**DIRECT TO**
Allows the user to perform a “goto” or DIRECT TO any point in the internal or user defined database. It may also be used to obtain information on any point in the database.

There are short cuts, which allow you to get to the primary operating mode, MAP mode, more easily; but in general if you wish to get to a specific function in another branch of software, work your way back up the present branch to MAIN MENU by pressing either the SAVE & EXIT, PREV PAGE or MAIN MENU key. Then select the branch of software that contains the desired function you wish to access.

**Memory Locations**
In the function descriptions, three types of memory, EPROM, RAM and NVM, are mentioned. You may find it useful to know where various types of information are stored in order to make best use of the equipment. The EPROM’s (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory) are in the memory card and are used to hold the operating system and the database. The memory card can be replaced periodically in order to upgrade the operating system and update the database. The RAM (Random Access Memory) is built into the unit and is used to store all user-defined data such as User waypoints and Flight plans. The RAM is maintained by battery power from an internal Lithium cell, which should be replaced by your Skyforce dealer every three years to prevent loss of user-defined data. The NVM (Non Volatile Memory) is also built into the unit. It stores initialisation data, serial number, PIN number and performance log details. This memory is non-volatile which means it is retained even if the memory battery is removed. If you choose to activate the PIN number security feature (similar to that available on many car radios) the non-volatile nature of the NVM ensures your PIN cannot be tampered with or erased.

**Screen Icons**
When showing any map screen - airports, beacons, towns, intersections, user waypoints and many other data classes are represented by symbols or icons, many of which are user selectable in the Map Setup Screens. Please refer to the Setup Screens Section of this Manual for further details.

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3 POWER AND ANTENNA CONSIDERATIONS

Power

Your unit is designed to operate from an external source providing a voltage between 10V to 33V DC. An optional AC Power (either 110V or 220/240V) Adapter is also available as an accessory for home use.

A pre-wired connector is supplied with your unit. The tail end of which either has a Cigar Adapter (Skymap IIIC) or flying leads (Tracker IIIC). The cable uses four coloured cores and a braided screen.

The red and blue cores of the cable should be connected to any DC supply between 10 and 33 Volts, capable of supplying 2 Amps.

1. Connect the RED core via a 3 Amp fuse to the positive (+) side of a 10V-33V DC power source.
2. Connect the BLUE core and the braided screen to the negative (-) side of the same power source.

You may also power your unit from a 12 or 24 volt automobile type cigarette lighter socket. However certain of these lack proper circuit protection and may provide an unreliable supply so we recommend that wherever possible an approved aircraft power source be installed by a licensed radio engineer.

The yellow and green cores are the data in (yellow) and data out (green) lines. If your unit is a Tracker IIIC, the yellow core (data in) should be connected to the data output line of your GPS. Refer to the Data Input Section of this Manual for more details.

If your unit is a Skymap IIIC, the yellow core (data in) can also be connected to the data output line of another GPS, if required and the Skymap IIIC can be switched to Tracker mode and used as a repeater for that GPS.

Your unit also has a differential serial data input and external alarm outputs available on the 9 way connector for optional use. The green core of the cable is connected to the serial data output pin and may be used to drive an AirData computer, a plotter or a data recording device (see Appendix 05 for details of data output).
The data presented across the data output pins is controlled by the settings on Screen 35, Data I Input/Output Setup and Test Screen. If you want to connect an external audio annunciator to your unit, do so in accordance with the following drawing and activate its operation on Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen by setting EXTERNAL ALARM to ON.

If you are not planning to connect either the green or yellow cores, please cut them back and insulate the cut end. Please do not make connection to pins 3, 6 or 7.
Antenna Considerations (Skymap IIIC only)

When positioning the antenna, always ensure that the domed (the opposite side to that which carries the CE marking) face of the antenna is facing straight up to the sky and can “see” a large area of the sky, preferably right down to the horizon. In order to provide a 3-dimensional fix, Skymap IIIC needs to receive signals simultaneously from at least four satellites.

The radio signals from the GPS Navstar satellites are transmitted in an extremely high frequency band (1.5GHz). They can be regarded as having approximately the same penetration capabilities as light. This means that they are able to penetrate only transparent or very thin materials and will be blocked by almost any material that blocks light.

At least four and at times up to eight GPS satellites should always be in view from any place in the world at any time. These can, however, be absolutely anywhere in the sky and so, to ensure uninterrupted navigation it is essential that the antenna has direct line-of-sight contact with as much sky as possible.

If the position in which you wish to locate your Skymap IIIC is shielded from the sky and the standard antenna cable is not long enough for an acceptable installation bearing the above guidelines in mind, you may choose one of several options for remote antenna sitting. The simplest is to use the Skyforce remote antenna extension cable. This allows the portable antenna to be extended by a further 6ft (2 metres) thereby allowing mounting up to 12ft (4 meters) away from the main unit. The antenna may be held in place there by using the rubber suction cup supplied (which should be slotted into the key hole in the antenna bracket) or fixed permanently in position by using the countersunk screw mounting holes in the antenna bracket. The rubber suction cup is ideal for temporary use in vehicles and light aircraft. The portable antenna is only splash proof and not fully waterproof. Never mount this antenna permanently outside.

For permanent external antenna mounting an external magnetic mount antenna is available for ground vehicles and an external low profile “tear drop” style antenna for aircraft. For more information about these accessories please contact your Skyforce dealer.
4 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

This Section of the Manual is designed to provide you with a quick reference guide into the operation of your Skyforce unit; taking you step by step through the most common functions. If more detail is required, please refer to the appropriate Sections in this Manual. The information contained within this Section is equally applicable to the Tracker IIIC as it is to the Skymap IIIC. Where the Tracker IIIC operation differs, the differences are explained in italic text after each paragraph.

Introduction

Your Skyforce unit is operated via a joystick, a series of 5 soft keys, and a rotary ON/OFF switch. The joystick allows movement of the pointer in MAP mode and is used for all forms of data entry or selection. The appropriate key labels for a particular page are configured in software and drawn alongside the appropriate black key. The rotary ON/OFF switch is used for adjusting the brightness of your screen.

Before this screen is displayed, a warning shall be given regarding the expiry date of the Jeppesen® data. This must be acknowledged before you may continue. Please refer to Appendix 06 for details on obtaining data updates.

Initialising Your Unit

When an antenna is attached and has a good all round view of the sky, the unit will achieve a position fix within 15 minutes. Ensuring that your GPS has rough UTC, date and position information can significantly speed up this process. To check this switch on the unit, select the HELP key followed by GPS STATUS.

Altering UTC & DATE: Select UTC & DATE, followed by ADJUST UTC. Use the joystick to adjust the time, then press SET. Now select ADJUST DATE and use the joystick to adjust the date, and then press SET followed by GPS STATUS.

Altering Present Position: Select SET POSN, and use the joystick to adjust the latitude and longitude to your approximate position and then press SET. Alternatively select SET POSN and then VIEW MAP. Move the joystick on the map to your approximate position (using the ZOOM IN/ZOOM OUT keys where applicable). Once there select SET POSN to change the position.

When connected to an appropriate GPS output a “Tracker” unit will self initialise.
Software Structure

Since the software is tree structured, an analogy can be drawn between the trunk of a tree and MAIN MENU. This can be accessed after powering on the unit by pressing the HELP key. MAIN MENU has 5 main software branches, which are as follows:

- **GPS STATUS**: Shows satellite signal strength, allows UTC, Local Offset, Date and Position to be set.
- **FLIGHT PLAN**: Allows user defined waypoints and flight plans to be edited/created.
- **NOTEPAD**: Allow access to NOTEPAD and E6-B functions, or turns off DEMO MODE. DEMO MODE can only be activated in the first power on screen.
- **SET UP**: Allows Setup of map, NAV, PIN and input/output characteristics.
- **MAP**: This is the primary mode of the unit.

As a rule when trying to get to a specific function in another branch of software you should work your way back down the present branch to MAIN MENU by pressing either the OK, PREV PAGE, SAVE & EXIT or MAIN MENU key. Then select the branch of software that contains the desired function you wish to access. There are, short cuts allowing you to get to the primary mode, MAP mode, more easily. GPS STATUS is replaced with DATA IN/OUT in “Tracker” units. Tracker units will automatically be configured to accept data from external GPS/LORAN units.

Selecting Demo Mode

Demo Mode allows you to become familiar with handling your unit on the ground by turning it into a simulator. Demo Mode can only be activated in the first title screen, available at power on. Press DEMO MODE in the title screen, and use the joystick to select the start LAT and LONG and the ground SPEED you wish to use. Alternatively you can press the DATABASE key and select a data point from the database as a start point (for more information on achieving this please refer to Database Selection in this Section of the Manual). Once the desired LAT/LONG and SPEED is entered press START DEMO.
Database Selection

Both the internal (i.e.: Jeppesen and towns) waypoints and user defined waypoints are stored in your unit in a series of databases. During the normal use of your unit you will need to select items from these databases, whether it is to find out airport frequency information, or select a DIRECT TO point or when creating a flight plan. In each case the adjacent screen will appear. Use the joystick to highlight the database in which the desired item is contained and press SELECT.

The second stage in the selection process requires you to choose the desired item. This is achieved by using the joystick. Once the desired item is displayed press ENTER to select the item. If the item required is in an aeronautical database (i.e.: AIRPORT, VOR etc) you may well have the ability to narrow the area of search by selecting a two letter identify in the AREA field. For a complete list of two letter ICAO identifiers please refer to Appendix 02 in this Manual. If the label in the AREA field says ALL then the search will include all countries available in your memory cards region.

A Quick Word On DIRECT TOs And Flight Plans

A flight plan is a series of legs interspersed with waypoints, while a DIRECT TO is a one leg flight plan. A DIRECT TO can be performed at any time. If a DIRECT TO is performed when a flight plan is active, the flight plan will be put to sleep and the displayed navigation data in MAP mode will be to the DIRECT TO point. You will always know when a DIRECT TO is running because the DIRECT TO key will be labelled DIRECT TO OFF. Pressing this key will cancel the DIRECT TO. If a flight plan was previously running underneath it will automatically resume.
Visual DIRECT TO And Data Interrogation

In MAP mode use the joystick to move the pointer to the desired location, or obtain distance/bearing and latitude/longitude from present position. If you have a ground speed your Skyforce unit will calculate the time to reach the tip of the on-screen pointer. This information is displayed in the PETE (or Pointer ETE) field. If you wish to invoke the DIRECT TO function press the DIRECT TO key. The unit will then provide you with full navigation information to reach this point. Alternatively if you wish to obtain more information on a specific data point, whether it is an airport, a section of controlled airspace or a beacon, move the pointer onto it and press the MORE INFO key. Once the pointer has been activated, by pushing the joystick, it will remain active for 30 seconds; after which time it will automatically reset, if not moved. Alternatively you can force a reset by pressing RESET STICK.

DIRECT TO a Specific Latitude-And Longitude

To perform a DIRECT TO a specified latitude/longitude press the DIRECT TO key in MAP mode, when the joystick is not active. Then press TEMP WPT and use the joystick to dial in the required latitude and longitude, followed by ENTER. The unit will then provide you with full navigation information to reach this point.

Manual DIRECT TO And Data Interrogation

Provided the pointer is not active in MAP mode, press the DIRECT TO key. You will now be able to select the item from the database as explained in Database Selection in this Section of the Manual. To activate the item as the DIRECT TO, press the SELECT key when the desired item is displayed. To get more information on the item press the MORE INFO key when the desired item is displayed. If you are running a DIRECT TO an item, you can discontinue the navigation by pressing the DIRECT TO OFF key.
Editing/Creating A User Waypoint Manually

From MAIN MENU select the FLIGHT PLAN key, followed by USER WPTS.

Use the joystick to select the desired user waypoint number or name. Then press the EDIT key and use the joystick to edit the NAME, LAT and LONG fields. The entire user waypoint can be deleted by pressing CLEAR WPT. If you only wish to delete data in a particular field, as opposed to the entire user waypoint, move the cursor over the field label (i.e. NAME, LAT, LONG) and press the CLEAR key. To save a user waypoint press SAVE & EXIT. Use the ABORT key to return to MAIN MENU without saving.

Editing/Creating A User Waypoint Visually

From MAIN MENU select the FLIGHT PLAN key, followed by USER WPTS.

You may then use the joystick to select a specific user waypoint (either by number or name). Press the VIEW MAP key and the adjacent screen will be shown with the previously selected user waypoint in the centre of the screen. If the previously selected user waypoint was empty your last position will be displayed. A user waypoint can then be created as a distance and bearing from the displayed position or as a latitude/longitude. Press ENTER WPT to save the user waypoint to the first available memory location. An unwanted user waypoint can be removed by moving the pointer over it and pressing the DELETE WPT key. If the user waypoint that you wish to delete is in a stored flight plan the message [PRESENT IN FLIGHT PLAN] will be displayed. A second press on the DELETE WPT key will however remove it, or you can move the joystick to cancel the delete. Use the PREV PAGE key to return to screen entered from, saving any changes made.

Saving A User Waypoint In Flight

A user waypoint can be saved quickly in flight by pressing NAV MENU in MAP mode followed by SAVE WPT. You will immediately be returned to MAP mode with your current position saved to the next available user waypoint memory location.
**Editing/Creating A Flight Plan Manually**

From MAIN MENU select the FLIGHT PLAN key, followed by EDIT FPLN. Use the joystick to select the desired flight plan number and then press SELECT. To insert an item press INSERT ITEM and follow the Database Selection process explained earlier in this Section of the Manual. To remove an item from the flight plan move the cursor over the item using the joystick and press DELETE ITEM. A flight plan can be systematically built using the INSERT ITEM key. The flight plan can be inverted by pressing the INVERT FPLN key. If you wish to fly the flight plan, ensure that the flight plan arrow (shown on the side of the flight plan list) is highlighting the leg you wish to fly, the press FLY FPLN. Alternatively use the SAVE & EXIT key to return to screen entered from, saving any changes made.

**Editing/Creating A Flight Plan Visually**

From MAIN MENU select the FLIGHT PLAN key, followed by EDIT FPLN. Use the joystick to select the desired flight plan number and then press VIEW MAP. If the selected flight plan was empty, the adjacent screen will appear showing your last position, if it were not, the start point of the flight plan will be shown in the centre of the screen. If the desired flight plan was empty you can use the joystick to move the pointer to the desired start waypoint and press ADD WPT (ADD WayPoint). This will place an S (for Start) next to the waypoint. Move the pointer to the next waypoint and press ADD WPT again. You will notice that the last point in the flight plan will always be labelled (E). Once you have finished building the flight plan press PREV PAGE, to detach the pointer from the flight plan. This key, if pressed again will return to the screen entered from, saving any changes made.

If you wish to add a new waypoint to a flight plan which you have stopped building, whether it is at the start, the end or the middle of the flight plan, you will need to highlight the appropriate point (i.e.: either the start waypoint (S), the end waypoint (E) or the leg line in which you wish to add a new waypoint). As soon as you do this, the ADD WPT or GRAB LINE key will appear. Press the ADD WPT or GRAB LINE key to join the pointer back to the flight plan line and then move it to the new waypoint (NOTE: Key 2 reverts to ADD WPT). Once over the new waypoint press ADD WPT, otherwise press PREV PAGE to cancel this action. Unwanted waypoints can be removed by pointing at them and pressing the DELETE WPT key. Use the PREV PAGE key to return to the screen entered from, saving any changes made.
Selecting A Flight Plan To Fly

From MAIN MENU select the MAP key, followed by NAV MENU and FLIGHT PLAN. Use the joystick to select the desired flight plan number and then press the SELECT key. Ensure that the leg arrow is pointing at the initial leg that is to be flown and press FLY FPLN. The unit will immediately revert to map mode with the navigation information showing, using the pre-selected MAP mode presentation.

Selecting A Map Mode

Navigation Presentation

When in MAP mode and navigating to a waypoint, either with a DIRECT TO or as part of a flight plan, the unit is in Navigation MAP mode. The MAP presentation can be varied from Large Map to Large Text to a CDI (Pseudo HSI) display. In all three modes there are a further two options which are either TOPO ON or TOPO OFF. In the TOPO ON mode all classes of data can be set to a specific colour. In the TOPO OFF mode all cartographic data is automatically removed and the Jeppesen NAV Data is presented on a black background. The presentation style can be changed at any time by pressing the NAV MENU key in MAP mode. The joystick can then be toggled until the desired selection is shown in the MAP MODE field. The new selection, which will only be displayed when a DIRECT TO or flight plan is running, can be viewed by pressing MAP.

Viewing ETAs/Skip Waypoints

When a flight plan is running the ETA to each point in that flight plan can be viewed by pressing the DIRECT TO key on the map. On entry to the adjacent screen the cursor highlights the waypoint in MAGENTA that is currently being navigated to. If ATC clear you onto END: LAWRENCE, for example, you can use the Direct-To waypoint function to amend the Flight Plan quickly without having to edit the Flight Plan. Use the joystick to move a BLACK highlight over END: LAWRENCE, then press DIRECT TO. This function is not available in External GPS Mode.
Ten Nearest Search

The ten nearest airports or beacons can be displayed by either pressing NAV MENU or DIRECT TO in MAP mode, followed by either NEAR APTS (for airports) or NEAR NAVAID (for beacons). The desired information will be presented dynamically as a bearing and distance from your present position. Any displayed item can be instantly navigated to by pressing the DIRECT TO key. Alternatively the MAP key can be used to return the user to MAP mode.

Setup Map Functions

The above screens allow the mapping functions to be configured. The initial screen is reached by pressing SET UP in MAIN MENU, followed by MAP SETUP. The subsequent screens are reached by pressing the NEXT key.
On the initial page, each of the displayed features can be set by using the joystick. The features are as follows:

**ORIENTATION:** Set either in Track Up or North Up.

**AIRPORT NAMES:** Labels airports in MAP mode either with ICAO code, airport or city names.

**MAP UNITS:** Sets all map units to either nautical miles, statute miles or kilometres. If miles are selected, all lengths and altitudes will be reported in feet. If kilometres are selected, all lengths and altitudes will be reported in metres.

**COORD SYSTEM:** Determines whether the unit operates with reference to Lat/Long, UTM or OSGB.

**DISPLAY:** Sets orientation of the display into either one of four positions.

**LANGUAGE:** Sets language to English, French, German or Spanish.

**MIN R/W LENGTH:** Sets the minimum length of runway required for ten nearest airports.

**R/W SURFACE REQUIRED:** Sets minimum runway surface required for ten nearest airports.

**EXT TRACK:** Turns on or off the extended track line, which is drawn ahead of your present position in the direction of your present track.

