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WARNING

The **ALFA** is intended to be a backup device and must not be relied upon as your primary means of maintaining altitude awareness. Use the **ALFA** at your own risk

Altimeters may give erroneous readings if you are tumbling or the altimeter is in a burble (wake). Chest mount altimeters are more vulnerable to this problem compared to hand/wrist mounted altimeters. If you are in doubt about how this limitation affects your skydiving, consult a licensed instructor

DO NOT use this equipment unless you are currently participating in, or have successfully passed, an approved skydiving course

Please read ALL instructions carefully prior to use

The **ALFA** must be switched **ON** prior to entering the airplane

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INTRODUCTION

The **ALFA** is the most high-end, accurate, and reliable visual digital altimeter to be developed by LB Altimeters to date. The **ALFA** software includes second-to-none error correction to ensure correct live altitude readings in any application

Features

- Digital altimeter
- Large high contrast, non-flicker, LCD display
- Electroluminescent backlight for night jumping
- Waterproof and shock resistant aluminum casing with reinforced glass
- Quick buttons for access to primary functions
- Jump profile playback
- Basic logbook and daily jump counter
- IR access functionality, to use with optional AltiSet / AltiSet2 Remote Control

Functions

- Automatic calibration to the local elevation
- User selection of feet / meter and mph / kmh
- Stores up to 10 min of data from last jump
- Log book stores up to 200 jumps including:
 - o Date / time
 - o Exit / opening altitudes
 - o Free fall time
 - o Max / average speed

DESCRIPTION

- 1 Altitude Offset / Up
- 2 Main
- 3 Back light / Down
- 4 LCD display
- 5 Battery cover
- 6 Reset button
- 7 IR port



DISPLAY

Startup

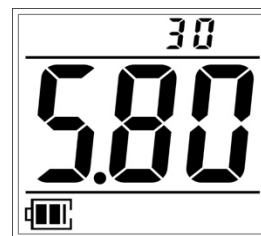
When turning ON the ALFA, the unit will display the following during the startup self-test



Full display



Air pressure reading (mbar)
Firmware version



Temperature (Celsius)
Battery voltage (V)

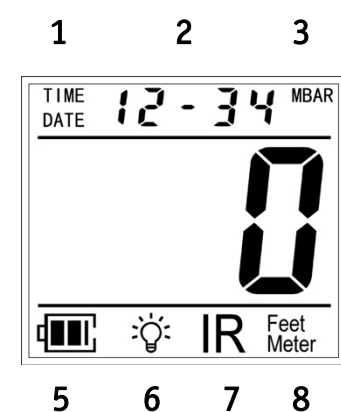


Control number

Main window

The main window is the default window after the unit is turned ON, and starting point for any further actions

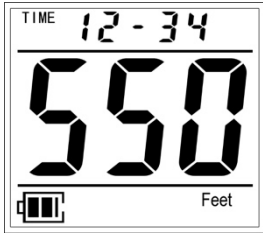
- 1 Time/date indicator
- 2 Time/date display
- 3 mbar indicator
- 4 Altitude display (flashing when negative)
- 5 Battery indicator
- 6 Backlight indicator
- 7 IR Mode indicator
- 8 Feet / meter indicator



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Altitude window

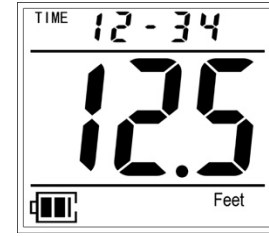
Shortly after take-off, the main window will automatically display altitude readings
The altitude increments (feet / meter) displayed depends on the altitude reached



