

# **EMACC Handbook**





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#### <span id="page-6-1"></span>1.1. PURPOSE

This document establishes the airworthiness certification criteria to be used in the determination of airworthiness of all manned and unmanned, fixed and rotary wing air vehicle systems. It is a foundational document to be used by the relevant military airworthiness authority or authorities or other entity to define the air system's airworthiness certification basis.

#### <span id="page-6-2"></span>1.2. APPLICABILITY

The criteria within this document may be tailored and applied at any point throughout the life of an air vehicle system when an airworthiness determination is necessary, especially when there is a change to the functional or product baseline.

Rotary wing air vehicle and unmanned air system/remotely operated aircraft (UAS/ROA) features demand unique safety-of-flight (SOF) system requirements. Therefore, unique criteria are included for these types of systems to ensure that minimum levels of design for safe operation and maintenance are established. The UAS/ROA operating system can be built into the vehicle or be part of the control station for remotely operated aircraft. The UAS/ROA system comprises the control station, data links, flight control system, communications systems/links, etc., as well as the air vehicle. UAS/ROA vary greatly in size, weight, and complexity. Because they are unmanned, SOF risks associated with loss of aircrew may not apply. However, as with manned air vehicles, SOF risk associated with personnel, damage to equipment, property, and/or environment must be considered. As such, the airworthiness criteria may be tailored for this unique application, including when a UAS/ROA is designed to be "expendable" or where the UAS/ROA will conduct missions with "minimum life expectancy." Consideration should be given to the environment in which the UAS/ROA will be operated (controlled test range, national airspace, fleet usage, including ship based applications), to the airframe life for which the air vehicle is designed, and to the "expendability" of the UAS/ROA in close proximity to the control system, personnel, property, or other equipment.

Similarly, air vehicles intended for use in ship-borne operations have unique requirements in areas such as structural integrity, propulsion system dynamic response and tolerance to steam ingestion, control systems response to approach and landings in high turbulence conditions, electromagnetic environmental effects, deck handling, support and servicing, and pilot field of view.

Commercial derivative aircraft (CDA) are initially approved for safety of flight by a National approving Authority for Civil Aviation and may have an approved Type Certificate (or equivalent document). Any non-Civil approved alteration to a CDA may render all civil certifications invalid. While alterations to CDA are covered by rules unique to each Nation (both Civil and Military regulations), the operating Nations' service always has the responsibility for the airworthiness certification approval under public aircraft rules. Therefore, when planning any alterations to a civil certified CDA, the modifier should contact the appropriate National Military Airworthiness Authority at the earliest opportunity.

In all instances, complete and accurate documentation of both applicability and system specific measurable criteria values is critical to ensuring consistent, timely, and accurate airworthiness assessments.



## **1.2.1. Tailoring to Create the Certification Basis**

Not all of the airworthiness criteria within this document apply to every type of air vehicle; platform-unique, previously undefined criteria, may also need to be added to fully address safety aspects of unique configurations. Therefore, it may be necessary to tailor the total set of criteria to identify a complete (necessary and sufficient) subset of applicable airworthiness criteria, creating the system's certification basis. This certification basis should be fully documented and maintained under strict configuration control.

To meet individual Nation needs, tailoring may be required to ensure the following aspects are respected:

- The approach to governance and the associated contracting model(s);
- The approach to development, production and ongoing upkeep of the product basis of certification, including the acceptable approaches to means of compliance;
- Sufficient flexibility and adaptability within the criteria to met the operational needs, scenarios and role for the Product(s).

The primary objective in tailoring is to maintain the intent and context of the criteria. It is not an exercise intended to relax and/or degrade the criteria. Indeed, for military operations, tailoring may result in a more arduous certification basis. Where possible, it is recommended that a risk based approach to the evaluation of the potential impacts (if any) of the tailoring exercise is conducted.

Guidance for tailoring the criteria within the EMACC is provided within the Type Certification Basis Tailoring Guidebook. As an overview tailoring rules are as follows:

- a. Identify each criterion as either applicable or non-applicable, considering system or product complexity, type, data, and intended use. Document the rationale for identifying any criteria as non-applicable;
- b. Applicable criteria may not be deleted in any manner. However, if a portion of otherwise applicable criteria does not apply or is modified, identify the applicable and non-applicable portions and any modification, and document the rationale. It is not recommended that the criteria be modified, but in the event a criteria is modified, it is essential that the intent and context is maintained;
- c. Supplement applicable criteria with specific measurable parameters, where appropriate (i.e., they add value to the definition of airworthiness requirements);
- d. Develop additional criteria, as appropriate, for any capabilities or systems (including the whole/complete system) not fully addressed by the criteria contained in this document.

Consideration should be given to defining quantitative airworthiness parameters that are compatible with performance requirements.

Consideration should be given to operational requirements for safe operation when defining the certification basis

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>1.3. CROSS REFERENCES

The criteria included in this document are written with the intent that an experienced engineer, trained in the specific technical area under consideration, should be able to interpret, tailor, apply, and evaluate a particular system's compliance with the criteria.



#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>1.4. INFORMATION SOURCES

Each Airworthiness Certification Criteria is matched with corresponding Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations reference (14CFR reference) and Joint Service Specification Guides (JSSG). In addition, cross-references are provided to the relevant sections within EASA Certification Specifications (CS), Defence Standard 00-970 and NATO STANAG documents.

The FAA Code of Federal Regulations Part and EASA CS (i.e. 23, 25, 27, 29) referenced is dependent on aircraft type and must be consistent with aircraft size and usage. The list shown is not exhaustive. The user is cautioned to refer to the reference material only as a guide and not for the purposes of citing requirements. The user is also advised to use additional FAA and EASA Advisory Circulars, Def-Stan 00- 970 leaflets or other acceptable means of compliance documents to assist in understanding the implementation of the relevant regulatory requirements.

With respect to the cross-referencing of NATO STANAGs, Nations should examine their ratification status for each STANAG prior to assuming that the document is applicable.

This document will be periodically updated through review and cross-checking of the referenced documents. Users should always refer to the current version of the referenced documents. Where a conflict exists between the reference documents and this document then this should be brought to the attention of the EMACC sponsor.



## <span id="page-9-0"></span>**SECTION 2 - APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

### <span id="page-9-1"></span>2.1. GENERAL

The documents listed below are not necessarily all of the documents referenced herein but are those necessary to understand the information provided by this handbook. Refer to the current version of these documents, unless otherwise indicated.

#### <span id="page-9-2"></span>2.2. DEFENCE STANDARDS

The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein:

- Defence Standard 00-56 Safety Management Requirements for Defence Systems;
- Defence Standard 00-970 Design and Airworthiness Requirements for Service Aircraft.

The table below details the issue status of the various sections of Defence Standard 00-970 as used in the cross-references in this document.



### <span id="page-10-0"></span>2.3. STANAGS

Each EMAR 516B Airworthiness Certification Criteria is matched with corresponding Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations reference (14CFR reference) and Joint Service Specification Guides (JSSG). In addition, cross-references are provided to the relevant sections within EASA Certification Specifications (CS), Defence Standard 00-970 and NATO STANAG documents.

The user is cautioned to look at the reference material only as a guide and not for purposes of citing requirements. The user is also advised to use additional Advisory Circulars, Def-Stan 00-970 leaflets or other acceptable means of compliance documents to assist in understanding the implementation of the relevant regulatory requirements.

With respect to the cross-referencing of NATO STANAGs, pMS should examine their ratification status for each STANAG prior to assuming that the document is applicable. Users should always refer to the current version of the referenced documents. For NATO STANAG, this is reflected in the NATO Standardization Document Database (NSDD). The table below details the ratification status for pMS for all referenced STANAGs as of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.



















### <span id="page-16-0"></span>2.4. EASA CERTIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein:

- EASA CS 23 Normal, Utility, Aerobatic and Commuter Category Aircraft Amendment 3;
- EASA CS 25 Large Aeroplanes Amendment 14;
- EASA CS 27 Small Rotorcraft Amendment 3;
- EASA CS 29 Large Rotorcraft Amendment 3;
- EASA CS E Engines Amendment 3;
- EASA CS P Propellers Amendment 1.

