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GDL 69/69A Part 23 AML STC

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for STC SA01487SE

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Content, Scope and Purpose

This document provides Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) of the GDL 69/69A SiriusXM®
satellite receiver, optional GRT 10/GRC 10 wireless remote, and optional Flight Stream 110 Bluetooth®
transceiver as installed under STC SA01487SE-D.

1.2 Organization

The following outline briefly describes the organization of this manual:

Section 2: System Description

Section 2 provides a description of the equipment installed by STC SA01487SE-D. An overview of the
GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and Flight Stream 110 system interface is also provided.

Section 3: GDL 69/69A Control and Operation

Section 3 provides information on basic control, operation, configuration, and software loading
specifically tailored to maintenance practices. Basic GDL 69/69A and GRT 10/GRC 10 configuration
mode operation and software loading is also described.

Section 4: Instructions for Continued Airworthiness

Section 4 provides instructions for continued airworthiness of the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and
Flight Stream 110 systems.

Section 5: Troubleshooting

Section 5 provides troubleshooting information to aid in diagnosing and resolving potential problems with
the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and Flight Stream 110 equipment.

Section 6: Equipment Removal and Reinstallation

Section 6 provides instructions for the removal and reinstallation of the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10,
and Flight Stream 110 equipment.

Section 7: Return to Service

Section 7 provides instructions for testing the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and Flight Stream 110
equipment along with return to service procedures to be performed upon completion of maintenance of the

Appendix A: Installation Specific Information

Appendix A provides a template to record general installation information and the system configuration
log for a specific installation of the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and Flight Stream 110 equipment.
1.3 Definitions and Abbreviations

Definitions

Except where specifically noted, references made to the GDL 69/69A will be synonymous with all GDL 69 Series unit part numbers.

First generation models are GDL 69 (P/N 011-00986-00) and GDL 69A (P/N 011-00987-00).

Second generation models are GDL 69 SXM (P/N 011-03177-00) and GDL 69A SXM (P/N 011-03177-10).

Throughout this document, references will be made to metallic and nonmetallic aircraft. For the purpose of this manual, metallic aircraft will be those with an aluminum skin. Nonmetallic aircraft will refer to all other aircraft (e.g., wooden aircraft, aircraft with composite skin, or aircraft with tube and fabric construction).

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations/acronyms are used within this document:

AML: Approved Model List
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations
EAR: Export Administration Regulations
FAA: Federal Aviation Administration
HSDB: High Speed Data Bus
IAW: In Accordance With
ICA: Instructions for Continued Airworthiness
LRU: Line Replaceable Unit
ODA: Organization Designation Authorization
PED: Portable Electronic Device
RMA: Return Merchandise Authorization
STC: Supplemental Type Certificate
1.4 Publications

Table 1-1 lists publications related to the operation and maintenance of the GDL 69/69A, optional GRT 10/GRC 10, and optional Flight Stream 110 devices.

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2 SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The GDL 69/69A is a SiriusXM satellite radio data link receiver (see figure 2-1) performing the following system functions:

- Reception of graphical and textual weather data
- Reception of audio entertainment data (GDL 69A only)
- Output of weather data to interfaced control display device or Portable Electronic Device (PED) via Flight Stream.
- Output of audio entertainment data (GDL 69A only)

The optional GRT 10/GRC 10 is a wireless remote system for passengers to control the audio functions of the Garmin GDL 69A data link receiver. The system consists of two components: (1) the GRT 10 wireless transceiver installed in the aircraft and connected to the GDL 69A serial port, and (2) the GRC 10 wireless remote with an LCD display.

The optional Flight Stream 110 Bluetooth transceiver is used to interface the GDL 69/69A to a compatible PED. SiriusXM weather data can be displayed and audio functions (GDL 69A only) can be controlled on the PED.

![Figure 2-1 GDL 69/69A](image-url)
2.1 System Interfaces

2.1.1 GDL 69/69A Data Link

The GDL 69/69A utilizes High Speed Data Bus (HSDB), RS-232, discrete inputs/outputs, and analog audio inputs/outputs to communicate with other Line Replaceable Units (LRU) and systems on the aircraft. See figure 2-2 for a summary of the GDL 69/69A interfaces.

![Figure 2-2 GDL 69 System Interface Diagram](diagram)

2.1.2 GRT 10

The GRT 10 utilizes RS-232 and discrete inputs to communicate with the GDL 69A.

2.1.3 Flight Stream 110

The Flight Stream 110 communicates with PEDs using Bluetooth technology. RS-232 is used to communicate with the GDL 69/69A and RS-422 is used to communicate with other LRUs.
2.2 Ground Plane

For the purpose of this STC, aircraft ground plane definitions vary according to airframe type and aircraft model as defined in table 2-1. Refer to the periodic test and reconditioned resistance values corresponding to these ground plane definitions when performing the equipment bonding test in section 4.3. Ensure that all GDL 69 Series antenna coaxial cables are disconnected during resistance checks.

Table 2-1  Ground Plane Definitions and Ground Path Resistance Requirements

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[1] Diamond DA 40 and DA 40F with Diamond OSB 40-004/3 incorporated, or aircraft with similar factory-installed lightning protection supporting IFR operation.