**AUTO ZOOM:** Turns on or off. When flying the last leg of a flight plan or when flying a DIRECT TO, as soon as the distance to the destination drops below ½ the scale bar setting, the unit automatically zooms. Auto Zoom can be disabled by simply pressing the **ZOOM OUT** key.

**AUTO DECLUTTER:** Turns on or off. If a higher priority icon label (Airport) is found to clash with a lower priority icon label (City) already on the screen, the lower priority icon label will be removed.

**KEY BEEP:** Turns the key beep on or off.

**LOGGING RATE:** Sets the rate in seconds at which you log your position and loads it into a 2000 point cyclic memory. To log a specific flight use the **CLEAR LOG** key, in the Clear Memory screen. (Please refer to the Clear Memory section below). The flight can be replayed in DEMO MODE. (Please refer to the Selecting DEMO MODE section above).

**POSITION REF:** Defines the reference to which your position is given in MAP MODE, either to all available data, VORs only or VORs and Airports only.

Next Screens 1, 2 and 3 are accessed by repeatedly pressing the **NEXT** key. They allow you to choose the level of zoom at which you wish each of the classes of data to become visible and at which level of zoom you want their corresponding labels to become visible. You can also set the icon or line style for many of the data classes and set their display colours for both TOPO ON and TOPO OFF display modes.

Any changes made in any of these screens will be saved once the **SAVE & EXIT** key has been pressed. At any time the **RESET VALUES** key can be pressed to return your unit to the default settings on that particular screen. If you wish to reset all setup options (including NAV SETUP options) to their default setting press the **CLEAR SETUP** key in Clear Memory screen.

### Setup of Navigation Functions

The adjacent screen allows the navigation functions to be configured. It can be reached by pressing **SET UP** in MAIN MENU, followed by **NAV SETUP**.
Each of the displayed features can be set by using the joystick. They are as follows:

**CDI SCALE:** Sets the full scale deflection of displayed CDIs to 0.3, 1.0, 2.5 or 5.0nm.

**CDI DISPLAY:** Either turns the CDI display off, or sets it to either a numeric or bar display.

**CDI ALARM:** Switches the CDI alarm on or off. When on, it is activated at full scale deflection.

**WPT ALERT:** Sets the distance away from your destination waypoint at which you wish the audio and visual arrival alarms to be activated. This value is always in nautical miles.

**AUTO LEG SELECT:** When switched on, the unit will automatically determine which is the most appropriate leg to fly when calling up a flight plan.

**AUTO NEXT LEG:** When switched on, the unit will automatically sequence you on to the next waypoint in a flight plan when it has deemed that the current waypoint has been passed. When switched off the user will be expected to press the NEXT LEG key in MAP mode to sequence on to the next waypoint in the flight plan.

**TURN ANTICIPATION:** Turn Anticipation provides navigation along a curved path segment to ensure a smooth transition between two adjacent legs in the flight plan.

**FLIGHT PLAN DISPLAY:** Allows a choice of displaying the full flight plan or just the active leg on the map screen.

**INTERNAL (ARRIVAL and CDI) ALARM:** These alarms can be switched on or off.

**EXTERNAL (ARRIVAL and CDI) ALARM:** These alarms can be switched on or off.

Any changes made in this screen will be saved once the **SAVE & EXIT** key has been pressed. At any time the **RESET VALUES** key can be pressed to return your unit to the default settings. If you wish to reset all setup options (including MAP SETUP options) to their default setting press the **CLEAR SETUP** key in the Clear Memory screen.

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**Clear Memory**

To clear down specific parts of your units memory press **SET UP** in MAIN MENU, followed by **INST & DIAGS** and **CLEAR MEMORY**. You will then be asked to enter your PIN. Unit default is 1234. You are now in the Clear Memory screen. Each block of memory in your unit can be cleared down individually. **CLEAR FPLNs** will remove all your flight plans. **CLEAR WPTS** will remove all your user waypoints. **CLEAR SETUP** will restore all the default settings in MAP SETUP and NAV SETUP. **CLEAR LOG** will clear the last flight information, the 2000 flight logged data points and all running timers.
5 TITLE AND HELP SCREENS

To switch the unit on, rotate the On/Off/Brightness control fully clockwise. Your unit produces a variety of tones and alarms to assist you in correct operation. At this stage only two types of tone need concern you. These are:

1 short beep sounds when you press a valid Key.
2 short beeps sound when you press a Key that is not assigned.

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Screen 1: Title Screen

The Title Screen appears each time the unit is switched on, after the Jeppesen® database expiry date has been acknowledged.

Key 1 calls Screen 2, which is the Main Menu Screen.
Key 2 calls Screen 7, which is the Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen.
Key 3 calls Screen 20, which is the Demo Mode Setup Screen. (If, since being switched on, the unit has received valid fix information from the internal GPS receiver (Skymap IIIC) or from an external device (Tracker IIIC), Key 3 DEMO MODE will for safety reasons be blanked and disabled.) This is the only Screen on which Demo Mode can be activated.
Key 4 calls Screen 21, which is the Setup Cover Screen.
Key 5 calls Screen 38, which is the Map Mode Screen.

To switch the unit off, rotate the On/Off/Brightness control fully counter clockwise.

WARNING: Do not force the control knob past its end stops.

Self Test and Initialisation

When the Title Screen is initially displayed, the unit carries out a series of internal check routines automatically. These are:

1. Verification that the unit has been factory initialised. This consists of a check to see if there is a special code in NVM. If there is no initialisation code in the NVM a message saying UNIT NOT INITIALIZED will be printed across the centre of the Screen and the unit will be totally disabled. This is a security feature, safeguarding against theft of the unit and attempted erasure of your PIN from the NVM. (If your unit is stolen and the NVM is erased or replaced in an attempt to reset the PIN, the thief will still not be able to use or sell the unit because these special high security factory initialisation codes will be missing.)
2. A check for RAM corruption. If RAM has been lost or corrupted due to a severe ‘glitch’ or loss of power in the memory battery a RAM clear will be performed on the affected areas and Screen 51, Ram Lost Warning Screen, will be displayed (Refer to Appendix 01).

3. A check of the internal Lithium battery voltage. If the internal battery voltage is low, Screen 52, Internal Battery Warning Screen, will be displayed (Refer to Appendix 01).

4. A check to see whether the Automatic Power-On Lock function has been enabled (see Screen 26 for further details). If it is enabled, Screen 54, Power On Security PIN Entry Screen, will be displayed after 5 seconds (or if any Key is pressed before this). If when switched on it is found that three unsuccessful attempts have been made to enter the Unlock PIN, Screen 55, Lockout Screen, will be displayed (Refer to Appendix 01).

5. A check to see if a new memory card has been fitted. This involves comparing the software version number held in NVM with that of the current memory Card. If a change of card is detected, the integrity of all flight plans will be checked and if any discrepancies are found Screen 56, Flight Plan Change Warning Screen, will be displayed (Refer to Appendix 01).

6. If the unit is a Skymap IIIC the GPS receiver circuitry will be tested and if any problems are found, a NO REPLY message will be indicated in the STATUS field of Screen 3, GPS Status Screen.

If the unit passes all checks 1 to 6 above no warnings will be given

**Main Menu Screen**

![Main Menu Screen](image)

On Skymap IIIC units, Key 1 calls Screen 3, which is the GPS Status Screen. On Tracker IIIC units, Key 1 is labelled DATA IN/OUT and will cause Screen 35, Data input/output Setup and Test Screen, to be displayed. Key 2 calls Screen 7, which is the Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen. Key 3 will read NOTE PAD if DEMO MODE was not selected on Screen 1. Pressing Key 3 when labelled NOTE PAD will call screen 62, which is the NOTE PAD display screen and will also give access to Screen 57, which is the E6-B Calculator Cover Screen (Refer to Section on E6-B Calculator). If Demo Mode has previously been activated, Key 3 will read DEMO OFF. Pressing DEMO OFF will then switch Demo Mode off and return to Screen 2 with Key 3 reading NOTE PAD. Key 4 calls Screen 21, which is the Setup Cover Screen. Key 5 calls Screen 38 or 47, which are MAP Mode and MAP Mode with NAV Information Screens.
**Note Pad Screen**

The Note Pad Screen (Screen 62) is accessed by pressing Key 3 on Screen 2, Main Menu Screen.

The Note Pad function allows you to load up to 4000 characters of text into your GPS unit from a personal computer running the Skyforce 'Flight Manager' flight planning software, then recall the text on a special Note Pad screen during flight.

The Note Pad text can contain any information you want. Typical uses include checklists, en-route weather downloaded before the flight from DUATS, special instruction for an unfamiliar destination etc. Using the Skyforce 'Flight Manager' software you can prepare and store a library of Note Pad files and load the relevant one into your Skyforce unit to suit your day's flying.

Screen 62 also gives access to the E6-B Calculator Screens.
6 GPS STATUS SCREENS (Skymap IIIC only)

Screen 3: GPS Status Screen

Pressing Key 1, GPS STATUS, in Main Menu, accesses this Screen.

The GPS Status Screen will display the receiver STATUS. This can be any of the following:

- **BAD ALMANAC**
- **<3 SATS**
- **DIFFERENTIAL**
- **ACQUIRING**
- **2D FIX**
- **3D FIX**
- **POOR DOP**
- **POS PROP**

The meanings of these displays are:

**BAD ALMANAC** means the GPS receiver's information concerning satellite positions is out of date. If this occurs the unit should be left alone with the antenna connected and in view of the sky for approximately 15 minutes during which period it will automatically lock onto a satellite and load an up-to-date almanac.

**<3 SATS** means that according to the current information available, there are less than three satellites in view and a fix can not be calculated. This message is very rarely displayed.

**DIFFERENTIAL** This word will be displayed in conjunction with 2D FIX or 3D FIX and means that the Skymap IIIC has a fix and is also receiving differential correction signals from an external source. (Refer to Appendix 04 for further details concerning differential operation.)

**ACQUIRING** means the unit is currently searching for satellites or is loading information from one or more satellites.

**2D FIX** means the unit is calculating position in two dimensions (i.e. latitude and longitude only, with no height information).

**3D FIX** means that the unit is calculating position in three dimensions and can give latitude, longitude and height information.

**POOR DOP** means that the unit is unable to calculate position owing to the poor geometry of the visible satellites. (DOP stands for Dilution of Precision.)

**POS PROP** means that navigation has been temporarily lost and the Skymap IIIC is dead-reckoning (or propagating) its position based on the last known position, track and ground speed. It will not dead-reckon for more than a few seconds at a time.
Other information that is displayed on this Screen includes:

**DOP** (Dilution of Precision). This is a number between 00.0 and 99.0 that represents the dilution of quality of the calculated fix due to satellite geometry. 00.0 is best, 99.9 is worst. If this figure is greater than 5.0, performance of the system is likely to be degraded because some of the visible satellites appear too close to each other. DOP is calculated from the angular separation between the various visible satellites. Greater separation results in better fix geometry and a lower DOP. (This DOP figure is not measured in any specific units.)

**UTC/DATE**, which is Universal or Greenwich Mean Time and Date.

**LOCAL OFFSET**, which is the difference between UTC and local time.

**LOCAL TIME**, which is calculated by adding Local Offset to UTC.

**LAST FIX**. If the unit does not have a current valid fix, this is the position at which it last had a fix. If the unit has a fix, this is the present position.

**SATS** (eight satellite numbers), **SIGS** (signal strength for each satellite) and **STAT** (status of each satellite).

Each satellite has a PRN (Pseudo Random Noise) or identification number. The satellite PRN numbers are displayed in a line beside the word SATS. The two digit number under each PRN number is an indication of the signal strength being received from that satellite expressed in terms of a percentage. Best is 99, worst is 00. These numbers can be used for finding and eliminating electrical interference. Readings of 60 and above indicate a good installation.

Under each signal strength number is a two character code. These indicate the status of each satellite. These codes are: CS, CA, AS, FA, BD, MD, TA, EA, and AP. These relate to the eight possible receiver modes and are detailed below.

**CS** : Code Search. This is the receiver's initial stage in acquiring a satellite. It means that the receiver is trying to match its internal code to the satellite signal.

**CA** : Code Acquire. This means the satellite code has been received and matched to the receiver-generated code.

**AS** : AGC Set. This means the satellite strength has been assessed and the Automatic Gain Control has been set.

**FA** : Frequency Acquire. This means the receiver has correctly locked onto the satellite data frequency.

**BD** : Bit Sync Detect. This means the receiver is synchronised with the satellite's data bit stream.

**MD** : Message Detect. This means the receiver is synchronised with the satellite's message stream.

**TA** : Time Available. This means the satellite is fully locked in and has sent down UTC time and date information to the receiver.

**EA** : Ephemeris Acquire. This means the receiver is reading the constellation health status message from the satellite. This usually takes around two minutes and is a function that is performed in the background even if the receiver has a fix.

**AP** : Available for Position. This means the satellite is fully locked in and tested and can be used for calculating position. A minimum of three satellites are necessary for a 2D fix.

Key 1 returns to Main Menu. Date, Time, Local Time Offset and Present Position can be adjusted by selecting one of Keys 2, 3 or 4. Direct access to the MAP Mode is available by pressing Key 5.
When using the Skymap IIIC for the first time (or after it has been relocated by more than 100 miles since it was last used) setting up the present position (to within 50 miles or so) and ensuring that UTC and Date are correct (to within a few minutes) will considerably speed up the TTFF (time to first fix). It is not absolutely necessary to do this, since given time, the receiver is quite capable of working out its own position.

### Adjusting Time and Date

Pressing GPS STATUS in Main Menu followed by UTC & DATE accesses this Screen. Pressing Key 3, ADJUST UTC, places a cursor over the first digit of the Hours value on the time display. The value can then be increased or decreased by moving the joystick up or down. Pushing the joystick to the right then moves the cursor to the next digit. Similarly, moving the joystick to the left moves the cursor back along the data entry field. When the time is adjusted, the information will only be saved if you press Key 1 SET.

Pressing Key 4 puts a cursor onto the Date entry field. The date is adjusted in the same way as time. With the cursor over the Month when the joystick is moved up or down, the first three characters of each month are scrolled together i.e. JAN, FEB, MAR, APR etc. Adjusting the year works in the same way. Your Skyforce unit is fully Year 2000 compliant. Only after pressing Key 1 SET is the new date saved. The Time and Date will be automatically corrected as soon as the first satellite reaches TA (time available) status. If any satellite is already at status TA or above, user inputs of time and date will be ignored.
Setting Local Time Offset

Pressing GPS STATUS in Main Menu, followed by LOCAL OFFSET, accesses this Screen. When this Screen initially appears a cursor will be active in the data entry field. The hour's value can be adjusted between the limits of +12 and -12 by using the joystick. The cursor can then be moved to the right to adjust the minutes to one of two values, 00 or 30. Only after pressing Key 1, SET is the information saved and the display will revert to Screen 3, GPS Status Screen.

The local offset is held in RAM and added to UTC time when calculating ETA's. Default value is +00:00. It is important to set local offset correctly to ensure any ETA's given are correct.

Setting Present Position

Pressing GPS STATUS in Main Menu, followed by SET POSN, accesses this Screen. On entry to this Screen a cursor is positioned over the first character of the latitude as shown above. The joystick can then be used to increment or decrement values and to move the cursor right and left.

Alternatively you can press Key 4 VIEW MAP and using the joystick, simply point at your present position.
When Screen 10A is displayed you can zoom in or out using Keys 3 or 4. By using the joystick you can 'bump' the borders of the map window to view anywhere in the world. The POS: box at the bottom of the screen displays the latitude and longitude of the pointer.

Once you have the joystick pointing at your present location, press Key 5 SET POSN to return to Screen 3, GPS Status Screen. The pointer latitude and longitude will have become the LAST FIXED POSITION on Screen 3.

When new values for latitude and longitude have been selected numerically, pressing Key 1 SET will enter the new latitude and longitude and revert to Screen 3. If the unit is receiving sufficient satellite signals to calculate a fix, user-entered latitude and longitude will be ignored. Keys 3 and 4 give direct access to Time and Date adjustment.
7 DATA INPUT

Tracker IIIC has no internal GPS receiver and so requires a data input from a separate GPS or LORAN unit in order to function in Map Mode. If required, the Skymap IIIC can also be run in Tracker mode using an external GPS or LORAN unit. (Refer to Data In/Out in the Setup Screens Section of the Manual). The following text is valid for Skymap IIIC also if set to Tracker mode.

Your Tracker IIIC unit is supplied complete with a power/data cable, which has red, blue, yellow and green cores and a braided screen. The red and blue cores are for connection to an external DC power supply rated between 10V and 33V. The yellow core is the data input cable for connection to your GPS or LORAN.

To operate correctly Tracker IIIC requires a 1200, 4800 or 9600 baud NMEA 0183 data sentence containing latitude, longitude, track, and ground speed information. This can take the form of a single RMC sentence or a combination of GGA and VTG sentences. Alternatively a 1200, 4800 or 9600 baud Trimble TNL, Garmin AIU or King equivalent ARNAV R-30 sentence may be used. A third alternative data input is the Northstar M3 binary data format at 1200 baud.

To connect the Tracker IIIC to the GPS or LORAN source unit strip the outer cable insulation back a short way and pull back the screening braid to reveal the four inner plastic covered cores. The screening braid of the cable should be twisted into a single core. The red and blue cables should be connected to an external power supply (red is +ve). The screening braid and blue cable core should be connected to the same –ve power supply as the GPS/LORAN. This provides a return path for the data output. You are now ready to make data connection to your GPS or LORAN unit. The input is RS232, RS422 and NMEA 0183 compatible.

When connecting to an RS232 or NMEA device, yellow should go to DATA OUT (A line). When connecting to an RS422 device, yellow should go to TX-. Do not connect to RS422 TX +.

Example 1: To connect to a Bendix/King KLN89/89B (RS232), connect the yellow core of the Tracker IIIC cable to pin 2 of the KLN device. Connect the blue core and screen of the Tracker IIIC cable are connected to the to the same –ve supply or A/C ground as pin 14 of the KLN device.