#### <span id="page-16-1"></span>2.5. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein:

- JSSG-2000B Air System, dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004;
- JSSG-2001A Air Vehicle, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2002;
- JSSG-2005 Avionic Subsystem, Main Body;
- JSSG-2006 Aircraft Structures, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 1998;
- JSSG-2007B Engines, Aircraft, Turbine, dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007;
- JSSG-2008 Vehicle Control and Management System (VCMS);
- JSSG-2009 Air Vehicle Subsystems, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 1998;
- JSSG-2010 Crew Systems;

#### <span id="page-17-0"></span>2.6. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATION (CFR)

The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein:

- TITLE 14 Aeronautics and Space
	- Part 23, Airworthiness Standards: Normal, Utility, Acrobatic and Commuter Category Aeroplanes;
	- Part 25, Airworthiness Standards: Transport Category: Airplanes;
	- Part 27, Airworthiness Standards: Normal Category Rotorcraft;
	- Part 29, Airworthiness Standards: Transport Category: Rotorcraft.



## <span id="page-18-0"></span>**SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS & ABBREVIATIONS**

#### <span id="page-18-1"></span>3.1. DEFINITIONS

This EMACC Handbook relies on definitions laid down in EMAD 1 and the following definitions unless otherwise referenced, are to be considered to be within the context of this document only.

#### **Accidental Damage (AD)**

Physical deterioration of an item caused by contact or impact with an object or influence which is not a part of the aircraft, or by human error during manufacturing, operation of the aircraft, or maintenance practices.

#### **Age Exploration**

A systematic evaluation of an item based on analysis of collected information from in-service experience. It verifies the item's resistance to a deterioration process with respect to increasing age.

#### **Air System**

An air vehicle plus the training and support systems for the air vehicle, and any weapons to be employed on the air vehicle.

#### **Air Vehicle**

An air vehicle includes the installed equipment (hardware and software) for airframe, propulsion, air vehicle applications software, air vehicle system software, communications/identification, navigation/guidance, central computer, fire control, data display and controls, survivability, reconnaissance, automatic flight control, central integrated checkout, antisubmarine warfare, armament, weapons delivery, auxiliary equipment, and all other installed equipment.

#### **Aircraft Structure.**

The structure of an aircraft includes the fuselage, wing, empennage, landing gear, rotorcraft rotor and drive systems, propellers, control systems and surfaces, airframe-engine interface components including engine mounts), nacelles, air induction components, weapon mounts, structural operating mechanisms, components that perform a structural function, and other components as described in the contract specification.

#### **Airworthiness**

The ability of an aircraft, or other airborne equipment or system, to operate in flight and on ground without significant hazard to aircrew, ground crew, passengers (where relevant) or to other third parties.

#### **Airworthiness Limitations**

A section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness that contains each mandatory replacement time, structural inspection interval, and related structural inspection task. This section may also be used to define a threshold for the fatigue related inspections and the need to control corrosion to Level 1 or better. The information contained in the Airworthiness Limitations section may be changed to reflect service and/or test experience or new analysis methods.

#### **Authority**

Unless otherwise defined, Authority means a national military airworthiness authority responsible for the airworthiness of military aircraft hereto and "the authorities" means all the military authorities responsible for airworthiness hereto.

#### **Baseline Operational Loads/Environment Spectrum (baseline spectrum).**

The baseline operational loads/environment spectrum is an update of the design spectrum based on measured data from operational aircraft (e.g., data obtained from the loads/environment spectra survey). **Baseline Service Life.**

The baseline service life is the period of time (e.g., years, flight cycles, hours, landings, etc.) established subsequent to design, during which the structure is expected to maintain its structural integrity when flown to the baseline loads/environment spectrum.



#### **Certification.**

Recognition that a production, part or appliance, organisation or person complies with the applicable airworthiness requirements followed by a declaration of compliance.

#### **Certification Review Item**

A document recording Deviations, Special Conditions, new Means of Compliance or any other certification issue which requires clarification and interpretation, or represents a major technical or administrative issue.

#### **Conditional Probability of Failure**

The probability that a failure will occur in a specific period provided that the item concerned has survived to the beginning of that period.

#### **Configuration Control**

A systematic process that ensures that changes to released configuration documentation are properly identified, documented, evaluated for impact, approved by an appropriate level of authority, incorporated, and verified

#### **Configuration Management**

A management process for establishing and maintaining consistency of a product's performance, functional, and physical attributes with its requirements, design and operational information throughout its life

#### **Continuing Airworthiness**

All of the processes ensuring that, at any time in its operating life, the aircraft complies with the airworthiness requirements in force and is in a condition for safe operation

#### **Continued (design) Airworthiness**

All tasks to be carried-out to verify that the conditions under which a type-certificate or a supplemental type-certificate has been granted continue to be fulfilled at any time during its period of validity

#### **Control Surface Float Angle**

The position a control surface will 'Float' to under aerodynamic load but with zero hinge moment (i.e. stick free stability

#### **Corrosion.**

Corrosion is the deterioration of a material or its properties due to the reaction of that material with its chemical environment.

#### **Corrosion Prevention and Control Program (CPCP)**

A program of maintenance tasks implemented at a threshold designed to control an aircraft structure to Corrosion Level 1 or better.

#### **Credible Combination of Failures**

All credible combination of failure(s), based on the outcome of a safety analysis process, which can include a single event/failure, which may result in an unacceptable level of safety

#### **Critical Location.**

A critical location in an aircraft structure is one that has been identified through analysis, test, or service history as a being especially sensitive to the presence of damage.

#### **Damage.**

Damage to aircraft structure is any crack, flaw, corrosion, disbond, delamination, and/or other feature that degrades, or has the potential to degrade, the performance of the affected component.

#### **Damage Tolerance.**

Damage tolerance is the attribute of a structure that permits it to retain its required residual strength for a period of un-repaired usage after the structure has sustained specific levels of fatigue, corrosion, accidental, and/or discrete source damage. An item is judged to be damage tolerant if it can sustain damage and the remaining structure can withstand reasonable loads without structural failure or excessive structural deformation until the damage is detected. A qualification standard for aircraft structure.



#### **Design Loads/Environment Spectrum.**

The design loads/environment spectrum is the spectrum of external loads and environments (chemical, thermal, etc.) used in the design of the aircraft and is representative of the spectrum that the typical force aircraft is expected to encounter within the design service life.

#### **Design Service Life.**

The design service life is the period of time (e.g., years, flight cycles, hours, landings, etc.) established at design, during which the structure is expected to maintain its structural integrity when flown to the design loads/environment spectrum.

#### **Delamination/Disbond**

Structural separation or cracking that occurs at or in the bond plane of a structural element, within a structural assembly, caused by in service accidental damage, environmental effects and/or cyclic loading.

#### **Deterministic Design Method**

A Deterministic design method is a uses recognised calculations and engineering techniques in formulating the values applied to a known and justified load (as opposed to using applicable experience, reliability and sample data).

#### **Direct Adverse Effect on Operating Safety**

#### **Direct**

To be direct, the functional failure or resulting secondary damage must achieve its effect by itself, not in combination with other functional failures (no redundancy exists and it is a primary dispatch item).

#### **Adverse Effect on Safety**

Safety shall be considered as adversely affected if the consequences of the failure condition would prevent the continued safe flight and landing of the aircraft and/or might cause serious or fatal injury to human occupants.

#### **Operating**

This is defined as the time interval during which passengers and crew are on board for the purpose of flight.

#### **Discard**

The removal from service of an item at a specified life limit.

#### **Durability.**

Durability is the ability of the aircraft structure to resist cracking, corrosion, thermal degradation, delamination, wear, and the effects of foreign object damage for a prescribed period of time.