[2] Some S/N are IFR from the factory. IFR models must use values of 10.0 and 5.0 for bonding tests, and LRU must be grounded to available lightning ground per manufacturer SRM or other approved data.
3 GDL 69/69A CONTROL AND OPERATION

3.1 GDL 69/69A Controls

The GDL 69/69A does not have a direct pilot interface. The GDL 69/69A is controlled via a separately installed control display device, or through a PED, if the Flight Stream 110 is installed. The GDL 69A audio features can be controlled by optional mounted switches (located in the cabin), the optional GRC 10 wireless remote controller if a GRT 10 wireless transceiver is installed, or a PED if a Flight Stream 110 is installed. Refer to the applicable control display pilot’s guide. For GRT 10/GRC 10 installations, refer to GRC 10 User’s Guide for additional information. For Flight Stream 110 installations, refer to Garmin Pilot User’s Guide for iOS or Garmin Pilot User’s Guide for Android, depending on your PED operating system.

3.2 GDL 69/69A Configuration

Configuration and software loading of the GDL 69/69A is performed through the control display device. Refer to the applicable control display device installation manual for configuration procedures and software loading steps.
4 INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED AIRWORTHINESS

This manual is designed for use by the installing agency of the Garmin GDL 69/69A system as Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA), in accordance with 14 CFR 23.1529, and part 23, appendix G. This ICA includes information required by the operator to adequately maintain the GDL 69/69A system installed under the AML STC.

4.1 Airworthiness Limitations

There are no additional Airworthiness Limitations as defined in 14 CFR §23, appendix G, G23.4 that result from modifications made to an aircraft under STC SA01487SE-D.

The Airworthiness Limitations section is FAA approved and specifies maintenance required under §43.16 and §91.403 of the Federal Aviation Regulations unless an alternative program has been FAA approved.

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4.2 Servicing Information

The GDL 69/69A does not require servicing. In the event of a system failure, troubleshoot the GDL 69/69A in accordance with section 5.

GRC 10 Remote Control Battery Replacement

If the unit does not turn on, or the battery level indicator on the display shows no bars, replace the batteries. See Section 6.4 for details.

**NOTE**

*Failure of the GRC 10 (i.e. dead batteries) has no impact on normal aircraft operations and is only used for passengers to control audio entertainment.*

4.2.1 Periodic Maintenance

All antennas connected to the GDL 69/69A should be maintained in accordance with appropriate inspection data for the antenna installation.

4.2.2 Special Tools

A milliohm meter with an accuracy of +/- 0.1 mΩ (or better) is required to measure the electrical bonding between the GDL 69/69A system components and aircraft ground.
### 4.3 Maintenance Intervals

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- GDL 69/69A unit  
- GRT 10 unit  
- Flight Stream 110 | On Condition |
| **Battery Replacement** | Removal and replacement of GRC 10 batteries. See section 6.4 for instructions. | On Condition |
| **Visual Inspection** | The GDL 69/69A, GRT 10 (if installed), Flight Stream 110 (if installed), switches, and wiring harnesses should be inspected to ensure continued integrity of the installation.  
**Visual inspection of the GDL 69/69A.**  
1. Inspect the GDL 69/69A for security of attachment, including visual inspection of mounting rack and other supporting structure attaching the rack to aircraft.  
2. Verify the countersunk fastener heads are in full contact with unit mounting rack holes. If fasteners are loose, re-torque to 12 to 15 in-lbs and complete the electrical bonding test.  
3. Inspect for signs of corrosion. If corrosion is found, treat in accordance with aircraft maintenance manual.  
4. Inspect condition of wiring, switches, shield terminations, routing, and attachment/clamping. Correct any issues identified by replacing damaged wiring/shield terminations and re-attaching as necessary. Replace any damaged switches.  
**Visual inspection of the GRT 10 (if installed).**  
1. Inspect the GRT 10 for security of attachment.  
2. Verify fastener heads are secure. Tighten to snug plus one-quarter turn if necessary.  
3. Inspect condition of wiring, shield terminations, routing, and attachment/clamping. Correct any issues identified by replacing damaged wiring/shield terminations and re-attaching as necessary.  
**Visual inspection of the Flight Stream 110 (if installed).**  
1. Inspect the Flight Stream 110 for security of attachment.  
2. Verify fastener heads are secure. Tighten to snug plus one-quarter turn if necessary.  
3. Inspect condition of wiring, shield terminations, routing, and attachment/clamping. Correct any issues identified by replacing damaged wiring/shield terminations and re-attaching as necessary. | 12 Calendar Months |
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<td>Audio Suppression Verification</td>
<td>Verify each audio suppression input for proper operation. Verify the GDL 69A audio to the crew headphones is muted when each connected warning alarm system is activated. When possible, activate all warning alarms at the system source. For example, the stall warning may be activated by raising the stall vane on the leading edge of the wing. The gear warning horn may be simulated by providing power or ground, as appropriate, directly to the horn; provided the horn has been tested for proper operation when a gear retraction test was performed.</td>
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<td>Electrical Bonding Check</td>
<td><strong>Electrical bonding check of GDL 69/69A</strong>&lt;br&gt;1. Remove the GDL 69/69A from the mounting rack.&lt;br&gt;2. Remove the backplate assembly from the rack to disconnect the cable harnesses.&lt;br&gt;3. Measure the resistance between the mounting rack and ground location as defined by table 2-1, verifying that the resistance is less than or equal to the periodic test value defined by table 2-1. If the bonding check fails, perform the following procedures:&lt;br&gt;   a) Remove the rack and verify that the countersunk areas around the holes are free of corrosion or any other debris.&lt;br&gt;   b) Clean all metal contact points with a bonding brush.&lt;br&gt;   c) Reattach the rack and verify the resistance between the mounting rack and nearby exposed aircraft metallic structure, ensuring that the resistance is less than or equal to the reconditioned test value defined by table 2-1.&lt;br&gt;4. Reinstall the backplate assembly then reinstall the GDL 69/69A in the mounting rack.</td>
<td>Every 10 years or 2000 flight hours, whichever comes first.</td>
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### Electrical Bonding Check of Flight Stream 110 (metallic or tube/fabric aircraft)