0 - 990
Altitude display: Normal
Increments of 10 feet / 5 meters



1.000 – 9.990
Altitude display: 10s
Increments of 10 feet / 10 meters



10.000 and above
Altitude display: 100s
Increments of 100 feet / 100 meters

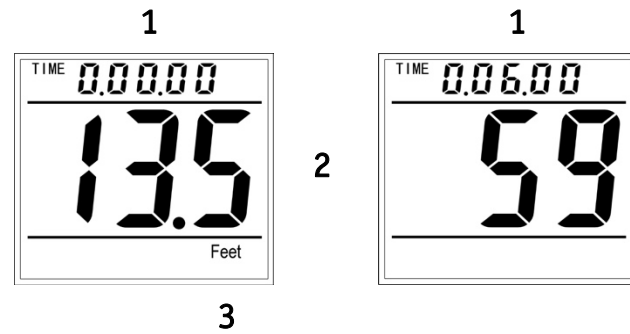
Logbook and Jump Info / Settings

Examples of display after performing ACCESS, are shown in the separate sections

Jump Profile





The jump profile window is used when playing back the last jump

- 1 Time display
- 2 Altitude display / Speed display
- 3 Feet/meter indicator



Battery Indicator

The battery indicator shows the current battery status

-  Full capacity: Two black bars are shown inside the battery symbol
-  Half capacity: One black bar is shown inside the battery symbol
-  Low capacity: The battery symbol is empty. The batteries must be replaced as soon as possible
-  Empty: The battery symbol is flashing. Do not continue jumping and replace batteries immediately

Warning: Do not perform night jumps, or jumps in sub-zero temperatures (Celsius) when the battery symbol shows low capacity

MENU OVERVIEW

The ALFA menu system consists of 3 separate areas, which includes the following (Use road map for reference)

Quick Buttons	Logbook and Jump Info	Settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn ON unit Altitude Offset IR Mode Backlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Jump Counter Total Jumps Exit Altitude Opening Altitude Freefall Time Average Speed Freefall Maximum Speed Freefall Altitude Profile of Last Jump Speed Profile of Last Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Date Time Jump Counter Units - Altitude Units - Speed Dive Type Delete Last Jump Delete Logbook Turn OFF

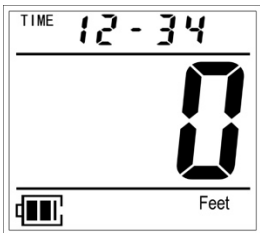
PERFORMING ACCESS

In order to access each of the individual areas, the following steps must be performed from the main window (use road map for reference)

Quick Buttons

Press and hold the designated button for 5 seconds

Logbook and Jump Info



Press and release



Press



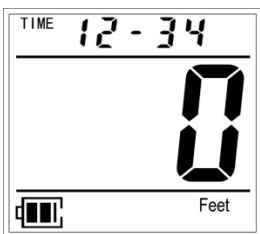
----- hold button down -----



Release



Settings



Perform ACCESS to Logbook and Jump Info



Press



--- hold for 5 seconds ---



Release



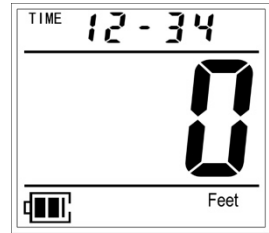
QUICK BUTTONS

Quick Buttons are fast shortcuts to important features of the ALFA

Turn ON unit

Turn ON ALFA on the ground before use. The unit runs a self-test and calibrates to the current ground level
The ALFA will stay turned ON for 14 hours after the last jump or after last ACCESS performed

With the unit OFF, press and hold any button for 5 seconds



If ALFA is turned on during flight, the correct altitude must be adjusted manually

Altitude Offset



Use Altitude Offset to adjust for altitude difference between landing zone and take-off elevation

To ensure proper ground reference on landing zone:

Select a **positive** offset, if take-off elevation is **HIGHER** than the landing zone
Select a **negative** offset, if take-off elevation is **LOWER** than the landing zone

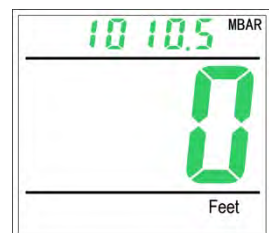
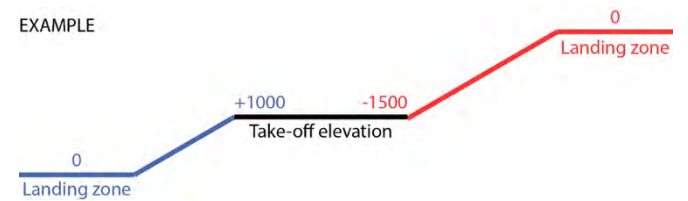
Alternatively enter the mbar value for the landing zone

Press and hold  for 5 seconds

Press  to increase altitude/Mbar
Press  to reduce altitude/Mbar

Press  to confirm Altitude Offset setting

The Altitude Offset will now be displayed in the main window
(flashing when negative)