Example 2: To connect to a Bendix/King KLN90/90B (RS232), connect the yellow core of the Tracker IIIC cable to pin 13 of the KLN device. Ensure the blue core and screen of the Tracker IIIC cable are connected to the to the same –ve supply or A/C ground as pin 27 of the KLN device.

Example 3: To connect to a Garmin GPS150/155 (RS232), connect the yellow core of the Tracker IIIC cable to pin 19 (channel 1) or pin 24 (channel 2) of the Garmin device. Ensure the blue core and screen of the Tracker IIIC cable are connected to the to the same –ve supply or A/C ground as pin 26 of the Garmin device.

Example 4: To connect to a stand-alone Pronav or Garmin GPS 100 (NMEA), connect the yellow core of the Tracker IIIC cable to the yellow core of the power/data cable. Ensure the blue core and screen of the Tracker IIIC cable are connected to the same –ve supply or A/C ground as the black core of the power/data cable of the GPS.

Once you have made the physical connection to your GPS or LORAN it is essential to select an appropriate data output. This can be done by referring to the manual for your GPS/LORAN and choosing an option that corresponds to one of the compatible data input types listed above.

Once a suitable data output type has been selected on your GPS/LORAN and it has a fix, switch on your Tracker IIIC and from the Main Menu Screen, press Key 1, DATA IN/OUT. Screen 35(T), Data input/output Setup and Test Screen will be displayed.
If your GPS or LORAN is correctly connected, switched on and outputting data, your Tracker IIIC will automatically start to read and decode the incoming data. There is no need to set an input type on the Tracker IIIC as this is done automatically.

After a few seconds if data is being received, the word YES will appear next to the RECEIVING DATA: heading. The type of data being received will then be displayed beside the DATA INPUT: heading.

If the data being received contains valid fix information (i.e. your GPS or LORAN has a fix) the word YES will appear next to the DATA VALID: heading. Once the unit is receiving and validating the incoming data you are ready to navigate using Tracker IIIC’s advanced features.

Press Key 1, PREV PAGE, to return to either the Installation & diagnostics Cover Screen or the Main Menu Screen.
8 FLIGHT PLANNING SCREENS

In order to allow you to navigate along pre-planned flight plans, your Skyforce equipment has facilities to memorise up to 500 user waypoints. Using these user waypoints together with the enormous built-in database you can then plan up to 99 flight plans. The maximum length of each flight plan is limited only by the total number of flight plans stored. The equipment has a capacity to store up to 500 flight plan points with a maximum number of user waypoints in any one flight plan of 99.

For example, you can program 99 flight plans, each with 5 waypoints making a total of just under 500 flight plan waypoints or you could program 5 flight plans each with 99 waypoints. If you attempt to exceed 500 waypoints the unit will display a FLIGHT PLANS FULL message.

For simple single-leg navigation there is a useful "goto" or DIRECT TO navigation mode. This allows you to fly from your present position directly to any point in the world. More details about this function are discussed in the Map Mode Screens Section of this Manual.

All user waypoints and flight plans are normally programmed before embarking on the trip and stored in the unit's user waypoint and flight plan library.

User Waypoints

A user waypoint is a specific location anywhere in the world, defined by an icon, a name of up to nine letters or numbers and by a latitude and longitude. In your new Skyforce equipment there are three types of user-defined user waypoints, each with a specific function.

Basic User Waypoints are purely user-defined points. These are used in flight plan building, along with data points from the internal database, or simply to add personalised points to your map. A large choice of icon styles are available.

Marker User Waypoints are also user-defined waypoints. These can be configured to act as alarm trigger markers. For example, say you are flying a flight plan and you know you have to make a radio call or initiate a climb at a specific point. A Marker User Waypoint can be positioned at that location (but not included in the flight plan) and be set up to trigger an alarm. If a user waypoint is to be used as an alarm trigger, when it is programmed it is given the name MARKER.X.X (by pressing the MARKER key). The word MARKER here specifies to the software that this user waypoint is to be used as a marker point only and that no name is to be printed next to the user waypoint icon on the map. The X.X specifies the alarm trigger distance between 0.1nm and 9.9nm. The default is 1.0nm. A circle of the specified radius will appear around the marker point on the map.

While the Skyforce software is searching to locate the nearest items for conventional position reporting, if it pulls up a user waypoint named MARKER.X.X, it will continuously compare the distance from the present position to the Marker User waypoint with the value X.X. When the distance to the Marker becomes less than or equal to X.X then an audible alarm will be triggered. A box will also appear at the top of the screen showing MARKER IMMINENT. Key 5 will change to ALARM OFF and when pressed, will silence the audio alarm and remove the MARKER IMMINENT message.

Should you wish a Marker waypoint to have a name next to it for reference, you simply program a Basic User Waypoint with the same co-ordinates as the Marker and give this one a conventional name. The Basic and Marker User Waypoint icons would then be superimposed on each other, resulting in a single, named Marker User Waypoint.

User Defined Airports. Owing to the fact that many private and unlicensed airports are not included within the Jeppesen database contained within your unit, you have the opportunity to program up to 25 of your own USER DEFINED AIRPORTS. User waypoints numbered 101 - 125 have been reserved for this purpose and whenever any of these is selected for editing on Screen 8, User Waypoint Viewer Screen, the Screen 8A will be displayed instead. This Screen allows the insertion of additional information, so permitting 25 user waypoints to become user-defined airports. These will be shown on the map pages with an airport icon instead of a user waypoint icon. The user-defined airports will also
be included in the ten nearest airports search on Screen 43, Ten Nearest Airports Screen, and will receive equal priority with other database airports for position reporting purposes.

On Screen 39, MAP Mode with Joystick Active Screen, if the pointer is placed over a user-defined airport and the MORE INFO Key is pressed, Screen 40, Map Mode Airport Information Screen, will be displayed with the data you have entered being displayed.

Screen 7: Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen

Pressing Key 2, FLIGHT PLAN, in Main Menu, accesses this Screen.

Key 1 returns to Main Menu.
Key 2, EDIT FPLN, gives access to flight plan creation and editing pages.
Key 3, USER WPTS, gives access to user waypoint creation and editing pages.
Key 4 has no function.
Key 5 gives direct access to the current MAP Mode.
Viewing User Waypoints

Pressing FLIGHT PLAN in Main Menu, followed by USER WPTS, accesses this Screen. When this Screen appears a cursor will be seen positioned over the WPT field. Use the joystick to increment or decrement the user waypoint number. (Holding the joystick up or down will increase the speed of these changes.) Alternatively the joystick can be used to select a user waypoint alphabetically by name in a similar fashion by moving the cursor down to the NAME: field.

As each user waypoint is selected, the name, latitude, longitude, icon and position fields are updated. Empty user waypoints will be shown with dashes in the latitude and longitude fields and the default icon (see Screen 22A, Point Features Data Class Setup Screen, in the Setup Screens Section of this Manual for details on setting up the default icon style).

As each user waypoint is selected, all stored flight plans are automatically checked to see if that user waypoint is being used in any current flight plan. If the user waypoint is found within any of the flight plans, the words [FPLN LINK] will be printed next to the user waypoint number. It is necessary to think carefully before editing any user waypoint marked FPLN LINK since any changes you make to the user waypoint are liable also to affect one or more of the programmed flight plans.

If a user waypoint marked FPLN LINK is selected for editing and the Name only is changed, the new name will be copied over to the relevant parts of the flight plan list. If the name is left the same and the Latitude and/or Longitude only is changed, the new details will also be copied into the flight plan list. However, if the Name is changed, along with either the Latitude or Longitude the user waypoint will be treated as completely new and the details will not be copied to the flight plan list.

This would result in your being left with waypoints in your flight plans that do not exist as user waypoints. This can be beneficial in some cases as it makes it possible to double the number of user points in the system to 1000, but it is essential to understand this feature thoroughly and to use it carefully.

Once a user waypoint has been selected, Key 2 gives access to the Manual User Waypoint Editing facilities. Key 1 will return to the main Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen. Key 3, NEW WPT shall invoke the Manual User waypoint editing with the next available empty waypoint. NOTE: Key 3 is blank if the waypoint database is full. Key 5 displays Screen 10, which is the Graphical User Waypoint Editing Screen. This shows a map on which the selected user waypoint is central. If the selected user waypoint is empty, the map will default to the last fix position.
Manual User Waypoint Editing

Pressing FLIGHT PLAN in Main Menu, followed by USER WPTS and EDIT, accesses this Screen. On entry to this Screen a cursor appears over the word NAME. The cursor can be moved up and down between NAME, LAT, LONG and ICON using the joystick. The joystick is again used to move the cursor to the right so that the user waypoint name, latitude, longitude and icon type can be entered or amended, again by using the joystick.

When the cursor is moved to the right after the last character in a line, the POS field will be updated and the cursor will move to the next line heading. i.e. from the last character in the name, the cursor will go to the word LAT and similarly from the last digit of the longitude it will go to the word ICON.

If you want to use the selected user waypoint as a marker as described previously, pressing Key 2, MARKER, will automatically write the word MARKER1.0 into the name field. You can then move the cursor across using the joystick and alter the distance and fill in the latitude and longitude. If you want to delete an existing user waypoint, press Key 4. If you want to delete just the data entry field that the cursor is positioned over, press Key 3, CLEAR.

When the desired alterations have all been made, touching Key 1, SAVE & EXIT, will enter the revised data and return you to Screen 8, User Waypoint Viewer Screen. Alternatively, touching Key 5, ABORT, will return you to Screen 8 without modifying the user waypoint information, cancelling all the changes you have made.
Graphical User Waypoint Editing

Screen 10: View and Edit User Waypoints on the Map Screen

When this Screen first appears, after pressing VIEW MAP on Screen 8, User Waypoint Viewer Screen, the selected user waypoint will be centrally positioned. The joystick can be used to move the pointer. The screen window can be moved around to display other areas of the map by “bumping” the screen borders left, right, up or down with the pointer. If you need to “bump” the screen over a large distance you will find it quicker and easier to zoom out first, move across the map as required. Then zoom back in (In order to make these moves swiftly, not all details of the map are shown on screen until the joystick is released.).

Distance and bearing boxes below the map show distance and bearing from the selected user waypoint (or the last user waypoint entered) to the pointer. This feature allows you easily to enter new user waypoints as a distance and bearing from a previously entered user waypoint.

New user waypoints can be created wherever the pointer is placed, simply by pressing Key 2, ENTER WPT. Existing user waypoints can be deleted by positioning the pointer directly over them and then pressing Key 5, DELETE WPT. Should you attempt to delete a user waypoint that is being used in a stored flight plan, the [PRESENT IN FLIGHT PLAN] message box will be displayed and the user waypoint will NOT be deleted. Pressing Key 5, DELETE WPT, a second time will then delete the user waypoint. Alternatively if you move the joystick, the [PRESENT IN FPLN] message will be removed without deleting the user waypoint. Key 1, PREV PAGE returns to the screen entered from, saving any changes made.

Each new user waypoint graphically created on the map will automatically be given the next available user waypoint number as a temporary name and the default icon but you can alter the name and icon later by using Screen 9, Manual User Waypoint Edit Screen.
**Editing User Airports**

Whenever you select a user waypoint number between 101 and 125 in Screen 8, User Waypoint Viewer Screen, Screen 8A, User Airport Edit Screen will be displayed. This is similar to Screen 8 but contains data entry fields where you can enter and store additional information about the airport’s main runway and frequencies.

**Flight Plans**

The flight plan function allows you to store up to 99 flight plans, as explained earlier in this section. These flight plans can be recalled from memory and flown in Navigation Mode. You can choose to use as waypoints any waypoints from the built-in database (which is subdivided and arranged alphabetically) and also, if you wish, from your own list of user waypoints.

Pressing FLIGHT PLAN in Main Menu, followed by EDIT FPLN, accesses this Screen. As you enter this Screen you will find a cursor positioned over the flight plan number. The first few items of the selected flight plan are displayed in the box under the flight plan number together with the final (destination) item. You can then use the joystick to select other flight plans. Use the same technique as was described earlier for selecting user waypoint numbers. Once you have selected the flight plan you wish to edit, pressing Key 2, will allow you to manually edit it.
Key 1, PREV PAGE, returns you to the Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen. Key 5, VIEW MAP, calls Screen 19, enabling you to edit the selected flight plan graphically on the map.

Key 4, TRIP/FUEL gives access to the trip and fuel planning function. For more information on this function please refer to the Trip/Fuel Planning information in the E6B Calculator Section of this Manual.

If you happen to access the above Flight Plan Selection Screen while a flight plan is active the active flight plan number is automatically displayed and you will find Key 5 has changed to FPLN OFF and Key 2 goes blank. As a safety measure the system will not allow you to edit the active flight plan directly, or indirectly by editing a user waypoint that is present in it, unless you touch Key 5, FPLN OFF. This will switch the flight plan out of active status and re-enable Key 2 allowing you to edit what was until then the active flight plan.

**Manual Flight Plan Building and Editing**

This Screen can be accessed either through the Flight Planning Mode Cover Screen (by pressing FLIGHT PLAN in Main Menu followed by EDIT FPLN and SELECT) or through the NAV Menu Cover Screen (by pressing NAV MENU in MAP Mode followed by FLIGHT PLAN). For more information on the second form of entry to this Screen see Screen 41, NAV Menu Cover Screen, in the NAV Menu Screens Section of this Manual.

When you enter this Screen you will find a cursor positioned over the first item in the chosen flight plan. By using the joystick, you can move the cursor up or down. This enables you to scroll in either direction through the entire flight plan in the display box.

Next to each waypoint in the column headed REF you will see a two-character code, which gives the database origin of each point in the flight plan. The meanings of these codes are as follows:

- IA (Internal Jeppesen Airports); IV (Internal Jeppesen VOR's); IN (Internal Jeppesen NDB's); IR (Internal Jeppesen Runways); IT (Internal Skyforce Towns); II (Internal Jeppesen Intersections/Approach Waypoints); WP (current user waypoint if user waypoint link is present); OW (Old user waypoint if user waypoint link has been broken); UA (User Airport (user waypoint numbers 101-125)) and PC (external data down loaded from a PC).
In the example shown in the illustration for Screen 12, moving the joystick down would move the cursor down over 01 (or Waypoint 1) but would leave the “LEG” arrow positioned as it was. The distance shown next to the word LEG also would remain unchanged, showing the leg distance from the flight plan start point to Waypoint 01 (01). Moving the joystick down again would move the cursor down to 02, move the leg arrow down so that it is pointing between 01 and 02 and the figures next to the word LEG would then show the distance from 01 to 02 and so on. The number next to the word FPLN is the total flight plan length from start to finish.

In addition, as the cursor is moved up and down the flight plan, the MSA for that leg is shown in a box below the LEG and FPLN info box as [LEG MSA: XXXX]. This value is the highest Grid MORA found along a ten mile wide corridor (including five miles past the waypoint) centred along each leg. Also shown is the [FPLN MSA: XXXX], which is the highest value leg MSA for the entire flight plan.

An extra waypoint can be inserted at any place in the flight plan (assuming the flight plan is not full). To do this, you position the cursor over the appropriate point in the flight plan and press Key 2, INSERT ITEM. For example, if you placed the cursor over 02, the new item would become 02 and the existing 02 would become 03, etc. In a similar manner items may be deleted from the flight plan by positioning the cursor and pressing Key 3, DELETE ITEM. Key 4 inverts or reverses the flight plan. Key 5, FLY FPLN, throws the unit into Map Mode (Screen 47) with the selected flight plan active.

Manually Inserting a Waypoint into a Flight Plan and Manual DIRECT TO

A Waypoint can be inserted into a flight plan by using a two step process, which is started by pressing Key 2, INSERT ITEM. The same process is followed when Key 5, DIRECT TO is selected in Screen 38, MAP Mode when the joystick is not active.

Step 1. Selecting data source

This Screen shows a list of data libraries and you will find a cursor positioned over the word AIRPORTS. You can use the joystick to move the cursor up and down the list of databases. Keys 3, 4 and 5 only appear if this Screen is called from Screen 38, MAP Mode as a DIRECT TO.

By moving the cursor you select the database that contains the item you are looking for, whether to insert into your flight plan or to use as a DIRECT TO destination. Once you have the cursor over the correct database, pressing Key 2, SELECT, will move you onto the next selection process, which is Screen 16, Item Selection.

As stated above, Key 3, NEAR APTS and Key 4, NEAR NAVAI, only appear if this Screen has been entered after performing a DIRECT TO in Screen 38, Map Mode. For more information on the function of these keys, please refer to the Ten Nearest under the NAV Menu Screens Section in this Manual.
As stated above, Key 5, TEMP WPT, only appears if this Screen has been entered after performing a DIRECT TO in Screen 38, MAP Mode. If you press Key 5, this will take you to Screen 15 (see below), which allows you to enter a DIRECT TO point.

If Key 1, PREV PAGE, is pressed to discontinue the selection process the unit will return to whichever the previous Screen was, Screen 12, Flight Plan Program/Edit Screen, or Screen 38, MAP Mode.

**Screen 15: DIRECT TO Destination Input Screen**

This Screen allows you to select a DIRECT TO specific latitude and longitude, and is reached by pressing Key 5 TEMP WPT on Screen 13.

Use the joystick to enter the latitude and longitude of the destination then press Key 5, ENTER, and Screen 47, Map Mode with Navigation Information, will appear with DIRECT TO OFF on Key 5.

**Step 2. Selecting item from chosen database**

**Screen 16: Item Selection Screen**

On entry to this Screen you will find the cursor positioned over the first letter of the first item in the selected database.
If AIRPORTS, VORS, NDBS, INTS or AIRWAYS was selected on Screen 13, the first item in the data entry box on screen 16 is AREA:. This is an area filter, which can be set to a specific ICAO country or area code. If set to EG for example, only items in British airspace will appear in the list. Similarly, if set to LF, only items in French airspace will be displayed. In the USA, the airspace is sub-divided into seven areas known as K1 – K7. The area filter can again be set to any of these areas (see Appendix 02 for a full list of country and area codes).

If the area filter is set to ALL, all the data from the selected database contained on the memory card for the entire area covered will appear in the list.

If AIRPORTS was selected on Screen 13 the cursor will be positioned over the word ICAO:. Airports may be selected by ICAO code, airport name or associated city name and in addition, once an airport has been selected, a particular runway threshold at that airport can be selected. If you wish to select an airport by name or associated city name, use the joystick to move the cursor down to name then right to the first character. If you wish to select a specific runway threshold, move the cursor down to R/W then right to the word NONE. Moving the joystick up or down will now allow you to select a specific runway threshold (if threshold information is available for that airport in the Jeppesen database).