1. Disconnect the shield terminations from the Flight Stream 110 connector backshell.
2. Measure the resistance between the connector and ground location defined by Table 2-1, and check that it is less than or equal to 20 milliohms. If the bonding check fails, perform the following procedures:
   a) Remove the Flight Stream 110 connector bonding strap from the aircraft ground plane and clean the attachment point with a bonding brush.
   b) Re-attach the bonding strap to the aircraft ground plane, torque to 12 to 15 in-lbs. Verify the resistance between the Flight Stream 110 connector and aircraft structure, ensuring that the resistance is less than or equal to 10 milliohms.
   c) If cleaning the aircraft ground plane side of the strap is not enough, remove, clean, and re-attach on the Flight Stream 110 side. Verify the resistance between the Flight Stream 110 connector and aircraft structure, ensuring that the resistance is less than or equal to 10 milliohms.

3. Reattach the shield terminations to the Flight Stream 110 connector backshell.

### Electrical Bonding Check of Flight Stream 110 (composite aircraft)

1. Disconnect the shield terminations from the Flight Stream 110 connector backshell.
2. Measure the resistance between the connector and ground location defined by Table 2-1, and check that it is less than or equal to 20 milliohms. If the bonding check fails, perform the following procedures:
   a) Remove the Flight Stream 110 connector bonding strap from the aircraft ground plane and clean the attachment point with a bonding brush.
   b) Re-attach the bonding strap to the aircraft ground plane, torque to 12 to 15 in-lbs. Verify the resistance between the Flight Stream 110 connector and aircraft structure, ensuring that the resistance is less than or equal to 10 milliohms.
   c) If cleaning the aircraft ground plane side of the strap is not enough, remove, clean, and re-attach on the Flight Stream 110 side. Verify the resistance between the Flight Stream 110 connector and aircraft structure, ensuring that the resistance is less than or equal to 10 milliohms.

3. Reattach the shield terminations to the Flight Stream 110 connector backshell.

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<td><strong>Electrical Bonding check of Flight Stream 110 (metallic or tube/fabric aircraft).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Electrical Bonding check of Flight Stream 110 (composite aircraft).</strong></td>
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5 TROUBLESHOOTING

5.1 GDL 69/69A General Troubleshooting

Information is provided in this section to assist with troubleshooting if problems occur after maintenance. Refer to the GDL 69/69A configuration log retained in the aircraft permanent records for a list of the interfaced equipment and system configuration data. When troubleshooting the GDL 69/9A, GRT 10/GRC 10, or Flight Stream 110, refer to the wire routing drawings and interconnect wiring diagrams that are retained in the aircraft permanent records.

After completing each corrective action, perform the appropriate return to service procedure in accordance with section 7. If any system fault persists after performing the associated troubleshooting actions, return the GDL 69/69A to Garmin for Service. See section 6 for details.

Table 5-1 GDL 69/69A Troubleshooting Guide

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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>Corrective Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>No Communication with GDL 69/69A.</td>
<td>• Improper wiring.</td>
<td>• Ensure the GDL 69/69A wiring is correct and the circuit breaker is closed.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Circuit breaker open.</td>
<td>• Ensure the Remote Power On discrete (P691, pin 77), is not pulled above 3 volts.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Improper configuration.</td>
<td>Ensure the control display device communication port is configured correctly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No or low quality SiriusXM signal.</td>
<td>The GDL 69/69A is not receiving SiriusXM signal.</td>
<td>• Ensure that the XM antenna has an unobstructed view of satellite constellation.</td>
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<td>• Ensure the GDL 69/69A configuration settings are properly set (e.g., antenna cable loss).</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Check the antenna cable and connectors.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• Ensure antenna ground plane is adequate.</td>
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<td>Incorrect or no SiriusXM subscribed services displayed.</td>
<td>Inactive/incorrect subscription.</td>
<td>• Check subscription with SiriusXM Satellite Radio.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Refresh inactive subscription. Refer to GDL 69/69A SiriusXM Satellite Radio Activation Instructions.</td>
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<td>Problem</td>
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<td>Corrective Action</td>
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| No audio output (GDL 69A only) | • Installed unit is GDL 69.  
• No audio output from GDL 69A.  
• Improper wiring. | • Verify installed unit is GDL 69A, not GDL 69 (with no audio feature).  
• Check wiring of audio suppression input. Check that wiring is going to correct active high or active low input sense.  
• Check the wiring from GDL 69A to audio panel.  
• Verify that mute is not on.  
• Increase volume by pressing Volume Up.  
• If there is audio output only on channel 1, verify that audio SiriusXM service has been activated. Refer to *GDL 69 Series SiriusXM Satellite Radio Activation Instructions*, for more details. |
| SiriusXM audio entertainment does not mute when audio suppression interfaced inputs (stall, gear) are activated (GDL 69A only). | Improper wiring. | • Check wiring of audio suppression inputs.  
• Check alarm activation state of warning.  
• Verify that audio is not connected to Line Output. |
| No response to control commands on GRC 10 Remote Control (GDL 69A only). | GRC 10 is not communicating with GRT 10. | • Check the batteries in GRC 10 Remote Control.  
• Check wiring between GDL 69A and GRT 10.  
• Verify GRT 10 is not mounted behind RF blocking material (i.e., bulkhead). |
## 5.2 GRT 10/GRC 10 General Troubleshooting

