The Model MD500L IFF Transponder is an L-Band augmentation device ideally suited for use in aerial target drones, unmanned vehicles, and cruise missiles as a radar enhancement device to provide automatic radar identification in response to interrogations from L-Band IFF and Air Traffic Control (ATC) radars. It also supports Mode C (altitude reporting) operation.

It features a modern compact design with less than 90 cubic inches (1475 cubic centimeters) volume and weighs 3.02 pounds (~1.4 kilograms) which is 35% smaller than previous versions. The transponder incorporates the latest in solid state electronics design and features a 400 watts nominal peak power output. It also features IFF/TACAN blanking and suppression, reverse polarity power lead protection, and has a built in duplexer for single antenna operation. Also, the transponder was designed with both front panel and remote reply code selection for greater convenience and ease of use. The L-Band IFF meets the requirements of MIL-STD-810 and is designed to operate over the temperature range of -54° C to -40°C.

Features
- Operates in 1, 2, 3/A, or C Modes
- 400 Watt Peak Power Output (typ.)
- 100% Solid State for High Reliability
- IFF/TACAN Blanking & Suppression
- Interrogation side lobe suppression for use in busy air corridors
- Front panel and remote reply code selection
- Weighs less than 4 pounds
- Built-in duplexer for single antenna operation

Applications
- Radar Identification
- Vehicle Tracking

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DATA SHEET & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Environmental
- Temp, Operating: -40 °C
- Temp, Storage: -80 °F (-62 °C) to 185 °F (+85 °C)
- Altitude: Sea Level to 100,000 feet
- Vibration: Random, 9.3 Grms max from 10 to 2000 Hz
- Acceleration: 20 G in each of 6 direction for 1 min per axis while operating
- Shock: 20 G (11 ms), 3 shocks each axis
- EMI/RFI: MIL-STD-461, tested per MIL-STD-462

Electrical
- Frequency: 1030 / 1090 MHz
- Impedance, Input/Output: 50 ohms nominal
- Protection: Built-in series diode protection against DC input power reversal
  - Input Voltage: 24 to 32 VDC, common GND
  - Quiescent Current: 0.4 Amp nominal
- Input Current: 1.1 Amp typical @ 2500 prf
- Input Power: 40 Watts max, all conditions
- Suppression Modes:
  1. Decoding suppression during transmission
  2. Interrogation Side Lobe Suppression (ISLS)
  3. Over-interrogation reply limiting
  4. Suppression from an external IFF or TACAN system
  5. Provides suppression pulse to an IFF or TACAN system

Physical
- Size: 5.00" W x 2.52" T x 5.13" D (12.7 x 6.40 x 13.03 cm)
- Weight: > 4 pounds
- Antenna Connector: TNC Female
- Pwr/Remote Connector: MS27474E14B35P
- IFF/TACAN Connector: BNC female
- Installation: Flange Mount Base Plate