#### **Economic Life.**

The economic life is the period during which it is more cost-effective to maintain and repair an aircraft than to replace it. Economic life can be applied on a component, aircraft, or force basis.

#### **Economic Effects**

Failure effects which do not prevent aircraft operation, but are economically undesirable due to added labour and material cost for aircraft or shop repair.

#### **Electrical Wiring Interconnection System (EWIS)**

An electrical connection between two or more points including the associated terminal devices (e.g., connectors, terminal blocks, splices) and the necessary means for its installation and identification.

#### **Equivalent Flight Hours.**

Equivalent flight hours are the actual flight hours accumulated by an aircraft adjusted for the actual usage severity compared to the design spectrum or to the baseline spectrum.

#### **Environmental Deterioration (ED)**

Physical deterioration of an item's strength or resistance to failure as a result of chemical interaction with its climate or environment.



#### **Equivalent Initial Flaw Size (EIFS) Distribution.**

The equivalent initial flaw size distribution is a characterization of the initial quality of the aircraft structure. The EIFS distribution is derived by analytically determining the initial flaw size distribution that must be used to obtain the measured flaw size distribution discovered following exposure to the test or actual usage stress spectra.

#### **Factor of Safety**

Factor of Uncertainty as referred to within JSSG 2006 is the same as the Factor of Safety, i.e. a figure that is applied to prescribed Limit Loads used in calculating the Ultimate Load.

#### **Fail-Safe Structure.**

A fail-safe structure is a structure that retains its required residual strength for a period of unrepaired usage after the failure or partial failure of safety-of-flight structure.

#### **Failure**

The inability of an item to perform within previously specified limits.

#### **Failure Cause**

Why the functional failure occurs.

#### **Failure Condition**

The effect on the aircraft and its occupants, both direct and consequential, caused or contributed to by one or more failures, considering relevant adverse operational or environmental conditions.

#### **Failure Effect**

What is the result of a functional failure?

#### **Fatigue Damage (FD)**

The initiation of a crack or cracks due to cyclic loading and subsequent propagation.

#### **Fatigue Related Sampling Inspection**

Inspections on specific aircraft selected from those which have the highest operating age/usage in order to identify the first evidence of deterioration in their condition caused by fatigue damage.

#### **Fault**

An identifiable condition in which one element of a redundant system has failed (no longer available) without impact on the required function output of the system (MSI). At the system level, a fault is not considered a functional failure.

#### **Fault-Tolerant System**

A system that is designed with redundant elements that can fail without impact on safety or operating capability.

#### **Fracture-Critical Part.**

As shown on figure 1, a fracture-critical part is a safety-of-flight structural component that is not single load path nor sized by durability or damage tolerance requirements but requires special emphasis due to the criticality of the component.

#### **Fracture-Critical Traceable Part.**

As shown on figure 1, a fracture-critical traceable part is a safety-of-flight structural component that is either single load path or sized by durability or damage tolerance requirements.

#### **Function**

The normal characteristic actions of an item.

#### **Functional Baseline**

The approved configuration documentation describing a system's or top level configuration item's performance (functional, inter-operability, and interface characteristics) and the verification required to demonstrate the achievement of those specified characteristics.

#### **Functional Check**

A quantitative check to determine if one or more functions of an item performs within specified limits.

#### **Functional Failure**

Failure of an item to perform its intended function within specified limits.



#### **Graceful Degradation**

In the presence of a failure(s), system characteristics are such that there is a gradual, observable and manageable reduction in functionality.

The progression and sustainment of air vehicle control, related to aircrew workload and situational awareness, must be safely achieved.

#### **Hidden Function**

1. A function which is normally active and whose cessation will not be evident to the operating crew during performance of normal duties.

2. A function which is normally inactive and whose readiness to perform, prior to it being needed, will not be evident to the operating crew during performance of normal duties.

#### **Initial Quality.**

Initial quality is a measure of the condition of the aircraft structure relative to flaws, defects, or other discrepancies in the basic materials or introduced during manufacture of the aircraft structure.

#### **Inherent Level of Reliability and Safety**

That level which is built into the unit and, therefore, inherent in its design. This is the highest level of reliability and safety that can be expected from a unit, system, or aircraft if it receives effective maintenance to achieve higher levels of reliability generally requires modification or redesign.

#### **Inspection - Detailed (DET)**

An intensive examination of a specific item, installation or assembly to detect damage, failure or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at an intensity deemed appropriate. Inspection aids such as mirrors, magnifying lenses, etc. may be necessary. Surface cleaning and elaborate access procedures may be required.

#### **Inspection - General Visual (GVI)**

A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to enhance visual access to all exposed surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight or drop-light and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked.

#### **Inspection - Special Detailed (SDI)**

An intensive examination of a specific item, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure or irregularity. The examination is likely to make extensive use of specialized Inspection Techniques and/or equipment. Intricate cleaning and substantial access or disassembly procedure may be required.

#### **Inspection - Zonal**

A collective term comprising selected general visual inspections and visual checks that is applied to each zone, defined by access and area, to check system and Powerplant installations and structure for security and general condition.

#### **Interval (Initial - Repeat)**

Initial Interval - Interval between the start of service-life and the first task accomplishment Repeat Interval - The interval (after the initial interval) between successive accomplishments of a specific maintenance task.

#### **Item**

Any level of hardware assembly (i.e., system, sub-system, module, accessory, component, unit, part, etc.).

#### **Letter Checks**

Letter checks are named collections of tasks (e.g., A-Check, C-Check, etc.) assigned the same interval.



#### **L/HIRF**

Lightning/High Intensity Radiated Field

#### **L/HIRF Characteristics**

Those properties of L/HIRF protection components that are necessary to perform their intended L/HIRF protection function(s).

#### **L/HIRF Protection Components**

Any self-contained part, combination of parts, subassemblies, units, or structures that perform a distinctive function necessary to provide L/HIRF protection.

#### **L/HIRF Protection Systems**

Systems comprised of components that avoid, eliminate, or reduce the consequences of an L/HIRF event.

#### **Lubrication and Servicing**

Any act of lubricating or servicing for the purpose of maintaining inherent design capabilities.

#### **Maintenance**

Any one or combination of overhaul, repair, inspection, replacement, modification or defect/fault rectification of an aircraft or component, with the exception of pre-flight inspection

#### **Maintenance Manual**

That part of the Military Air System document set which identifies the particular maintenance procedures and periodicity necessary to maintain the airworthiness of the Military Air System

#### **Maintenance Significant Item - (MSI)**

Items identified by the manufacturer whose failure a. could affect safety (on ground or in flight), and/or b. is undetectable during operations, and/or c. could have significant operational impact, and/or d. could have significant economic impact

#### **Maintenance-Critical part.**

A maintenance-critical part is a structural component whose failure will not cause a safety-of-flight condition but is sized by durability requirements and would not be economical to repair or replace.

#### **Mission-Critical part.**

As shown on figure 1, a mission-critical part is a structural component in which damage or failure could result in the inability to meet critical mission requirements or could result in a significant increase in vulnerability.

#### **Multiple Load Path.**

Multiple load path is structural redundancy in which the applied loads are distributed to other load carrying members in the event of failure of individual elements.

#### **Multiple Element Fatigue Damage**

The simultaneous cracking of multiple load path discrete elements working at similar stress levels.

#### **Multiple Site Fatigue Damage**

The presence of a number of adjacent, small cracks that might coalesce to form a single long crack.

### **Non-metallic's**

Any structural material made from fibrous or laminated components bonded together by a medium. Materials such as graphite epoxy, boron epoxy, fibre glass, Kevlar epoxy, acrylics and the like are nonmetallic's. Non-metallic's include adhesives used to join other metallic or non-metallic structural materials. **Non-destructive Inspection (NDI).**

Non-destructive inspection is an inspection process or technique that reveals conditions at or beneath the external surface of a part or material without adversely affecting the material or part being inspected.

