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## **Aerospace Optics continues to set industry standards**

For more than 40 years, Aerospace Optics has been recognized throughout the aviation industry for offering technology-based solutions that continue to meet the changing requirements for cockpit illumination and rugged/high reliability operator interface. We continue to break ground in new areas, such as reducing power consumption, improving installation efficiencies and ensuring maintenance-free operations. We are proud that our innovations continue to set aviation industry standards.

### **1968**

Aerospace Optics Inc. is incorporated in Fort Worth, Texas, as a manufacturer of “build-to-print” Mil-Spec lighted products, including edge-lighted panels, knobs and annunciators for use in aircraft cockpits.

### **1970s**

Aerospace Optics develops and implements systems that enhance its reputation for quality products and defect-free parts. The company introduces the VIVISUN 99 illuminated pushbutton switch, which features incandescent bulb lighting, and revolutionizes aircraft crew station lighting with sunlight readability. Importantly, it gained immediate acceptance as the de facto standard in aircraft crew station lighting in both the military and commercial aircraft markets.

### **Late 1970s - 1980s**

Technological innovations continue with the VIVISUN 99, including drip-proof/dust-proof, split-ground, EMI and night-vision-goggle compatibility options. The switch qualifies as a Mil-Spec pushbutton switch and is listed on the Qualified Products List for the U.S. Department of Defense, cementing Aerospace Optics’ reputation as a leader in industry innovation.

### **1982**

Aerospace Optics installs its in-house customer service computer system to assure error-free order entry along with its already recognized high quality products.

### **1983**

Aerospace Optics moves to a new 32,000 square-foot facility on a 15-acre campus in Fort Worth, Texas, and continues to grow market share with both commercial and military aviation customers.

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**1987**

Aerospace Optics introduces the VIVISUN 95, which features all the options available on previous products, plus provides a QUIK-CONNECT™ system to improve assembly line installation. A space-saving version of the switch is introduced for added flexibility in tight quarters, and VIVISUN switches gain additional exposure on marine vessels and ground vehicles.

**1988**

The company introduces its first programmable multifunction display pushbutton switch – the VIVISUN 2000, which is also the first switch to use a light emitting diode (LED) lighting source.

**1990s**

With a full product line available, engineering innovations continue and market penetration increases. Product improvements in areas such as reliability, increased color selection, custom artwork and pulse-width modulation enhance the VIVISUN brand.

**1992**

The VIVISUN 5000 multi-function, programmable switch advances sunlight readability still further with LED lighting and NVIS compliance.

**2001**

Aerospace Optics launches its most advanced lighted pushbutton switch: the VIVISUN LED, which is introduced to the marketplace as the ultimate solution for maintenance-free, sunlight-readable, NVIS-compatible, lighted pushbutton switch technology.

**2002**

Aerospace Optics continues to be the only vendor to consistently deliver its LED product on time, as promised, to a growing list of aircraft industry customers in both military and commercial market segments. Product performance is exceeded only by the company's commitment to quality customer service.

**2007**

Aerospace Optics expands the VIVISUN product line by introducing the LR3, a 1-inch by 1.2-inch, LED switch. Like the standard 3/4-inch LED, the LR3 is a lighted pushbutton switch that is available in 11 sunlight-readable colors. The LR3 is NVIS compliant, has voltage-controlled dimming, a low touch temperature and low power consumption, drawing a maximum of only 0.054 amps at 28VDC.

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In 2007, Aerospace Optics also adds three new sales offices to meet the growing demand for cutting-edge avionics technology in Europe. The new offices are located in France, Italy and the U.K.

### **2008**

In an effort to enhance its ongoing commitment to customer service, Aerospace Optics introduces the VIVISUN configurator, an online part-specification system that enables the user to specify complete part numbers and request a quote anytime day or night. The configurator guides customers through the part-number design process, allowing them to select the enclosure, actuation, legend, ground and termination type, as well as optional upgrades, such as EMI shielding or NVIS-compliant lighting.