



## *Integrated Back-up Battery System*

**Model: IBBS-24v-3ah**

The ***Integrated Back-up Battery System, IBBS***, is an electronic system that combines a Lithium-Iron-Phosphate (Li-Fe-PO<sub>4</sub>) battery pack, a charger and switching logic in one convenient package. The IBBS provides an engineered solution to enable an endurance bus for critical loads found in aircraft. It simplifies the wiring and installation of a source of back-up power by integrating all of the key elements into a single enclosure. The ***IBBS*** system provides back-up power to critical electronic loads such as EFIS, GPS, Autopilots and engine monitor systems.

Integral to the IBBS is a lithium-iron-phosphate battery pack and a matched charging system to ensure the battery is properly charged and maintained. The system also includes switching circuitry to provide a stable source of output power during normal and emergency operations. The IBBS system also provides signals to other equipment such as EFIS systems to communicate the operating state of the main aircraft bus as well as the state of the battery.

The IBBS system connects to the standard aircraft power bus and provides an output to critical equipment that require back-up power. Additionally, the IBBS system provides surge and sag protection for connected equipment, allowing operation of critical equipment during engine starting.

The IBBS system is suitable for use with equipment such as Garmin GNS and GTN series navigators, G3X series of avionics, Grand Rapids Technologies EFIS systems, Advanced Flight Systems EFIS, Dynon EFIS, and MGL EFIS, TruTrak Autopilots and EFIS, Trio Autopilots.

No other uses of the IBBS system are permitted except for those identified in this installation manual.

IBBS must be installed using the current aircraft standards and practices as shown in AC 43.13-2A/1B. The installer/builder is solely responsible for determining the suitability of the installation and use of this product.

IBBS products are protected by US Patent 8,189,305

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## Installation Instructions:

### 1. IMPORTANT NOTE:

Consult the attached wiring diagrams to identify wiring connections similar to your particular installation. Please note, some equipment such as GPS's and EFIS systems may be provided with multiple power inputs. For these installations the output of the IBBS must be connected to their "back-up" power input. For equipment having a single power input terminal (often items like comm radios, transponders, autopilots, fuel pumps, etc.) the IBBS system may be fed from a bus that remains active during engine starting, such as the master bus or it may be fed from an avionics bus that is switched off during engine starting.

2. Check that the total connected load (summed value of all four output wires) is less than the following product ratings:

**IBBS-24v-3ah: 5 amps maximum continuous current**  
**10 amps peak for radio transmissions and transient loads\***  
\*(30 seconds max duration)

3. Mount the IBBS in a suitable location in the aircraft. Ensure the mounting points and fasteners are suitable for the weight of the product, consult the specifications for details. The IBBS must be mounted inside the aircraft, do not mount the IBBS in the firewall forward area. Do not mount the IBBS unit up under the instrument panel unless the panel is properly ventilated to ensure heat does not build up in the area. Select an area that is accessible to allow for future battery servicing. The operating temperature range of the system is -10 C° to 60 C°, the effective charging temperature range is -20 C° to 40 C°. Select an installation location that will comply with these requirements.

4. Connect the aircraft wiring according to one of the wiring diagrams shown. The IBBS must be powered through a properly sized circuit breaker or fuse. Ensure the proper size wire is utilized for the input feed, output supply and ground connection.

**Power Input Requirements:** The IBBS has multiple power inputs.

Pin 4,5 receives power for charging and bus voltage sensing for the IBBS unit and must be connected to an aircraft power bus. When the voltage on pins 4,5 falls below about 22 volts the system automatically transfers the load current on the output pins to the internal back-up battery source. Pins 4,5 maximum current draw is 3.0 amps during charging. Pins 4,5 are connected internally and are parallel for redundancy.

Pins 6,7,8 receive power that is passed-thru the IBBS unit to the loads connected to the output pins. These pass-thru power connections are optional and are only required for systems that do not have multiple power inputs. These pins can also be used if it is desired to have redundant power paths feeding the connected loads. These pins are internally wired in parallel, it is recommended to populate all three pins and join the wires together at the pass thru power breaker. Note: these pins do not individually correspond to any particular output pin (12-15). The pass-thru breaker must be sized for whatever load is

connected to the IBBS outputs. The maximum combined load is 10 amps peak, 5 amps continuous. If Pins 6,7,8 are used they MUST be connected to the same power bus as Pins 4,5.

**Output Power connections:**

The IBBS has four output pins, Pins 12,13,14,15. These pins provide power to the connected load. These four wires may be paralleled together for redundancy and load current sharing. Use 20 awg wire for each pin. Maximum output current of 3.5 amps per pin, and 5 amps maximum continuous combined for all four pins. The output wires of the IBBS system are protected with a single 10 amp, mini ATC fuse. This fuse is accessible on the side of the enclosure.

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON CHANGING FUSE:**  
**Disconnect the main product connector before changing the fuse!**  
**Replace fuse with 10 amp, mini ATC fuse only**

5. The Back-up Power Master Switch must be utilized to turn the back-up battery system off when not in use, except for installations where the off state current requirement is less than 50 micro-amps, such as with the AFS EFIS systems. Follow the specific wiring diagram for this application. This back-up power master switch gives the pilot the ability to turn the back-up battery system off. In some installations this may be the only means to shut down the connected equipment.