#### **Onset of Widespread Fatigue Damage (WFD).**

Onset of widespread fatigue damage is the point at which there are cracks at multiple structural details, and these are of sufficient size and density, such that the structure will no longer meet its damage tolerance requirement (e.g., maintaining required residual strength after partial structural failure).



#### **Operating Crew Normal Duties**

#### **Operating Crew**

Qualified flight compartment and cabin attendant personnel who are on duty.

#### **Normal Duties**

Those duties associated with the routine operation of the aircraft, on a daily basis, to include the following: a. Procedures and checks performed during aircraft operation in accordance with the Aircraft Flight Manual. b. Recognition of abnormalities or failures by the operating crew through the use of normal physical senses (e.g., odour, noise, vibration, temperature, visual observation of damage or failure, changes in physical input force requirements, etc.).

#### **Operational Check**

An operational check is a task to determine that an item is fulfilling its intended purpose. Does not require quantitative tolerances. This is a failure finding task.

#### **Operational Effects**

Failure effects which interfere with the completion of the aircraft mission. These failures cause delays, cancellations, ground or flight interruptions, high drag coefficients, altitude restrictions, etc.

#### **Other Structure**

Structure which is judged not to be a Structural Significant Item. "Other Structure" is defined both externally and internally within zonal boundaries.

#### **Potential Failure**

A defined identifiable condition that indicates that a degradation process is taking place that will lead to a functional failure.

#### **Protective Device**

Any device or system that has a function to avoid, eliminate or reduce the consequences of an event or the failure of some other function.

#### **Probability of detection (POD).**

A POD is a statistical measurement of the likelihood, with a specified confidence level, of finding a flaw of a defined size using a specific inspection technique.

#### **Producibility.**

Producibility means that materials, processes, and/or joining methods are able to support current and future production rates without adversely affecting costs and/or quality.

#### **P to F Interval**

Interval between the point at which a potential failure becomes detectable and the point at which it degrades into a functional failure.

#### **Risk Analysis.**

Risk analysis is an evaluation of a potential hazard severity and probability of occurrence. For aircraft structural applications, the potential hazards include structural failures that can cause injury or death to personnel, damage to or loss of the aircraft, or reduction of mission readiness/availability.

#### **Redundant Functional Elements**

Two or more independent physical elements of a system/item providing the same function.

#### **Residual Strength**

The strength of a damaged structure.

#### **Restoration**

That work necessary to return the item to a specific standard. Restoration may vary from cleaning or replacement of single parts up to a complete overhaul.

#### **Rotorcraft Dynamic Component.**

A rotorcraft dynamic component is a structural part of the rotorcraft's drive train or lift system that experiences dynamic loading.



#### **Safe-life.**

Safe-life of a structure defines a number of events such as flights, landings, or flight hours, during which there is a low probability that the strength will degrade below its design ultimate value due to fatigue cracking. It is applicable to structure which is not practical to design or qualify as damage tolerant.

#### **Safety (adverse effect)**

Safety shall be considered as adversely affected if the consequences of the failure condition would prevent the continued safe flight and landing of the aircraft and/or might cause serious or fatal injury to human occupants.

#### **Safety-of-flight structure.**

Safety-of-flight structure is that structure whose failure could cause loss of the aircraft or aircrew, or cause inadvertent store release. The loss could occur either immediately upon failure or subsequently if the failure remained undetected.

#### **Safety/Emergency Systems or Equipment**

A device or system that:

1) enhances the evacuation of the aircraft in an emergency or,

2) If it does not function when required, results in a Failure Condition that might have an adverse effect on safety.

#### **Scheduled Maintenance Check**

Any of the maintenance opportunities which are pre-packaged and are accomplished on a regular basis.

#### **Single load path.**

Single load path is the distribution of applied loads through a single member, the failure of which would result in the loss of the structural capability to carry the applied loads.

#### **Slow damage growth structure.**

Slow damage growth structure is structure in which damage is not allowed to attain the critical size required for unstable rapid damage propagation. Safety is assured through slow damage growth for specified periods of usage depending upon the degree of inspectability. The strength of slow damage growth structure with damage present is not degraded below a specified limit for the period of unrepaired service usage.

#### **Stability.**

Stability means that materials, processes, and joining methods have matured to where consistent and repeatable quality, and predictable costs have been achieved to meet system production requirements. Also, process parameters and methods are understood, and robust and documented approaches for control of these factors (i.e., specifications) exist.

#### **Structural Integrity.**

Structural integrity is the condition which exists when a structure is sound and unimpaired in providing the desired level of structural safety, performance, durability, and supportability.

#### **Structural Operating Mechanisms.**

Structural operating mechanisms are those operating, articulating, and control mechanisms which transmit structural forces during actuation and movement of structural surfaces and elements.

#### **Structural Significant Item - (SSI)**

Any detail, element or assembly, which contributes significantly to carrying flight, ground, pressure or control loads and whose failure could affect the structural integrity necessary for the safety of the aircraft. **Scheduled Structural Health Monitoring (S-SHM)** 

### The act to use/run/read-out a SHM device at an interval set at a fixed schedule

#### **Structural Assembly**

One or more structural elements which together provide a basic structural function.

#### **Structural Detail**

The lowest functional level in an aircraft structure. A discrete region or area of a structural element, or a boundary intersection of two or more elements.



#### **Structural Element**

Two or more structural details which together form an identified manufacturer's assembly part.

#### **Structural Function**

The mode of action of aircraft structure. It includes acceptance and transfer of specified loads in items (details /elements /assemblies) and provides consistently adequate aircraft response and flight characteristics.

#### **Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)**

The concept of checking or watching a specific structural item, detail, installation or assembly using on board mechanical, optical or electronic devices specifically designed for the application used. SHM does not name any specific method or technology

#### **Supportability.**

Supportability means that thermal, environmental, and mechanical deterioration of materials and structures fabricated using the selected manufacturing processes and joining methods have been identified and that acceptable quality and cost-effective preventive methods and/or in-service repair methods are either available or can be developed in a timely manner.

#### **Task Applicability**

A set of conditions that leads to the identification of a task type when a specific set of characteristics of the failure cause being analyzed would be discovered and/or corrected as a result of the task being accomplished.

#### **Task Effectiveness**

A specific set of conditions that leads to the selection of a task already identified to be applicable. Avoids, eliminates, or reduces the negative consequences of the failure to an extent that justifies doing the task at the selected interval.

#### **Threshold**

See "Interval - Initial".

#### **Threshold Period**

A period during which no occurrences of the failure can reasonably be expected to occur after the item enters into service.

#### **Time Limited Dispatch**

Time Limited Dispatch (TLD) refers to the process of obtaining type design approval of engines with degraded electronic engine control systems.

TLD analysis focuses on redundancy when these systems are to be dispatched with Faults present for limited time intervals before maintenance actions are required

CS-E CSE 1030 and associated AMC refers

#### **Type Certification Basis**

An agreed set of airworthiness requirements a product must be compliant with in order to obtain a Type **Certificate** 

#### **UAV**

A reusable aircraft which is designed to operate by being remotely piloted (no human pilot or passengers on board) or automatically flying a pre-programmed flight profile.

UAV System (May also be called a UAS)

#### **UAV System (May also be called a UAS)**

Comprises individual UAV System elements consisting of the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), the UAV control station and any other UAV System elements necessary to enable flight, such as a command and control data link, communication system and take-off and landing element. There may be multiple UAV, UCS, or take-off and landing elements within a UAV System

#### **Visual Check**

A visual check is an observation to determine that an item is fulfilling its intended purpose. Does not require quantitative tolerances. This is a failure finding task.



## **Wear Damage**

Physical deterioration of the surface of an item due to relative motion between two parts in contact.