### Table 5-2 GRT 10/GRC 10 Troubleshooting

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| GRC 10 will not power on.      | GRC 10 needs fresh batteries.                       | • Check that batteries are installed.  
• Install fresh batteries. See section 6.4 for details. |
| GRT 10 not found.              | • GRT 10 has lost power.  
• GRT 10 is mounted incorrectly.  
• GRC 10/GRT 10 are not paired. | • Check GRT 10 is receiving power.  
• Verify GRT 10 is not mounted behind RF blocking material (i.e. bulkhead).  
• Verify that the RF pairing ID entered into GRC 10 is correct.  
• Change mounting orientation of GRT 10. For optimal performance, the end of the GRT 10 opposite the 9-pin D-sub should face the cabin. |
| GRT 10 connection lost.        | • GRT 10 has lost power.  
• GRT 10 is mounted incorrectly. | • Check that GRC 10 is in RF range of the GRT 10.  
• Check GRT 10 power and wiring.  
• Verify GRT 10 is not mounted behind RF blocking material (i.e. bulkhead).  
• Change mounting orientation of GRT 10. For optimal performance, the end of the GRT 10 opposite the 9-pin D-sub should face the cabin. |
| GDL 69A not found.             | • GDL 69A has lost power.  
• Improper Wiring.  
• Improper configuration.       | • Check that GDL 69A is powered on.  
• Check wiring between GDL 69A and GRT 10.  
• If GDL 69A is using a software version older than 3.10, verify that GRT 10 is not connected to RS-232 port 1. |
| GDL 69A connection is lost.    | • GDL 69A has lost power.  
• Damaged wiring.               | • Check that GDL 69A is powered on.  
• Check wiring between GDL 69A and GRT 10. |
### 5.3 Flight Stream 110 General Troubleshooting

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<th>Corrective Action</th>
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<td>Unable to pair PED to Flight Stream</td>
<td>Flight Stream paired device storage is full.</td>
<td>Refer to the list of paired devices and verify that the queue is not full. If thirteen devices have been previously paired with the Flight Stream, remove one device from the list to pair the new device with the Flight Stream.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ensure that the Flight Stream has the latest certified software version.</td>
<td>Check software version and update if there is a newer approved version.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| PED is not receiving any data from Flight Stream | Devices need to be re-synced with each other. | 1. Remove the list of Bluetooth devices on the PED.  
2. Re-pair the devices. |
| PED is not receiving data from the GDL 69 (e.g., datalink weather) | Flight Stream has lost communication with the GDL 69. | 1. Check that PED is paired to Flight Stream. See steps above for details.  
2. Check that the Flight Stream 110 connector is fully seated.  
4. Check power and ground wires and connections to the Flight Stream 110. |
| PED will not control GDL 69 SiriusXM audio | | |
6 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

This section describes how to remove and replace equipment associated with this STC. The mounting location of the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10, and Flight Stream 110 may vary between aircraft listed on the STC Approved Model List.

**CAUTION**

When removing and/or replacing a GDL 69/69A, GRT 10, Flight Stream 110, or any other item under the scope of the STC installation, always ensure that the aircraft power is off. Unplug any auxiliary power supply.

6.1 Unit Return

A Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number must be obtained from Garmin before a Garmin unit is returned. Units returned without an RMA will be refused and returned at the sender’s expense. See page A for contact information to request an RMA. Send units with assigned RMA numbers to the following address:

Garmin International, Inc.
Factory Repair
1200 E. 151st St.
RMA Number:__________
Dock Door #20
Olathe, KS 66062
6.2 GDL 69/69A Removal and Reinstallation

**Removal**

1. Remove power from the GDL 69/69A.
2. Locate the locking lever handle securing screw (4) at the bottom of the unit face.
3. Using a Phillips screwdriver, turn the fastener counterclockwise until the handle is loose and can be freely lifted.
4. Lift the locking lever handle (1) and slide the GDL 69/69A unit out of the rack.

**Reinstallation**

1. Verify power has not been applied.
2. With the locking lever handle raised, slide the GDL 69/69A straight into the rack until it stops about 1" short of the fully seated position.
3. After fully inserting the unit into the mount rack, visually note that the cam head (2) remains seated in the slot of the locking plate (3).
4. With the unit firmly engaged with the mount rack, lower the locking lever handle (1). Then insert and tighten the locking lever handle securing screw (4) to mechanically secure the unit to the remote mount rack.

**NOTE**

When inserting the GDL 69/69A into the remote mount rack, it may be possible for the pivot pin to fit between the unit and the mount rack without going into the slot of the locking plate (3). If the cam head (2) does not seat in the slot of the locking plate (3), the unit will not firmly engage with the mount rack and the unit could come loose from the rack.

**CAUTION**

Start the handle screw in the hole carefully to avoid cross-threading. The application of torque exceeding 14 in-lbs to this screw will damage the LRU case and/or retaining hardware.

**CAUTION**

Do not use excessive force when inserting the GDL 69/69A into the rack. This may cause damage to occur to the connectors, unit, and/or unit rack. If heavy resistance is felt during installation, STOP! Remove the GDL 69/69A and identify the source of resistance. The unit is designed with a key and the back plate is designed to float in the unit rack. Check to ensure the rear plate is not bound by the connector harness.

