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PERFORMANCE TEST REPORT

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Test Date: 16 September 2025

Test Location: Edwards AFB / Yuma Proving Ground

Test Conductor: IOT&E;

SYSTEM UNDER TEST

System: Pathfinder-LR

Manufacturer: Meridian UAV Corporation

Serial Number: MERIDIAN-PT-0005

Configuration: Block 4 Production Standard

TEST OBJECTIVES

1. Validate operational range under mission-representative conditions
2. Verify payload capacity and center-of-gravity limitations
3. Assess endurance at various altitudes and payload configurations
4. Evaluate data link performance and reliability
5. Confirm environmental operating envelope

TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

RANGE TESTING

Flight Profile: Standard ISR mission profile with 2 waypoint navigation

Conditions: Standard day, winds 12 knots

Fuel Load: 91% maximum capacity

Result: 1668 km achieved

Specification: 1500 km required (threshold)

Status: PASS

PAYOUT TESTING

Configuration: Full ISR suite with EO/IR/SAR sensors

Measured Capacity: 333 kg

Specification: 300 kg required (threshold)

Status: PASS

Center of Gravity: Tested at 28% MAC (within 22-35% limits)

ENDURANCE TESTING

Altitude: 39827 ft MSL

Payload: 76% of maximum tested capacity

Measured Endurance: 32 hours

Specification: 24 hours required

Status: PASS

DETAILED TEST ANALYSIS

SERVICE CEILING VERIFICATION

Maximum Altitude Achieved: 41,497 ft MSL

Engine Performance at Ceiling: 90% rated power

Rate of Climb at Ceiling: 70 ft/min

Status: BELOW THRESHOLD

DATA LINK ASSESSMENT

System Type: LOS C-band

Range Tested: 163 km line-of-sight

Throughput: 58 Mbps sustained

Latency: 172 ms average

Packet Loss: 2.33%

Status: MEETS REQUIREMENTS

ANOMALIES AND DEFICIENCIES

No significant anomalies noted during testing.

CONCLUSIONS

The Pathfinder-LR demonstrated satisfactory performance across tested parameters. Measured range of 1668 km and payload capacity of 333 kg meet or exceed OVERWATCH program requirements. Modular architecture enables rapid capability insertion and future growth beyond current requirements.

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