

LED Pushbutton Cap Dimming Options

28 VDC Voltage Dimming and Discrete Dimming with Press-To-Test

The Applied Avionics' VIVISUN product line offers best-in-class ruggedized illuminated pushbutton switches and indicators that meet the requirements of MIL-PRF-22885 and RTCA D0-160. Each LED switch cap assembly has a unique fault-tolerant illumination circuit, and offers a full complement of lighting colors, display types and dimming features.



Voltage Dimming with Press-To-Test

Voltage dimming LED caps use an advanced electrical circuit design which allows consistent, uniform dimming from daylight conditions to nighttime flying levels with a simple change to input voltage. Voltage dimming caps are available in three different schematic layouts including standard, standard with blocking diodes and Press-To-Test with blocking diodes. Blocking diodes reduce sneak paths and minimize the possibility of inadvertent illumination. Additionally, voltage dimming caps can be customized by polarity (common anode or common cathode), number of commons (single common or split common) and by selecting options for internal guadrant interconnections.

Table 1: Voltage Dimming Cap Schematic Options								
Schematic Layout		Base Schematic (see Note 1)	Internal Quadrant Interconnect Options					
	Single Common	Split Common	Polarity					
Voltage Dim Standard	-BC- +G -AD-	-B	Common Anode shown. For Common Cathode, polarity markings are reversed.	B + C B + C C A + D A + C D Full Face 2 Way Split				
Voltage Dim Standard with Blocking Diodes	-B-I - D-C- +G	-B-M-D- +G	Common Anode shown. For Common Cathode, diodes and polarity markings are reversed.	B → C B → → C B → → C A → → D A → → D 3 Way Split 3 Way Split 4 Way Split				
Voltage Dim Press-To-Test with Blocking Diodes	-B-ぼーー┣ +G┣-D- -A-ぼー-┣-D-	-B-€	Common Anode shown. For Common Cathode, diodes and polarity markings are reversed.	B + B + B + B + B + B + B + B + B + B +				
Note 1: 🔲 Represents each quadrant's 4 LEDs and dimming circuitry, 🛐 represents each quadrant's blocking diode, 4 LEDs and dimming circuitry.								

Press-To-Test Interconnect Options

The **Press-To-Test** option provides a dedicated test input which allows the entire legend (every segment) to energize when the specified test signal is applied to the dedicated test input. Additionally, each LED input is diode isolated to prevent the occurrence of a sneak path from the test signal while in "Test Mode". As depicted, multiple pushbutton caps may be connected together in order to illuminate all pushbutton cap legends while in the "Test Mode". The common anode circuit shown demonstrates the three interconnect options available when Press-To-Test is specified.





Discrete Dimming — Power/Ground (PG) Control with Press-To-Test

Discrete Dimming with Power/Ground Control has up to three predefined dimming modes in a single cap by applying various combinations of 28 VDC, Ground, or Open to two dimming mode control pins (Pins F and G). Caps are available in two schematic layouts that include Discrete Dim (PG) with Blocking Diodes and Discrete Dim (PG) Press-To-Test with Blocking Diodes. Additionally, discrete dimming caps can be customized by polarity (common anode or common cathode) and by selecting options for internal guadrant interconnections. Table 2 illustrates all of the Discrete Dimming with Power/Ground Control cap schematic options. There are nine distinct dimming levels shown in Table 3 covering the entire range of Aviation and NVIS colors. Each cap can be configured with two or three of the distinct dimming levels.



Table 3: Power/Ground Control Dimming Levels									
				Dimming Mode Controls					
Typical 3 mode		Polarity	Control Pins	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3			
with 2 pole		Common Anode	Control Pin F:	28 VDC	28 VDC	Open			
rotary control, common anode			Control Pin G:	Open	Ground	28 VDC			
		Common Cathode	Control Pin F:	Ground	Ground	Open			
GND			Control Pin G:	Open	28 VDC	Ground			
Dimming Levels Available		Typical Luminance		Dimming Level by Mode					
Aviation Colors	NVIS Colors	Approx. Equivalent Voltage for LED	Typical Luminance (Full Face, Type S)	Mode 1	Mode 2	Optional Mode 3 (*)			
Sunlight		28 VDC	350+ fL						
Day		18-20 VDC	120 fL						
Enclosure		15-17 VDC	60 fL		•	•			
Aviation Night		13-15 VDC	15 fL		●	•			
Low Night		8-9 VDC	7 fL		●	•			
Panel	NVG Compatible	7-8 VDC	2 fL		●	•			
Low Panel (**)	NVG Compatible - 1 fL (**)	7.2 VDC	1 fL		●	•			
-	NVIS Compliant	6.55-7 VDC	.1-1 fL		●	•			
Minimum Panel (**)	NVIS Compliant1 fL (**)	6.55 VDC	.1 fL		•	•			
Mode 3 Not Required (2 Level Dimming Only)						•			

(*) Mode 3 level must be at or below Mode 2 level. (**) Tightly controlled equivalent voltage level for given luminance

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