6. The IBBS unit has a low voltage warning output, pin 3. This pin may be used to drive an LED indicator or to provide a digital signal to indicate the main input bus is in a low voltage condition. When the main input bus (connected to pin 5) falls below about 22 volts this output will drive to a low state. Maximum current sourced on this pin is 25 milliamps.

7. The IBBS unit has an internal battery monitor connection, pin 2. This pin allows the voltage state of the internal battery to be monitored with a separate voltage meter or analog input. This pin will only report internal battery voltage when the unit is enabled by turning the Back-up Master switch ON. A fully charged battery back will indicate about 26-29.5 volts on this pin. **Important note: the meter utilized to measure pin 2 must have an input impedance >100k ohms otherwise it will load down pin 2 and provide an artificially low voltage reading.**

**When used with the following EFIS systems wire pin 2 to the Volts2 input of the EFIS or engine monitor as follows:**

| <b>Manufacturer/model</b>            | <b>Volts 2 input location</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Garmin G3x system GEA 24             | J244, Pin 28                  |
| Advanced Flight Systems 5000 series: | Expansion Port Pin 13         |

8. Complete the installation of the wiring harness and connector prior to attaching the connector to the IBBS product. This is essential to ensure the wires do not inadvertently short together during installation. Remember, the IBBS pack is a back-up source of power and is ready to deliver output power even when the aircraft electrical system is in the off state.
9. When using the IBBS product to provide back-up power to an electronic ignition system it **MUST** be used to back-up one and only one electronic ignition module. Do not use one IBBS to back up both electronic ignition modules in a dual electronic ignition system. Follow the wiring diagram for installation with electronic ignition module. Note, the Light Speed Electronic ignition system connects directly to aircraft battery as shown. Other brands of electronic ignition systems connect to the switch side of the aircraft master bus. Follow the instructions per the electronic ignition manufacture for your installation.
10. When using the IBBS product to provide back-up power to an electronic ignition system (CDI), pull-able circuit breakers must be used for over current protection as shown
11. When using the IBBS product to provide back-up power to an electronic ignition system, connect one and only one CDI module to an IBBS unit. **DO NOT CONNECT** any other loads to the IBBS. It must only be used to back up the CDI unit.

## **Product Details and General Information:**

### **The Charging System:**

The IBBS automatically maintains its internal battery pack. The internal charging circuit monitors the state of the internal battery and recharges it as necessary when the aircraft is operational. The aircraft's DC supply bus must reach at least 26 volts before the IBBS will permit a recharge cycle to start. The maximum input current for battery recharging is 3.0 amps.

If the internal battery is fully discharged for any reason it may require up to 1.5 hours of recharge time with the normal aircraft bus on. **NOTE:** Do not attempt to recharge the IBBS product by using an external battery charger directly connected to the input of the IBBS. Do not attempt to utilize battery tender chargers for other types of lead acid battery chargers directly connected to the IBBS inputs. Battery chargers typically provide pulsating voltages that may damage the IBBS product if the system is not connected to a typical primary aircraft battery. Also note, you cannot use a DMM connected to pins 4,5 to measure any meaningful value. Battery voltage may be read on pin 2 or any of the outputs pins 12-15 with the IBBS system enabled via the grounding of pin 1.

### **Back-up Power Master Switch:**

The IBBS has one input switch connection as identified in the wiring diagrams: Back-up Power Master. This switch enables back-up power from the IBBS system to be available on the output wires when power on the normal aircraft bus falls below about 22 volts.

If the back-up power master switch is enabled and normal aircraft power falls below 22 volts, then the internal back-up battery will be connected to the outputs and be utilized to supply back-up power to the connected load.

If the normal aircraft power bus is above 22 volts, then the outputs are energized with normal aircraft power (if the pass thru-power connections are utilized) and the back-up battery remains off-line. This operation occurs regardless of the state of the Back-up Power Master switch. This allows for automatic pass through of power during normal operation.

**Ground Based Recharging:**

To accomplish ground based charging, connect an approved battery charger or DC power source to the main aircraft battery and energize the main aircraft power bus by turning on the master switch, leave all other aircraft loads in their off state. Note, the ground base source of power must be able to supply the load current of all devices that can not be turned off in this nominal state, plus the 3.0 amps of IBBS recharge current. Leave the ground based charging system connected and powered until the IBBS system completes its recharge cycle of its internal battery, for a fully discharged battery this may take up to 1.5 hours. If voltage monitoring of pin 2 of the IBBS is available a peak charging voltage of 29-30 volts will be observed as the battery reaches full capacity.

Alternately, a ground based charger is available from TCW Technologies LLC., model # IBBS-24v-CHARGER-LI-FE. This charger may be used for recharging the IBBS unit as well as keeping it topped off during long term product storage. (9 months or longer)

**Battery Capacity:**

The IBBS provides a capacity of 3 amp-hours at 25.6 volts when the system is fully charged and operated at 25 C°. Depending on various conditions including operating and storage temperature and age of the battery pack, the capacity of the system will vary. With a fully charged battery, the following average performance can be expected in terms of operating duration. The operating duration is for output voltage down to 20 volts.

| Total connected load | Duration    |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1.5 amps             | 120 minutes |
| 3.0 amps             | 60 minutes  |
| 5.0 amps             | 32 minutes  |

**Servicing:**

The internal battery in the IBBS system is replaceable, however, the IBBS product must be returned to TCW Technologies, LLC. for this service. Battery life depends strongly on many factors including operating and storage temperature, number of discharge cycles and depth of discharge. The battery capacity should be checked at least annually for suitable back-up power operation of the connected equipment. When the battery capacity no longer meets the operating criteria of the aircraft it must be replaced. Contact TCW Technologies, LLC. for battery replacement.