When selecting names, use the joystick to scroll the initial letters through the alphabet. Once the required initial letter has been selected, move the joystick to the right and repeat the process. In this way you can scroll through all the items from the selected database, narrowing your search field. If you move the joystick to the left, the cursor will also move left one step, allowing you to make another selection.

On this Screen, Key 5 labelled MORE INFO gives additional information about the selected item.

When an airport is selected but no runway, the entry into your flight plan will be the name displayed followed by the airport’s ICAO code. When a runway is selected, the entry into your flight plan will be the airport’s ICAO code followed by the runway ident. For example, if you select runway 32L at Goodwood, the entry to your flight plan would be EGHR 32L.

Once you have reached the desired item, pressing Key 1, ENTER, will select it and either return you to Screen 12, Flight Plan Program/Edit Screen, entering the item to your flight plan or invoke the DIRECT TO and take you to Screen 47, MAP Mode with NAV Information, depending on which entry flight plan to Screen 13 you happen to have used.

If VOR’s, NDB’s or intersections/approach waypoints were selected on Screen 13, Database Selection Screen, you will see a two letter ICAO area code displayed to the right of the identifier. If you have the area filter set to ALL, you can move the cursor over to the two letter ICAO code and select items with similar names in other areas. For example, there are four NDB’s in the Europe area with the indent ‘AB’. To select any one of these, first select AB then move the cursor to the right so that it is positioned over the two letter ICAO code. By moving the joystick up and down is it now possible to select EK, ES, LF or LO as a country code. By doing this you can select the ‘AB’ NDB in Finland (EK), Sweden (ES), France (LF) and Austria (LO).

When selecting a beacon, intersection or approach waypoint, check the ICAO area code carefully since there are many duplicates present in the database. Checking the area code will eliminate any ambiguity.
Graphical Viewing and Editing of Flight Plans

This Screen is accessed by pressing FLIGHT PLAN in Main Menu, followed by EDIT FPLN and Key 5, View Map, on Screen 11, Flight Plan Selection Screen. Screen 19 is displayed showing the starting point of the selected flight plan centred in the middle of the display. The legs and waypoints are shown as in the illustration above.

The joystick can be used to move the pointer. The screen window can be moved around the map by “bumping” the screen borders left, right, up or down with the pointer. **Distance and bearing boxes below the map show distance and bearing from the last user waypoint in the flight plan to the pointer.** This feature allows you to enter waypoints as a distance and bearing from the previous flight plan point.

To build a flight plan you simply point at the first item to be included in the flight plan and press Key 2, ADD WPT (or ADD WayPoinT). This will place an S (for Start) next to the waypoint. If no suitable data point or user waypoint is available beneath the pointer, a new user waypoint will be created; which can be given a name later by using Screen 9, Manual User Waypoint Edit Screen.

Now move the pointer to the second item in the flight plan and press Key 2, ADD WPT. This will place an E (for End) next to the waypoint. To systematically create additional legs, draw a line from the waypoint marked (E), with the pointer, to the next waypoint and press ADD WPT again. You will notice that the last point in the flight plan will always be labelled (E). Once you have finished building the flight plan press PREV PAGE, this will detach the pointer from the flight plan. Press PREV PAGE again to return to screen entered from, saving any changes made.

If you wish to add a new waypoint to a flight plan which you have stopped building (which is also the case if you are editing an existing flight plan), whether it is at the start, the end or the middle of the flight plan, you will need to highlight the appropriate point (i.e.: either the start waypoint (S), the end waypoint (E) or the leg line in which you wish to add a new waypoint). As soon as you do this, the ADD WPT or GRAB LINE key will appear. Press the ADD WPT or GRAB LINE key to join the pointer back to the flight plan line and then move it to the new waypoint (NOTE: key 2 reverts to ADD WPT at this point). Once over the new waypoint press ADD WPT to insert it, otherwise press PREV PAGE to cancel this action. Pressing Key 1 PREV PAGE again, returns to the screen entered from, saving any changes made.
If, for example you wanted to add DEAL into the existing flight plan going from MANSTON to DOVER VOR shown in the illustration above, you would first position the pointer over the track line between Manston and Dover VOR, thereby highlighting it and then press Key 2, GRAB LINE. This will pick up the line. You would then move the pointer, stretching the track line like a rubber band, until it was over DEAL and press Key 2, ADD WPT. The new track line would then be set joining MANSTON to DEAL to DOVER VOR and the numbers shown next to DOVER VOR and all subsequent waypoints would be increased by one. DEAL would become 01, DOVER VOR 02 etc.

If, for example you wanted to add HERNE BAY to the end of the flight plan illustrated above, simply move the pointer over MANSTON, thereby highlighting it and then press Key 2, ADD WPT. This will draw a line from Manston to the pointer. Next move the pointer until it is over HERNE BAY, highlight it and press Key 2, ADD WPT again.

To delete a waypoint from a flight plan, point at the item you wish to remove and press Key 5, DELETE WPT. To delete a newly created user waypoint, you have to return to Screen 9, Manual User waypoint Edit Screen, or 10, View and Edit User waypoints on the Map Screen. You can create user waypoints on Screen 19 but not delete them from there.
This Screen can be accessed by pressing MAP mode in Main Menu. When you enter this Screen, if the Skymap IIIC’s internal GPS receiver has been able to establish a fix or if the external GPS you are using to feed your Tracker IIIC is sending valid data, a Screen similar to the above will be displayed. The map is initially displayed at the Zoom Level where the Scale Bar represents 8nm. This is approximately the same scale as a 1:500,000 chart. If there is no valid GPS fix data available, the words NO FIX POSSIBLE will be shown across the centre of the screen in a box. If the fix is lost at any time during normal operation of the unit, the same NO FIX POSSIBLE box will be overlaid on the map. For an External GPS source the additional messages NO EXTERNAL POSITION DATA and INVALID EXTERNAL POSITION DATA may be displayed in place of NO FIX POSSIBLE.

The map will be shown in either North Up mode or Track Up mode depending upon the setting you have made from Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen. The displayed data will be updated every second. From this page, if you press Key 1, Screen 2 Main Menu will take its place. You can use Keys 2 and 3 at any time to zoom the map in and out to whichever one of the twelve pre-set scales you wish to use. The levels of detail appearing at each zoom level can be selected on Screen 22A/B or C, described in the Setup Screens Section of this Manual. If you want to zoom in or out by more than one step at a time, you can apply multiple presses to Keys 2, ZOOM IN, and 3, ZOOM OUT, whilst watching the scale bar calibration figure and the ZOOMING message box.

The small boxes marked TRK: and GS: display your present track and ground speed. Ground speed is displayed in the units selected on Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen. Track will be magnetic (i.e.: true with local variation automatically taken into account).

The box marked POS: will display your present position as a distance and cardinal bearing from the nearest item in the database. The geographical item used to describe your position to you is chosen on the basis of the POSITION REF: setting on Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen.

If you have chosen VOR’s as the position reference on Screen 22, your position will be reported as a distance (range) and bearing from the nearest VOR. If you have chosen VOR’s & AIRPORTS as the position reference on Screen 22 and your position is within 5nm of a VOR, your position will be reported as a distance and bearing from that VOR even if there is an airport nearer (i.e. VOR’s have priority). If there is no VOR within 5nm then your position will be reported with respect to the nearest VOR or airport with no priority being given for either.

If you have chosen ALL DATA as the position reference on Screen 22, your position will be reported against a table of priorities. If your position is within five miles of an airport, it is your distance and bearing from that airport that will be displayed, even if there is a beacon, user waypoint or town nearer.

9 MAP MODE SCREENS

Screen 38: Basic Map Mode Screen
All airport names are shown preceded by an asterisk character (*) in order to distinguish them from towns or cities with similar names, which may have significantly different locations. If your position is found to be within five miles of a VOR beacon and more than five miles from an airport, then your position will be shown with respect to the VOR beacon, even if there is a user waypoint, NDB or town nearer. User waypoints have next priority followed by NDB’s and towns last.

At the bottom left hand corner of the display you will also see a Scale Bar showing a measurement. The measurement may be in nautical miles, statute miles or kilometres depending on the map units, which you have selected from Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen.

Pressing Key 4 will take you to Screen 41, the NAV Menu Cover Screen. Pressing Key 5 will take you to Screen 13 from which you can select a DIRECT TO destination.

Under normal circumstances, you will not see any joystick pointer on Screen 38. However, if you do move the joystick, a pointer will appear just beside your present position icon and the display will change to Screen 39 below.

**Data Interrogation and Graphical DIRECT TO**

As soon as you move the joystick while in Screen 38, Map Mode, a Screen similar to the above Screen 39 will be displayed. The map freezes in its present position with respect to the joystick pointer and the aircraft symbol indicating your present position starts to move across the Screen. A line appears between present position and the joystick pointer. (The reason the map is made to stop moving is that this makes accurate positioning of the joystick pointer much easier for you.) Simultaneously, you will see the TRK and GS boxes have now changed to PDIS, PBRG and PETE (where P indicates Pointer). These now show the distance and bearing from present position to the joystick pointer and the pointer estimated time en-route (PETE). The PETE is calculated on present GS and would read 00:00 if you were stationary. You can use this function to measure distance, bearing and estimated time en-route to any point on the map. The window formed by the extremities of the Screen can be moved around the map by “bumping” the Screen borders left, right, up or down with the pointer. A PANNING message will be displayed when a border has been bumped in this manner, while the map screen is redrawn. You can still use Keys 2, ZOOM IN, and 3, ZOOM OUT, to zoom the map in and out. When you are finished using this Screen press Key 1, RESET STICK, and the joystick pointer will vanish, your display will return to Screen 38 and the map will be placed back in its present position at the zoom level it was at prior to activating the joystick. If you don’t move the joystick for 30 seconds, this will have the same effect as pressing Key 1.
In addition to finding it useful for measuring distances, bearings and ETE’s, you can utilise this Screen for other tasks. If you place the pointer over any data icon and then press Key 4, MORE INFO, Screen 40 (Airport), Screen 40A (Beacon) or Screen 40C (all other data icons) as illustrated below will appear. These Screens contain additional data and information on the selected item.

If you want to navigate directly to any position, press Key 5 and you will obtain a DIRECT TO, taking you to wherever the pointer is positioned, even if it is not pointing to a database item (NOTE: In this case the waypoint will be shown as ‘TEMP WPT’). This is a very useful feature for arbitrary in-flight diversions. After you have pressed Key 5, DIRECT TO, Screen 47, Map Mode with NAV Info, appears, with Key 5 now labelled “DIRECT TO OFF”.

Airport Information

As explained above, you can access this Screen from Screen 39 by placing the joystick pointer over an airport icon and pressing Key 4, MORE INFO. All the information given here is derived from the built-in Jeppesen database. Runway surfaces are shown as an H for hard and an S for soft. Lighting is shown as an L for lit and a U for unlit.

To obtain the goto for the chosen airport all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO. To return to the Map of Screen 39 you should press Key 1, PREV PAGE. Alternatively, the unit gives you 30 seconds to read what you require from the Info Screen and then automatically returns to Screen 39.

Pressing Key 5, DIRECT TO, in MAP Mode when the joystick is not active, can also access this Screen. Allowing you to call up the item of interest from the airports database as if you were selecting it for a DIRECT TO.
Beacon Information

As explained above, you can access this Screen from Screen 39 by placing the joystick pointer over a VOR or NDB icon and pressing Key 4, MORE INFO. Full details of the Beacon are listed, type, frequency and ident. The fourth line in the box is a visual representation of the Morse ident and if you are one of those pilots whose knowledge of Morse is less than perfect, all you have to do is press Key 2, IDENT. The unit will bleep out the correct ident (on its internal beeper and on the external alarm, if this is switched on). You can then compare this to the ident you are hearing over the radio to verify that you are indeed tuned to the beacon you want.

To obtain a goto for the chosen Beacon (VOR or NDB) all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO. To return to the Map of Screen 39 you should press Key 1, PREV PAGE. Alternatively, the unit gives you 30 seconds to read what you require and then automatically returns to Screen 39.

Pressing Key 5, DIRECT TO, in Map Mode when the joystick is not active, can also access this Screen. Allowing you to call up the item of interest from the either the VOR's or NDB's database as if you were selecting it for a DIRECT TO.
General Icon Information

Screen 40C: Map Mode General Information Screen

As explained above, you can access this Screen from Screen 39 by placing the joystick pointer over any data icon that is not an airport, VOR or NDB and pressing Key 4, MORE INFO. All available information concerning the chosen data item is then listed.

To obtain a goto for the chosen item all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO. To return to the Map of Screen 39 you should press Key 1, PREV PAGE. Alternatively, the unit gives you 30 seconds to read what you require and then automatically returns to Screen 39.
Airspace Interrogation

In order to interrogate a piece of airspace in MAP Mode, move the joystick operated pointer and point at one of the airspace boundaries. After you have released the joystick, the software will search the airspace database and after a short time will re-draw the piece of airspace to which you have pointed in a bolder line. IMPORTANT: When a single airspace boundary line is shared by two different pieces of airspace (which is very common), the airspace with the lower vertical limit will always be highlighted.

Once you are sure the piece of airspace highlighted is the piece you want information on (you may have to zoom out to verify this, but beware, some airspace switches off as you zoom out dependant on the settings made in Screen 22C, Airspace Data Class Setup Screen), press MORE INFO key and Screen 40B, Airspace Information Screen, will be displayed.

Screen 40B: Airspace Information Screen

The information shown on this screen is all the information from the internal Jeppesen database that is relevant to the airspace you have selected. If some of the fields are blank or say SEE CHART, this means that Jeppesen data is not available for that particular item.
10 NAV MENU SCREENS

You can enter this important Screen by pressing Key 4, NAV MENU, while in MAP Mode (on Screen 38 or 47). It is a versatile Screen with several useful functions.

If you move the joystick up or down when in this Screen, the screen layout presented when in Map Mode with NAV Information (or NAV Mode i.e. flying a flight plan or a DIRECT TO) can be selected to be one of the following:

**TOPO ON**: Large map, full colour cartography, and small NAV information text.
**TOPO ON, LRG TXT**: Large map, full colour cartography, and large NAV information text. This will revert to the TOPO ON large map when the joystick is hit.
**TOPO OFF**: Large map, black background, no cartography, and Jeppesen data only, small NAV information text.
**TOPO OFF, LRG TXT**: Large map, black background, no cartography, and Jeppesen data only, large NAV information text. This will revert to the TOPO OFF large map when the joystick is hit.
**TOPO OFF, CDI**: Pseudo HSI style display, which reverts to TOPO OFF large map when joystick is hit.

Please refer to the Map Setup Screens in the Setup Screens Section of this Manual for further information regarding data settings for each mode.

If you wish to return to your previous Map Mode Screen at any time, press Key 1, MAP.

Key 2, FLIGHT PLAN, gives you direct access to Flight Planning Mode where you can manually select, cancel and edit flight plans as required.

If you press Key 3, NEAR APTS, you will be presented with Screen 43, Ten Nearest Airports Screen, on which you can read off the ten airports nearest to your present position.

If you press Key 4, NEAR NAVAID, you will see Screen 45, Ten Nearest Beacons Screen, giving you details of the ten VOR's and NDB's nearest to you. For more information on Screens 43 and 45 refer to the Ten Nearest later on in this Section of the Manual. When a DIRECT TO is active, Key 4 will read CENTER CDI which centres the CDI. The NEAR NAVAID function will still be available via the NEAR APTS function.

If you wish to save your present position, press Key 5, SAVE WPT, and your co-ordinates will be saved as the next available user waypoint number. Once the user waypoint has been saved, the Screen will revert to Map Mode (Screen 38 or 47) where the new user waypoint will already feature on the map.
The text boxes in the bottom half of the screen gives the following information:

NAV Mode selected (one of six options described above)
Position in plain English
Position in latitude/longitude (or the co-ordinate system selected on the Map Setup Screen)
Track and Ground Speed
GPS Altitude
MSA for the present position

The MSA box displays the highest Grid MORA value within a ten mile radius of your present position at all times. See Appendix 02 for a more detailed explanation of Grid MORA.

**WARNING:** The MSA altitudes displayed are advisory in nature only. They should not be relied upon as the sole source of obstacle and terrain avoidance information. Always refer to current aeronautical charts for appropriate minimum clearance altitudes.

Selecting a Flight Plan

Pressing Key 2, FLIGHT PLAN, on Screen 41, NAV Menu Cover Screen, enters this Screen. On entry to this Screen you will see a cursor positioned over Flight Plan Number 01, or if there is a flight plan already active, its number will be shown instead of the Flight plan last touched. You will see the first few items of the selected flight plan together with its final destination in the box under the Flight Plan Number. You can select any flight plan you want by using the joystick to scroll the flight plan number up or down. You are free to select any one of the 99 available flight plans. If you wish to return to the NAV Menu Cover Screen (Screen 41) press the PREV PAGE Key 1.

If the selected flight plan is already running, Key 5 will read FPLN OFF. If there is no active flight plan, Key 5 will be blank and Key 2 will read SELECT. Pressing Key 2 will call Screen 12, Flight Plan Program/Edit Screen for the selected flight plan. An active flight plan can be switched off at any time by pressing Key 5, FPLN OFF.

Pressing Key 5 will cancel the active flight plan and allow you to gain access to what was the active flight plan. (In the interests of safety, the software has been designed not to permit you to edit and fly a flight plan at the same time.)

Pressing Key 4 gives a shortcut to Screen 60, the E6-B Trip/Fuel Planning Screen (see Trip/Fuel Planning in the E6B Calculator Section of this Manual for more detail). When Screen 60 is displayed the flight plan selected on Screen 42 will automatically be shown.
In order to select a flight plan to fly, bring up the desired Flight plan Number with the joystick and press Key 2, SELECT, in Screen 42, Flight Plan Selection Screen. This will call Screen 12 from which you can choose to edit the flight plan, reverse the flight plan or activate the flight plan. In order to activate the flight plan, simply use the joystick to select the desired leg then press Key 5, FLY FPLN. If you have highlighted a leg other than Start or 01 you will be prompted with the following message, “Do you want to fly the first leg of the flight plan or the currently selected leg?” Three possible responses are available, Key 1, ABORT will cancel the fly flight plan action, key 3 FIRST LEG to fly from the first leg, or key 5 SEL’D LEG to fly from the highlighted leg.