Altitude Offset must be confirmed within 15 seconds following an altitude change
Altitude Offset is cancelled if no button is pressed within 15 seconds

Note: If using Altitude Offset during flight either use the aircraft altimeter for reference, or enter the mbar value for landing zone

IR Mode

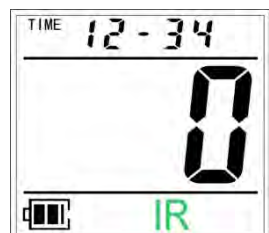
Activate/Deactivate IR Mode for communication with AltiSet / AlitSet2 remote control

Press and hold  for 5 seconds

IR Indicator will flash and IR mode is active for 2 minutes


Activate IR Mode on AltiSet
Point the AltiSet at the IR port
ALFA adjusts to the AltiSet preset altitude and/or backlight

Press  to exit IR mode at any time



Note: Refer to the AltiSet manual for more information on using the AltiSet / AltiSet2 remote controls


Backlight


 Indicates if backlight is ON or OFF

Enable/disable backlight:


Press and hold  for 5 seconds

The backlight intensity can be set in 10 steps immediately after backlight is turned ON
Step 1 = lowest intensity, step 10 = highest intensity

Press  to increase intensity

Press  to decrease intensity

ALFA stores the last setting

Press  to continue


Backlight will turn OFF automatically after 30 seconds, if ALFA is not in Jump Mode
Backlight will remain ON while ALFA is in Jump Mode



LOGBOOK AND JUMP INFO

Logbook and Jump Info contain detailed information regarding previous jumps

Perform **ACCESS** to enter the first entry of **Logbook and Jump info**


Press  to scroll through all the entries


ALFA exits **Logbook and Jump info** if no button is pressed within 15 seconds

Daily Jump Counter

Displays daily jump counter for individual dates

Press  to select later date(s)

Press  to select earlier date(s)


Press  to continue




Total Jumps

Displays total number of jumps

Select jump number to display more information

Press  to select next jump

Press  to select previous jump


Date and time for the selected jump is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue




Exit Altitude

Displays exit altitude for selected jump

Press  to select next jump

Press  to select previous jump


Selected jump number is shown at the top of the screen


Press  to continue




Opening Altitude

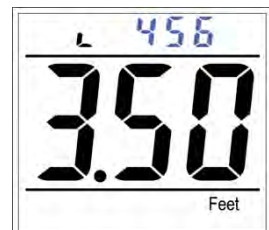
Displays opening altitude for selected jump

Press  to select next jump

Press  to select previous jump


Selected jump number is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue



Freefall Time

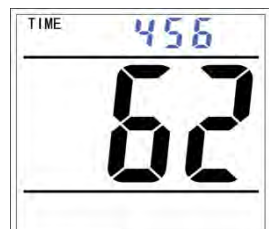
Displays freefall time registered for selected jump

Press  to select next jump

Press  to select previous jump



Selected jump number is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue




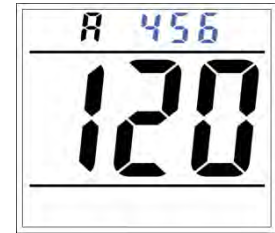
Average Freefall Speed

Displays average speed for selected jump

Press  to select next jump
Press  to select previous jump



Selected jump number is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue



Maximum Freefall Speed

Displays maximum speed for selected jump

Press  to select next jump
Press  to select previous jump





Selected jump number is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue




Altitude Profile of Last Jump

Displays the altitude profile, at a given time, for the last jump

Press  to scroll forward in time (seconds)
Press  to scroll backwards in time (seconds)
Holding down either  /  will fast scroll





Time is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue




Speed Profile of Last Jump

Displays the speed profile, at a given time, for last jump performed

Press  to scroll forward in time (seconds)
Press  to scroll back in time (seconds)
Holding down either  /  will fast scroll


Time is shown at the top of the screen

Press  to continue



Note: Freefall time must be minimum 6 seconds to store a speed profile

Exit Logbook and Jump Info

 is flashing

Allows manual exit from menu

Press  or  to exit from menu


Press  to start from the beginning



SETTINGS

Settings are used to customize the ALFA



Perform **ACCESS** to enter the first entry of **Settings**

Press  to scroll through all settings

ALFA will exit **Settings** if no button is pressed within 15 seconds

Year

Sets current year

Press  to select next year
Press  to select previous year





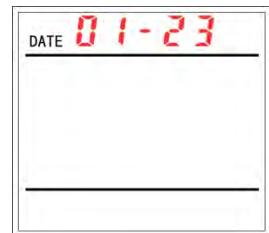
Year is displayed at the top of the screen