**Storage beyond 9 months:**

If the IBBS unit is to be stored without connection to the aircraft for a period greater than 9 months it must be connected to a source of DC power to maintain the battery's charge. Only connections to the ground terminal and the main power terminal are required. Connect Pin 4,5 (main power) and Pin 9 (ground) of the IBBS to any source of regulated DC power at 27-29 volts with a current capability of 3.0 amps to accomplish full recharging. Charger model IBBS-24v-CHARGER-Li-Fe is available from TCW Technologies, LLC. to simplify this requirement, it has the mating connector installed.

**Upon completion of installation:**

- 1) The builder/operator is responsible for determining the minimum operating duration of the back-up enabled equipment.
- 2) The required back-up operating time for the connected equipment should be recorded in the aircraft log-book with follow-up entries confirming the annual testing results that indicate that the required operating time is satisfied.

### **Normal Product Operation:**

For normal operation the following is the recommend operating procedure, it is strongly recommended that this operating procedure be added to the aircraft operating check-list for standard procedures.

### **Start-up Procedure:**

- 1) Prior to turning on the Aircraft Master Switch, turn ON the Back-up Power master switch.
- 2) Turn on any equipment that derives back-up power from the IBBS product.
- 3) Ensure the connected equipment successfully boots-up and is operating properly. (During this period of time the equipment is running off of the back-up battery in the IBBS product. This test ensures the transfer circuit and back-up battery are properly working)
- 4) Turn on the Aircraft Master Switch; ensure the connected equipment remains energized. (If you are utilizing a separate avionics bus, this may need to be turned ON to continue the operation equipment connected to the IBBS output.)
- 5) Start and operate the aircraft according to normal operating procedures.

### **Shut-down Procedure:**

- 1) Shut down aircraft engine using normal procedures.
- 2) Shut down the Aircraft Master Switch
- 3) Verify that equipment that derives back-up power from the IBBS product remains ON
- 4) Turn-off Back-up Power Master switch, ensure that equipment powers down. (This procedure further ensures the operation of the transfer circuit in the IBBS product.)

### **Emergency Procedure for loss of main aircraft electrical power:**

- 1) Operate the Aircraft Master Power Switch per the Emergency Procedure checklist already established for the aircraft.
- 2) Ensure the Back-up Master Switch is in the ON position.
- 3) Land aircraft as soon as practical to resolve the loss of main electrical power.

## **Instructions for Continued Airworthiness:**

On at least an annual basis the endurance capability of the IBBS system shall be confirmed and compared against the back-up endurance required for the connected equipment.

As an alternate to these tests, the IBBS unit may be returned to TCW Technologies for a loaded endurance test, contact TCW Technologies LLC. for details.

### **Procedure for endurance testing All applications except electronic ignition systems**

- 1) Turn off the Aircraft Master Switch
- 2) Turn on the Back-up Power Master Switch
- 3) Turn on all equipment connected to and supplied with back-up power from the IBBS product.
- 4) Measure and record at least the following information: The time until the first piece of connected equipment no longer functions or the time until the output of back-up power supply voltage drops to 21 volts. AVOID allowing the back-up battery voltage to fall below 20 volts.
- 5) After completing the endurance test, recharge the IBBS product by operating the system with the Aircraft Master Switch in the ON position for up to 1.5 hours. This may be done by operating the aircraft in conditions known to not require back-up power or by powering the aircraft system on a suitable ground power source as described in the section: Ground Base Recharging.
- 6) Record the results of the endurance testing in the aircraft log book.
- 7) If the IBBS no longer meets the endurance testing requirement, the back-up battery may need replacement.

## Instructions for Continued Airworthiness: Electronic Ignition System Back-up

On at least an annual basis the endurance capability of the IBBS system shall be confirmed and compared against the back-up endurance required for the connected equipment.

As an alternate to these tests the IBBS unit may be returned to TCW Technologies for a loaded endurance test, contact TCW for details.

### **Procedure for endurance testing of system providing back-up power to electronic ignition systems:**

**COMPLETE THESE STEPS IN ORDER!** Perform these tests with the aircraft properly secured on the ground, these are not flight test procedures.

- 1) Start the aircraft using normal starting procedures, including turning ON the Back-up Master switch
- 2) Select engine operation based on the use of only the electronic ignition module provided with back-up battery power.
- 3) PULL the 5 amp breaker feeding the Back-up Master Switch, confirm engine continues to run.
- 4) PULL the 7.5 amp breaker feeding pins 6,7,8 of the IBBS, confirm the engine continues to run.
- 5) Perform the following; test A or test B:

**Test A:** abbreviated battery test:

Monitor engine operation and voltmeter reading on any of pin 12,13,14,15, the back-up power output. Confirm back-up voltage begins above 25 volts and for a period of 15 minutes remains above 24.0 volts. If these requirements are met the battery pack is satisfactory.

