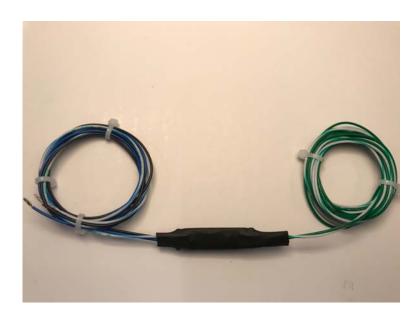


### Safety-Trim™

Auto-pilot Interface

Model: ST-API



The Safety-Trim Autopilot interface allows the Garmin G3x Auto-pilot to be coupled to a Safety-Trim Controller. Contact TCW for other autopilot compatibility.

The Safety-Trim system provides run-away trim prevention and two speed trim operation. Additionally, the Safety-Trim system may be coupled to multiple trim switches including panel mounted and control stick mounted switches. Safety-trim is available in models for controlling standard Ray-Allen type DC motor servos as well as larger DC servo motors up to 10 amps.

The ST-API is a very small module that accepts the trim outputs from the Garmin G3x auto-pilot system and allows them to be coupled into any of the Safety-Trim controllers.

The Garmin G3x autopilot trim system is limited to only one set of trim input switches and a maximum of 1 amp servo motors. When the ST-API is coupled to a G3X autopilot system any number of trim switches may be utilized. When the ST-API is coupled to a Safety-Trim HD unit trim servo motors up to 10 amps may be controlled.

Safety-Trim and its accessories must be installed using the current aircraft standards and practices. Refer to AC 43.13-2A/1B. The installer/builder is solely responsible for determining the suitability of the installation and use of this product.

#### Installation instructions:

1) Install the Autopilot system as detailed in the installation instructions for the Garmin G3x system. (or per equivalent system if using a different brand system).

DO NOT WIRE THE TRIM SWITCHES TO THE GARMIN AUTOPILOT. Wire the trim switches to the Safety-Trim system only.

- 2) Install the TCW Safety-Trim per its specific installation instructions, including wiring of all trim switches to the Safety-Trim controller.
- 3) Wire the Safety-Trim Auto-Pilot interface per the following wiring diagram.

The ST-API receives the trim signals from the Autopilot and converts them into to signals compatible with the Safety-Ttrim controller. The ST-API output wires are simply wired in parallel with the manual trim switches that are connected to the Safety-Trim Controller.

4) Set up the Garmin Autopilot to provide single speed trim control with NO speed adjustment with airspeed. Adjustable trim speed is done in the Safety-Trim controller via the adjustments found on the side of the Safety-Trim controller. Utilize an ASW-1 airspeed switch or flap torque tube switch to activate the two speed operation.

#### PRODUCT OPERATION

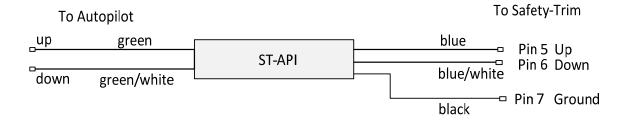
#### **NORMAL Operation:**

- 1) Place the power switch in the "ON" position.
- 2) Use the trim input switches to drive the respective trim servo in the desired direction.
- 3) If you hold a trim switch closed for more than 3 seconds, the trim servo will stop moving the control surface. If you want more trim authority than commanded in 3 seconds, release the trim switch and press again. This will provide an additional 3 seconds of trim motion.
- 4) Any time you let go of a trim switch, the servo will stop moving.

#### Autopilot trim operation.

When the autopilot is engaged any trimming requirements are sent to the Safety-Trim controller which in turn drives the trim servo. No pilot action is required.

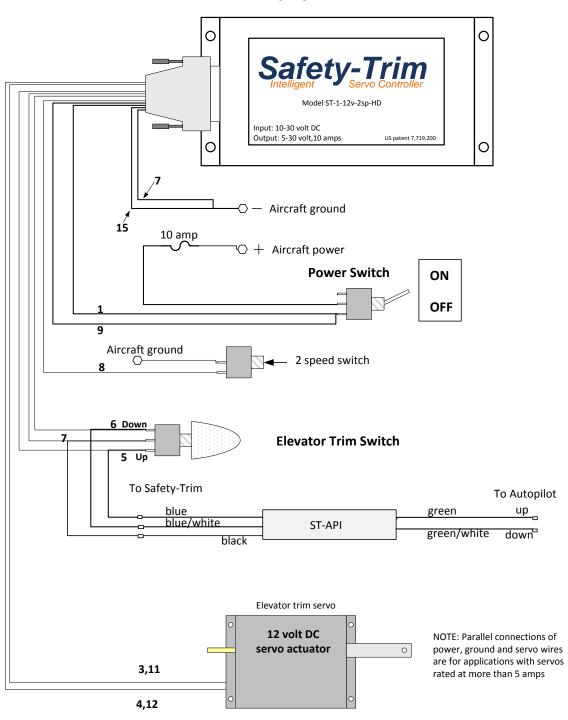
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Wire additional trim switches in parallel to the pin5/pin 6 connections that are connected to the Safety-Trim controller.