Press  to continue


Date

Sets current date

Press  to select next date
Press  to select previous date







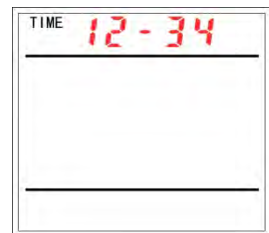
To change month:
Scroll DAY until reaching 31 or 1, then ALFA will scroll MONTH up/down


Press  to continue

Time

Sets current time in 24-hour format





Press  to add minutes/hours
Press  to subtract minutes/hours
Holding down either  /  will fast scroll time




Press  to continue

Jump Counter

Sets the current total number of jumps

Press  to add jumps
Press  to subtract jumps
Holding down either  /  will fast scroll




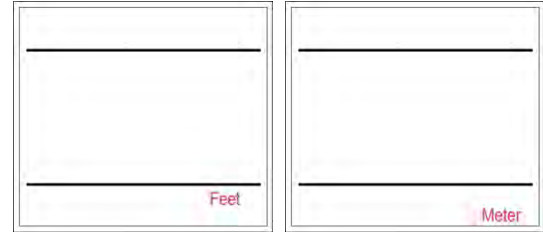
Press  to continue

Units - Altitude

Sets altitude display in either feet or meters

Press  or  to switch units


Press  to continue

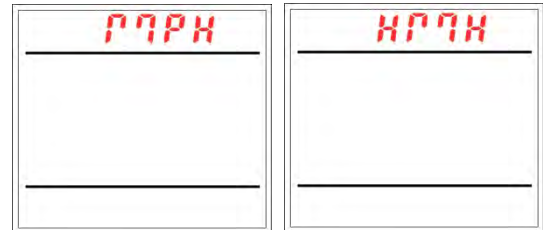


Units - Speed

Sets altitude display in either miles/hour or kilometers/hour

Press  or  to switch units



Press  to continue




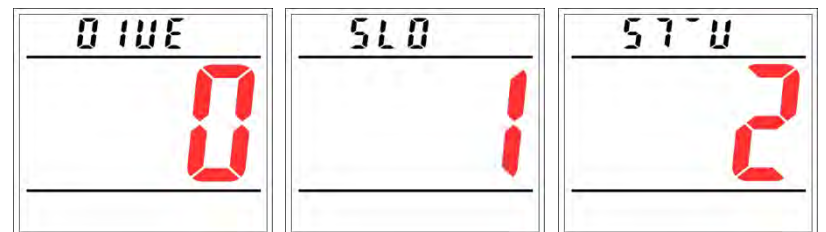
Dive type

Sets the current dive type used for logging data:

- 0: Standard
- 1: Slow The exit and deployment parameters are designed to fit very slow fall rates, such as wingsuiting
Freefall detection is very sensitive, and may register jumps if the airplane descends
- 2: Student The descent rate parameters are changed to fit very short free falls (2 seconds)

Press  or  to switch between Dive Types

Press  to continue




Delete Last Jump


Deletes the last jump in the logbook

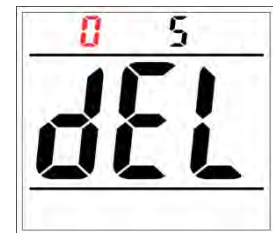
To avoid unintentional deletions, the counter at the top of the screen must be set to '5'

Press  and  to match counter to '5'
Press  to accept deletion of last jump

WARNING:

If the counter is set at '5',  cannot be used to scroll through settings and will delete last jump. Once deleted, the jump data is lost


Press  to continue




Delete Log Book

Deletes the entire logbook

To avoid unintentional deletions, the counter at the top of the screen must be set to '19'

Press  and  to match counter to '19'
Press  to accept deletion of last jump

WARNING:

If the counter is set at '19',  cannot be used to scroll through settings and will delete the entire logbook. Once deleted, the logbook data is lost