**Test B:** full endurance test:

Operate the engine on the electronic ignition system for the required minimum run-time requirement (typically 60 minutes ) monitor the back-up battery voltage on the voltmeter connected to an output pin, the battery voltage must remain above 22 volts for the duration of the test. If this requirement is met the battery pack is satisfactory.

- 6) Turn off the Back-up Master Switch and confirm that the engine turns off.
- 7) IF all these tests pass, the IBBS system is functioning properly, record the results in the aircraft log book.
- 8) IF any of these tests fail, the IBBS system is not functioning properly and corrective action must take place. If the IBBS no longer meets the endurance testing requirement, the back-up battery may need replacement.
- 9) Return all pullable breakers to the normal ON position and ensure aircraft engine is properly returned to the off position by following normal run and shut down procedures.
- 10) After completing these tests, recharge the IBBS product by operating the system normally for up to 1.5 hours. This may be done by operating the aircraft in conditions known to not require back-up power or by powering the aircraft system on a suitable ground power source as described in the section: Ground Base Recharging.

**SPECIFICATIONS: IBBS-24v-3ah**

**Input Voltage\*** 26-32 volts DC

**Transition Voltage \*** 21-23 volts

**Input Current:** 3.0 amps max continuous on main input for charging

**Pass-thru Current:** 5 amps continuous, 10 amps peak (30 seconds)

**Output Voltage:** 22-29 volts DC during back-up operation

**Output Current:** 5 amps continuous  
10 amps peak for radio transmissions and transient load (30 second duration max)

**Battery:** Internal sealed Li-Fe-PO4

**Charger:** Integral high performance fast charger

**Surge Protection:** 34 volt active clamp, 1500w 10/1000uS waveform

**Wiring:** 15 pin male D-sub on product.

**Enclosure:** Aluminum 7.7" x 2.3" x 2.65"

**Weight:** 34 oz.

**Temperature range:** Operating -10 C° to 60 C°  
Charging -20 C° to 40 C°

**Connector:** Standard density 15 pin male D-sub on product

Note: Input voltage in excess of 35 volts or reverse polarity may damage unit

\*minimum input voltage to start a charge cycle is 26 volts, this ensures aircraft alternator is running prior to starting a charge cycle.

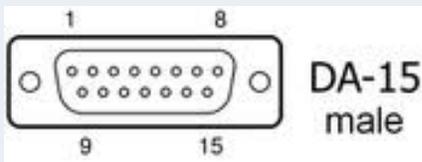
\*transition voltage is the voltage level on the input that causes the system to provide output power via the internal back-up battery

