# Vanguard® FTS 370 Marker Interface Board Trouble Shooting Guide



"RED" Marker Interface Board (43J Compliant)

F2422200 PCB MARKER JBOX DC FTS 370D MKR 372



"BLACK" Marker Interface Board
F2422000 PCB MARKER JBOX DC FTS 370D

## **Installation Errors with RED Marker Interface Boards**

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| 1.   | Not connecting the marker SENSE wire and/or setting the PCB "3-WIRE SENSE" switch to the wrong position   | Refer to "Marker Interface Board Installation"<br>Section             |  |  |
| 2.   | Not confirming correct operation while installer is still at the Marker Interface Enclosure.  | Refer to "Verification Steps to Confirm Correct Installation" Section |  |  |
| 3.   | Unplugging power to the Marker Interface Board while the ground controller is powered ON results in marker alarms even though Marker A2D values are good. | Power cycle the controller to clear the alarms                        |  |  |
| 4.   | Swapping markers during troubleshooting generates marker alarms and turns marker output off. Marker A2D readings display as "0000"                        | Power cycle the controller to clear the alarms                        |  |  |

#### **Marker Installation Board Installation**

The following guide provides instructions to install "RED" 2422200 Marker Interface Board with 3-Wire Markers (FAA 43J Compliance).

Verify that you have a RED, F2422200 Marker
 Interface Board



Verify that you are connecting only 3-wire Markers (Red, Black, White/Blue) to the Marker Interface Board

Note: For 2-wire markers (Red, Black) the toggle switch on the Marker Interface Board must be set to "OFF" (down) position

Important: The White/Blue wire provides a SENSE connection to the Marker Interface Board and is critical to transfer alarm/status information to the Controller



Verify that the marker cable has 3 insulated wires 3. (Red, Black, White/Blue) and a bare Shield (drain) wire



Verify that wires inside each marker are connected as shown:

Red to Red

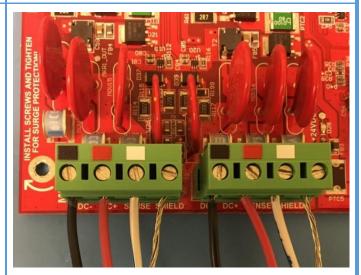
4.

- Black to Black
- White/Blue to White/Blue
  - Bare Shield (drain) wire is cut off inside the marker cavity.
  - <u>Do not</u> connect the shield wire inside the marker



Connect the marker cable wires to the RED Marker Interface Board as shown

- Black to "DC-"
- Red to "DC+"
  - White/Blue to "SENSE"
  - Bare (drain) wire to "SHIELD"
  - <u>Do not</u> connect SHIELD (drain) wire to any of the other conductors



6. Verify that the "3-WIRE SENSE" toggle switch on the Marker Interface PCB is in the "ON" (up) position



**Note**: To comply with 43J (FAA AC 150/5345-43J) the following must be confirmed:

- 1. All installed markers must be 3-Wire MKR 372 markers and the Marker Interface Board "3-WIRE SENSE" switch must be in the ON (up) position
- 2. The SENSE wire of each MKR 372 must be connected and operating correctly

### **Verification Steps to Confirm Correct Installation**

- Verification must be carried out while installer is present at the Marker Interface Enclosure
- Installer must carry voltmeter onto tower for marker voltage measurements
- The Lighting Inspection (LI) does not check for proper SENSE wire connection. LI will
  initially pass (showing correct marker A2D values) but a marker alarm will be generated
  during normal operation.
- More than 30 minutes may elapse before the ground controller displays a Marker Alarm
- Turn the system power ON and set system to Manual NIGHT to power Markers ON

Set the Markers to "Steady"

 Verify that the number of markers installed is the same as "Number of Markers per tier" in Marker settings

Set the digital voltmeter to "DC" and measure the voltage between DC- (Black conductor) and SENSE (White/Blue conductor)

Verify that the value is between 2.17 VDC and 2.25 VDC

Perform measurements for each connected marker



Verify that all the MARKER ALARM LEDs for connected Markers on the RED Marker Interface Board are OFF (not flashing or steady ON)

 If a LED is flashing or is steady ON, it indicates a White/Blue SENSE wire connection error between marker and marker interface board.

Check connection to discover the source of the error.



## Marker Types And A2D Values in FTS 370 Systems

| Marker Type               | MKR has SENSE<br>(white/blue) wire | Typical A2D Value with RED PCB | Typical A2D Value with BLACK PCB |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MKR 372                   | Yes                                | 3200                           | 3252                             |
| MKR 371 IR                | Yes                                | 1560                           | 3091                             |
| MKR 371 NON-IR            | Yes                                | 0982                           | 1847                             |
| MKR 370 IR                | No                                 | 1750                           | 3233                             |
| MKR 370 NON-IR            | No                                 | 1009                           | 1900                             |
| DIALIGHT                  | No                                 | 0697                           | 1219                             |
| OPEN (no marker attached) | N/A                                | 0140                           | 0003                             |

#### Note:

- Voltage from Marker DC- to SENSE with SENSE wire connected: 2.2Vdc
- Voltage from Marker DC- to SENSE with NO sense wire: 0V
- 3-Wire SENSE switch should only be set to ON (up) if <u>ALL</u> attached Markers have a connected SENSE wire.
- 3-Wire SENSE switch should be set to OFF (down) if <u>ANY</u> attached Marker does not have a connected SENSE wire.
- The RED Marker Interface Board can be used with all Marker types listed above