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Congratulations on your purchase of the Flightcom Denali Aviation Headset. Revolutionary in design, this extremely light weight headset has been engineered to fit unlike any other aviation headset, providing excellent passive and active noise attenuation, a secure and comfortable fit, and extremely reliable performance.

Because Denali offers such unique fitting adjustments, especially in the gimbal rotation of each of the canted ear domes, we encourage you to take the time to review the fitting instructions outlined in this guide, to ensure that the headset fits you and your passengers properly every time you take off.

Good flying!

Your Flightcom Crew



WARNING: Do not store your Denali headset in temperatures exceeding 156° Fahrenheit. Do not leave it in the sun, or hanging on the yoke of your aircraft, or exposed in conditions where the surface area of the headset might exceed this high temperature.

Under certain conditions a mic muff might be necessary. We have provided one for your convenience.

We also recommend that in the interest of hygiene you replace your ear seals annually.



FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

Denali headsets are designed to accommodate the great many differences in head shapes and sizes of the pilot population through angled ear domes, the contour and surface area of the ear seal, a low side force and a light weight. When worn properly, you will feel very little pressure on top of the head, which is a refreshing departure from the traditional fit and feel of an older style aviation headset.

Additionally, personalized fit adjustments can be made in the length of the headband, the rotation of each ear cup, both side-to-side and up and down, and the placement of the boom and microphone.

Personalized Headband Adjustments

• Hold the Denali headset in front of you. Place the dome that holds the mic boom in your left hand.

IMPORTANT: All Denali mic booms are shipped from the factory for wearing on the left side of the head only. Because the domes are canted to match the angle of the ears, the boom can ONLY be worn on the left side.

- Extend the headband to at least its midpoint to full extension. When you have reached the maximum headband extension, the headband slider will stop. Make sure you have extended the headband equally on both sides.
- Place the headset on your head. If the domes feel as if they're sitting too low on your ears, starting on one side of the headset, move the headband slider to a smaller position, ensuring both sides are adjusted equally.



IMPORTANT: Unlike other headsets, and by design, while wearingDDenali you should feel very little pressure on top of your head.bTHIS IS NORMAL AND OPTIMAL.a

If you're an experienced headset wearer, you may have a tendency to reduce the headband size until you feel a familiar pressure on the top of your head or at the top of your jaw bone. For DENALI, this indicates you've actually reduced the size of the headband too much. Extend the headband in a downward direction, on both sides, until the top of the headset seems to "disappear." Check for a secure fit by shaking your head from side to side. Denali should remain firmly in place– without creating undue pressure on the

top of the head.



Denali's ear domes rotate not only in an up and down direction, but also from side-to-side. This allows for maximum adjustment around the ear and jaw area.

- Once the headset is in place, and the headband is adjusted properly, you may want to individually rotate the dome or ear cup around each ear, to determine the most comfortable position.
- If during an extended flight you start to feel a bit of a pressure point, adjust the ear cup or the length of the headband to restore comfort.



Microphone and Boom Adjustments

• Place the microphone no more than 1/8" from lips, at the corner of the mouth. This is critical to the performance of the noise canceling electret microphone.

INSTALLATION

- Insert the larger headset plug into the jack marked "headphone" or "phone" (on your aircraft com panel, intercom or radio).
- Insert the smaller headset plug into the jack marked "microphone" or "mic".
- Set the stereo/mono switch on the cable splitter box to the "M" position. If connecting to a stereo intercom, set the switch to the "S" position.

For the ANR model: The stereo/mono switch is located on the back of the in-line battery box, near the clip.

Select the "M" position. The exception to this setting occurs if you are flying in an aircraft using a stereo intercom. If so, select the "S" position. If you are not sure about the type of intercom in the aircraft, test the headset by selecting the "S" position and talking into the headset. If you hear sidetone out of one ear only, you have a mono intercom. Move the switch to "M".

- Adjust the headband sliders for proper fit and comfort, making sure the boom is being worn on the left side of the head.
- Adjust the mic boom for proper fit and comfort. Place the microphone no more than 1/8" from lips, at the corner of the mouth. This is critical to the performance of the noise-canceling electret microphone.



stereo/mono switch

0-1/8" from lips -

INSTALLATION CONTINUED....

- Individual volume controls are located on the front of each ear dome to reduce or adjust the level of audio in each headset ear cup.
- For the ANR model: Once the 9 volt battery is installed, turn the ANR power to the ON position, indicated with the symbol "|". The OFF position is indicated with a "o". A blinking green LED indicates the active noise cancelation circuit is ON. A blinking red LED indicates low battery life. (For proper battery installation, see the diagram in the Care and Maintenance Section of this guide.)

If the aircraft does not have a built-in push-to-talk (PTT) switch, a portable PTT switch must be installed in order to use the radio.

The master gain control located in the aircraft radio should be optimized by an avionics technician whenever adding a new model microphone to the system.