## Wiring connector detail:

Male on IBBS unit  
Female on aircraft wiring harness

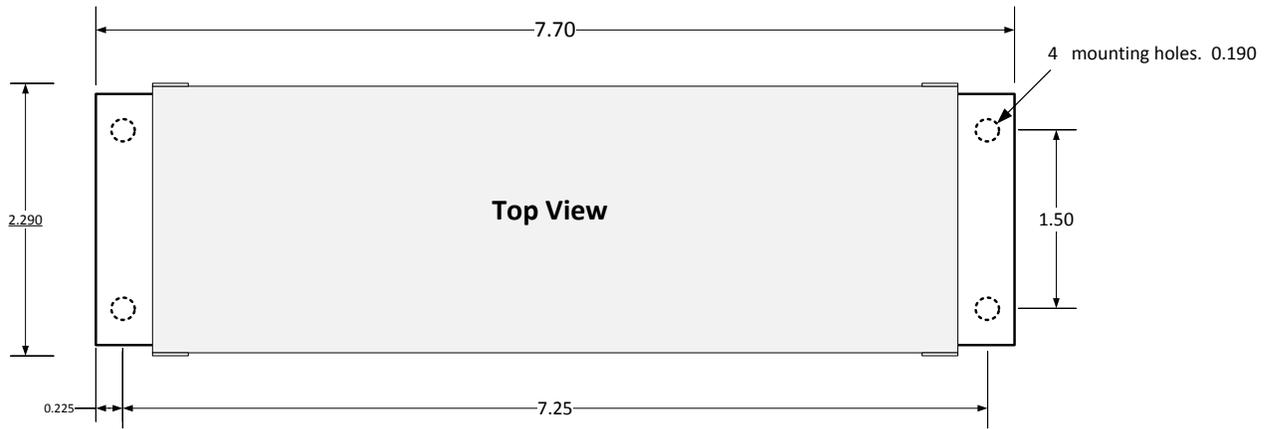
View from back of connector on harness

### 15 pin Male Dsub on unit



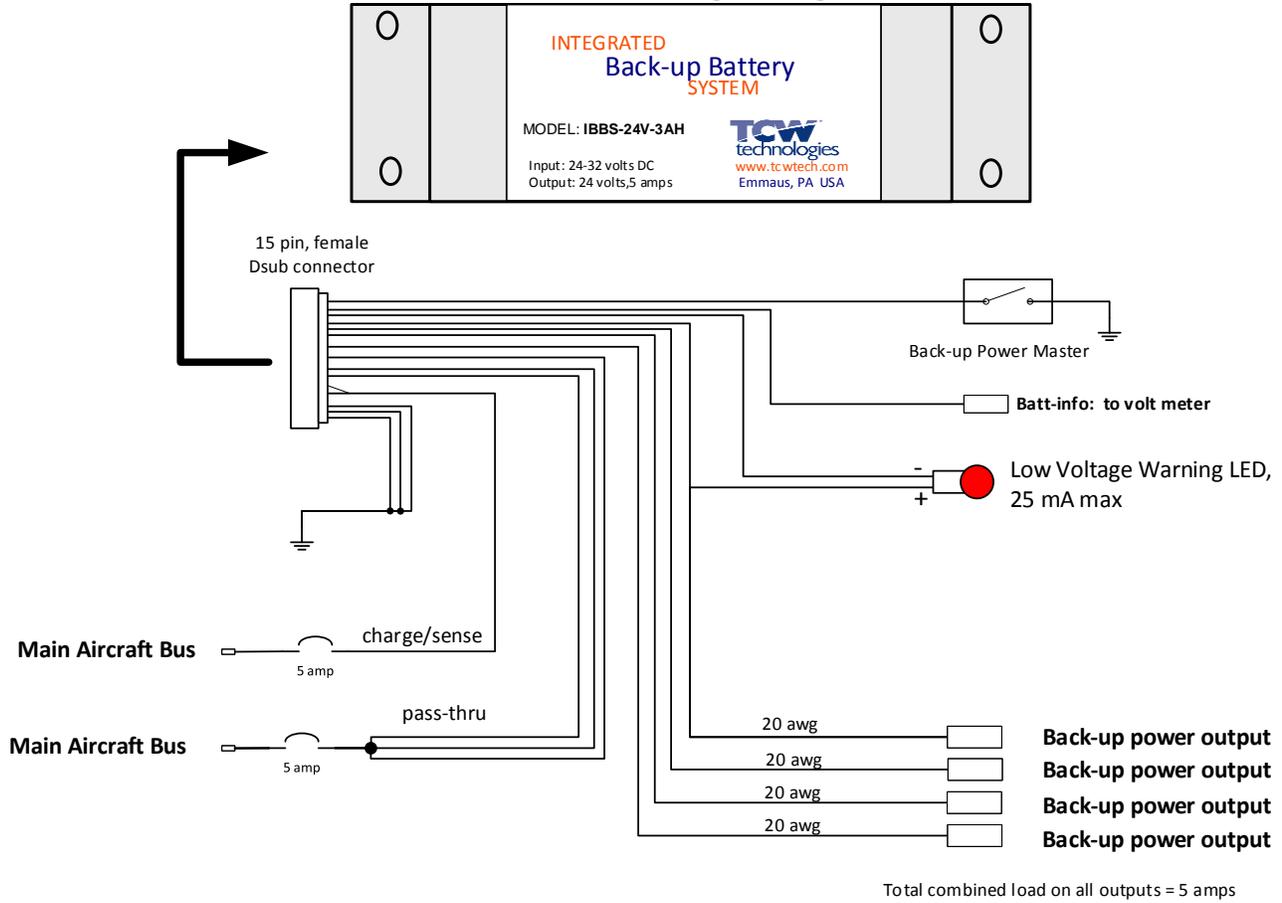
| Pin # | Function                  |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 1     | Enable- backup switch     |
| 2     | Batt-info                 |
| 3     | Low Volt Warn             |
| 4     | PWR + in, charge, sensing |
| 5     | PWR + in, charge, sensing |
| 6     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    |
| 7     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    |
| 8     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    |
| 9     | Ground                    |
| 10    | Ground                    |
| 11    | Ground                    |
| 12    | Output                    |
| 13    | Output                    |
| 14    | Output                    |
| 15    | Output                    |

