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INTRODUCTION TO AMPS

AMPS FAMILY OF SOLUTIONS BY BIRD AEROSYSTEMS

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Self-Protection for Airborne Platforms means quickly and reliably knowing whether anyone is targeting the platform for a potential attack. This requires keeping a constant lookout for possible threats while being able to conclusively rule out all false alarms while providing the most enhanced protection against the real threats.

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FLARES
CHAFF
BIRD provides AMPS as a turnkey solution that includes all services required for the installation on the aircraft starting from aircraft survey through Airworthiness Certification.

AMPS: YOUR AIRBORNE MISSION SHIELD

AMPS is designed to detect, automatically verify, and foil SAM attacks through the effective use of countermeasure decoys (flares and chaff) and by directional infrared countermeasures (DIRCM) that jam the missile’s infrared (IR) seeker, thereby protecting the customer’s airborne platform.

THESE SYSTEMS ARE INSTALLED ON A WIDE RANGE OF MILITARY AND CIVIL AIRCRAFT, USING A VARIETY OF DETECTION, CONFIRMATION AND JAMMING SENSORS INCLUDING:

**AMPS-M**
Protection against shoulder-launched missiles (MANPADS).

**AMPS-ML**
Protection against MANPADS threats posed by laser beam riders (LBR), laser rangefinders (LRF), and laser target designators (LTD).

**AMPS-MLR**
Protection against MANPADS, LBR threats, radar guided missiles, and radar controlled guns.

**MACS**
Missile Approach Confirmation Sensor (MACS) - Patented sensor providing confirmation of suspected incoming missile threats.

**SPREOS**
Self-Protection Radar Electro-Optic System (SPREOS) DIRCM – unique IR jamming solution that performs confirmation, tracking, and jamming of advanced IR guided missile threats.

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CONTROLLER
RADAR WARNER
MISSILE WARNER
LASER WARNER
MACS CONFIRMATION SENSOR
SPREOS DIRCM
COUNTERMEASURES SENSORS

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**AMPS-Key Benefits and Features:**
- Fully autonomous, end-to-end solution from detection to protection.
- Detection and verification of threats including Sahlis, anti tank guided missiles (ATGMs), rocket propelled grenades (RPGs), hostile fire indicator (HFI) weapons.
- Zero FAR performance ensures only real threats are declared by the system.
- Enhanced protection using unique threat characteristics, e.g., velocity, distance, Radar Cross Section (RCS).
- Combat proven in high threat areas such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Southern Sudan.
- Main protection is in high threat areas.
- Standalone configuration – no integration required to aircraft’s mission or avionics systems.

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TO CONFIRM YOUR THREATS

BIRD’s patented Missile Approach Confirmation Sensor (MACS) uniquely confirms suspected incoming missile threats, ensuring that the AMPS system declares only real threats to the aircraft. Integrated with the passive Electro-Optical sensors, MACS receives a pre-alarm from the passive sensors, slews to the direction of the threat, and then uses its Semi-Active Radar to verify the validity of threats while analyzing the threat’s unique characteristics.

This exclusive confirmation process between the Electro-Optical sensors and a high pulse repetition frequency (HPRF) Doppler radar of the MACS, rapidly provides the most effective filtering for all natural and man-made causes of false alarms while still protecting the aircraft from the short-range threats.

Concurrently, MACS collects relevant data on the real incoming threat (velocity, distance) enabling the AMPS system to provide the most effective countermeasure response against the incoming threat.

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To Confirm Your Threats

MACS KEY BENEFITS AND FEATURES:

- Eliminates False Alarms and ensures that only real threats are declared.
- Optimizes countermeasure logic by collecting specific threat information.
- Provides seamless integration with soft-kill or hard-kill countermeasures.
- Drastically reduces overall system lifetime costs.
- Designed according to MIL, RTCA/DO environmental and EMI standards to meet military and civilian requirements (helicopters and fixed wing).
- Simple installation with minimal penetration into the fuselage.
- Mature and operational on civil and military aircraft worldwide.