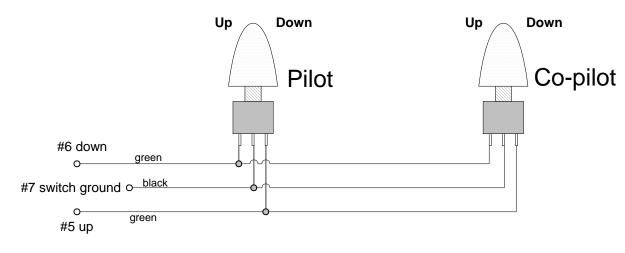
Product dimensions: 0.375" x 1.5" with mil-spec 22awg wire

# Wiring Diagram Model ST-1-12v-2sp-hd with ST-API



#### Multiple Switch Wiring Details

TYPICAL "hat switch" wiring, each switch is a momentary type



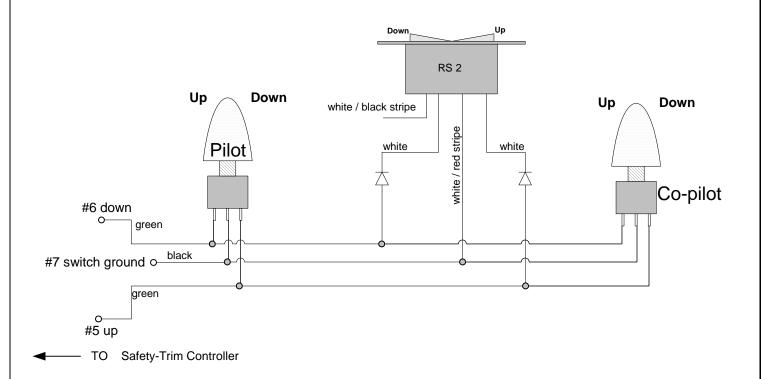
◆ TO Safety-Trim Controller

Note: Aileron or Rudder trim switches may be wired in the same manner.

Note: Additional STANDARD SPST and SPDT switches may be wired in parallel

Note: See Application Note #2 and #3 for details on RAY ALLEN Rocker Switch RS2

Using Ray Allen RS 2 Rocker switch with additional "hat switches"

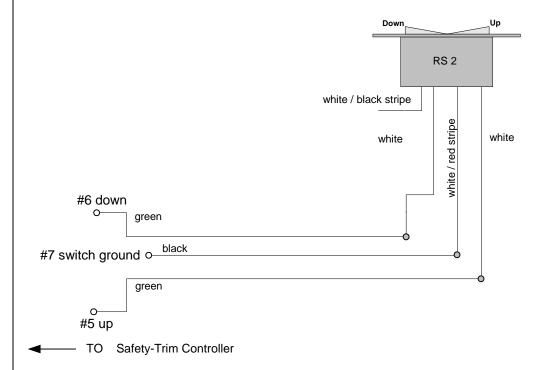


Note: Diodes may be any general purpose diode such as 1N914 or 1N4004

Note: RAY ALLEN Rocker Switch RS2 is of a custom design, in the neutral position the white wires are shorted together

Note: Aileron or Rudder trim switches may be wired in the same manner.

Using Ray Allen RS 2 Rocker switch with no other switches



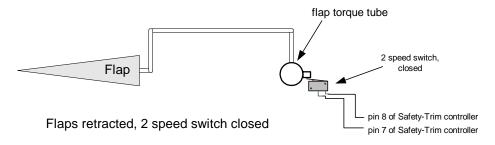
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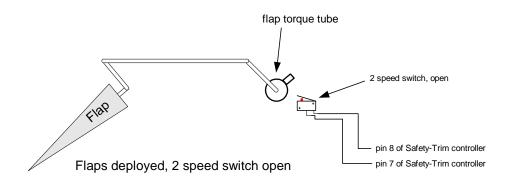
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#### 2 speed switch detail

Mount a micro-switch near the flap torque tube. Attach a small bracket to the torque tube that activates the 2 speed switch when the flaps are retracted

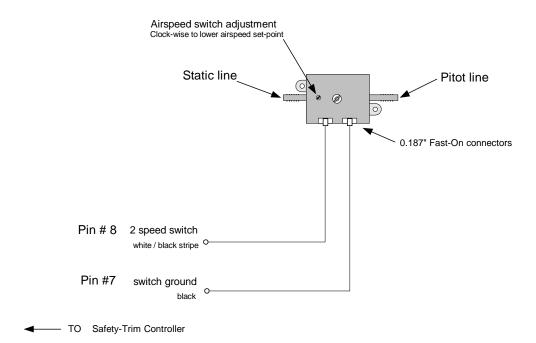


"Speed 2 selected"



"Speed 1 selected"

ASW-1
Airspeed Switch for 2 speed selection of Safety-Trim



Note: Pin #7 is a common switch ground for all trim switches and the airspeed switch. An airframe ground may be used as an alternative

Note: Adjustment ranges is about from 55 knots to 140 knots. Factory calibrated to 100 knots.

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