5. Once the GDL 69/69A is reinstated, verify the GDL 69/69A unit operation by viewing SiriusXM Satellite information, checking the SiriusXM Information page, or checking the SiriusXM Status page on the control display device. If the GDL 69/69A unit is removed for repair and reinstalled, or if the GDL 69/69A unit is removed and replaced with a different GDL 69/69A unit, the GDL 69/69A XM radio service may require re-activation. Refer to GDL 69 Series SiriusXM™ Satellite Radio Activation Instructions for additional information.
Figure 6-1  GDL 69/69A Mounting Rack Assembly
6.3 GRT 10 Removal and Reinstallation

Removal

1. Remove power from the GRT 10.
2. Push the slide lock lever and remove the connector from the GRT 10 unit.
3. Locate the four #6 mounting screws for the unit and unscrew them, removing the GRT 10 unit.

Reinstallation

1. Ensure that the GRT 10 unit is not receiving power.
2. Reinstall the GRT 10 unit using the four previously removed #6 mounting screws. Tighten fasteners until snug and turn an additional one-quarter turn.
3. Attach the connector, pushing until the slidelock clicks into place. Check that slidelock is fully engaged.
4. Apply power to the GRT 10.
5. If the GRT 10 or GRC 10 is replaced, the GRC 10 remote controller must be configured to recognize the GRT 10 transceiver. See section 7.1.3 for instructions.

**CAUTION**

*Care should be taken when applying torque to the mounting screws of the GRT 10. Excessive torque may damage the mounting flange.*

![Diagram of GRT 10](image)
6.4 GRC 10 Remote Control Battery Replacement

To replace the batteries in the GRC 10 Remote Control, remove the back cover of the remote. Insert fresh batteries with the orientation as shown in the diagram in the battery compartment. Both batteries should be replaced with fresh batteries at the same time.

![Figure 6-3 GRC 10 Remote Control Battery Department](image)

**WARNING**

Do not use lithium batteries in the GRC 10.

**CAUTION**

When replacing batteries, use only new or fully charged batteries. Do not mix new and old batteries as this can cause battery leakage and damage to the unit. Do not mix battery types (i.e. rechargeable with non-rechargeable).

**CAUTION**

Remove batteries if the GRC 10 will not be in use for extended periods. Storing batteries in the unit for prolonged periods may result in leakage and damage to the battery compartment.

**NOTE**

The GRC 10 remote control contains two AA batteries. If the battery is not replaced and becomes totally discharged, the GDL 69/69A system will remain fully operational. There is no impact on normal aircraft operations from a fully discharged battery.
6.5 Flight Stream 110

See figure 6-4 when performing the following steps:

Removal

1. Remove power from the Flight Stream 110.
2. Unscrew the two jackscrews on the Flight Stream connector. Remove connector.
3. Locate the four #6 mounting screws for the unit and unscrew them, removing the Flight Stream device.

Reinstallation

1. Ensure that power is removed from the Flight Stream 110.
2. Reinstall the Flight Stream 110 using the four previously removed #6 mounting screws. Tighten fasteners until snug and turn an additional one-quarter turn.

CAUTION

Care should be taken when applying torque to the mounting screws of the Flight Stream 110. Excessive torque may damage the mounting flange.

3. Attach the connector, tightening the two jackscrews.
4. Apply power to the Flight Stream 110.

Figure 6-4 Flight Stream Assembly Overview
6.6 Configuration Module

The P691 connector assembly serves as the housing for the configuration module.

Removal

1. Disconnect the configuration module wiring harness pins (4) from the P691 connector.
2. Remove two screws (8) from cover (7) and remove cover. See figure 6-5.
3. Unplug the configuration module wiring harness connector (2) from the configuration module (1).
4. Remove the configuration module from the backshell (6).
5. If necessary, remove the wiring harness pins (4) from the P691 connector.

Reinstallation (Original Unit)

1. Ensure there are no damaged wires (4) or pins (3) on the configuration module wiring harness.
2. Place the configuration module (1) in position.
3. Insert the configuration module wiring harness connector (2) into the configuration module (1).
4. Insert the wiring harness pins (4) into the P691 connector.
5. Place the cover (7) back on the connector and reinstall screws (8). See figure 6-5.
6. Perform the return to service procedures in accordance with section 7.

Installation (New Configuration Module)

1. Ensure there are no damaged wires (4) or pins (3) on the configuration module wiring harness.
2. Place the configuration module (1) in position.
3. Insert the configuration module wiring harness connector (2) into the configuration module (1).
4. Insert the wiring harness pins (4) into the P691 connector.
5. Place the cover (7) back on the connector and reinstall screws (8). See figure 6-5.
6. Perform the configuration and return to service procedures in accordance with section 7.
NOTE

Ensure that the repaired or replaced unit is configured per the original configuration log that is maintained with the aircraft records.

Figure 6-5  Backshell Assembly
6.7 Flight Stream 110 Bonding Strap

The following removal and replacement steps are provided as guidance for replacing the Flight Stream bonding strap. The bonding strap assembly drawing is shown in figure 6-6.

**NOTE**

*Aircraft structure side of bonding strap may be mounted using a nut in lieu of a nut plate. If a nut was used in lieu of a nut plate, further disassembly of the aircraft may be required to gain access to the nut.*

**Removal**

1. Disconnect one end of the bonding strap from the aircraft ground location.
2. Disconnect the other end of the bonding strap from the shield block on the Flight Stream connector backshell.
3. Remove the bonding strap.