Press  to continue

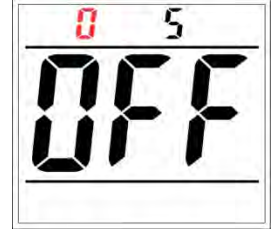


Turn OFF


Turns **ALFA** OFF


To avoid unintentionally turning the **ALFA** OFF, the counter at the top of the screen must be set to '5'

Press  and  to match counter to '5'
Press  to accept deletion of last jump




Warning:

If the counter is set at '5',  cannot be used to scroll through settings and will turn **ALFA** off


Press  to continue

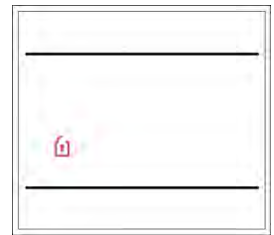
Exit Settings

 is flashing

Allows manual exit from menu

Press  or  to exit from menu

Press  to start from the beginning



FUNCTIONALITY

Automatic Calibration / Jump Mode

After the **ALFA** is turned ON, it will continue to automatically recalibrate itself to the field elevation where it is currently located. This will continue after each jump / landing, to ensure the unit is always zeroed before jumps are made and will take into account weather related pressure changes.

After take-off, the **ALFA** will enter Jump Mode. Once a jump is completed, the unit will recalibrate to the field elevation where it is located

When performing Altitude Offset, the **ALFA** enters Jump Mode and will retain any offset for 14 hours if no jump is made. After 14 hours the unit recalibrates itself to the field elevation where it is located

Manual Zeroing

If the unit does not display the correct altitude when arriving at the drop zone, it must be manually zeroed

Turning the unit OFF, then ON, will clear any Altitude Offset and re-enter automatic calibration

Automatic OFF

The **ALFA** automatically switches OFF if no jumps has been made within 14 hours, or the unit has not been in Jump Mode for 14 hours

MAINTENANCE

Reset ALFA

A reset may be necessary for troubleshooting and firmware verification

*Locate the small hole on the side of the battery cover
Insert a paper clip or similar into hole, press and release
ALFA will recalibrate battery system immediately*

The firmware version will be displayed after reset



Battery Change

Only use Renata CR-2325 batteries (2 ea.) in ALFA

Battery cover screw specs: M3/T6 head (4.5mm length)

*Remove the screws and battery cover
Remove both batteries and note the polarity
Install 2 new batteries
Install battery cover, and ensure rubber seal is in correct placement
Place and tighten screws, using a torque screwdriver set at **0.8 Nm***

*Restart ALFA after battery change
to recalibrate battery system*



All settings and logbook is kept in a non-volatile memory and will not be lost, however time may need to be set again after battery change

WARNING: The battery cover and seal must be installed correctly, using correct screws and torque, before any water jumps are made

Air Filter Change

The ALFA is waterproof to a depth of 5 feet, for 24 hours

If the ALFA is submerged into water, allow the unit and air filter to dry in a warm place for 48 hours
The air filter must be replaced if jumping is to be resumed immediately, or if the air filter is suspected to be contaminated

*Remove the screws and battery covers
Remove air filter from battery cover
Install new air filter into battery cover
Install battery cover, and ensure rubber seal is in correct placement
Place and tighten screws, using a torque screwdriver set at **0.8 Nm***

*Restart ALFA after air filter change
to recalibrate battery system*

Air filter, and filter removal tool, are accessories that can be purchased separately



Trouble Shooting

If the ALFA detects an issue, an error symbol is shown (ERR) with a number at the top of the screen


Error codes:

- 2: Transducer defective
- 3: Transducer out of range
- 4: Crystal defective
- 5: Communications error to flash
- 100: Flash defective

Always restart ALFA to attempt to remedy a single ERR code

If the ERR code persists, also perform battery change

After unsuccessful restart of the ALFA, a Factory Reset is necessary:

Press and hold  during reset, to perform Factory Reset

WARNING: All logbook data will be lost with Factory Reset

If the ALFA is still faulty after Factory Reset, it must be serviced by an LB Altimeters Service Center

SPECIFICATIONS

ALFA

Mechanical:

Casing:	Rugged, precision machined aircraft aluminum
Screen glass:	Scratch proof lens made of high impact etched glass
Dimensions:	64mm x 44mm x 15mm
Weight:	68g
LCD viewing area:	34mm x 29.5mm
Backlight intensity steps:	10
AltiSet IrDa compatible:	Yes
AltiSet2 IrDa compatible:	Yes