NOTE: If you have activated AUTO LEG SELECT on Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen, the nearest leg to your present position will automatically be selected for you as soon as you enter Screen 12.

Ten Nearest Airports

This Screen is accessed by pressing Key 3, NEAR APTS, on Screen 41, NAV Menu Cover Screen, and dynamically shows the range and bearing of the ten nearest airports. When this Screen appears you will find a cursor over the first airport in the list.
You can scroll up and down the list by using the joystick. Once the cursor is lying over the name of the airport you require, if you press Key 3, MORE INFO, Screen 44 below will appear, giving you additional information about that airport.

To obtain a DIRECT TO for the chosen airport all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO, and you will switch back to (Screen 47) MAP mode with the selected DIRECT TO activated.

Key 1, MAP, returns you to MAP Mode, Screen 38 or 47. Key 2 returns you to the NAV Menu Cover Screen (Screen 41). By pressing Key 4, NEAR NAVAID, you can switch to Screen 45, Ten Nearest Beacons, giving information about the ten nearest beacons.

Once you have selected an airport on Screen 43 and pressed Key 3, MORE INFO, the display will change to Screen 44 above. This gives additional information about runways, frequencies, elevation etc. for the airport in question.

To return from this Screen to Map Mode (Screen 38 or 47) you simply press Key 2. To select another airport from the Ten Nearest (Screen 43) you press Key 1 and if you want to see the list of ten nearest beacons, simply press Key 3, which will take you directly to Screen 45, Ten Nearest Beacons. To obtain a DIRECT TO for the chosen airport all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO, and you will switch back to (Screen 47) MAP Mode with the selected DIRECT TO activated.

If you want to view the area immediately around the chosen airport, press Key 4. This will call Screen 10A which is very similar to Screen 10, the View and Edit User Waypoint on the Map Screen. Screen 10A will revert back to screen 44 after 30 seconds with no key or joystick activity or can be cancelled by pressing Key 1, PREV PAGE.
Beacons

Screen 45: Ten Nearest Beacons Screen

This Screen is accessed by pressing Key 4, NEAR NAVAID, on Screen 41, NAV Menu Cover Screen, and dynamically shows the range and bearing of the ten nearest beacons. When this Screen appears you will find a cursor placed over the first beacon in the list. The list can be scrolled up and down using the joystick. Once you have placed the cursor over the name of the beacon you want, press Key 3, MORE INFO, to display Screen 46 below, which gives additional information about that beacon.

Pressing Key 1 will return you to MAP mode (Screen 38 or 47). Key 2 returns you to Screen 41, NAV Menu Cover Screen. Pressing Key 4, NEAR APTS, will take you to Screen 43, giving you the list of the ten nearest airports.

To obtain a DIRECT TO for the chosen beacon all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO, and you will switch back to (Screen 47) MAP mode with the selected DIRECT TO activated.

Screen 46: Beacon Information Screen

The Screen above shows the additional information about the beacon chosen on Screen 45, Ten Nearest Beacons.
From here by pressing Key 2 you will get back to MAP mode (Screen 38 or 47). To select another beacon from the Ten Nearest (Screen 45) you press Key 1. If you press Key 3, IDENT, the unit will mimic the Morse code ident for the chosen beacon on the internal beeper (and on the external alarm if you switched this on in Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen).

If you want to view the area immediately around the chosen beacon, press Key 4. This will call Screen 10A which is very similar to screen 10, the View and Edit User Waypoint on the Map Screen. Screen 10A will revert back to screen 46 after 30 seconds with no key or joystick activity or can be cancelled by pressing Key 1, PREV PAGE.

To obtain a DIRECT TO for the chosen beacon all you have to do is press Key 5, labelled DIRECT TO, and you will switch back to (Screen 47) MAP mode with the selected DIRECT TO activated.
11 MAP MODE WITH NAV INFORMATION

Whenever a flight plan is active or you have called for a DIRECT TO, the map will have extra navigation information added to it and will resemble Screen 47 below. Alternatively you may have selected one of the other Navigation Modes detailed in the NAV Menu Screens Section of this Manual. The same navigation data is presented on all the alternative screens in different ways. The following text refers to the standard Navigation Mode Screen setting (TOPO ON). Alternative Screens 47A and 47B are discussed at the end of this section.

Screen 47: Map Mode with NAV Information Screen

If the TOPO OFF Large Map Mode is selected, the map will display aeronautical data only on a black background.

The Course Deviation Indicator (CDI) at the bottom right of the map can be switched ON or OFF or be set to work numerically and the Full Scale Deflection (FSD) selected on Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen. If you have selected the CDI alarm ON, when the last element of the CDI bar graph comes on (or when the full scale value as set on Screen 23 is reached) the internal and external alarms (if switched on) will beep at a rate of 2Hz for 5 seconds.

Key 5 will change to ALARM OFF and if you press this before the 5 seconds are up this will silence the alarm. When the alarm switches off automatically after 5 seconds, Key 5's label will go blank and have no function for 2 seconds then revert to DIRECT TO (or DIRECT TO OFF). This is to make sure you don't inadvertently select or cancel DIRECT TO mode if you press this Key just as it is cancelling automatically. The CDI alarm resets itself as soon as you come back within the full scale set. It will then be reactivated whenever the full scale is exceeded again.

The box at the bottom right of the map window shows the destination point when you are in DIRECT TO Mode preceded by the “DIRECT TO” symbol or the FROM and TO waypoints when you are in Flight Plan Mode.

A great deal of other navigation information is available to you above and below the map. (The positioning of this data that is described in the following relates to when the screen is in Landscape Mode. The position of some of the items is different when Portrait Mode is used.) Starting at the top of the screen on the left hand side you will see DIS. This is the distance or range to run to the destination point from your present position. This distance figure is given in whichever units you selected on Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen. In the left centre of the screen at the top you can read BRG. This is the magnetic heading to steer (assuming no wind) to the next turning point.
To the right of BRG at the top of the map is the ETE. This gives the Estimated Time En-route (i.e. the estimated time, in hours and minutes, or minutes and seconds if under 1 hour, that it will take you to get to the destination point from your present position assuming you maintain your present ground speed.

On the Skymap IIIC unit only, at the top right of the map is the ETA. This is the Estimated Time of Arrival at the next turning point. Ensure you have set the local time offset correctly to get correct ETA’s. Refer to the GPS Status Screens Section of this Manual for more details. (The reason that ETA is not available on Tracker IIIC is that, depending on the type of GPS receiver in use, real time and local time offset is not always known.)

In the left centre of the screen at the bottom is TRK. This is the actual magnetic track the aircraft is travelling over the ground. By comparing this with your magnetic heading you can make an estimate of the crosswind component.

To the right of TRK is GS. This is the actual ground speed of the aircraft and is displayed in Knots if you set the map units to nautical miles on Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen, MPH if you set them to statute miles or KPH if the map units are set to kilometres. By comparing the GS with your TAS you can make an estimate of the head or tail wind component. Alternatively refer to Screen 58, Density Altitude, True Air Speed, and Winds Aloft Screen in the E6B Calculator Screens Section of this Manual.

If ground speed is less than 3 Kt., the map will revert to North Up even if Track Up is selected. This is to stop the map rotating when static due to the effects of SA (Selective Availability, see Appendix 03 for further details of SA).

If you have entered this Screen 47 by activating a flight plan, a DIRECT TO can be performed on top of the flight plan. You can initiate the DIRECT TO either to an item from the database or by using the joystick pointer or by calling up one of the 10 nearest airports or beacons. In each case Key 5’s label will change to “DIRECT TO OFF”. The flight plan that previously was active will fall into the background and will be replaced by the DIRECT TO information. When the DIRECT TO destination is reached or whenever you press the DIRECT TO OFF Key (Key 5), the flight plan and its information will be reinstated.

**Viewing En-route ETA’s and Direct-To Page**

When flying a flight plan, the ETA’s for each leg of the flight plan can be viewed on Screen 41A which is accessed by pressing Key 5, DIRECT TO on the MAP mode screen (screen 47).

On entry to Screen 41A, a Magenta cursor will be placed over the current destination waypoint.
**Direct-To**

The Direct-To function allows you to perform a short cut whilst flying a flight plan by skipping over intermediate legs and flying directly to a point further along your planned flight plan. Once the selected point is reached, the normal flight plan is automatically resumed.

A black cursor bar is hidden behind the Magenta bar which is highlighting the current destination waypoint. The black cursor is used to select the point to go Direct-To. This cursor can be moved up and down the active flight plan with the joystick.

If a waypoint further down the flight plan is selected then the DIRECT TO key is hit, the unit will return to the map with a pseudo DIRECT TO running on top of the flight plan to the selected point. The CDI will be centred and the FROM-TO box will be replaced with a ‘direct to’ box. Once the selected point is reached, the normal flight plan is automatically resumed.

This function is very useful if you have been forced off your planned flight plan and wish to take the flight plan up again at a later turning point.

**Arrival at an En-route User Waypoint**

![Screen 48: NAV Information and WPT ALERT Flags Showing – En-route Screen](image)

To set the radius for the Arrival Alarm you should refer to the data on Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen. When the distance remaining to run to an en-route user waypoint falls below the Arrival Alarm value, the [WPT ALERT] flag is displayed and the internal and external alarms (if switched on) beep at a rate of 2Hz for 5 seconds. To make the change to NEXT LEG you have to press Key 1 and if you wish to quieten the alarm before the 5 seconds are up, simply press Key 5, the label of which has meantime changed to ALARM OFF. When the alarm is switched off automatically after 5 seconds, Key 5 will go blank and have no function for 2 seconds. It will then revert to DIRECT TO. This is a safety measure to prevent you from inadvertently selecting DIRECT TO mode by pressing the Key just as it is cancelling automatically.

Once you have pressed Key 1 to select the next leg, Screen 47 re-appears showing all the relevant information for the new leg. The next leg of the flight plan will now be displayed as a solid magenta coloured line.

If you pass the waypoint the flag will change to [WPT PASSED]. If the unit has been set up for AUTO NEXT LEG in Screen 23, then as the waypoint is passed the unit will automatically revert to Screen 47 with all the new leg information. Key 1 will go blank and inactive for two seconds. It will then revert to MAIN MENU.
When the WPT Alert alarm has been given, a new box will appear at the bottom of the screen showing the new course [NEW CRS XXX] to steer for the next leg of the flight plan. The next leg of the flight plan will also be displayed as a solid white line.

Prior to reaching a user waypoint within a flight plan, Turn Anticipation provides navigation along a curved path segment to ensure a smooth transition between two adjacent legs in the flight plan. The curved path segment is based upon the aircraft's groundspeed and the amount of course angle change between the legs.

Turn Anticipation will only work if it is selected ON in Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen, and if the course change is greater than 5° and less than 90°. If the course change is less than 5° then turn anticipation is not necessary. If the course change is greater than 90° it is up to the pilot which way round the turning point he turns.

If Turn Anticipation is set to ON and the upcoming leg satisfies the Turn Anticipation rules (i.e. course change >5° or <90°), the Turn Anticipation function is activated. If Turn Anticipation is switched OFF or the upcoming leg course change is >90°, you may get a STEEP TURN warning. The Steep Turn warning will be given if the upcoming turn will involve a bank angle in excess of 25° based on current ground speed.

**Arrival at Your Final Destination**

This Screen appears whenever the next user waypoint is the last in the current flight plan. When the distance to run to the last WPT falls below the Arrival Alarm value, the [WPT ALERT] flag is shown and the internal and external alarms (if switched on) beep at a rate of 2Hz for 5 seconds.

The label for Key 1 changes to NAV OFF and that for Key 5 changes to ALARM OFF. If you press Key 5 the audible alarm is silenced. The alarm will switch itself off automatically after 5 seconds, then after a further 2 seconds the label for Key 5 will revert to DIRECT TO (or DIRECT TO OFF if in DIRECT TO mode).

If you are in Flight plan Mode when Key 1 is pressed, the Navigation MAP Mode is cancelled and Screen 38 is called. If you are in DIRECT TO mode when Key 5 is pressed, DIRECT TO Mode is cancelled and Screen 38 will appear. If you are in DIRECT TO Mode with an underlying flight plan still active when you press Key 5, DIRECT TO Mode will be cancelled and Screen 47 will reappear with the original flight plan reinstated.

As the last waypoint is passed, the flag will change to [WPT PASSED].
Alternative Navigation Map Modes
You may have selected one of the other Map presentation modes detailed in the NAV Menu Screens Section of this Manual. The same navigation data as described previously is presented on all the alternative screens in different ways.

TOPO ON / TOPO OFF Large Text Mode

![Screen 47A: TOPO ON Large Text NAV Information Screen.](image)

This Screen presents the numeric navigation information in large text laid over the map display in such a way as to allow you a forward view of the map if being used in Track Up Mode. As with standard Large Map NAV Mode, the CDI scale and format may be adjusted. If the joystick is touched, the display will immediately revert to Large Map format to allow full use of map graphics. When the joystick is reset or after 30 seconds with no key or joystick activity, Screen 47A will be reinstated.

As with Large Map Mode, if the TOPO OFF Large Text Mode is selected, the map will display aeronautical data only on a black background.
TOPO ON / TOPO OFF CDI (Pseudo HSI) Mode:

This Screen presents numeric navigation information in small text but instead of a map display, shows a pseudo CDI complete with OBS knob. The aircraft icon in the center of the CDI will remain static and the outer ring represents the desired magnetic track between the start waypoint and the destination waypoint (i.e. magnetic bearing to waypoint if you were on track). On entering NAV Mode or activating a new flight plan leg or a DIRECT TO, the outer ring will show the desired track to the active waypoint.

A GPS TRACK bug, which rotates with the aircraft’s actual track, is positioned on the CDI outer ring. This indicates the actual magnetic track of the aircraft. There is also included a conventional TO / FROM flag.

Flying with the pseudo CDI is very similar to flying with a conventional VOR indicator. Off track error (XTE) is represented by a bar that moves left or right of center. The center of the scale represents the aircraft's position. As with a conventional CDI or VOR indicator, to correct your track error, fly towards the bar. The full scale deflection or scale of the CDI can be selected on Screen 23, NAV Mode Customization Screen.

In order to gain, and remain on the desired track, adjust your aircraft heading until the CDI bar is centered. Once the CDI bar is in the center of the display indicating no cross track error (XTE), adjust your aircraft heading in small increments until the track bug, which rotates around the outer ring, is at the top of the display.

Once the CDI is centered and the track bug is aligned at the top of the display you are flying precisely along your desired track. If the track bug is aligned at the top of the display but the CDI bar is not centered, this indicates you are flying parallel to your desired track by however far the XTE is indicating.

If whilst flying a flight plan you need skip to another waypoint in the flight plan, press key 5 (DIRECT TO) followed by key 3 (DIRECT TO) in exactly the same way as described earlier in this section.

The TO / FROM flag will normally point up to indicate you are flying TO the waypoint. When you pass your destination waypoint, the TO / FROM flag will point down to indicate you have passed the waypoint and you are now flying away FROM your destination. As you pass your waypoint and the FROM flag appears, the desired track ring will remain fixed at the original desired track and the CDI will continue to show track error left or right of the extended leg line.

If whilst en-route to a destination you decide that you would like to approach that destination point from an angle other than that displayed on the CDI by the desired track ring, you can alter the desired track setting by pushing the INC OBS (increment OBS) or DEC OBS (decrement OBS) Keys.
This has the effect of rotating your desired track ring and hence rotating the desired track line on the map screen using the destination point as a pivot. For example if you were approaching an airport from the south west on an inbound heading of 070° but the runway in use at that airport was 09, it may be desirable to approach the airport on a heading of 090° so that you were lined up for the approach.

By pressing the INC OBS Key you would increment the desired track setting from 070° to 090°. The CDI would then show a fly left indication because you would be off track to the right from your new track line. By turning left it would then be possible to intercept the new track line then fly straight into the airport on the new approach heading.

If the joystick is touched, the display will immediately revert to Map format to allow full use of map graphics. When the joystick is reset, Screen 47B will be reinstated. When flying with the CDI selected, WPT ALERT messages and other warnings will be displayed in the CDI area.
12 DEMO MODE

To allow you to practice all aspects of navigation on the ground and to become familiar with handling it, your unit can be used as a simulator by selecting its fully functioning Demo Mode. Using this mode you can also replay your logged flight data.

This Demo Mode Screen can be accessed by pressing Key 3, DEMO MODE, on Screen 1, Title Screen, provided that, since the time you switched it on, your Skymap IIIC has not received valid satellite information from its internal GPS receiver, or your Tracker IIIC similarly lacks fix data from its external receiver.

When you enter Demo Mode you will find a cursor over the word LAT. You can then use the joystick to set up the latitude and longitude for any point from which you want the demo to start. (The default latitude and longitude will be the co-ordinates of your last fix position.) Alternatively you can press Key 3 and select a start point from the built in database. You can also set the airspeed at which you want to fly the demo to anything between 000 and 999 Knots.

Once you have set your position and speed, if you press Key 5 you will find Screen 38, Map Mode, displayed and you are ready to start Demo Mode. All map Screens that you access whilst Demo Mode is switched on will, for safety reasons, have a DEMO MODE warning box displayed to ensure you do not use them while in the air.

If you wish to replay the flight data logged into your unit, set the airspeed as explained above then press Key 4. Screen 50 will then be displayed with the logged data being replayed at the specified speed. This allows long flight plans to be replayed in fast motion.
Screen 50: Representation of Screen 47 Showing DEMO MODE Flag

If Demo Mode is active and you switch to Screen 2, Main Menu Screen, you will see Key 3 is now labelled DEMO OFF and can be used to cancel Demo Mode.
13 E6-B CALCULATOR

E6-B functions are accessible by pressing Key 3, NOTE PAD, in Main Menu followed by Key 3, E6-B CALC, in the Note Pad Screen. This gives access to Screen 57, E6-B Calculator Screen. This function is not available in Demo Mode.

Screen 57: E6-B Calculator Cover Screen

Key 1 returns you to Screen 2 Main Menu.
Key 2 calls Screen 58, the Density Altitude/TAS/Winds Aloft Calculator page.
Key 3 calls Screen 59, Vertical Navigation page.
Key 4 calls Screen 60, Trip/Fuel Planning page.
Key 5 calls Screen 61, Sunset/Sunrise Calculator page.