**Replacement**

**NOTE**

*The Flight Stream bonding strap should be as short as practical and must not exceed 20". When installed, the bonding strap must not loop back on itself.*

1. Construct a bonding strap no longer than 20" by attaching 10 AWG terminal lugs to both ends of 1/4" braid (QQB575R36T0250) or wider.
2. If needed, clean the attachment locations with a bonding brush.
3. Secure each end of the bonding strap to the previously installed locations. Ensure that the strap does not loop back on itself and that the hardware is as shown in figure 6-6. The washers must seat fully against the aircraft metallic structure, without overhang or interference from other hardware.

Using a milliohm meter, verify that the resistance between the connected structure is less than 10 mΩ.
In the event of a bonding test failure, remove the bonding strap from the aircraft ground point and clean the attachment point with a bonding brush. Re-install the bonding strap and perform the electrical bonding test in accordance with section 4.3 again.

![Flight Stream Bonding](image)

**Figure 6-6 Flight Stream Bonding**

**Table 6-1 Flight Stream Bonding Hardware**

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<td>1</td>
<td>Screw</td>
<td>AN515, AN515B, or AN515C</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Lock washer</td>
<td>MS3538-137</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Flat washer</td>
<td>NAS1149CN832R or AN960C-8</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Terminal Lugs (7 AWG or 10 AWG depending on size of braid)</td>
<td>MS25036</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Screw</td>
<td>MS51957-42</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Braid</td>
<td>QQB575R36T0250 (or wider braid)</td>
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7 RETURN TO SERVICE

This section provides return-to-service procedures to be followed after removal and reinstallation or replacement of equipment covered by this STC. After conducting all of the procedures in this section, the aircraft may be returned to service.

7.1 Return-to-Service Procedures

7.1.1 GDL 69/69A

Original GDL 69/69A Reinstalled

If the removed GDL 69/69A is installed in its original position, no software loading or configuration setting changes are required. This does not include units that were returned for repair as their software and configuration files are deleted during the repair testing progress.

New, Repaired, or Exchanged GDL 69/69A Installed

If a new, repaired, or exchanged GDL 69/69A is installed, the correct software must be loaded to the unit. Some configuration files must be set. See the summary in Table 7-1. The GDL 69/69A SiriusXM radio service must be activated. Refer to GDL 69 Series SiriusXM Satellite Radio Activation Instructions for details.

7.1.2 Configuration Module

Original Configuration Module Reinstalled

No return-to-service procedures are required.

New Configuration Module Installed

Reconfigure the system using the configuration settings in the configuration log kept with the aircraft permanent records. Configuration is done through the interfaced control display device. Refer to the appropriate display installation manual.
7.1.3 GRT 10/GRC 10

Original GRT 10/GRC 10 Reinstalled

No return-to-service procedures are required.

New, Repaired, or Exchanged GRT 10/GRC 10 Installed

Configure RF Pairing ID of the GRC 10:

**NOTE**

*GRT 10 serial number is required for installation. Serial number is located on the bottom of the unit.*

1. Insert two AA batteries in GRC 10.
2. On the GRC 10 press any key to power the remote.
3. When the “GRT 10 not found” message is displayed on the GRC 10, press the following buttons in order:

   **UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, MINUS (-), PLUS (+), PSET**

4. Use the arrow buttons on the GRC 10 to enter the serial number of the GRT 10 transceiver, which is installed in the aircraft. Verify the correct GRT 10 transceiver serial number has been entered.
5. Press the XM button to store the GRT 10 serial number.

Verify volume and channel control through GRC 10.
7.1.4 Flight Stream 110

**Original Flight Stream 110 Reinstalled**

No return-to-service procedures are required.

**New, Repaired, or Exchanged Flight Stream 110 Installed**

Configure Bluetooth pairing of the Flight Stream 110 device:

When the Flight Stream device is powered on, the Flight Stream 110 will immediately go into pairing mode.

1. Enable Bluetooth on the PED to be connected to the Flight Stream.
2. Select the Flight Stream 110 from the list of available Bluetooth devices on the PED. The default Flight Stream Bluetooth name is “Flight Stream” followed by the three-digit model number (110) and then the last four digits of the MAC address (e.g., Flight Stream 110 4000).

NOTE

*If having issues making a Bluetooth connection, cycle power on the Flight Stream device. Retry making a Bluetooth connection.*

NOTE

*A compatible PED with the Garmin Pilot application is required to perform the following checks.*

3. Verify Flight Stream is paired with Bluetooth device. Verify volume and channel control.
4. Verify the XM WX data is being received and displayed on the PED (aircraft must have a clear view of the sky).
5. If the Volume Lock Discrete input is grounded, ensure the SiriusXM satellite radio volume controls on the PED are not available or do not work.

7.1.5 System Wiring

If any work has been done on the aircraft that could affect the system wiring, antenna cable, or any interconnected equipment, verify the GDL 69/69A unit operation by viewing SiriusXM satellite information on the control display device, or by checking the SiriusXM information or SiriusXM status page on the control display device. Verify the GRT 10 and GRC 10 unit operation by viewing SiriusXM radio channel information on the GRC 10 display or by viewing the SiriusXM radio channel information by using the Flight Stream 110 and a PED.