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## <span id="page-30-0"></span>**SECTION 4 - SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

This section details the minimum necessary criteria to establish, verify, and maintain an airworthy design. The criteria go beyond pure airworthiness certification, covering best practice with respect to ensuring initial design certification, continuing airworthiness and through life quality management.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Definition of a robust set of design criteria addressing all aspects of safety, at the system, subsystem and component levels, including coverage of system integration and software aspects;
- The use and validation of design and performance verification analysis tools, prediction methods, models, and/or simulations;
- The process for materials selection and validation of material properties;
- Manufacturing and quality processes and procedures;
- The production and management of the operator maintenance manual;
- Platform design & build standard and configuration control.

The criteria are expected to form part of an over-arching process that has been establish, undertaken and maintained. The process will be selected to suit the specific needs and constraints of the capability, product and/or service, typically EMAR 21.

It is expected that the selected process can be integrated into the companion qualification process.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Reliability, quality, and manufacturing program plans
- 2. Contractor policies and procedures
- 3. Durability and damage tolerance control plans
- 4. Work instructions
- 5. Process specifications
- 6. Production/assembly progress reports
- 7. Quality records
- 8. Defect/failure data
- 9. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA) documentation
- 10. Tech data package

11. As-built list to include part numbers/serial numbers for all critical safety items/components

- 12. List of deviations/waivers and unincorporated design changes
- 13. List of approved class I engineering change proposals (ECPs)
- 14. Proposed DD Form 250, Material Inspection and Receiving Report
- 15. Configuration management plans/process description documents
- 16. Diminishing Manufacturing Sources Plan
- 17. Obsolete Parts Plan
- 18. Test reports
- 19. Test plans
- 20. FAA Airworthiness Directives and Advisory Circulars
- 21. Manufacturer-issued service bulletins
- 22. Civil aviation authority certification plan
- 23. Civil aviation authority certification basis
- 24. Civil aviation authority certification report



#### 25. System Safety Analysis Report

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### <span id="page-31-0"></span>4.1. DESIGN CRITERIA.

4.1.1 The design criteria, including requirements and rules, shall adequately address safety for mission usage, full permissible flight envelope, duty cycle, interfaces, induced and natural environment, inspection capability, and maintenance philosophy.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining processes for requirements allocation and design criteria definition/tailoring;

b. Ensuring traceability between design criteria, requirements, solutions and verification/validation activities;

c. High level mission and safety requirements;

d. Extending the design criteria to cover use and impact of (complex) GSE as part of the maintenance philosophy.

e. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.







4.1.2 The design criteria shall address all components, system and subsystem interfaces, and software.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Identification of critical safety items within the design solution;
- b. Safety critical functions and functional chains.





4.1.3 For commercial derivative air vehicles, the air vehicle's certification basis shall address all design criteria appropriate for the planned military usage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the intended military utilisation and flight envelope of the air vehicle are shown to be wholly within the existing commercial certification basis;

b. Identifying any military "delta" conditions and environments over and above those covered by the commercial certification.

c. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.



4.1.4 Failure conditions shall be adequately addressed in the design criteria.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Hazard Identification and Analysis;

b. Definitions of operating envelopes, classes of airspace, restrictions and placard limitations.





#### <span id="page-34-0"></span>4.2. TOOLS AND DATABASES.

4.2.1 All tools, methods, and databases used in the requirements definition/allocation, design, risk control and assessments of safety shall be adequately validated and/or certified.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring all design and performance verification analysis tools, prediction methods, models, and/or simulations are applied appropriately and exhibit accuracy commensurate with their application.



#### <span id="page-34-1"></span>4.3. MATERIALS SELECTION.

4.3.1 The material selection process shall use validated and consistent material properties data, including design mechanical and physical properties such as material defects, and corrosion and environmental protection requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The impact of processing (joints, coating, aging) on material properties adequately assessed for intended design.





#### <span id="page-35-0"></span>4.4. MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY.

4.4.1 Key product characteristics for manufacturing shall be identified.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying all critical safety items (CSI).

b. Analysing CSI installations taking account of, for instance: weight bearing requirements, physical space and access, and thermal and other environmental conditions.

c. Recording the key characteristics of those CSIs along with any associated tolerances.

d. Identifying approaches for verification of these characteristics during manufacture, operation and maintenance.






4.4.2 Key product characteristic requirements shall be ensured by appropriate manufacturing processes.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Listing critical processes and organisations approved to carry them out;

b. Ensuring that approved organisations have sufficient capacity and competency;

c. Utilising an existing organisation approval (e.g. EMAR 21, EASA Part 21).





4.4.3 All critical manufacturing process controls shall exist to assure key product characteristic requirements are met.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The approval granted to the manufacturing facility should be in accordance with EASA CS 21A Subpart G, or equivalent, and this approval should cover process controls;

b. Non-destructive inspection (NDI) accept/reject criteria







4.4.4 Production allowances and tolerances shall be within acceptable limits and assure conformance to design.

Consideration should be given to:

a. A suitable process is in place to ensure that the 'as-built' configuration matches the 'as designed' configuration.

b. The approval granted to the manufacturing facility should be in accordance with EASA CS 21A Subpart G, or equivalent, and this approval should assure conformance to design through the application of suitable assurance processes.





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#### 4.5. OPERATOR'S AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS/TECHNICAL ORDERS.

4.5.1 Processes shall be in place to identify and document all restrictions, warnings, and cautions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Processes should contain procedures for identifying and documenting all restrictions, warnings, and cautions;

b. Processes should contain procedures for identifying which documents particular restrictions, warnings, and cautions should be recorded in (i.e. aircrew or ground crew manual etc);

c. Processes should be regularly reviewed for applicability and to ensure complete coverage of the air vehicle;

d. Processes should include provision for updating original information as necessary;

e. Reference should be made to Line 16.1.2 - 'Verify that cautions and warnings are included in maintenance manuals, aircrew checklists, and ground crew checklists'.





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4.5.3 Procedures shall be in place for establishing and managing flight vehicle integrity.



Consideration should be given to:

a. Structural, propulsion, and systems integrity through-life.

b. Ensuring that the correct mix of specialists is involved from across the maintenance and operational aspects of the platform, and that representation is consistent.

c. The intended usage of the air vehicle



#### 4.6. CONFIGURATION IDENTIFICATION.

4.6.1 The functional baseline shall be properly documented, established, and brought under configuration control.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Methods used to document the functional baseline - requirements capture;

b. Methods used to maintain, and amend as necessary, the functional baseline ensuring that an audit trail is kept of changes;

- c. Methods used to establish and maintain configuration control;
- d. Methods used to assure configuration control QA processes.





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a. Methods used to document the product baseline - requirements capture;

b. Methods used to maintain, and amend as necessary, the product baseline ensuring that an audit trail is kept of changes;

c. Methods used to establish and maintain configuration control;

d. Methods used to assure configuration control - QA processes.



#### 4.7. CONFIGURATION STATUS ACCOUNTING.

4.7.1 A configuration management system shall have the capability to track the configuration of safetycritical items.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Ensuring that all safety-critical items (including the engine) have been included;
- b. Provision of QA checks for system effectiveness;
- c. Provision of a clear and unambiguous interface showing when events are due;
- d. Ability to demonstrate the history of items included.







# **SECTION 5 - STRUCTURES**

This section covers criteria for the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the air vehicle structure.