Density Altitude/TAS/Winds Aloft Calculator

Screen 58: Density Altitude, True Air Speed & Winds Aloft Screen

On entry to this Screen a cursor will be positioned over the Indicated Altitude (IALT) data entry field.
To calculate Density Altitude (DALT) and True Airspeed (TAS) follow these steps.

1. Enter the altitude reading from your altimeter next to the IALT heading. Default value on entry to Screen is GPS altitude for Skymap IIIC or 2000 for Tracker IIIC.

2. Move the cursor over the entry field next to the heading IAS/CAS and enter your indicated or calibrated airspeed. Default value on entry to this Screen is GPS ground speed.

3. Move the cursor over the entry field next to the heading BARO and enter the atmospheric pressure in either inches of mercury (Hg) or millibars (mb). Default value is 29.92Hg / 1013mb.

4. Move the cursor over the entry field next to the heading TAT and enter the total air temperature read from your external aircraft thermometer in either F or C. Default value on entry to this Screen is 59F/15C.

The calculated density altitude (DALT) and true airspeed (TAS) will now be correctly displayed in the lower half of the Screen.

To calculate Winds Aloft (WIND) and Headwind / Tailwind Component (COMP), follow these steps.

1. Ensure you have followed steps one to four above so that TAS has been correctly calculated.

2. Move the cursor over the entry field next to the word HDG and enter the magnetic heading of the aircraft from your compass or DI. Default value on entry to this Screen is GPS track.

The wind direction and speed (WIND) along with the head or tailwind component (COMP) will now be displayed in the lower half of the Screen.

When the wind has been calculated and you return to the map Screen by pressing Key 5, MAP, a wind arrow will be displayed on screen, correctly orientated and pointing at the aircraft icon to give a visual representation of the wind direction with respect to the aircraft. The wind arrow will disappear after 30 seconds.

Vertical Navigation (VNAV)

VNAV is a function that tells the pilot when to start descending or climbing in order to reach a certain altitude at a certain distance from the next user waypoint and is entered by pressing Key 3, VNAV, on Screen 57, E6-B Calculator Cover Screen.

This function can only be switched on when a Flight plan is being flown or a DIRECT TO is being executed, in other words, when there is a valid destination user waypoint.
On entry to Screen 59, if there is no active user waypoint the DESTINATION box will read NO WPT. You must have an active user waypoint in order to activate VNAV Mode. If there is an active user waypoint the destination user waypoint name will be shown.

Once in the VNAV Screen you must enter the cruise altitude (the altitude FROM which you will descend), the final altitude (the altitude TO which you want to descend), the rate of descent (in FPM feet per minute) and the distance before the upcoming user waypoint that you want to achieve the new level BY.

On entry to this Screen, the FROM value will default to GPS altitude if your unit is a Skymap IIIC or to 5000 feet if your unit is a Tracker IIIC (or the last set value). The TO value will default to 1500 feet (or the last set value). The BY value will default to 5.0nm (or last set value) and the AT value will default to 500fpm (or last set value).

The DESCEND IN box will show an active countdown of the time left before you should start your descent and will be recalculated if you change any of the four variables (FROM, TO, BY or AT).

If Screen 59 is entered then exited by pressing Key 1, VNAV mode is not activated, the values are simply retained for use later in the flight.

If Screen 59 is entered then exited by pressing Key 5, Screen 47, 47A or 47B (NAV Mode) Screen will be displayed with the following changes.

1. Key 5 will now read VNAV OFF and there is a new VNAV message box.

2. If the DESCEND IN counter is greater than 00:00, the new message box will show DESCEND IN with the counter value.

3. When the DESCEND IN counter reaches 00:00, the alarm will sound and a message will be displayed across the Screen saying START DESCENT NOW. Key 5 will change to ALARM OFF then back to VNAV OFF. Once Key 5 is hit or the alarm times out, the START DESCENT message will disappear and the VNAV message box will now show ADVISORY ALT: XXXXX ft and count down. The descent angle will be fixed at this point to prevent changes in ground speed from altering the descent profile.

When the advisory altitude is within 500 feet of the TO altitude, the alarm will sound again and a message will be displayed across the Screen saying FINAL ALT IMMINENT. Key 5 will change to ALARM OFF then back to VNAV OFF. Once Key 5 is hit or the alarm times out, the advisory altitude will continue to count down until it reaches the TO altitude. VNAV mode will then cancel automatically.

Should you wish to perform a DIRECT TO or select a new flight plan the VNAV Mode will need to be cancelled.
VNAV can be used for climbing as well as descending. If the FROM altitude is set to a lower value than the TO altitude then everywhere the words DESCENT and DESCEND appear, the word CLIMB will be used instead.

**Trip/Fuel Planning**

This feature is entered by pressing Key 4, TRIP/FUEL, on Screen 57, E6-B Calculator Cover Screen, and allows you to call up any flight plan and view the following details about each leg of the flight plan. This feature can also be entered whilst flight plan planning from Screens 11 or 42, Flight Plan Selection Screens.

1. BRG (Initial Track, True)
2. DIS (Leg Distance)
3. ETE (Leg Time)
4. REQ (Fuel Required for Leg)

And for the total flight plan:

1. DIS (Total Distance)
2. ETE (Total Flight Plan Time)
3. REQ (Total Fuel Required)

All you need to input is your cruising speed and your fuel burn. Fuel burn is entered in units / hour. The units are not important. If you fill your aircraft tanks using US gallons, enter your fuel flow in US gallons / hour.

On entry to Screen 60, the cursor will be positioned over the flight plan number. Default speed will be 120 knots or that last set. Default flow/hour will be 6.0 or that last set. Moving the joystick up and down alters the flight plan number. Moving the joystick right moves the cursor down to the leg selection. Moving the joystick left moves the cursor up to the flow and speed settings.

When using this function for the first time, move the cursor up to SPEED and set the cruise speed of your aircraft. Move the cursor down to FLOW/HR and set the fuel flow per hour for your aircraft. These settings will be permanently stored for later use.

Next move the cursor down and select the flight plan you want to perform the calculations for, then move the cursor down again and scroll through the legs of your chosen flight plan.

As you scroll through the flight plan, the seven calculated fields in the lower part of the Screen will be updated. The four values grouped together (RNG, BRG, ETE and REQ) are the RNG (Leg Distance), BRG (Initial Track, True), ETE (Leg Time) and REQ (Fuel required for Leg) for the leg displayed.
The three values grouped below (FPLN DIS, ETE and REQ) are the RNG (Total flight plan distance), ETE (Total flight plan time) and REQ (Total fuel required, no reserve) for the flight plan displayed.

**Sunset/Sunrise Calculator.**

This feature is entered by pressing Key 5, SUNSET/RISE, on Screen 57, E6-B Calculator Cover Screen, and allows you to calculate sunrise and sunset times for any point in the world. You will be asked to input a latitude, longitude and date. The sunrise and sunset time for that date will then be displayed in your local time.

On entry to this Screen the present or last known latitude and longitude will show. The present date (Skymap IIIC only) will also show. If your unit is a Tracker IIIC, a default date value will be displayed.

You can now alter the latitude, longitude and time with the joystick or alter the latitude and longitude by choosing an item from the database. Key 5, DATABASE, calls Screen 13, Database Selection Screen, followed by 14 and 16. Once an item is selected, this Screen returns with the item’s latitude and longitude and name showing.

The POS, SUNRISE and SUNSET fields are all re-calculated each time you alter the position or date.

Please Note: The Sunrise and Sunset times displayed on this screen are displayed in YOUR LOCAL TIME (i.e. UTC + your local offset), not the local time of the position selected. Allowance must be made if the position you have selected is in a different time zone from that for which the unit is set up for.
14 SETUP SCREENS

Your Skyforce unit allows you a great deal of flexibility to customise it to suit your own wishes and requirements. It also contains a high level of automatic self-testing and diagnostics. All customisation and diagnostic functions are grouped together in this Setup section.

To access Screen 21, Setup Cover Screen, press Key 4, SETUP, in Main Menu.

Key 1 returns you to Screen 2, Main Menu
Key 2 gives access to Screen 22, Map Customisation Screens.
Key 3 gives access to Screen 23, NAV Mode Customisation Screen.
Key 4 gives access to Screen 24, Personal Identification Number (PIN) Setup Screens.
Key 5 gives access to Screen 28, Installation and Diagnostic Screens.

Map Setup Screens

To access Screen 22, Map Customisation Screen, press Key 4, SETUP, in Main Menu, followed by Key 2, MAP SETUP, in Screen 21, Setup Cover Screen.

When this Screen first appears you will always see the current settings with a cursor over the words ORIENTATION. You can then use the joystick to move the cursor up and down the list of headings.
When the cursor is over the heading you wish to alter, move the joystick to the right. This will in turn move the cursor over to the set of options available for that heading. Moving the joystick up and down will then allow you to scroll through these options.

The various settings available for each heading are listed below. The default settings are those shown in the illustration above. To reset the values on this Screen (or Screens 22A, 22B and 22C) to their defaults, press Key 3 RESET VALUES. This will reset the values on the displayed screen only. In order to reset all user defined data globally, see the Clear Memory screens later in this section.

Settings available:

**ORIENTATION**: track up / north up.
**AIRPORT NAMES**: ICAO code / Airport name / City name.
**MAP UNITS**: nautical miles / statute miles / kilometres.
**COORD SYSTEM**: LAT/LON / OSGB / UTM.
**DISPLAY**: landscape std / landscape inv. / portrait std / portrait inv.
**LANGUAGE**: English / French / German / Spanish.
**MIN R/W LENGTH**: selectable from 0 to 15,000.
**R/W SURFACE REQUIRED**: hard/soft / hard.
**EXTENDED TRACK**: on / off.
**AUTO ZOOM**: off / on.
**AUTO DECLUTTER**: on / off
**KEY BEEP**: on / off.
**LOGGING RATE**: selectable between 000 and 999 secs.
**POSITION REF**: all data / VOR's / VOR's & Airports

**ORIENTATION**: This allows you to choose whether to have the map displayed with north at the top of the screen or orientated to have the aircraft’s track aligned up the screen.

**AIRPORT NAMES**: This gives you the option of labelling the airport icons on the map with the full names of the airports (long ones truncated to 9 characters), the full names of the city associated with the airport or the ICAO 3 or 4 letter location indicators.

**MAP UNITS**: This allows you to specify the units in which the scale bar and all navigation information will be displayed. If nautical or statute miles are selected, all lengths and altitudes will be reported in feet. If kilometres are selected, all lengths and altitudes will be reported in metres.

**COORD SYSTEM**: This option controls whether the unit operates with reference to Latitude/Longitude or UTM or OSGB grid references

**DISPLAY**: Here you can choose the orientation of the display with respect to the keys. Portrait Std mode is usually selected for leg and yoke-mounted operation.

**LANGUAGE**: This is self-explanatory; it enables you to choose the language in which you would prefer the unit to operate.

**MIN R/W LENGTH**: This allows you to set the minimum length of main runway at the airports, which will be displayed when you ask the unit to display the ten nearest airports. The minimum length can be specified in steps of 1 foot from 0 to 15,000 feet. By setting a minimum length you can force the unit to search for and display only airports with runways, which are equal to or longer than the pre-set minimum length.

**R/W SURFACE REQUIRED**: R/W Surface Required is also used when searching for the ten nearest airports in map mode. If set to hard/soft, airports with either hard or soft runways will be displayed. If set too hard, only airports with hard runways will be displayed and soft-runway airports ignored.
**EXT TRACK:** If Extended Track is turned on, you will see an extended track line drawn ahead of your present position in the direction of your present track. This can sometimes be useful to see just where the aircraft would end up if the present heading were maintained. Alternatively you can dispense with this map feature simply by selecting EXT TRACK to OFF.

**AUTO ZOOM:** Auto Zoom is a useful function to use as you approach your destination. When flying the last leg of a flight plan or when flying a DIRECT TO, as soon as the distance to the destination drops below ½ the scale bar setting, the unit automatically zooms in so that the destination is always between ½ and one scale bars distance away. For example if you were using the unit when the zoom level was set with a 15nm scale bar, once the distance to your destination dropped below 8nm (½ x the scale bar) the unit would automatically zoom in to 8nm. When the RNG dropped below 4nm, the unit would zoom in to 4nm. Etc. When the destination is reached or the flight plan /DIRECT TO is cancelled, the unit will automatically revert to the 8nm zoom level. When flying, if you want to disable Auto Zoom once it has started zooming in, simply press the ZOOM OUT key.

**AUTO DECLUTTER:** This unique feature makes the map more readable in areas of high data density by removing unimportant icon labels. Each time the map is redrawn, the data displayed is built up in layers starting with the least important data classes (towns etc) and building up through to the most important data class (airports). If Auto Declutter is switched on, as the map is being built, if a higher priority icon label is found to clash with a lower priority icon label already on the screen, the lower priority icon label will be removed. This prevents icon label overlaps and clashes and hence declutters the map.

**KEY BEEP:** This allows you to select the beep that occurs when you press a key or move the joystick on or off.

**LOGGING RATE:** This gives you the choice of how often your position is stored in memory for playback in demo mode or to a PC. A setting of 000 switches the logging function off. A total of 2000 fixes are stored in continuous wrap around memory (i.e. newest data overwrites oldest). To calculate total logging time, divide 2000 by the logging rate per minute (30 sec logging rate = 2 per minute). This will give the total logging time in seconds (i.e. 2000 points divided by 2 = 1000 minutes = 16 hours 40 mins).

**POSITION REF:** This is the geographical item used to describe your position to you in Map Mode. Please refer to the Map Mode Screens Section of this Manual for more details.
Screen 22A: Point Features Data Class Setup Screen

Screens 22A, 22B and 22C, the Data Class Setup Screens are accessed by repeatedly pressing Key 5, NEXT. It is impossible to include every item from the database within the graphic map display, especially when zoomed out to the smaller scale maps. The Data Class Setup Screens allows you to choose the level of zoom at which you wish each of the classes of data to become visible and at which level of zoom you want their corresponding labels to become visible. You can also set the icon or line style for many of the data classes and set their display colours for both TOPO ON and TOPO OFF display modes.

Screen 22B: Line Features Data Class Setup Screen.

To do this you have to select for each database class an ICON or LINE style, a TOPO ON Mode colour, an TOPO OFF Mode colour, an ICON or LINE MAX zoom level (the maximum zoom level at which the icon or line will be displayed), a NAME MAX zoom level (the maximum zoom level at which the name label will be displayed) and a MIN zoom level (the minimum zoom level at which both the icon/line and name will be displayed. The default levels are those shown in the illustrations.

You will notice that there is a limited choice of icon styles for some data classes, this is intentional in order to keep the important data (such as airports) displayed in a recognisable form. You will also notice that some settings have N/A in their columns and are not adjustable. These are items that have fixed values and are not user adjustable. A good example of this is that you cannot set up a colour for the land in TOPO OFF Mode because no cartography is displayed in TOPO OFF Mode.

Not all data classes shown in the illustrations are available for all geographic areas. Details of the data classes available on the data card you have installed are available from Skyforce.
Screen 22C: Airspace Data Class Setup Screen

Please think carefully before altering any of the settings on these screens. You may inadvertently switch off an important data class (such as obstacles), which could compromise your situation awareness.

**NAV Mode Setup**

Screen 23: NAV Mode Customisation Screen

When you first enter this Screen the current settings are displayed with a cursor over the words CDI SCALE. You then have to use the joystick to move the cursor up or down. Once the cursor is over the heading you wish to alter, moving the joystick to the right will move the cursor over to the set of options available for that heading.

The various settings available for each heading are listed below. The default settings are those shown in the illustration above. To reset the values on this screen to their defaults, press Key 3 RESET VALUES. This will reset the values on the displayed screen only. In order to reset all user defined data globally, see the Clear Memory screens later in this section.

- **CDI SCALE:** 0.3 / 1.0 / 2.5 / 5.0 nm.
- **CDI DISPLAY:** bar / numeric / off
- **CDI ALARM:** on / off.
- **WPT ALERT:** 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13 / 14 / 15 / 16 / 17 / 18 / 19 / 20 nm.
- **AUTO LEG SELECT:** on / off.
AUTO NEXT LEG: on / off.
TURN ANTICIPATION: on / off
FLIGHT PLAN DISPLAY: all legs / active leg.
INTERNAL ALARM: on / off.
EXTERNAL ALARM: on / off.

CDI SCALE: This enables you to choose which of the given distances you want the unit to use as the setting for the full-scale deflection of the Course Deviation Indicator (CDI) in NAV mode. This value is always in nautical miles.

CDI DISPLAY: This allows you to set the CDI display in Map Mode to show either a bar graph, or a numeric read-out of course deviation or to be switched off. If selected OFF, the CDI is no longer shown while you are in Map Mode.

CDI ALARM: When selected ON this produces an audible alarm to tell you when full-scale deflection of the CDI has been reached. If you choose to set this to OFF, you disable this alarm.

WPT ALERT: You can use this feature to set the distance away from your destination user waypoint at which you wish the audio and visual arrival alarm to be activated. This value is always in nautical miles.

AUTO LEG SELECT: If you select this ON, the unit will automatically place the cursor on the closest leg when Screen 12, Flight Plan Program/ Edit Screen, is accessed to select the flight plan. Although the nearest leg to your present position is highlighted, an alternative leg may be selected by using the joystick. If AUTO LEG SELECT is switched OFF the cursor will simply be positioned over the first leg in the flight plan whenever Screen 12 is selected.

AUTO NEXT LEG: If you select this option ON then, as each user waypoint in the flight plan is passed, the next leg will be automatically selected. You thus do not need to press Key 1 (the NEXT LEG Key) as this function produces the same effect automatically. If you select AUTO NEXT LEG to OFF, you will then need to activate the next leg in the flight plan manually by pressing Key 1 (the NEXT LEG Key) at the end of each leg, otherwise your unit will continue to give you distance and bearing information to your previous turning point.

TURN ANTICIPATION: Turn Anticipation provides navigation along a curved path segment to ensure a smooth transition between two adjacent legs in the flight plan. If turned ON, Auto Next Leg will also automatically turn on. Auto Next Leg is an essential part of turn anticipation. Please refer to Arrival at an En-route User Waypoint in the Map Mode with NAV Information Screens Section of this Manual for more details.

FLIGHT PLAN DISPLAY: Allows a choice of displaying the full flight plan or just the active leg on the map screen.