If any new aircraft navigation or communication system is installed or a change is made to the existing configuration in the aircraft after the GRC 10/GRT 10 or Flight Stream 110 has been installed, conduct the GRC 10/GRT 10 or Flight Stream 110 configuration and checkout procedure as described in Table 7-1.
7.2 Test Procedures

To validate the operation of the GDL 69/69A, monitor the control display device weather depiction page and look for display of weather data. Depiction of weather data should begin within 10 minutes. Refer to the applicable display device pilot’s guide.

To validate the operation of the optional GRT 10/GRC 10 remote system, use the GRC 10 to change SiriusXM radio channel or volume and monitor the GRC 10 display or audio from the audio panel. Refer to GRC 10 User’s Guide for additional information.

To validate the operation of the optional Flight Stream 110, monitor the PED display weather depiction page and look for display of weather data. Depiction of weather data should begin within 10 minutes. Use the PED to change SiriusXM channel or volume and monitor the PED display or audio from the audio panel. Refer to Garmin Pilot User’s Guide for additional information.

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2. Complete GDL 69/69A Configuration Log. See Appendix A.1 for details. |
2. Complete GRT 10/GRC 10 Configuration Log. See Appendix A.2 for details.  
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APPENDIX A  AIRCRAFT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

A copy of this appendix must be used to record information for a specific installation of the GDL 69/69A, GRT 10/GRC 10, and Flight Stream 110. A copy of this information must be maintained with the aircraft permanent records. This appendix includes the following information:

- GDL 69/69A system configuration log
- GRT 10/GRC 10 configuration log
- Flight Stream 110 configuration log

An electronic fillable form is available [here](#). Refer to the attachments panel of this manual. This form may also be downloaded from the Garmin [Dealer Resource Center](#) website. Acrobat Reader 8.0 or later is necessary to view and fill out the form. You can download Acrobat Reader by visiting [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).
### A.1 GDL 69/69A Configuration Log

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**INSTALLATION INFORMATION:**

- **Aircraft Model:** ____________________________  
- **Aircraft S/N:** ____________________________  

- **GDL 69/69A Unit P/N:** ______________________  
- **Mod Level:** ________________________  

- **Antenna P/N:** ________________________  
- **Antenna Model:** ________________________  

**CONFIGURATION ITEMS:**

| GDL 69/69A Installations | GDL 69A Installations Only  
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- **Gain/Loss (GLcomp) Value**  
  - Calculated Value ________  

**COMMENTS:**

- **Aircraft Registration Number:** ____________________________
## A.2 GRT 10/GRC 10 Configuration Log

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### CONFIGURATION ITEMS:

#### GRT 10 Discretes

Volume Lock:
- No
- Yes (Pin 9 grounded)

### COMMENTS:
# A.3 Flight Stream 110 Configuration Log

| Flight Stream Configuration Log | Date: ___/___/___  
|---------------------------------|-------------------
| By: ________________            |                   |

**INSTALLATION INFORMATION:**

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**CONFIGURATION ITEMS:**

**Flight Stream Discretes**

Volume Lock:
- [ ] No
- [x] Yes (Pin 1 grounded)

**COMMENTS:**


A.4 Wire Routing

Single Engine

The following diagram depicts approximate location of all LRUs and antenna(s) along with the wire routing for the GDL 69/69A, optional GRT 10, and optional Flight Stream 110 throughout the aircraft structure for a single-engine aircraft.

Figure A-1. Wire Routing - Single Engine
Twin Engine

The following diagram depicts approximate location of all LRUs and antenna(s) along with the wire routing for the GDL 69/69A, optional GRT 10, and optional Flight Stream 110 throughout the aircraft structure for a twin-engine aircraft.

Figure A-2. Wire Routing - Twin Engine
A.5 Aircraft Wiring Diagrams

Attach the aircraft wiring diagrams showing the equipment installed by this STC or a markup of the interconnect diagrams from the STC installation manual detailing which equipment was installed and how it was installed.

**NOTE**

*Electrical loads for equipment installed by this STC are listed in the GDL 69/69A STC Installation Manual.*
APPENDIX B  SPECIAL BONDING PROCEDURES

Refer to SAE ARP1870 section 5 when surface preparation is required to achieve electrical bond.

B.1 Considerations for Untreated or Bare Dissimilar Metals

The correct material finish is important when mating untreated or bare dissimilar metals. Materials should be galvanically-compatible. When corrosion protection is removed to make an electrical bond, any exposed area after the bond is complete should be protected again. Additional guidance can be found in AC 43.13-1B and SAE ARP1870. Typical electrical bonding preparation examples are shown in figure B-1, figure B-2, and figure B-3.

![Figure B-1 Electrical Bonding Preparation - Nut Plate](image1)

![Figure B-2 Electrical Bonding Preparation - Bolt/Nut Joint](image2)

![Figure B-3 Electrical Bonding Preparation - Terminal Lug](image3)
B.2 Preparation of Aluminum Surfaces

The following general procedure is recommended to prepare an aluminum surface for proper electrical bonding.

1. Clean grounding location with solvent.
2. Remove non-conductive films or coatings from the grounding location.
3. Apply a chemical conversion coat such as Alodine 1200 to the bare metal.
4. Once the chemical conversion coat is dry, clean the area.
5. Install bonding equipment at grounding location.
6. After the bond is complete, if any films or coatings were removed from the surface, reapply a suitable film or coating to the surrounding area.

For a more detailed procedure, refer to SAE ARP1870 sections 5.1 and 5.5.

