1.0 Flight Calibration Procedure

The AIMMS-20 Flight Calibration Procedure is described below:

- 1. Power up the AIMMS-20 system.
- 2. Start aircraft, taxi and ascend to an altitude at which you will be insured smooth air with a constant wind field. Depending on the prevailing meteorological conditions this may be well above the temperature inversion and/or cloud top.
- 3. Select a true air speed (TAS) range from a comfortable margin above aircraft stall to a comfortable margin below maximum cruise. Select the minimum and maximum calibration speeds in consultation with the pilot flying the calibration flight to determine what he is comfortable with.
- 4. Start the calibration procedure by setting up on a true north heading at the lowest airspeed selected in step 3 above.
- 5. At this lowest airspeed perform a yaw manoeuvre yawing the aircraft approximately 5 degrees to port followed by 5 degrees to starboard, or vice-versa, at a rate of approximately 5 to 10 seconds into the yaw and 5 to 10 seconds back out for a total of 20 to 40 seconds for the complete manoeuvre.
- 6. Once the yaw manoeuvre is complete, hold the lowest airspeed on a constant true north heading for approximately 10 seconds and then increase the airspeed slowly covering the complete speed range, min to max, selected in step 3 over a period of 60 seconds.
- 7. At the highest TAS repeat the yaw manoeuvre.
- 8. Turn the aircraft around 180 degrees and set up on a true south heading at the highest airspeed.
- 9. Repeat the yaw manoeuvre.
- 10. Decrease the airspeed continuously as described in step 6.
- 11. Once again perform the yaw manoeuvre at the lowest TAS setting.
- 12. Return to base and land.
- 13. E-mail the log file to bwoodcock@aventech.com for post-processing. The new calibration parameters will be e-mailed to you for programming into the AIMMS-20 system.