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Barco introduces new line of avionics-grade Mission Display Units

HELI-EXPO, Orlando, FL, USA, 1 March – Avionics visualization specialist Barco has brought out a new line of Mission Display Units that combines the technology of high-performance cockpit displays with the cost-efficiency of cabin-grade airborne mission display solutions. Fully compatible with night and daylight video cameras, moving maps, computers and radar inputs, the new display line, named MDU-2000, offers an innovative mission solution for an array of military and paramilitary helicopters and aircraft. The new MDU-2000 family includes a 5 x 4 inch landscape MDU-254 and a 6 x 8 inch MDU-268 that can be used in landscape as well as portrait orientation.

“With the introduction of our new MDU-2000 Mission Display Units, we have brought together the performance of qualified avionics displays and the cost-efficiency of run-of-the-mill airborne mission displays in a single, affordable unit,” explains Dave Simpson, Business Development Manager North America. “Merging the highest-standard optical quality and a high-level qualification with easy integration and exceptional value for money, the MDU-2000 family becomes the new reference in the mission displays market.”

Barco’s MDU-2000 displays are equipped with leading edge Active Matrix Liquid Crystal Displays (AMLCD) and advanced LED backlight technology, presenting cockpit crews with sunlight-readable images, rich in contrast and with a large palette of grayscales. Moreover, the use of advanced electronics gives a MDU very compact dimensions, low weight and low power consumption.

The MDU-2000 family accepts a digital video input (DVI) as well as most of the currently available analog video inputs. This, combined with a Picture-In-Picture functionality, offers system integrators the flexibility to show single or multiple video sources on the same display area, thereby providing extended mission situational awareness. The sophisticated MDU-2000s are DO-178B (software) and DO-254 (hardware) certified up to level C for the DVI input.

About Barco

Barco, a global technology company, designs and develops visualization products for a variety of selected professional markets. Barco has its own facilities for Sales & Marketing, Customer Support, R&D and Manufacturing in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific.

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