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

General Care

As with many electronic pieces of equipment, it's important to protect your Denali headset from exposure to the elements. Do not leave the headset on the seat of the plane, or car, or in intense, direct sunlight exceeding 156° F. Do not leave the headset out in the rain, or in freezing temperatures. Return the headset to its carrying case, and store in a cool, dry area.

IMPORTANT: Contrary to popular belief, wrapping the headset cords around the headband IS NOT a proper storage method. In fact by doing so you risk damaging the com cable, splitter or battery box. Instead, loosely loop the headset cord in your hand, and place the cable in the headset bag, next to the headset.

General Cleaning

If cleaning of the Denali headset is required, use a soft, non-abrasive cloth dampened with water and a mild soap. Wipe dry with a soft cloth. If cleaning of the ear seals or head pad is desired, wipe down the head pad and ear seals in the manner just described, taking care to not allow any water to seep into the ear dome.

IMPORTANT: Do not immerse the headset in water.

Replacing the Ear Seal

Contact Flightcom for current ear seal replacement specifications.

Replacing the Battery

To install or replace the ANR Battery, open the battery door by sliding the door in a downward motion till it unlatches, and lift up as shown in diagram A.

Slide the 9 volt battery in with the larger battery contact on the bottom. If you put the battery in upside down, it will not activate. See diagram B.

Battery life is dependent on the ambient noise in the aircraft, but should provide a minimum of 20 hours of continuous use.

_larger contact on bottom

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| | | Denali (Passive) | Denali (ANR) |
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| Headset | Shielding | Full floating w/independent ground | Full floating w/independent ground |
| | Weight | 11.1 Ounces | 13.4 Ounces |
| | Temperature Sensitivity | Not to exceed 156° F | Not to exceed 156° F |
| | Battery Life | Not applicable | 20 hours of continuous use |
| | Origin | Made in USA | Made in USA |
| Speakers | Sensitivity(@1mW in dBspl) | 104dB | |
| | Frequency Response | 90Hz–20kHz | |
| | Impedance | 300 Ohms Stereo/ch150 Ohms Mono | |
| | Total Harmonic Distortion (@1kHz) | <.15% | [–] Contact Flightcom for the most [–] current ANR specifications. |
| | Maximum Power Input | 250 mW | |
| | Noise Reduction Rating | 21dB | |
| Microphone | Туре | Noise canceling Electret condenser w/constant-gain preamp | |
| | DC Bias Voltage | 8-16 Volts | |
| | Supply Source Resistance | 220-2200 Ohms | |
| | Frequency Response (± 6dB) | 420Hz-6.4kHz | |
| | Sensitivity (@ 114dBspl*) | 1.3V | |
| | Noise Rejection Ratio (@1kHz) | -46dB | |
| | Total Harmonic Distortion (@ 1kHz) | <0.3% | |
| | Impedance | 500 Ohms | |
| | Maximum Speech Level | 112 dBspl* | |
| | Maximum Ambient Noise Level | 132 dBspl* | |

*Sensitivity Measurements Referred to 0.0002 ubar (dynes/cm²) @ 1kHz. Microphone measurements made with 10 Volt Supply with a 1000 Ohm Resistor.

CAUTION

Bias voltage supplied to the microphone must come from voltage and resistance ranges specified on page 10. Voltages supplied in excess of those stated in the specifications can cause microphone failure and void the warranty. The mic audio signal is present between the ring and barrel of the mic plug; tip is reserved for transmit keyline.

PLUG CONNECTION CHART



WARRANTY

Your Denali headset comes with a warranty registration card. To help ensure that headset warranty is registered with us, locate the serial number under the black stirrup that holds the right side ear cup. This would be the "non-boom" side of the headset. Make sure the number is preceded by a s/n. Write the serial number on your warranty card and return it to us.

Flightcom Corporation warrants to the original purchaser of this product that it will be free from defects in materials and workmanship, under normal and proper use, for the period of three years from date of purchase. Flightcom Corporation will repair or replace, at its sole option, any parts showing factory defects during this warranty period, subject to the following provisions. This warranty applies only to a new product which has been sold through authorized channels of distribution. All work under warranty must be performed by Flightcom Corporation. All returned products must be shipped to our address, freight prepaid, accompanied by a dated proof of purchase. SAVE YOUR SALES SLIP! The purchaser voids this warranty if he, she or others attempt to repair, service or alter the product in any way. This warranty does not apply in the event of accident, abuse, improper installation, unauthorized repair, tampering, modification, fire, flood, collision or other damage from external sources, including damage which is caused by user replaceable parts (leaking batteries, etc.). This warranty does not extend to any other equipment or aircraft to which this product may be attached or connected. The foregoing is your sole remedy for failure in service or defect. Flightcom Corporation shall not be liable under this or any implied warranty for incidental or consequential damages, nor for any installation or removal costs or other service fees. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied, including the warranty of merchantability or fitness for use, which are hereby excluded. To the extent that this exclusion is not legally enforceable, the duration of such implied warranties shall be limited to three years from date of purchase. No suit for breach of express or implied warranty may be brought after three years from date of purchase.



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