Altitude Adjustment:

Altitude in mbar offset:	Yes
Altitude mbar offset range:	200 to 1075 mbar (20,67 to 31,74 In Hg)
Present mbar steps:	0.5 mbar
Altitude in feet /meter offset:	Yes
Altitude feet /meter offset range:	-19900 ft. to +19900 ft. (-6000 m to +6000 m)
Present altitude steps:	+/- 10 ft. (5 meters)

Tolerances:

Exit altitude:	+/- 1.2%
Deployment altitude:	+/- 1.2%
Freefall time:	+/- 1 sec
Speed:	+/- 3 mph (+/- 5 km/h)
mbar:	+/- 1 mbar

Logbook:

Minimum freefall time for logbook generation in Normal mode:	8 seconds
Minimum freefall time for logbook generation in Student mode:	3 seconds
Maximum logging altitude (Normal mode):	30,000 ft. (9,150 m)
Maximum logging altitude (Student mode):	40,000 ft. (12,200 m)
Maximum Profile storage (last jump):	10 minutes. Sampling rate: 4/sec.
Accumulated number of jumps:	999
Exit Altitude, Deployment, Freefall Time, Speed:	200 Jumps
Storage principle:	First In First Out

Factory default settings:

Feet / meter:	Feet
Mph / kmh:	Mph
Type of Dive:	0
Date:	2018:1:1 (year : month : date)
Time:	12:00:00 (hours : minutes : seconds)

Other:

Operating altitude:	0 to 40,000 ft. (0 to 12,200 m)
Clock:	+/- 4 min/month
Storing Temperature:	-20C to +70C
Operating Temperature Range:	-20C to +60C continuous operation
Will operate at -50C for:	10 minutes
Storing Pressure:	200 to 1075 mbar
Maximum allowable humidity:	Up to 99,9% relative humidity
Waterproof:	5 feet for 24 hours
Function Period:	14 hours
Maintenance:	4 and 8 years, from date of manufacture
Battery type:	2 x CR 2325
L&B part no.:	285828
NATO Stock no.:	6675-22-630-2342

WARRANTY

The following conditions apply to the **ALFA** warranty:

If within 12 months of the purchase of **ALFA** a defect or damage is identified by faulty manufacture, LB ALTIMETERS will repair the unit at no cost to the end user

To make a claim under this warranty, send the unit to an authorized dealer or directly to LB ALTIMETERS together with the dated purchase invoice or receipt. The warranty becomes void if damage is caused by external circumstances or if the unit has been serviced or repaired by third parties unauthorized by our national agents or LB ALTIMETERS. All further claims, especially for defects after skydiving accidents, are excluded. LB ALTIMETERS has no obligation to honor any extension of warranty granted by any national agent

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The buyer and user of the **ALFA** indemnify the manufacturer and vendor from any liability for damage incurred before, during and after skydiving with the instrument

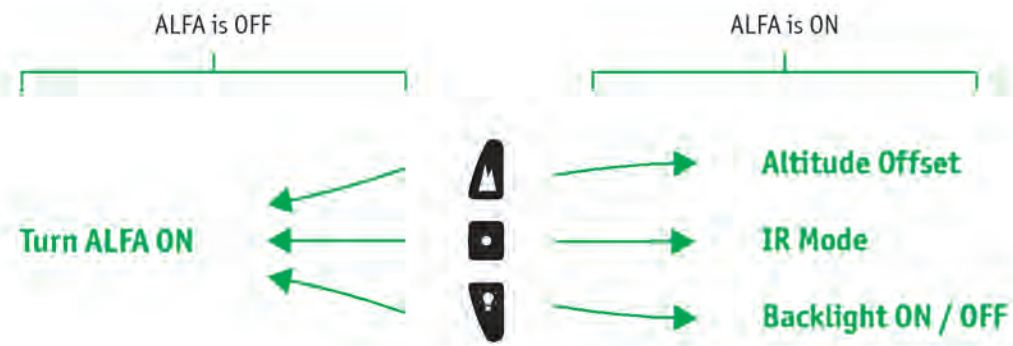


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ALFA - QUICK START & ROAD MAP

Quick Buttons

Press and hold button for 5 seconds



Performing ACCESS