The air vehicle structure includes the fuselage, wing (fixed or rotating), empennage, structural elements of landing gear, the control system, control surfaces, drive system, rotor systems, radome, antennae, engine mounts, nacelles, pylons, thrust reversers (if not part of the engine), air inlets, aerial refuelling mechanisms, structural operating mechanisms, structural provisions for equipment/payload/cargo/personnel, etc.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Loads analyses
- 3. Internal load and stress analyses
- 4. Materials, processes, corrosion prevention, non-destructive evaluation and repair data
- 5. Results from any design development tests conducted
- 6. Proof test results
- 7. Flutter, mechanical stability and aeroservoelastic analyses
- 8. Loads wind tunnel test data
- 9. Flutter wind tunnel test data
- 10. Ground vibration test results
- 11. Damage tolerance and durability analyses
- 12. Component/full-scale static and fatigue test results
- 13. Live fire test results and ballistic analysis
- 14. Bird strike test and analysis results
- 15. Arresting wire strike test and analysis results
- 16. User and maintainer manuals, or equivalent
- 17. Flight operating limits
- 18. Strength summary and operating restrictions
- 19. Damage tolerance and durability test results
- 20. Full-scale durability test results
- 21. Functional test results
- 22. Flight loads test results
- 23. Instrumentation and calibration test results
- 24. Control surface, tabs and damper test results
- 25. Thermoelastic test results
- 26. Limit-load rigidity test results
- 27. Flight flutter test results
- 28. Mass properties control and management plan (interface)
- 29. Weight and balance reports (interface)
- 30. Inertia report
- 31. Design trade studies and analyses
- 32. Fuel system test results
- 33. Results of actual weighing
- 34. Weight and balance handbook, or equivalent
- 35. Hazard analysis
- 36. Environmental criteria and test results
- 37. Vibration and acoustic test results
- 38. Aircraft tracking program
- 39. Landing gear and airframe drop test plans and results
- 40. Mechanical stability test plans and results
- 41. Whirl test plans and results
- 42. Tie-down test plans and results
- 43. Structural description report
- 44. Tipover and rollover stability analyses
- 45. External store interface and release data

46. Ground and/or air transport rigging procedures, interface loads, and associated inspection requirements

47. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA) documentation

- 48. Ground and rotor blade clearance dimensional data
- 49. Loss of lubrication testing
- 50. Heat generation/rejection analysis
- 51. Airframe and component fatigue analyses and test results
- 52. Hydraulic and Control System "RAP" test results

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 5.1. LOADS.

5.1.1 Verify that the limit loads used in the design of the aircraft include the maximum and most critical combinations of loads that can result from authorized ground and flight loading conditions for the air vehicle. These include loads during piloted or autonomous manoeuvres, loss of control manoeuvres, gusts, turbulence, take-off, landing, catapult (if applicable), shipboard and land based arrestments (if applicable), ground operations, maintenance activity, systems failures from which recovery is expected, and loads expected to be seen throughout the specific lifetime of usage.

Typical system failures shall include:

Tyre failures, Propulsion system failures, Radome failures, Mechanical failures, Hydraulic failures, Flight control system failures, Transparency failures, Hung stores and other failures.





5.1.2 Ultimate loads used in airframe design shall be obtained through the multiplication of limit loads by prescribed factors of safety.

The factor of safety is not typically lower than 1.5. If a factor of safety is less than 1.5, justification should be agreed with the Certifying Authority.

For crash case conditions, specific ultimate load factors are to be applied allowing a structural design to give each occupant every reasonable chance of escaping serious injury.

The aircraft structure shall be designed so that the ultimate loads do not generate stresses higher than relevant allowable stress values (i.e. rupture).





5.1.3 Verify that the limit loads, to be used in the design of elements of the airframe subject to deterministic design criteria, shall be the maximum and most critical combination of loads which can result from authorized ground and flight use of the air vehicle, including maintenance activity and system failures from which recovery is expected.

This requirement defines the load capability that the airframe must possess to achieve adequate structural safety and economic operation. Where such loads are the result of randomly occurring loads, the minimum frequency of occurrence of these loads must be defined. This insures the inclusion of loads which are of sufficient magnitude to size elements of the airframe and whose frequency of occurrence warrants their inclusion. It is typically only necessary to include loads whose frequency of occurrence is greater than or equal to 1 x 10-7 per flight.





5.1.4 The airframe shall be designed taking account of the loads required under structural impacts such as bird strike, hail, runway, taxiway, ramp debris, propeller and uncontained fan blade impact; uncontained engine failure, uncontained high energy rotating machinery failure and other sources of foreign object damage (FOD), in order to assure the capability of continued safe flight and landing of the aeroplane after collision. The structural airframe load requirements shall be based upon impact object characteristics, parameters and data (such as impact object weight, aircraft altitude and speed), that shall be defined by the appropriate certifying authority.

Two approaches may be followed:

a. The airframe shall be designed in accordance with a statistical assessment of FOD strikes scenarios as follows:

 i. FOD environments shall not result in the loss of the air vehicle, or shall not incapacitate the pilot or crew with a frequency compatible with the aircraft safety requirements;

 ii. FOD environments shall not cause unacceptable damage to the airframe with a frequency equal to or greater than that allowed by the safety requirements;

b. FOD requirements shall be tailored in accordance with civil airworthiness codes.





5.1.5 Merged with 5.1.2





5.1.6 All sources of repeated loads and associated frequencies shall be identified and included in the development of the service loads spectra and shall not detract from the airframe service life.

The following operational and maintenance conditions shall typically be included as sources of repeated loads:

- Manoeuvres
- Gusts
- Suppression Systems
- Vibration and Acoustics
- Landings
- Buffeting
- Effects of Pressurisation
- Repeated Operations of Movable Structures
- Stored Loads
- Heat Flux
- Other loads including all ground and transportation loads.



5.1.7 The aircraft airframe shall be designed for the power or thrust of the installed propulsion system. This includes the ground and flight conditions of intended use, including system failures, and the capabilities of the propulsion system and crew. This should also take into account the flight and ground loads, including gyroscopic loads and forces associated with the power or thrust of the installed propulsion system, over all ranges of thrust and torque from zero to maximum.





5.1.8 In the generation of loads, consideration should be given to flight control and automatic control devices, including load alleviation and ride control devices. This shall include all Flight Control and ACS operating modes (operative, inoperative, and transient) and identified system degradations.



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5.1.9 Flight loading conditions shall reflect all flight operations including but not limited to symmetric, asymmetric, directional and evasive manoeuvres, turbulence, aerial refuelling and delivery, speed and lift control, braking wheels in air, extension and retraction of landing gear, pressurisation, aero elastic deformation effects and dynamic response during flight operations.

Symmetric and asymmetric flight operations shall include symmetric and asymmetric fuel and payload loadings as well as adverse trim conditions.



5.1.10 Ground loads (static and dynamic) are considered to be external loads and inertia forces that act upon an aeroplane structure. Of the many ground load conditions that exist, which include but are not limited to Taxiing, Turns, Pivoting, Braking, Takeoffs, Landings, ground/embarked operations, ski equipped air vehicles manoeuvres, maintenance and such uncontrollable effects as ground winds, crashes and uncontrolled ditching, each specified ground load condition and it's external reactions must be placed in equilibrium with the linear and angular inertia forces present.





5.1.11 the airframe, although it may be damaged in emergency landing conditions on land or water, shall be designed to protect personnel during crash landings.

The intent of this requirement is to establish crash load factors for structural requirements of airframe installations and backup structures required to protect personnel during crash landings.

The airframe should provide a protective shell surrounding the personnel, and should minimise the loads experienced by personnel so that (hopefully) they will be less than human tolerance limits. Mass items are to be supported in such a manner so as to prevent lethal or injurious blows to personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Seat installations;
- b. Fuel tanks and installations;
- c. Fixed and removable equipment;
- d. Cargo;
- e. Litters;
- f. Bunks.

The airframe shall also not inhibit personnel egress from an airframe.





#### 5.2. STRUCTURAL DYNAMICS.

5.2.1 Verify that the air vehicle, in all configurations including store carriage and system failures, is free from flutter, whirl flutter, divergence, and other related aeroelastic or aeroservoelastic instabilities, including transonic aeroelastic instabilities at any point within the flight envelope enlarged at all points by an airspeed margin of safety.

Also, verify that all aerodynamic surfaces and components of the air vehicle are free from aeroelastic divergence and that the inlet, transparency, and other aerodynamically loaded panels are designed to prevent flutter and limited amplitude oscillations when exposed to high transonic or supersonic flow.

Adequate tolerances shall be established for quantities which affect flutter; including speed, damping, mass balance and control system stiffness.

The aeroservoelastic model shall be validated by tests or other approved methods to be agreed with the authority.





5.2.2 Air vehicle components which are exposed to the airstream shall be designed to prevent any aeroelastic instability.