# IBBS mounting footprint

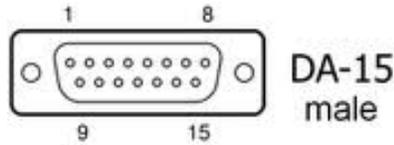


**Product height 2.75"**

# General Wiring Diagram



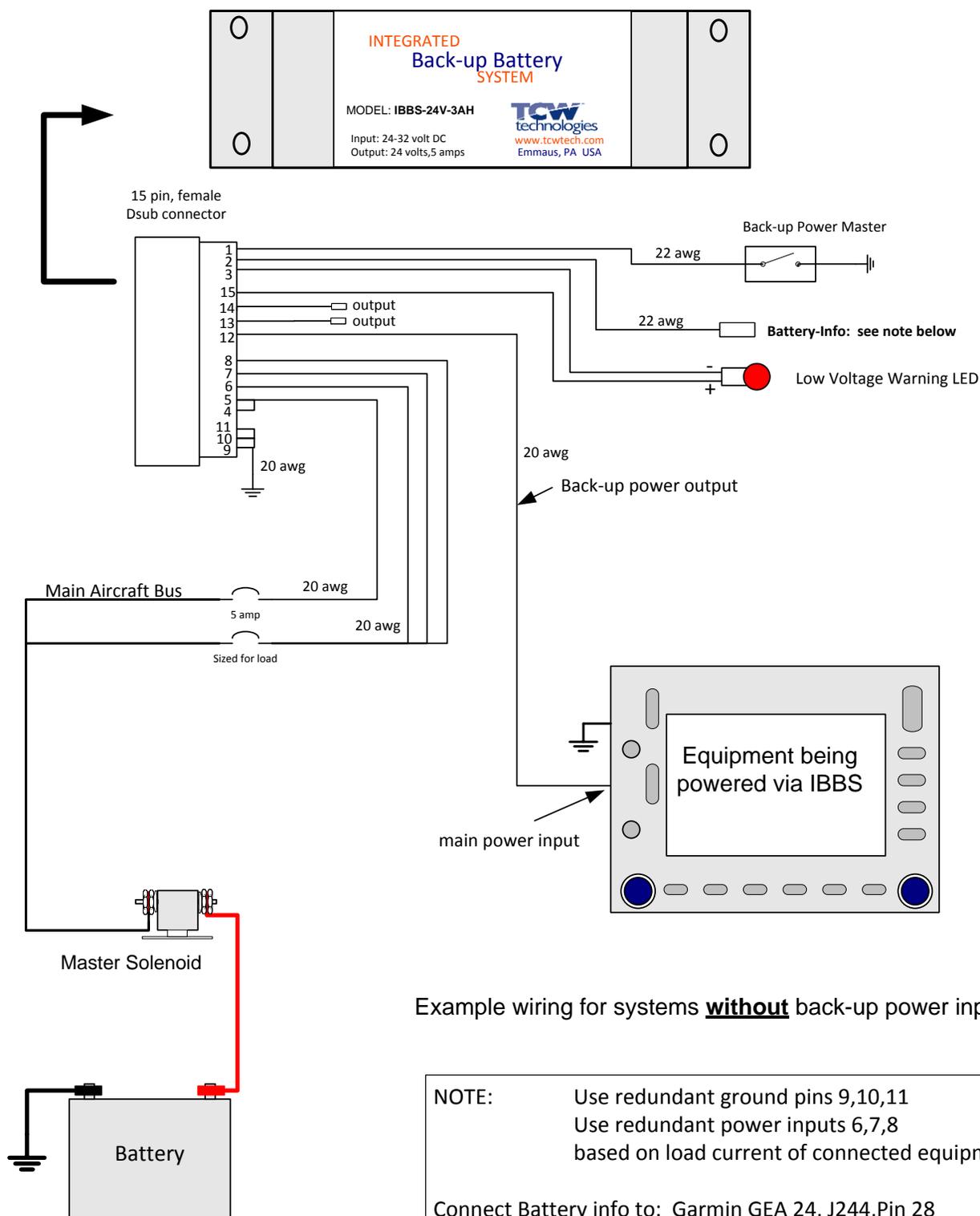
## 15 pin Male Dsub on unit



| Pin # | Function                  | Pin # | Function |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1     | Back-up master switch     | 9     | Ground   |
| 2     | Batt-info                 | 10    | Ground   |
| 3     | Low Volt Warn             | 11    | Ground   |
| 4     | PWR + in, charge,sensing  | 12    | Output   |
| 5     | PWR + in, charge, sensing | 13    | Output   |
| 6     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    | 14    | Output   |
| 7     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    | 15    | Output   |
| 8     | Pwr +, pass-thru input    |       |          |

# Wiring Diagram IBBS-24v-3ah

Equipment without Back-up Power Input



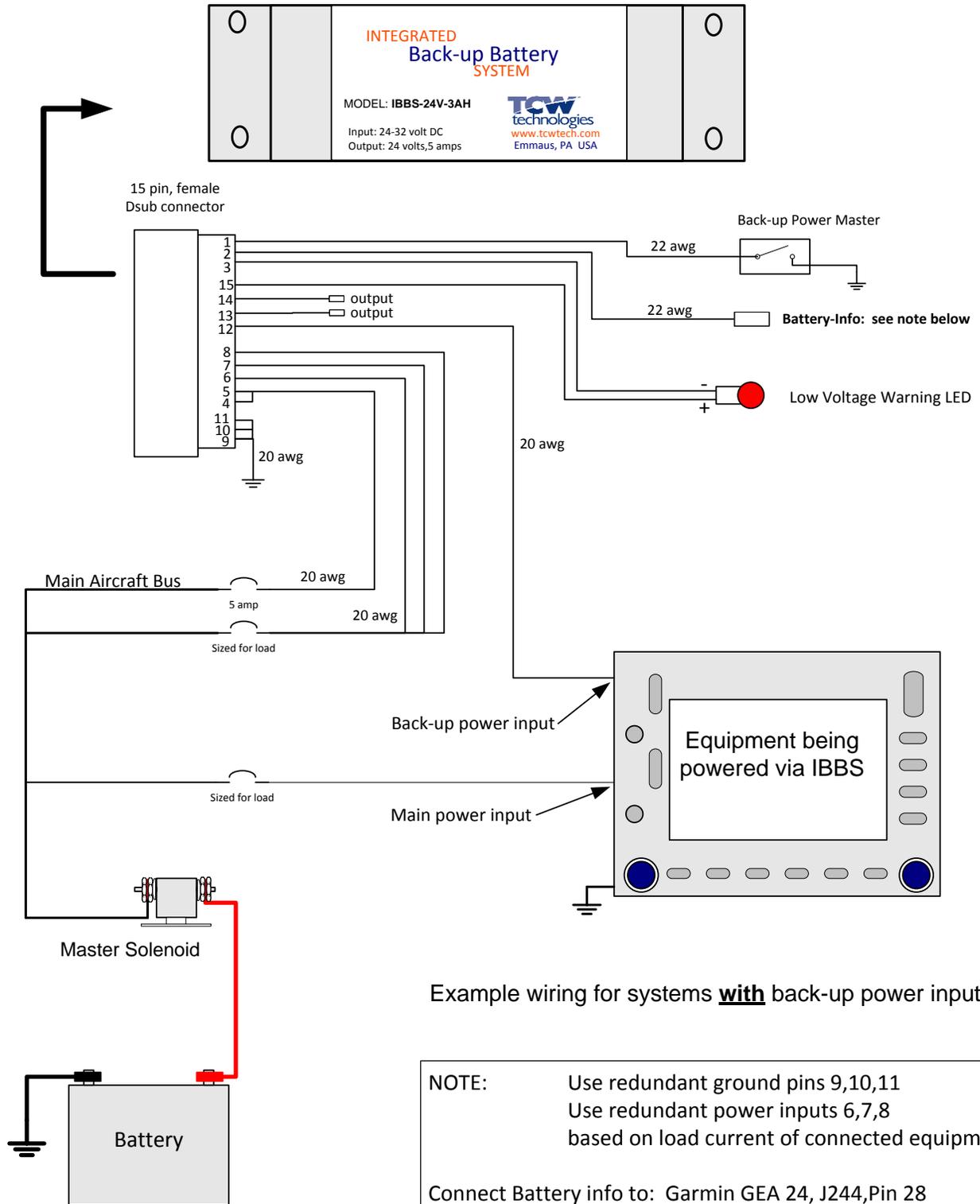
Example wiring for systems without back-up power input