Detect – Confirm – Protect

MACS SENSOR

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SPREOS MORE THAN JUST A DIRCM

SPREOS is an advanced DIRCM system that provides enhanced protection against MANPADS for a wide range of airborne platforms ranging from small helicopters to large transport aircraft.

Uniquely multi-functional, SPREOS offers threat confirmation, tracking and jamming for IR-guided missiles within a single line replaceable unit (LRU).

Integrated with any MWS sensors, SPREOS receives a pre-alarm, slew towards the direction of the threat, activates its semi-active radar to confirm and track the threat while analyzing its unique characteristics (velocity, distance, position, and radar cross section) to enable the most effective jamming response.

Following the confirmation and tracking, SPREOS deploys its dual-band countermeasure laser to jam the threat while continually performing kill assessment by monitoring the threat and performing a real-time assessment whether it has been defeated and confirming the effectiveness of the laser and flare protection.

SPREOS KEY BENEFITS AND FEATURES:

- Patented dual-band RF confirmation and tracking ensures zero FAR.
- Enhanced Jamming Logic – Collection of unique threat characteristics (velocity, distance, RCS) enabling an optimized jamming of the threat.
- Kill Assessment - Constant threat tracking to assess whether the missile threat has been successfully neutralized.
- Multiple independent laser generators with the latest quantum cascade laser (QCL) technology to counter the newest generation threats.
- Integrates with all types of missile approach warning systems (MWS).
- The most compact and lightweight DIRCM in the market – weighing less than 15kg.
AEROSHIELD incorporates BIRD’s AMPS system that enables to detect, verify, identify and foil MANPADS attacks. The system provides 360° coverage along with an unprecedented near zero FAR and maximum warning time, enabling optimal jamming techniques.

AEROSHIELD is the only pod solution in the market that supports protection with DIRCM and flares ensuring the highest aircraft survivability.

The pod fully complies with EASA/FAA civil aviation regulation procedures and is currently under contract for several VIP Head of State wide-body aircraft.

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**AEROSHIELD KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS:**

- Provides unique protection by flares and DIRCM
- Lightest and smallest pod solution
- Minimal impact on aircraft performance
- Easily interchangeable between different aircraft
- Enables Civil Aviation Authorities Certification
- Highest reliability and effectiveness

**AEROSHIELD ALL-IN-ONE MISSILE PROTECTION POD**

AEROSHIELD is BIRD’s anti-missile defense pod designed for protecting narrow and wide-body aircraft.

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**AEROSHIELD: FULL PROTECTION FOR NARROW AND WIDE BODY VIP AIRCRAFT**
The AMPS system is offered by BIRD as a turn-key program with services ranging from initial platform survey through Installation Design, DRS, Substantiations, Manufacturing, Installation, Integration, Testing and Certification.

Our dedicated in-house platform engineering group is able to deliver rapid, flexible solutions that will ensure the optimal deployment of the AMPS system on any type of aircraft while meeting the most demanding customer requirements and schedules.

The AMPS installations have been certified by leading OEM such Russian Helicopters (Mil-MMP) and Airbus Helicopters, by leading engineering entities including the US Army Engineering Department (AED) and by major Civil Aviation Authorities worldwide.
AMPS boasts a proven track record in the most dangerous conflict zones worldwide. The system has been in long-term, continuous and successful operation by advanced armed forces operating in high threat areas such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Southern Sudan. AMPS has been selected and installed on Military, VIP and civil platforms used by the U.S. Government, NATO members, the United Nations (UN) Air Operations and other Air Forces around the world.

Certified by leading aircraft manufacturers – including Airbus Helicopters, MIL Design Bureau and others – AMPS has over 650 installations on platforms. Installed platforms include EC135, EC635, EC145, BK117, Cougar, EC225, NH, NH90, S-61, CH47, SA316 and fixed-wing B200, B350ER, B737, F7X, A330, E3C, C130, and others.

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