All control surfaces and tabs shall be designed for the most severe combination of airspeed and tab deflection likely to be obtained within the flight envelope for any usable loading condition.

Tab controls must be irreversible unless the tab is properly balanced and has no unsafe flutter characteristics.

All control surfaces and tabs shall contain sufficient static and dynamic mass balance, or sufficient bending, torsional, and rotational rigidity; or a combination of these means to prevent flutter; or limitedamplitude instabilities of all critical modes under all flight conditions for normal and failure operating conditions of the actuating systems.

In addition, interactions of air vehicle systems, such as the control systems coupling with the airframe, shall be controlled to prevent the occurrence of any aeroservoelastic instability.



5.2.3 The airframe structure (including cavities), equipment, and equipment provisions shall withstand the aeroacoustic loads and the vibrations induced by aeroacoustic loads (including acoustic fatigue) for the defined service life and usage of the aircraft without cracking or functional impairment.





#### 5.2.4 Moved to 9.4.6



5.2.5 The airframe shall be designed such that the structure and components withstand the vibrations resulting from all vibration sources for the defined service life and usage of the aircraft.

Typical sources of vibration to which the airframe may be exposed are listed below.

a. Forces and moments transmitted to the aircraft structure mechanically or aerodynamically from the propulsion systems, secondary power sources, propellers, jet effluxes and aerodynamic wakes, downwashes and vortices (including those from protuberances, speed brakes, wings, flaps, etc.) and cavity resonances;

b. Forces from gun recoil or gun blast;

c. Buffeting forces;

d. Unbalances, both residual and inherent, of rotating components such as propellers, and rotating components of engines;

e. Forces from store and cargo carriage and ejection;

f. Forces due to operation from airfields and ships;

g. Structural response due to gusts.



There shall be no vibration or buffeting severe enough to result in structural damage, fatigue cracking or excessive vibration of the airframe structure or components, under any appropriate speed and power conditions within the flight envelope.

Excessive vibrations are those structural displacements which result in components of the air vehicle systems not being fully functional.



5.2.6 Verify that equipment and structure behind and near vents and louvers are designed for the effects of flow through the vents and louvers during conditions of normal and reverse flows.

Hot gases from auxiliary power units as well as from propulsion systems may be drawn into the airframe through vents and louvers under some conditions thus damaging equipment and structure. If necessary to maintain their required usefulness, equipment and structure behind and near vents and louvers shall be designed for the effects of flow through the vents and louvers during conditions of normal and reverse flows. Thermal, sand abrasion, rain, ice and other foreign object damage effects are to be covered.





#### 5.3. STRENGTH.

5.3.1 The airframe structure must be able to support p x limit loads (proof loads) without detrimental, permanent deformation. At any load up to proof loads, the deformation may not interfere with safe operation if the aircraft. The ratio p is typically defined between 100% and 115% as to be agreed by the Certifying Authority.

The airframe structure must be able to support ultimate loads without failure for at least three seconds, except local failures or structural instabilities between limit and ultimate load are acceptable only if the structure can sustain the required ultimate load for at least three seconds.

Verification of sufficient strength is required for operations, maintenance functions, occurrences of system failures, and any tests that simulate load conditions, including modifications, new or revised equipment installations, major repairs, extensive reworks, extensive refurbishment, or remanufacture.





5.3.2 Materials selection for use within the airframe structure shall be selected taking into account the criticality of the application within the airframe structure and the limits of the material properties. Appropriate selection will take into account, fabrication processes, repair techniques, environmental changes and the variability of materials through established fabrication and processes, and verification of suitability shall be demonstrated through appropriate testing, verification and analyses.



The allowable structural properties shall include all applicable statistical variability and environmental effects, such as exposure to climatic conditions of moisture and temperature; exposure to corrosive and corrosion causing environments; airborne or spilled chemical warfare agents; and maintenance induced environments commensurate with the usage of the airframe. Specific material requirements are:

a. Where applicable, average values of crack growth data (da/dN) should be used in the crack growth analysis;

b. Where applicable, minimum values of fracture toughness should be used for residual strength analysis; c. "A" basis design allowables should be used in the design of all critical parts. "A" basis design allowables should also be used in the design of structure not tested to ultimate load in full scale airframe static testing. "B" basis design allowables may be used for all other structure.

The processes used to prepare and form the materials for use in the airframe as well as joining methods shall be commensurate with the material application. Further, the processes and joining methods shall not contribute to unacceptable degradation of the properties of the materials when the airframe is exposed to operational usage and support environments.







5.3.3 Appropriate use of nominal data, design and material selection shall ensure required stresses, strain and structural strength within airframe component members. The airframe structure must be able to provide sufficient static strength for reacting all loading conditions loads without degrading the structural performance capability of the airframe. Sufficient strength shall be provided for operations, maintenance functions, and any tests that simulate load conditions.

Consideration should be given to the following aspects (typical values are provided):

a. All structure are designed to nominal dimensional values or 110 percent of minimum values, whichever is less;

b. The determination of margins of safety is based on the allowable of §5.3.2;

c. Thermal stresses and strains are determined for structures that experience significant heating or cooling whenever expansion or contraction limited by external or internal constraints. Thermal stresses and strains are combined with concurrent stresses produced by other load sources in a conservative manner;

d. In laminated composites, the stresses and ply orientation are compatible and residual stresses of manufacturing are accounted for, particularly if the stacking sequence is not symmetrical;

e. For each fitting and attachment whose strengths are not proven by limit and ultimate load tests in which actual stress conditions are simulated in the fitting and surrounding structure, the design stress values are increased in magnitude by multiplying these loads or stress values by a fitting factor. The fitting factor is 1.15 for all bolted and welded joints and for structure immediately adjacent to the joints. A fitting factor does not have to be used for continuous lines of rivets installed in sheet-metal joints;

f. The design stress values for bolted joints with clearance (free fit) that are subjected to relative rotation under limit load or shock and vibration loads, are increased in magnitude by multiplying by a 2.0 bearing factor times the stress values. This bearing factor does not have to be multiplied by the fitting factor;

g. Structural doors and panels as well as access doors and components with one or more quick-opening latches or fasteners do not fail, open, vibrate, flap or flutter in flight. The most critical combinations of latches or fasteners are designed for left unsecure;

h. Castings are classified and inspected, and all castings conform to applicable process requirements. A casting factor of 1.33 is used. The factors, tests and inspections of this section are applied in addition to those necessary to establish foundry quality control. The use of castings or C/Hipped parts for primary or critical applications and/or castings with a casting factor less than 1.33, have successfully completed a developmental and qualification program. These castings meet the analytical requirements without a casting factor and meet the service life requirements for both crack initiation and crack growth for flaws representative of the casting and manufacturing process;

i. Due to the nature of some structural designs or materials, high variability may be encountered around the nominal design. Such design features must have a minimum level of structural integrity at the acceptable extremes of dimensions, tolerances, material properties, processing windows, processing controls, end or edge fixities, eccentricities, fastener flexibility, fit up stresses, environments, manufacturing processes, etc. In addition to meeting the standard strength requirements, the structure must have no detrimental deformation of the maximum once per lifetime load and no structural failure at 125 percent of design limit load for the critical combinations of the acceptable extremes.







#### 5.4. DAMAGE TOLERANCE AND DURABILITY (FATIGUE).

5.4.1 The airframe structure and associated components, whose failure would be catastrophic, must be shown by analysis supported by test evidence and, if available, service experience, to meet the fatigue requirements of a damage tolerant or, if not applicable a safe life design methodology over the design service life of the aircraft. The fatigue evaluation must include the requirements of subparagraph a., b., and c. and also must include a determination of the probable locations and modes of damage caused by fatigue, considering environmental effects, intrinsic/discrete flaws, or accidental damage.

a. The airframe shall have adequate (as defined by the type of aircraft and application) residual strength in the presence of flaws for the period of service usage before they are detected.

b. The damage tolerance evaluation must include a determination of the probable locations and modes of damage due to fatigue, corrosion, or accidental damage. Damage at multiple sites due to fatigue must be included where the design is such that this type of damage can be expected to occur. The evaluation must incorporate repeated load and static analyses supported by test evidence. The extent of damage for residual strength evaluation at any time within the operational life of the aeroplane must be consistent with the initial detectability and subsequent growth under repeated loads.

c. Replacement time evaluation and/or inspection interval. It must be shown that the probability of catastrophic fatigue failure provides an acceptable level of safety, as defined by the relevant authority, within a replacement time or inspection interval as specified within the relevant continued airworthiness documentation.