B.3 Composite Aircraft

Use the following guidance when repairing or replacing special bonding components. Use aluminum tape (3M P/N 438 or other adhesive-backed dead soft aluminum foil with minimum metal thickness of 7.2 mils) when replacing existing aluminum foil that has been damaged. A tape maximum length-to-width ratio of 7:1 must be maintained (i.e., up to seven inches in length for every one inch in width.) A minimum tape width of 6 inches is required for bonding strips under this STC. Maintain the existing aluminum tape routing, while maintaining the same width as the tape being replaced. Additional guidance can be found in AC 43.13-1B and SAE ARP1870, sections 5.1 and 5.5.

Additional considerations:

- Ensure isolation from the carbon composite material is maintained to prevent corrosion due to dissimilar materials.
- The GDL 69/69A ground must be routed to the aircraft ground reference specified in table 2-1.
- The aluminum tape must not have any tears in the joint or along the length of the tape, as tears will degrade the bonding performance.
  - The tape must be folded over twice to itself.
  - The folded area is covered with a thin aluminum plate to avoid damage from fasteners and to provide good contact with all tape strips.
  - Mating metal-to-metal contact surfaces must be carefully cleaned to ensure good contact.
  - The plate and tape are secured to the mating metal part with multiple fasteners.
When replacing damaged aluminum foil, the following procedure is recommended for bonding on composite structures.

1. If the aluminum tape must be isolated from carbon composite material, secure a thin layer of fiberglass cloth to the carbon fiber with fiberglass resin as shown in figure B-4.

2. Ensure the existing ground location is prepared in accordance with section B.2.

3. Route the aluminum tape between the GDL 69/69A unit install rack and the grounding location. If needed to maintain the length-to-width ratio, the tape width can be overlapped in more than one strip. If two or more pieces of tape must be joined end-to-end, they can be joined as illustrated in figure B-5.

4. Fold the end of the tape over twice for added thickness at the prepared grounding location. The span of the fold should equal or exceed the width of the aluminum plate used to protect the aluminum tape from the fasteners.

5. Secure the end of the tape to the composite surface with the existing aluminum plate as shown in figure B-6.

6. If any of the existing special bonding components are found to be damaged, use the braid and hardware specified in table B-1 to replace the damaged items (see figure B-6 and figure B-7).

7. If multiple strips of tape were used, the plate must touch each strip to ensure grounding.

8. Ensure the bonding straps, aluminum plate, and associated hardware are reinstalled as shown in figure B-7.

9. Verify the resistance between tape and the local grounding location does not exceed reconditioned test value specified in table 2-1.

10. Reinstall the GDL 69/69A install rack and aluminum plate on the aluminum tape as shown in figure B-7.

11. Verify the resistance between the GDL 69/69A chassis and the aircraft ground structure does not exceed the reconditioned test value specified in table 2-1.
### Table B-1 Composite Airframe Bonding Hardware

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<th>Item Number</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Tinned copper flat braid, 3/4&quot;, QQB575F36T781</td>
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<td><strong>OR</strong></td>
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<td>Tinned copper tubular braid, 7/16&quot;, QQB575R30T437</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Terminal lug, 5-16&quot;, uninsulated, MS20659-131</td>
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<td>Bolt, 5/16&quot;, AN5-XA</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Lock washer, 5/16&quot;, NASM35338-45</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Flat washer, 5/16&quot;, NAS1149F0563P</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Flat washer, 0.063&quot; thick, NASM970-5 (AN970-5)</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Locknut, 5/16&quot;, AN363-535</td>
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![Figure B-5 Aluminum Tape Joint](image)

**Figure B-5 Aluminum Tape Joint**
Figure B-6 Aluminum Tape Ground Termination
Figure B-7 GDL 69/69A Aluminum Tape Installation
B.4 Tube and Fabric Aircraft

Installation in tube and fabric aircraft commonly involves the GDL 69/69A install rack being mounted to a plate or shelf which is mounted to the tube structure. If it is necessary to replace the existing bonding clamp(s) used to bond the mounting surface to the tube structure, install new conductive clamp(s) for bonding in accordance with AC 43.13-1B chapter 11 and the following criteria.

Table B-2 Materials Required but Not Supplied

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<tr>
<th>OR</th>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>Clamp, AN 742-11 or larger, one clamp minimum</td>
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<td>Bolt, AN3-XA</td>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>Washer, #10, carbon steel, cadmium plated, NAS1149F0363P (AN960-10)</td>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>Nut, NASM21042L3 (NAS1291-3) (MS21042L3)</td>
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1. Ensure all surface preparation material (e.g., primer, paint, etc.) is removed between the clamp and the metallic tube over an area which is equal to the width of the clamp and 1” minimum length (circumference) for steel tubes; 2” minimum length (circumference) for attachment to aluminum tubes.

2. Reinstall bonding clamp(s) using hardware from table B-2. See figure B-8 for additional detail regarding use of AN742 clamps.

3. Once installed, verify the resistance between the GDL 69/69A chassis and the aircraft ground structure does not exceed the reconditioned test value specified in table 2-1.

4. After assembly and bonding check, prime the airframe tube and clamp in accordance with one of the following:
   - The approved aircraft maintenance manual
   - MIL-PRF-85285 Type I, color to suit (36081 Flat Gray preferable) coating: polyurethane, aircraft and support equipment
   - MIL-PRF-23377 Type I, class N, primer coatings: epoxy, high-solids
Figure B-8 Bonding Clamp Assembly