INTERNAL (ARRIVAL and CDI) ALARM: This gives you the choice between having these internal alarms functioning or inactive.

EXTERNAL (ARRIVAL and CDI) ALARM: This gives you the choice to switch ON or OFF the output from the unit, which can drive an external alarm device.
Personal Identification Number (PIN) Setup

We have provided the security feature of a Personal Identification Number (PIN) in your Skyforce unit with the main aim of preventing unauthorised persons from using your navigation equipment. You may use this Screen to set up your own choice of a four-digit personal number. This can be any permutation of the figures 1, 2, 3, and 4, e.g. 4412, 2433, 3124 etc.

To access Screen 24, Pin Setup Cover Screen, press Key 4, SETUP, in Main Menu followed by Key 4, PIN SETUP, in Screen 21, Setup Cover Screen. On entry to this Screen you will find the cursor positioned over the first of four question marks. The joystick is not active and the current four-digit PIN must be entered by pressing Keys 2, 3, 4, and 5 (now labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4 as in the illustration above). The default PIN number that will be set when you receive the unit is 1234. As you enter each number by pressing each of the relevant Keys once, in the order that matches the PIN, each question mark in turn is replaced by an asterisk and the cursor moves one step to the right. When the last digit is entered, if you have failed to enter the correct four digits, Screen 25 (see illustration below) will be displayed.

If you get this PIN INCORRECT message, just press Key 1 PREV PAGE and you go back to Screen 24 where you can make another attempt to enter the correct PIN. Unlike many bank Automatic Teller Machines, there is no limit to the number of attempts you can make to input the correct PIN to your
Skyforce unit. Should you have the misfortune to forget your number, keep trying; there are only 256 permutations!

![Screen 26: PIN Change & Power-On Lock Enable Screen](image)

If you have managed to get the PIN correct then you move straight to Screen 26 as illustrated above. On entry to this Screen, the current PIN is displayed and the status of the AUTO POWER-ON LOCK is displayed. The default selection for this is DISABLED. If you wish to activate this power-on lock, pressing Key 3, AUTO LOCK, will change the setting to ENABLED.

Pressing Key 1 returns you to Screen 21, the Main Setup page.
Pressing Key 2 takes you into Screen 27 (see below) where you are able to change the PIN.

![Screen 27: PIN Change Screen](image)

When you access this Screen the cursor will be sitting over the first question mark. This represents the first digit of the PIN. Your new PIN can be entered from here by pressing Keys 2,3,4 or 5 (now labelled 1,2,3, and 4 in the illustration above). The numbers you enter will replace the question marks as they are entered and the cursor will step to the right.

When the fourth digit has been entered, the new PIN will automatically be transferred to the unit's Non Volatile Memory (NVM) and Screen 26 will be displayed, showing the newly entered PIN. If you wish, you may press Key 1 at any time and this will take you straight to Screen 26 without making any change to the original PIN.
Auto Power-On Lock
Pressing Key 3, AUTO LOCK, on Screen 26, Pin Change & Power On Lock Enable Screen, allows you to switch the Auto Power-On Lock security feature ON or OFF. If you ENABLE the Power-On Lock, the unit will require your PIN to be entered every time you or anyone else switches it on. Although, as mentioned above, so long as the Power-On Lock has not been activated, you can key in as many PIN attempts as you wish, once it has been ENABLED however the situation changes entirely.

If an incorrect PIN is then entered three consecutive times at the switch-on stage, the unit will lock out and display Screen 55 (see Appendix 01). If this happens to you, in order to re-activate the unit, you will have to telephone Skyforce or your Skyforce dealer, armed with the Serial Number of your unit and the Lock-Out Number, which you can read from the top of Screen 55. The operator at your dealer or at Skyforce will verify these details and check them against the Skyforce database and register of stolen units.

Once the operator is satisfied that the unit has not been stolen and that you are the officially recognised owner, you will be given an Unlock Code Number. This Unlock Number is a 10-digit number. In order to unlock your unit you must now enter this number correctly into your unit, still using Screen 55. The digits will replace the question marks as each one is keyed in. The Unlock Number is regarded by the unit as having being entered as soon as the last digit has been keyed in. Every time an incorrect Unlock Number is entered, the unit will generate a new LOCK OUT number. This makes it impossible for a would-be thief to stumble upon the Unlock Number by trial and error. The odds against a thief guessing the correct Unlock Code Number are 10 million to 1.

If you do ever get into a Lock-Out situation and then re-activate your unit with the Unlock Code Number received from Skyforce, remember that no matter what PIN you were using before, the PIN will now have been reset to the default digits of 1234.

Be very careful if you activate the Auto Power On Lock feature. Locking yourself out of the system can be very inconvenient.

Installation and Diagnostic Screens

This Screen is accessed by pressing Key 4, SETUP, in Main Menu followed by Key 5, INST & DIAGS, in Screen 21, Setup Cover Screen. Screen 28 gives you access to all installation and test-related Screens, and allows you to perform diagnostic checks on the data input and output lines.

You can also use this Screen to gain full access to the “time in service” logs and “last flight” log. It is used, in addition, to enter four different “Memory Clear” routines, which are PIN-protected to prevent inadvertent erasure to the unit’s memory.
Key 1 returns you to Screen 21, Setup Cover Screen.
Key 2 calls Screen 63, Screen Position Setup Screen.
Key 3 calls Screen 30, Engineering Log Screen.
Key 4 calls Screen 32, Memory Clear Entry Screen.
Key 5 calls Screen 35, Data In/Out and Test Screen.

Screen Position Setup
Screen 63 is for use during manufacture to position the picture centrally in the viewable area of the display. This screen is also used to focus the image on the display. It is not a Screen with which you as user of the Skymap IIIC need greatly concern yourself. This screen is protected by a maintenance PIN number.

Under normal circumstances you should not need to access this screen.

View Logs

Engineering Log

This Screen can be used to produce technical engineering information about the unit. Unit type, serial number and build date information were all stored within the Non Volatile Memory at the time your unit was initialised at the factory. The version of the software in use and the latest update information are stored on the data card.

The Total Hours Run value is updated every minute. This can give you an indication of the total time that the unit has been in operation. You can, however reset this figure, using Screen 33. (It is perhaps worth noting that a copy of the cumulative total of hours run remains recorded within the NVM, cannot be user-reset and can only be read by Skyforce technicians.) The Total Flight Hours is a value stored in exactly the same way as Total Hours Run, the difference between these two figures being due to the fact that Flight Hours are totalled only during periods when the Ground Speed is above 30 knots.

Last Flight data is available only with the Skymap IIIC. The Date and Start Time are logged as soon as the Ground Speed exceeds 20 knots and the Stop Time is logged whenever the Ground Speed drops back to less than 3 knots. Key 2, GPS RX LOG, is available only on Skymap IIIC units and gives access to the GPS Receiver Engineering Log Screen 31.
Most of the information on this Screen is technical engineering information about the internal GPS receiver. The Total Fix Hours figure increases only during the periods when the GPS receiver has a 2D or 3D fix. You can if you wish also reset these figures along with the Total Unit Hours Run value by using Screen 33, Memory Clear Screen.

Clear Memory

All the routines, which can clear the unit’s memory are protected by your PIN, specifically to prevent any unauthorised person wiping out the valuable data contained in memory. Therefore, when you enter this Screen the cursor will be positioned over the first of four question marks. You must enter your PIN at this stage before you can proceed to the memory clear functions on Screen 33. (The factory default PIN is 1234). As soon as the fourth digit of a correct PIN is entered, the unit will call Screen 33. If the PIN entered is incorrect the display will switch immediately to Screen 25 (PIN INCORRECT) and then take you back to Screen 28, the Cover Screen for Installation and Diagnostics. If you do make a mistake, however, you are allowed to make as many attempts as you need to enter the correct PIN.
Screen 33: Memory Clear Cover Screen

Be careful to handle operations from this Screen correctly, otherwise you could lose valuable and important data from the memory of your unit.

If for instance you press Key 2, labelled “CLEAR FPLNs”, you will go straight to a warning Screen that reads “Clear Memory. ARE YOU SURE?” If you then press Key 1 labelled “PREV PAGE” it will take you back to Screen 33 again, without erasing any of the memory. If however you decide to go ahead and press Key 5 labelled “YES” then all the flight plans in memory will vanish from the unit’s memory and you will not thereafter be able to recall this information.

If you press Key 3, labelled “CLEAR WPTS”, a similar procedure will be followed, and pressing “YES” will this time clear all User waypoints from memory including those being used in flight plans.

Use of Key 4, labelled “CLEAR SETUP”, will reset all the User-Defined Options within the unit to their original default values. This also clears the Note Pad memory.

Key 5, labelled “CLEAR LOG”, resets the Total Time Run counters that appear on Screens 30 and 31. This also clears the last flight time log and the 2000 in flight logged points from memory.

Key 1, labelled “PREV PAGE”, returns you to Screen 28 without altering or erasing anything in the unit's memory.
Data In/Out

Screen 35: Data Input/Output Setup and Test Screen

On entry to this Screen details of the current settings for data output and GPS Source are displayed in the top box. Settings can be toggled by using the joystick and the options available are as follows. (The default settings are listed first.)

**Tracker IIIC:**
- DATA OUTPUT: OFF / ECHO INPUT.
**Skymap IIIC:**
- DATA OUTPUT: OFF / RS232 (AR NAV) 9600 BAUD / NMEA 0183 4800 BAUD / AVIONICS INTERFACE.

The GPS SOURCE allows you to use your Skymap IIIC as a Tracker IIIC. When you move the cursor to the right of this field the following Warning / confirmation request shall be displayed:

If you press ABORT the GPS source remains unchanged. If you press YES, you can use the joystick to toggle the GPS SOURCE between INTERNAL and EXTERNAL. When set to INTERNAL, the internal GPS receiver will be used, and key 3 will be displayed, to allow access to the GPS Status screen. When set to EXTERNAL, the Skymap IIIC will enter Tracker Mode and use data generated by an external GPS receiver in the same way as a Tracker IIIC does. If you have a Tracker IIIC and select INTERNAL, an error message will be displayed because an internal GPS receiver will not be found.
Data output on Tracker IIIC is limited to echoing the data input. This provides a useful RS232 buffer for connecting other listening devices to your GPS data output.

Skymap IIIC can output standard aviation RS232 data at 9600 baud or NMEA 0183 format RMC, GGA and RMB sentences at 4800 baud. See Appendix 05 for full details.

The AVIONICS INTERFACE output setting for Skymap IIIC is for use when connected to the Skyforce Avionics Interface Module (AIM). The AIM is an optional accessory allowing you to connect your Skymap IIIC up to other aircraft instruments including the Autopilot. Key 4 will only appear if the AVIONICS INTERFACE output is selected and calls Screen 37, the output test page (Skymap IIIC only).

The second box is for information only, and is only show when the GPS Source is External. The unit will automatically sense the type of incoming data. It first sets up the default data type and then if the incoming data is not recognised, it steps through the other data input options until it finds a format it recognises.

The data type the unit is looking for will be displayed next to the DATA INPUT heading. Once a valid format is found, searching will be disabled. For Skymap IIIC there are no valid data input types. Tracker IIIC can accept NMEA, AR-NAV (RS 232) and Northstar binary data at either 1200, 4800 or 9600 baud. See section 7, Data Input for further details.

Once a valid format is recognised and sentences are being decoded, the word YES will be displayed next to RECEIVING DATA. If the data is not recognised or is not present, the word NO will be displayed. If the data is valid and useable, the word YES will appear next to the words DATA VALID, if the data is not valid or useable then the word NO will be displayed.

When Skymap IIIC is used with an external GPS source, the data output will be limited to OFF and ECHO INPUT.

**Output Test**

![Screen 37: Aviation Interface Output Test Screen (Skymap IIIC only)](image)

This Screen is designed to output test data to a Skyforce Avionics Interface Module (AIM) for use during installation and testing. It is not a Screen with which you as user of the Skymap IIIC need greatly concern yourself. Should you inadvertently enter it (by pressing Key 4 on Screen 35) you can return to Screen 35 simply by pressing Key 1, labelled PREV PAGE.
APPENDIX 01: Warning Screens

RAM Lost Warning

Screen 51: RAM Lost Warning Screen

WARNING:
Corruption has been detected in the following areas of memory. These areas have been restored with the previous valid data.

User waypoints
Routes
Setup parameters
Notepad

This screen is displayed after power-on if any of the RAM areas are found to be corrupted. Key 1 invokes a RAM clear to be carried out on the failed area and the last known good values to be reinstated. If the last known good values are also suspect, a full RAM clear of the affected data will be carried out.

Memory Battery Warning

Screen 52: Memory Battery Warning Screen

WARNING:
Memory backup battery voltage is low. Have battery replaced as soon as possible to avoid loss of user defined data.

This Screen will appear if during initialisation the memory battery voltage is found to be low. It can also appear at any time during operation if the internal battery falls below a pre-determined limit.

By pressing Key 1 you can return to whichever Screen was showing before the low voltage condition was detected. **If this screen is displayed, you should have your memory battery replaced by your Skyforce dealer at the earliest possible opportunity.**
PIN Lock Warning

Screen 54: Power On Security PIN Entry Screen

If the Auto Power-On Lock function has been activated on Screen 26, this Screen will be called during initialisation. You must then input the correct PIN before you are allowed to move back to Screen 1 with full access to all functions.

If an incorrect PIN is entered, Screen 25 will appear and Key 1 will revert to this Screen. If an incorrect PIN is entered on three consecutive attempts, even if the unit has been switched off and back on again between attempts, Screen 55 will appear. The number of incorrect attempts that have been made is stored in NVM and increased with each incorrect attempt or cleared down once you have managed to enter the correct PIN.

As the PIN is entered, asterisk characters are displayed in place of the question marks. Key 1 can be used as a Back-Space Key.

Lock Out Warning

Screen 55: Lockout Screen

This Screen will only appear after three incorrect PIN’s have been entered on Screen 54 (or if when you switch the unit on the NVM is found to have accumulated three unsuccessful PIN input attempts). The LOCK OUT number is a random five digit number that the unit generates. This is held in RAM and does not change until an unlock number is entered. The unit can be switched off and on with this Screen showing but the LOCK OUT number will remain the same.
If you get locked out of the unit, in order to re-activate the unit, you will need to telephone the Skyforce or your local Skyforce dealer and provide them with your Serial Number and the Lockout Number. Your details will be verified and checked against the Skyforce database and register of stolen units. Once the operator is satisfied that the unit has not been stolen and that you are the officially recognised owner, you will be given an Unlock Code Number.

This Unlock Code is a 10-digit number. You must enter this into your unit on Screen 55. The digits will replace the question marks as each one is entered. The Unlock Number is deemed to be entered as the last digit is input. Every time an incorrect unlock number is entered, the unit will generate a new LOCK OUT number. This makes it impossible for a would be thief to stumble upon the unlock number by trial and error. The chances of guessing the correct unlock code are 10 million to 1.

Once a lock out has occurred and the unit has been re-activated with an unlock number, the PIN will be reset to the default of 1234.

Be very careful if you activate the Auto Power On Lock feature. Locking yourself out of the system can be very inconvenient.

New Data Card Warning

If, during initialisation, the unit detects a new memory card, the software will check through the flight plans programmed into the unit and validate the data.

Whenever you build a flight plan by using items from the memory card, the Name, Lat. and Long of each chosen item is copied into RAM along with a note of which database and which country you extracted it. When a new memory card is detected, each item in each flight plan is checked against the new database.

This is done by reading the first item from the first flight plan in RAM and conducting a search through the relevant part of the new memory card looking for a Name match. If a perfect match is found for the Name, the Lat. and Long are then checked and if they match correctly also, then no action is required and the software goes on to check the next item.

If a discrepancy is found in either, Lat. or Long, Screen 56 will appear showing the new information for the User waypoint in question. You must confirm that you are aware of the change by pressing Key 1.

If no match can be found for the name (i.e. the name has been changed or the item has been deleted from the new database) the Lat. and Long fields on Screen 56 will be left blank and the bottom section of the box will read:
CHANGING DATABASE REFERENCE
PLEASE CONFIRM

Pressing Key 1 will change the database reference displayed on Screen 12, Flight Plan Program/Edit Screen, to OW indicating that this item is now an Old User Waypoint and is no longer accessible from any database.

This check is carried out for every point in every flight plan and whenever discrepancies are found, Screen 56 will appear on each occasion.
APPENDIX 02: Memory Cards

Data Areas
Skyforce produce a series of memory cards based on the ICAO/ARINC geographic areas for Skymap IIIC and Tracker IIIC that cover the entire world. Each card for each area contains the operating software, the appropriate Jeppesen aeronautical data and cartographic data to a high resolution. Also included is a low resolution map of the rest of the world.

The ten ICAO/ARINC areas along with their three letter identifiers are:

- EUR Europe
- CAN Canada
- MES Middle East
- USA USA
- PAC Pacific
- EEU Eastern Europe
- SPA South Pacific
- LAM Latin America
- AFR Africa
- SAM South America

These areas are combined in various ways to produce memory Cards. There are three large transiting cards available covering the entire world that contain the following data:

- **AMR** Americas - comprising CAN, USA, LAM, SAM
- **ATI** Atlantic International - comprising EUR, AFR, EEU, MES
- **PAI** Pacific International - comprising PAC, SPA, EEU, MES

Numerous other area combinations are also available. Please contact your Skyforce Dealer for full details of data card availability.

Changing the memory card.
To change the Data Card follow these simple steps:

1. Remove the power/data plug and place the unit face down on a soft surface. A piece of foam or a cushion is ideal. Remove the case back by rotating the two DZUS fasteners one turn counter clockwise.

2. Grasp the data card by its edges and pull it straight out of its socket. Do not twist the Card out of the socket, this could bend or break the gold pins. Being careful to align the card with the socket then press the new card firmly into place.
3. Refit the case back being careful that the blue gasket is properly seated. **Do not exert undue downward force on the DZUS fasteners.** Let them pull the case back into place. Switch the unit on and check for correct operation. Screen 56 may be displayed if changes to information featured in your flight plans are detected. Please refer to the NAV Data Card Warning in Appendix 01.

**Minimum Safe Altitudes (MSA)**

Included in the Jeppesen data supplied on your memory card is Grid Minimum Off Route Altitude (Grid MORA) data. The correct use of this data is very important for terrain avoidance and hence requires some further explanation.