NOTE: Use redundant ground pins 9,10,11  
Use redundant power inputs 6,7,8  
based on load current of connected equipment

Connect Battery info to: Garmin GEA 24, J244, Pin 28  
AFS EFIS expansion port Pin 13

# Wiring Diagram IBBS-24v-3ah

Equipment with Back-up Power Input



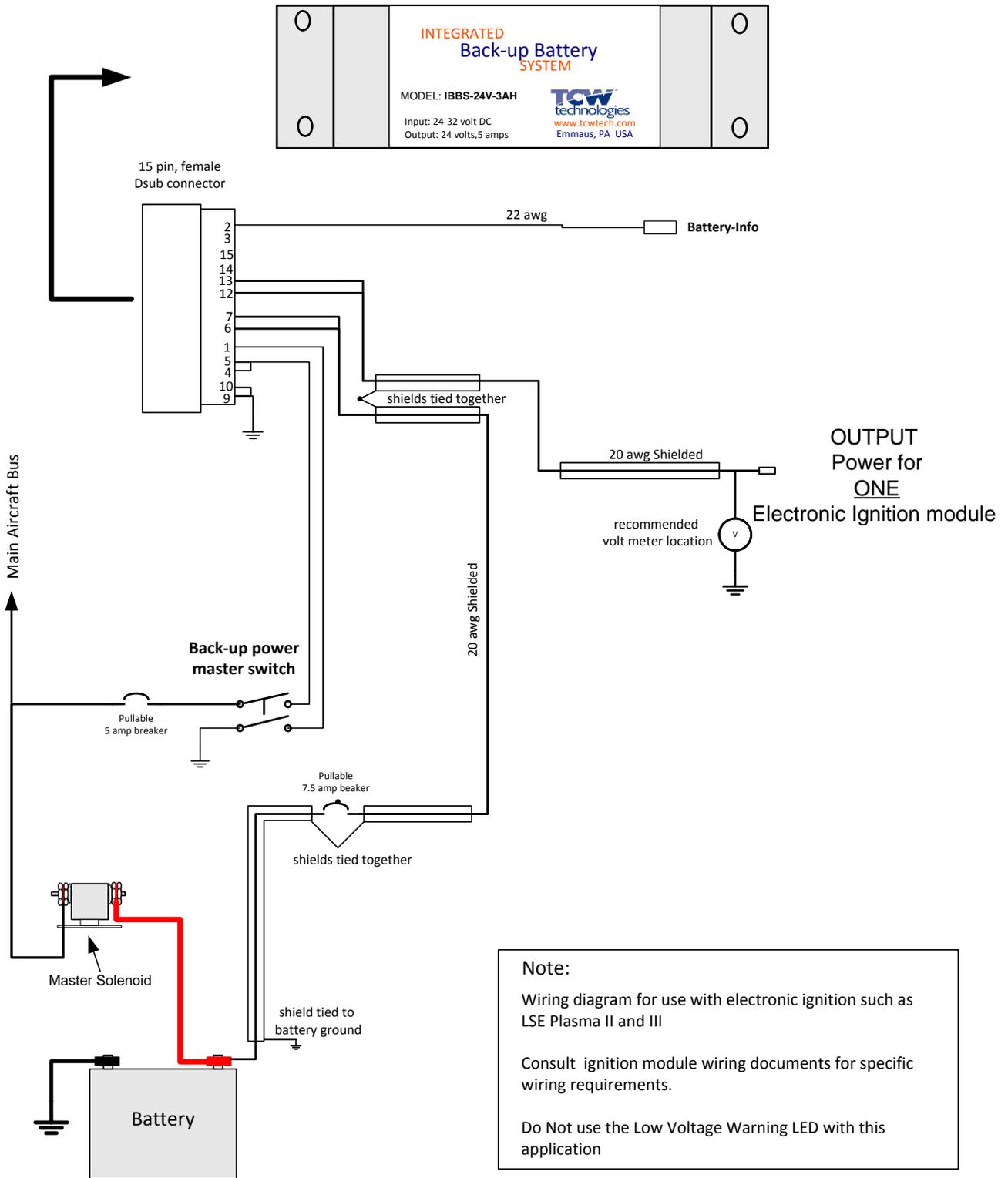
Example wiring for systems **with** back-up power input

