Annex D – Comparison of technical and performance differences between the various ADS-B options

Standard	IFR standard GNSS position source + Mode S Transponder	TABS position source + Mode S Transponder +	TABS integrated	Electronic conspicuity
Trade-offs	Best performance/ Highest cost	Good performance/ Higher cost	Medium performance/ Medium cost	Lowest performance/ Lowest cost
Transponder modal interactions	Transponder replies to interrogation.	Transponder replies to interrogation.	Transponder replies to some interrogations (not to ATC radar).	No transponder function.
Transponder downlink format	Transponder transmits DF17	Transponder transmits DF17.	Transmits DF17.	Device transmits DF18 only.
Transmission power	>125W.	>125W.	70W (reduced range performance).	≤ 40W (further reduced range performance).
Visible to ATC radar?	Yes.	Yes.	Unlikely.	No.

Standard	IFR standard GNSS position source + Mode S Transponder	TABS position source + Mode S Transponder +	TABS integrated	Electronic conspicuity
Visible to ATC ADS-B	Yes.	Yes – Situational awareness only if SIL=1. Yes – Full capability if SIL≥2.	Yes – Situational awareness only (SIL=1).	Yes – Situational awareness only (SIL=1).
Visible to ADS-B certified in?	Yes.	Yes, assuming SIL≥1, SDA≥1.	Yes, assuming SIL≥1, SDA≥1.	Yes, assuming SIL≥1, SDA≥1.
Visible to Uncertified ADS-B in products?	Probably.	Probably.	Probably.	Probably.
Visible to drone Sense and Avoid	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Visible to TCAS	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.
Can the product be installed in aircraft with Mode A/C transponder?	No.	No.	No because TABS replies to interrogations.	Yes.

Standard	IFR standard GNSS position source + Mode S Transponder	TABS position source + Mode S Transponder +	TABS integrated	Electronic conspicuity
Can the product be installed in aircraft with Mode S transponder?	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Yes, but probably not a logical configuration. If aircraft has a Mode S transponder, fitting a Class B TABS position source would be better than installing a full integrated TABS.	Yes, but only if the Mode S transponder is not outputting ADS-B position.
Purpose	Ultimate performance.	Visibility to ADS-B IN aircraft. Visibility to TCAS. Some visibility to ATC radar and ADS-B.	Visibility to other aircraft. Visibility to TCAS. Visibility to ATC ADS-B coverage.	Visibility to ADS-B IN aircraft. Limited visibility to ATC ADS-B.