This data is split into a series of one degree squares tiles for the entire world. The Grid MORA provides reference point clearance within these tiles. Jeppesen define a reference point as a natural (peak, knoll, hill, etc) or man-made (tower, stack, tank, building, etc) object.

Jeppesen state that Grid MORA values clear all reference points by 1000 feet in areas where the highest reference points are 5000 feet MSL or lower. MORA values clear all reference points by 2000 feet in areas where the highest reference points are 5001 feet MSL or higher. Grid MORAs are defined for all areas.

In Skymap IIIC the Grid MORA information is used in two ways to derive Minimum Safe Altitudes (MSA), firstly during flight plan building and secondly during actual flight.

**Flight Plan building.**

On screen 12, the Flight Plan Program / Edit Screen, as the cursor is moved up and down the flight plan, the MSA for that leg is shown in a box below the LEG and FPLN info box as [LEG MSA: XXXX]. This value is the highest value Grid MORA found along a ten mile wide corridor (including 5 miles past the waypoint) centred along each leg. Also shown is the [FPLN MSA: XXXX] which is the highest value leg MSA for the entire flight plan.

**During Flight**

An [MSA:XXXX] box is included on screen 41, the NAV Menu Screen. This displays the highest Grid MORA value within a ten mile radius of your present position at all times.

**WARNING:** The MSA altitudes displayed are advisory in nature only. They should not be relied upon as the sole source of obstacle and terrain avoidance information. Always refer to current aeronautical charts for appropriate minimum clearance altitudes.

**Worldwide ICAO Codes.**

In order to aid use of the Skymap IIIC, especially the area filter used during database selection (Screens 16 and 16A), there follows a full list of all the countries and states that feature in the Jeppesen database along with their ICAO codes, Jeppesen standard name and the data area in which they are included (refer to the map at the beginning of this appendix).

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APPENDIX 03: How Does GPS Work?

What Is GPS?
Many of the radio-navigation aids used in aviation were originally developed for military use but have now been made freely available to civil users. The Global Positioning System (GPS) has a similar history. The GPS constellation of satellites is an American military facility operated by the US Department of Defence (DoD). This constellation consists of 21 operational satellites plus three spares held in reserve to replace any of the active ones, which might fail. They orbit approximately 10,900 N.M. above the earth in six planes inclined at a 55 degree angle to the Equator and circle the earth twice daily. The orbits are so arranged that a minimum of four satellites will always be visible from any part of the earth's surface at any time. This allows suitable receivers to make extremely accurate determination of latitude, longitude, altitude, velocity and time from satellite signals received by an aircraft, airborne or on the ground.

How Does It Work?
Each satellite carries an extremely accurate atomic clock and continuously transmits precise timing waveforms and data concerning its health status and almanac, orbital information and clock timing corrections. The signals have been designed to be extremely resistant to interference from terrestrial radio transmissions, electronic equipment and weather.

The technique used to establish position using these satellites is one of simple ranging. In other words, position is calculated from measurements of the distances between the observer and a number of satellites. The exact position of each satellite at any given time is known. This information is actually transmitted by each satellite every few minutes. The precise time (in relation to Universal Time) that each satellite starts to transmit its coded signal is also known.

Given this information and the speed of radio waves through space, it is possible to establish the exact distance from each satellite by simple mathematics. For example, if a car leaves point A at exactly 1 o'clock and travels at sixty miles an hour to point B which it reaches at exactly 2 o'clock, we know the distance between points A and B must be sixty miles.

In order to achieve the required degree of accuracy from this technique it would normally be necessary to have an extremely accurate atomic clock built into each receiver as well as each satellite. This would not be viable, as each receiver would then cost tens of thousands of pounds. Instead, an ingenious system is used whereby GPS receivers require to be fitted with only reasonably accurate (and thus low-cost) clocks. This involves two important techniques:

1) Code matching or synchronisation. Each satellite transmits, for civilian use, a unique 1023 bit code. This code is repeated every millisecond (one thousandth of a second).

In the receiver, circuitry generates an identical code that is then slid back and forth in time until it exactly matches the code being received from the satellite.

When a perfect match is achieved, the time at which the receiver is generating the start bit of the code is recorded. The difference in time (or offset) between the receiver generating the code and the satellite generating the code is therefore measurable because the time at which the satellite should have generated the code is known.

This gives a very accurate way of measuring the time differences between transmission and reception of the signals generated by the satellites, but does not help with the need for an absolute time reference. One must bear in mind that if the clock in the receiver were only 100 milliseconds (one tenth of a second) out with respect to universal time, the calculated distance from the satellite would have an error of 1,860 miles.

This problem is overcome by a second technique:
2) Making use of an extra satellite. In order to obtain a positional fix in three dimensional space, it is necessary to know the exact distance to each of three satellites. The exact distance is however not known because of the presence of an offset or error in the receiver’s clock with respect to universal time.

A fix is nevertheless calculated using the three satellites, all be it erroneous. Once this fix is calculated, a second fix is calculated using satellites 2 and 3 in conjunction with a fourth satellite. This is repeated for satellites 3, 4 and 1 then 4, 1 and 2. This gives four calculated points in space.

If the four calculated points do not overlap, a timing error must be present.

A slight correction is then fed into the receiver’s clock and the points are calculated again. They move closer to each other.

This process is repeated until all the calculations tie up correctly at the same point. The exact position in three-dimensional space is then known and the offset in the receiver’s clock eliminated.

Similarly, a two-dimensional fix can be established from three satellites.

As a result of this technique the receiver does not initially need to know absolute universal time. All that is needed is a reasonably stable clock for taking relative measurements over the short periods between the signals received from each satellite.

An approximate knowledge of universal time is required, to know which satellite to expect in which part of the sky. This is usually given by the first satellite the receiver acquires after switch on.

The exact universal time is transmitted as part of the almanac and health status data by each satellite. This is then corrected by the receiver for signal transition delay as part of the position fix calculations.

Accuracy and Reliability
All GPS satellites transmit two separate pseudo-random codes on two different frequencies.

The most accurate is the P code, which is transmitted at both 1.2276 GHz (1.2276 thousand million cycles per second) and 1.57542 GHz.

The P code is extremely complex and has a repetition rate of one week. This code is restricted to military use only, is capable of supreme accuracy and is supposedly unbreakable.

The signal available to civilian users is transmitted on 1.57542 GHz only and is called the C/A code. C/A stands for Coarse Acquisition.

This code is relatively simple compared to the P code and has a repetition rate of one millisecond.

The present maximum accuracy for receivers using the C/A code is 15 meters.

There is the possibility however of this being intentionally degraded (by feeding random errors into the satellite clocks) to 100 meters for strategic reasons. This is called Selective Availability or S/A and can be implemented at will by the DoD.

Day to day accuracy is monitored by Falcon Air Force Base, Colorado, who receive information from a group of ground stations positioned at Ascension Island, Diego Garcia, Kwagale and Hawaii.

These stations receive the satellite signals and check them for timing accuracy. If any errors are detected, error information is transmitted back to the satellite, which then corrects itself.

Reliability should be good when the full constellation of 24 satellites are in orbit.
Each satellite has three separate clocks on board (one in use and two standby) and in the event of the total failure of a satellite, one of the spares already in orbit can be manoeuvred into position within a few hours.

The only time the DoD can predict there may be a substantial break in coverage for civilian users, is at a time of National Emergency, when the whole system may be reverted to P code (military) operation only, for strategic reasons.

Having said this, the system remained fully available to civilian users during the Gulf conflict.
APPENDIX 04: Differential Functions (Skymap IIIIC only)

Your Skyforce unit has been designed to enable it to make use of Differential GPS (DGPS).

What Is DGPS?

GPS on its own is, as we have seen in Appendix 03, an extremely accurate system for all general navigation purposes. It is not, however, perfect. The most significant source of error in GPS positional calculations is the deliberate downgrading of accuracy known as Selective Availability (SA) described in Appendix 03. Satellite clocks, although superbly accurate, also have tiny errors, which can affect the accuracy of a fix. So also does any slight drift from a satellite's predicted orbit. The signals from satellites have to pass through the earth's atmosphere and, although radio signals travel at the speed of light, this is only a constant through a vacuum. Things like water vapour in the troposphere and charged particles in the ionosphere do slow down satellite signals and cause slight delays that translate into errors in position. And finally it must be admitted that GPS receivers are not perfect either. These can themselves induce further small positional errors, mainly as a result of receiver noise or clock inaccuracy.

DGPS can virtually cancel out all of the errors due to SA, to orbital errors and to satellite clock inaccuracy. It also greatly reduces any error caused by the atmospheric delay to radio signals. What DGPS cannot correct for are only the inaccuracies due to the GPS receiver itself and possible “multi-path” errors which (like “ghosting” on a TV) are due to secondary signals being received after reflection off local obstructions. The net result of all this is that while standard GPS can experience errors of between 15 and 100 metres (depending largely on whether SA is active or not) DGPS is already capable of accuracy's down to 1.3 metres horizontally and 2.0 metres vertically.

How Does DGPS Work?

Any two GPS receivers within a few hundred miles of each other will receive satellite signals, which have been affected by virtually the same errors as each other. The signals emanate from the same group of satellites, travel through the same portion of the earth's atmosphere and so will be subjected to the same delays. Thus, all the errors (except those due to multi-pathing and to the receivers themselves) will be common to both. So if one of these receivers is located at a fixed point, which has been extremely and precisely surveyed, it can be used as a reference. Instead of using the signals to calculate its position, since it already knows its position it can calculate the errors in the incoming signals.

Having established the magnitude of the errors all that is then needed is an associated transmitter broadcasting signals to tell any mobile GPS receivers in the area exactly what these errors are. The mobile GPS's are then able to use this data to correct for the errors in their raw calculations and to come up with the positional accuracy's mentioned above. DGPS even removes the deliberate degrading of accuracy associated with the DoD's Selective Availability. It is essential to process the data from the reference receiver very rapidly and to transmit the correction data to the mobile GPS receivers almost instantaneously since, especially if SA is active, these errors are constantly varying. Transmitters and receivers have to be designed to work at high baud (bits per second) rates to transfer the necessary data before it becomes out of date.

Uses Of DGPS

Standard GPS provides very adequate accuracy for most navigational tasks, but the additional precision available through DGPS opens up other possibilities in aviation and in many other spheres of activity. Once the aviation authorities are prepared to approve DGPS-based low-visibility approach and landing systems, these could provide low-cost precision facilities worldwide. The benefits of this could be especially useful at small airports where the expense of an ILS or MLS system could never be justified and in developing countries where few if any navigation aids exist today.
DGPS has also already become an essential tool of the offshore oil industry, enabling drill bits to be placed with more precision than any other system. Marine navigation, survey work and cartography, emergency services, agriculture and forestry and road transport fleet management are just some of the non-military applications already relying more and more upon the accuracy of DGPS.

Data Connection
To operate correctly in differential mode, Skymap IIIC requires a 9600 baud RTCM SVC-104 Version 2.0 format sentence.

To connect the Skymap IIIC to a differential receiver unit, common up the 0v or ground lines (pin 5 of the Skymap IIIC connector) and connect the data output line from the differential receiver to pin 1 of the Skymap IIIC connector.

Once connected to an operating differential receiver, switch your Skymap IIIC on and select Screen 3, GPS Status Screen, by pressing Key 1 from the Main Menu Screen. Once the unit has a fix and differential sentences are being decoded, the word DIFFERENTIAL will be displayed next to the STATE: heading. If the data is not recognised or is not present, the word DIFFERENTIAL will not be displayed.

All the time that DIFFERENTIAL is displayed, the Skymap IIIC is in differential mode and corrections are being applied to the position fix calculations.
APPENDIX 05: Skymap IIIC Serial Data Output Sentences.

Skymap IIIC can output standard aviation RS232 data at 9600 baud or NMEA 0183 format RMC, GGA and RMB sentences at 4800 baud. The data output type is Setup on Screen 35 Data input/output Setup and Test Screen.

NMEA 0183 Data Format.

4800 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. Each sentence is followed by a checksum (*hh), carriage return (CR) and a line feed (LF). All three sentences sent every two seconds.

NMEA – RMC Sentence.

$GPRMC,<1>,<2>,<3>,<4>,<5>,<6>,<7>,<8>,<9>,<10>,<11>*hh<CR><LF>

<1> UTC time of position fix, hhmmss format.
<2> Status, A= Valid position, V=warning
<3> Latitude, ddmm.mmm format.
<4> Latitude hemisphere, N or S.
<5> Longitude, dddmm.mmm format.
<6> Longitude hemisphere, E or W.
<7> Speed over ground (000.0-999.9 knots).
<8> Course over ground (000.0-359.9 true).
<9> Date of fix ddmmyy format.
<10> Magnetic variation 000.0-180.0°.
<11> Variation direction E or W.

Sample sentence.

$GPRMC,132404,A,5111.465,N,00102.845,W,090.0,304.1,020492,004.3,W*7A

NMEA – GGA Sentence.

$GPGGA,<1>,<2>,<3>,<4>,<5>,<6>,<7>,<8>,<9>,M,<10>,M,,*hh<CR><LF>

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<3> Latitude hemisphere, N or S.
<4> Longitude dddmm.mmm format.
<5> Longitude hemisphere, E or W.
<6> Number of sats in use, 00 to 08.
<7> DOP, 01.0 to 99.0.
<8> Antenna height above MSL (metres).
<9> Geoidal offset in metres.

Sample sentence.

$GPGGA,091636,5119.607,N,00122.001,E,1.0,1.8,18.3,M,-47.0,M,,*5D

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NMEA – RMB Sentence.

\$GPRMB,<1>,<2>,<3>,<4>,<5>,<6>,<7>,<8>,<9>,<10>,<11>,<12>,<13>\*hhCRLF

1. Position valid (A = valid, V = invalid).
2. XX.XX Cross track error in nautical miles.
3. X Direction to steer (L = left, R = right).
4. XXXX Four character start waypoint identifier. (first four characters of name).
5. XXXX Four character destination waypoint identifier.
6. DDMM.MM Destination Lat.
7. X Destination hemisphere (N or S).
8. DDDMM.MM Destination Long.
9. X Destination hemisphere (E or W).
10. XXX.X Range to destination in nautical miles.
11. XXX.X Bearing to destination TRUE.
12. XXX.X closing velocity in knots.

Sample sentence.

\$GPRMB,A,00.00,L,1,2,5142.20,N,00217.10,W,048.8,304.0,090.0,V\*18

Notes on the RMB sentence.

Note the direction in field 3 is direction to steer, i.e. off track to the right, steer left.

If not in NAV or DIRECT TO mode, the flag in field 1 will show invalid (V).

If in DIRECT TO mode there will be no start point identifier so field 4 will be blank (spaces). If in DIRECT TO mode where the DIRECT TO point is just a point in space with no name, field 5 will be blank (spaces) also.

The arrival flag in field 13 is set to A when the TP imminent message shows on screen and stay set until the next leg is selected even if the TP passed message comes up on screen.

At the end of the flight plan or DIRECT TO when the unit drops out of NAV mode, the flag in field 1 will change to a V.

The closing velocity in field 12 is the vectored velocity towards the waypoint. There is no provision for showing negative numbers so if answer is negative, all zeros will be sent.
RS-232C AR-NAV Data Format

9600 baud 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. Type 1 sentence only sent every two seconds. Each line of data is followed by a carriage return (CR) and a line feed (LF) character except the STX and ETX lines.

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Header Data Description.

- **STX Hex 02.**
- **z aaaaaCRLF GPS altitude in feet.**
- **A s dd mm hhCRLF Latitude where s = N or S, dd = degrees mm = minutes, hh = hundredths of minutes.**
- **B s d dd d mm hhCRLF Longitude designated as above.**
- **C d dd CRLF Magnetic track in whole degrees.**
- **D s s s CRLF Groundspeed in knots.**
- **E d d d d d CRLF Distance to waypoint in 1/10ths of nm.**
- **G s n n n CRLF Cross track error where s = L or R (of track) and nnnn = error in 100ths of an nm.**
- **I d d d d CRLF Desired magnetic track in 10ths of a degree. i.e. BRG to waypoint if you were on track.**
- **K c c c c CRLF Destination waypoint name. Dashes sent after name if shorter than 5 characters.**
- **L d d d d CRLF Actual magnetic bearing to WPT (in 1/10ths of a degree).**
- **Q s d d d CRLF Variation. s = E or W. ddd = 1/10ths degrees.**
- **S ----eCRLF e = NAV flag. - = NAV valid, N = NAV not valid.**
- **T --------CRLF Indicates end of sentence type 1.**
- **ETX Hex 03.**

Notes on the AR-NAV sentence.

- If the unit is not in NAV mode or does not have a fix, dashes (---) will be sent in fields E, G, I, K, L. Part e of field S will be set to N.

- If the unit does not have a fix, dashes will be sent in the latitude, longitude, track and ground speed fields.

- If the variation value is greater than 99.9°, a fourth character will be sent in the Q field (i.e. sddddCRLF).
APPENDIX 06: Service and Warranty

Due to the Company's policy of continual development and routine database updates, new Memory Cards will become available every 28 days. As a registered owner of a Tracker IIIC or Skymap IIIC, you will be offered a 1/3/6/12 monthly Memory Card subscription. Keeping your database current is your own responsibility and is extremely important from a safety viewpoint.

To validate your warranty you should fill in and return the enclosed Product Registration Card within 10 days of purchase. Failure to register your unit may result in loss of warranty.

Registering your unit is also essential if you wish to receive an unlock code over the telephone in the event of a PIN lockout. If your unit is not registered, your only option will be to return the unit to a Skyforce facility. Registering your unit also provides a means of contacting you with information on any new memory Card upgrade.

If you have a change of address or sell your unit on to someone else, or if your unit is lost or stolen, please inform us so that we may update our records and keep track of (or help to track down) the unit.

Your unit is warranted to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for a period of two years from date of purchase. Warranty will not cover failures due to abuse, misuse, accident or unauthorised alteration or repair. In the unlikely event of repairs being necessary, please return the complete unit, including antenna, in its carrying case, carriage paid to one of the addresses below.

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Olathe
Kansas
USA
Tel: +1 913 712 2613
Fax: +1 913 712 1302

This guarantee does not cover call out or on-site maintenance of the equipment.

If you require further help or advice on installing or operating your unit, please contact in the first instance the dealer from whom you purchased the equipment.