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Hi Jerry

This weekend we got to try out my new C.A.T. System Headsets on a long cross country flight. 10 hours round trip. first of all I'd like to thank you for the expedient service so we would have them in time for this trip. They made the long trip more enjoyable.

I've been flying with a Lightspeed 20XL ANR headset which I consider to be a very quiet and comfortable headset. I found the C.A.T. System to be quieter and much more comfortable. You put these things in your ears and you hardly know they're there. Nothing sitting on top your head or clamping the sides of your head. Nothing interfering with your sun glasses. Very nice! After 5 hours of flying my wife didn't have her usual headache from having her head clamped and of course it didn't muss her hair. With the Lightspeed I always had to make sure I had extra batteries because they are awful without the ANR and sooner or later the batteries will go dead. Now no more batteries!

One added benefit I found is that I have better visibility over the nose of my RV-6 because I can get my head closer to the top of the canopy. It's suprising how much difference an inch can make. I also just added a retractable sun shade inside my canopy that the Lightspeed would have interfered with. No problem with the C.A.T. System. And I can turn my air vents to blow on my face without worrying about the wind opening the mike.

With my old headset I had to turn the intercom volume almost all the way up to hear the CD player, and remember to turn it down before you spoke. With the C.A.T. System I don't have to change the volume at all. I can also set my com volume lower.

You've definitely got a winner here. My next big trip is to Oshkosh, 10 hours each way, and I'm actually looking forward to wearing them all that way.

Now if you'll allow me to nitpick a little. The squelch seems to take a little more fussing to get set right. But once I got it set it wasn't a problem. The mute button is a nice feature but I think a click on click off type button would be better than the momentary button. My wife and I always take snacks on long trips. When eating I have to turn the intercom off. The mike cord is sensitive to being touched and opens the mike. A minor annoyance at most but it would be nice if there was a way to isolate the cord from the mike. The clip on the cord help a lot. The lube you send with them work well but the container you put it in is so small I can't get my finger in it. OK enough complaining

All in all I'm very pleased. These things are great.

Bud Newhall

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