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Use redundant power inputs 6,7,8  
based on load current of connected equipment

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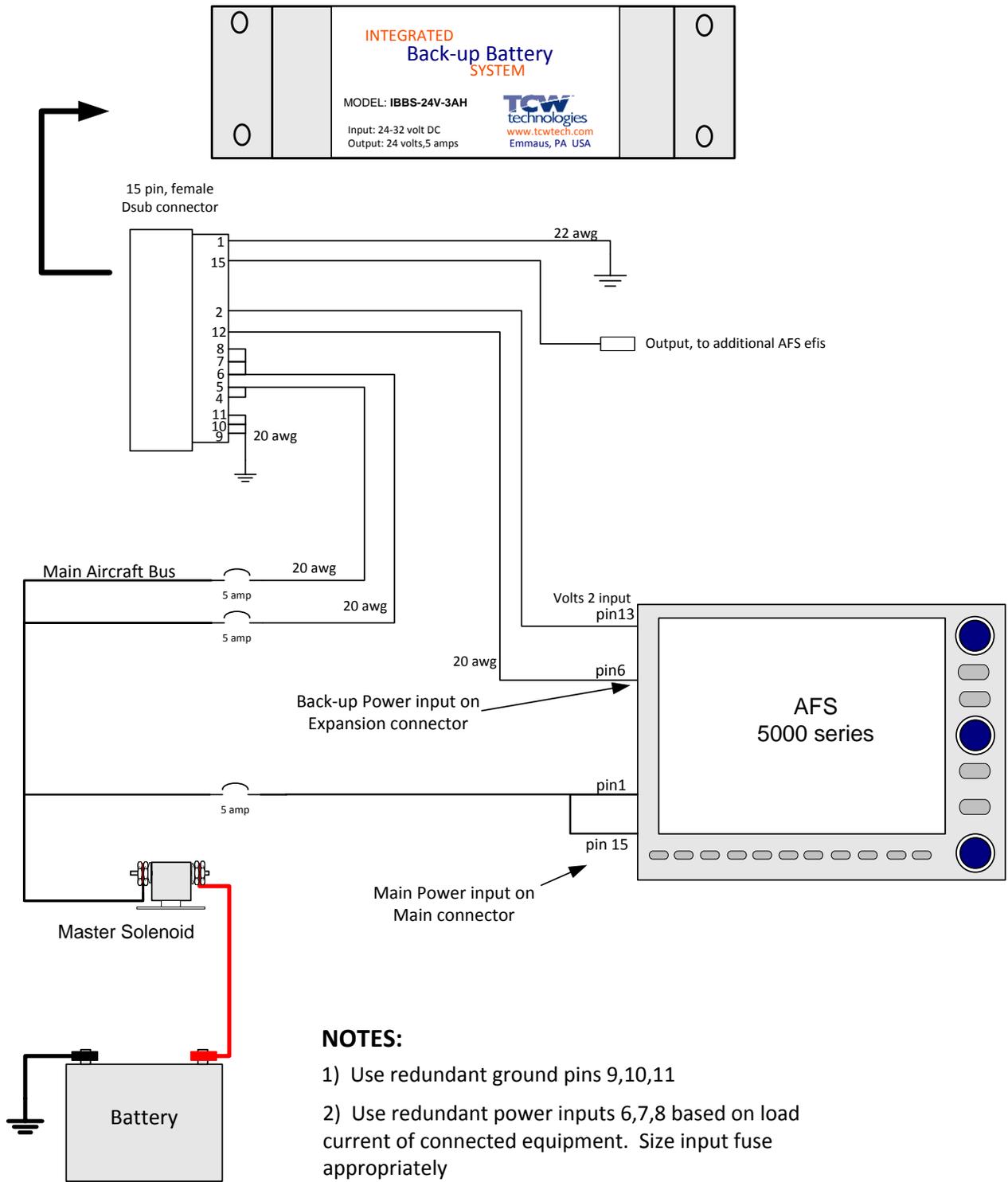
# Wiring Diagram IBBS-24v-3ah

Back-up of ONE CDI in a single or dual CDI installation. Use with LSE Plasma II and III electronic ignition



# Wiring Diagram IBBS-24v-3ah

Advanced Flight Systems 5000 series wiring



**NOTES:**

- 1) Use redundant ground pins 9,10,11
- 2) Use redundant power inputs 6,7,8 based on load current of connected equipment. Size input fuse appropriately
- 3) No back-up master switch required when wired per this drawing for AFS 5000 series only.

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