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I bought the Lightspeed 20K headset and loved the quality of the active noise cancellation. I found it comparable to the original Bose. The comfort couldn't be beat due to the light weight and lots of padding. The problem arose in the LongEZ. With the top of my head 1" from the canopy where it should be, the top and sides of the headset would occasionally rub against the canopy.

This resulted in a sudden burst of conducted airframe noise. The random loud buzzes would surprise me. It was annoying. All the more so because the headset was so good at reducing noise when it wasn't touching the canopy. After only one 4.5 hour trip, I sold the Lightspeed headset because of this. I know of at least one other person who did exactly the same.

I would expect this phenomenon to effect all EZ drivers. Regardless of height, the seat cushions should be adjusted to place the pilot's head 1" below the canopy for proper forward vision. Something to consider for the Lightspeed headsets.

The middle of last June I purchased a pair of the Headsets Inc. (800-876-3374, 806-358-6336) active noise reduction modules for my trusty old Dave Clark headsets. I had tried them and really liked the way they sounded almost as much as the Lightspeed headsets.

The modules are still sitting in the bottom of the closet waiting for me to modify my Dave Clark headsets. If I like them I'm planning on adding a 9 volt linear regulator to the EZ and have a third power jack next to the mic and phone jacks for the pilot and copilot headsets, thus eliminating the ANR battery box.