Based on the evaluations required by this paragraph, established as necessary to avoid catastrophic failure, inspections, replacement times, combinations thereof, or other procedures must be included in the relevant airworthiness limitations section of the appropriate continued airworthiness documentation.





5.4.2 The durability capability of the airframe shall be adequate to resist fatigue cracking, corrosion, thermal degradation, delamination, and wear during operation and maintenance such that the operational and maintenance capability of the airframe is not degraded and the service life and usage conditions are not adversely affected. These requirements apply to metallic and non-metallic structures, including composites, with appropriate distinctions and variations as indicated. Durability material properties shall be consistent and congruent with those properties of the same material, in the same component, used by the other structures disciplines.

Consideration should be given to:

#### **a. Fatigue cracking/delamination damage.**

For one lifetime when the airframe is subjected to the environment and service usage, except where it is desired to meet special life provisions, the airframe shall be free of cracking, delaminations, disbonds, deformations, or defects which:

i. Require repair, replacement, inspection to maintain structural integrity, or undue inspection burden for ship based aircraft.

ii. Cause interference with the mechanical operation of the aircraft.

iii. Affect the aircraft aerodynamic characteristics.

- iv. Cause functional impairment.
- v. Result in sustained growth of cracks/delaminations resulting from steady-state level flight
- or ground handling conditions.
- vi. Result in water intrusion.

vii. Result in visible damage from a single impact.

#### **b. Corrosion prevention and control.**

i. The airframe shall operate in corrosion producing environments.

ii. Corrosion (including pitting, stress corrosion cracking, crevice, galvanic, filiform, and exfoliation) which affects the operational readiness of the airframe through initiation of flaws which are unacceptable from a durability, damage tolerance, and residual strength viewpoint shall not occur during the defined service life and usage for the aircraft.

iii. Corrosion prevention systems shall remain effective during the service life and usage of the aircraft in defined chemical, thermal and climatic environments.

iv. Specific corrosion prevention and control measures, procedures and processes must be identified and established commensurate with the operational and maintenance capability required of the airframe.

#### **c. Thermal protection assurance.**

Thermal protection systems shall remain effective during the service life and usage the aircraft in defined chemical, thermal and climatic environments.

#### **d. Wear and erosion.**

The function of structural components, elements, and major bearing surfaces shall not be degraded by wear during the service life and usage of the aircraft.

The criteria applies to the following typical components:

- i. Structural surfaces which move
- ii. Structural and maintenance access panels and other removable parts
- iii. Doors and ramps
- iv. Other structure
- v. Leading edges



vi. Radomes

vii. Housings

viii. Other protrusions

#### **e. Special life requirement structure.**

The following structural components shall comply with special life requirements:

i. Limited life structure

ii. Extra life structure.

#### **f. Non-destructive testing and inspection (NDI).**

NDI shall be utilized during the design, development, production, and deployment phases of the program to assure that the system is produced and maintained with sufficient structural integrity to meet performance requirements. Other requirements apply as appropriate.

The methods of fabrication used must produce a consistently sound structure. If a fabrication process (such as gluing, spot welding, or heat treating) requires close control to reach this objective, the process must be performed under an approved process specification. In addition, each new aircraft fabrication method must be substantiated by a test programme.

To ensure sufficient durability over the useful operating life of the aircraft, protective measures should be applied to the materials and structure, particular with respect to environmental degradation, corrosion and abrasion.

The variability of material properties (including hazardous materials) and fabrication processes shall be considered for when determining the durability capability of the airframe structure, ensuring that the workmanship employed is of a high standard and that reference is made to the relevant specifications and design data. Consistent material properties at the fabrication process stage will ensure that variability between materials, structures and components is reduced.





5.4.3 A Durability Control Program shall be established for the aircraft structure. This program shall identify and define all the tasks necessary to ensure compliance with the durability requirements (including damage tolerance). The disciplines of fracture mechanics, fatigue, materials and processes selection, environmental protection, corrosion prevention and control, design, manufacturing, quality control, non-destructive inspection, and probabilistic methods shall be considered when the durability (including damage tolerance) control processes are developed. This program shall include the requirement to perform durability (including damage tolerance) design concept, material, weight, performance, and cost trade studies early during the aircraft's design so as to obtain structurally-efficient and cost-effective designs.

This program shall also include the definition of means for tracking each individual aircraft fatigue consumption and crack growth life, as well as the definition of a suitable inspection program to be included in the instructions for continued airworthiness.

The durability (including damage tolerance) control process should include as a minimum the following tasks:

a. A disciplined procedure for durability design should be implemented to minimise the possibility of incorporating adverse residual stresses, local design details, materials, processing, and fabrication practices into the problems (i.e., to find these problems which otherwise have historically been found during durability testing or early in service usage).

b. Basic data (i.e., initial quality distribution, fatigue allowables, KIC, KC, KISCC, da/dn, etc.) utilized in the initial trade studies and the final design and analyses should be obtained from existing sources or developed as part of the contract.

c. A criteria for identifying and tracing maintenance critical parts should be established by the contractor and should require approval by the procuring agency. It is envisioned that maintenance critical parts will be expensive, non-economical-to-replace parts. A maintenance critical parts list should be established by the contractor and should be kept current as the design of the airframe progresses.

d. A criteria for identifying and tracing fatigue/fracture critical parts should be established by the contractor and should require approval by the procuring agency. It is envisioned that fatigue/fracture critical parts will be expensive or safety of flight structural parts. A fatigue/fracture critical parts list should be established by the contractor and should be kept current as the design of the airframe progresses.

e. Design drawings for the maintenance critical parts and fatigue/fracture critical parts should identify critical locations, special processing (e.g., shot peenings), and inspection requirements.

f. Material procurement and manufacturing process specifications should be developed and updated as necessary to ensure that initial quality and fracture toughness properties of the critical parts exceed the design value.

g. Experimental determination sufficient to estimate initial quality by microscopic or fractographic examination should be required for those structural areas where cracks occur during full scale durability testing.

h. Durability analyses, corrosion cracking assessment, damage tolerance analyses, development testing, and full scale testing should be performed in accordance with this specification.

i. Complete non-destructive inspection requirements, process control requirements, and quality control requirements for maintenance, fatigue/fracture critical parts should be established by the contractor and should require approval by the procuring agency. This task should include the proposed plan for certifying and monitoring subcontractor, vendor, and supplier controls.

j. The durability and damage tolerance control process should include any special nondestructive inspection demonstration programs conducted in accordance with the requirements of this specification.

k. Traceability requirements should be defined and imposed by the contractor on those fatigue and fracture critical parts that receive prime contractor or subcontractor in-house processing and fabrication operations which could degrade the design material properties.

l. For all fracture critical parts that are designed for a degree of inspectability other than inservice non-inspectable, the contractor should define the necessary inspection procedures for field use for each appropriate degree of inspectability as specified in the specification. Consideration should be given to Individual Aircraft Tracking task.



5.4.4 Throughout the service life of the aircraft, corrosion prevention measures shall be provided against deterioration or loss of strength in materials by providing resistance and protection from any effects of environmental degradation.

Evaluations into material strength, detailed design and fabrication shall show that all forms of corrosion, including and not limited to pitting, stress corrosion cracking, crevice, galvanic, filiform, and exfoliation will not result in catastrophic failure to the aircraft.

Protective finishes applied to materials and structure, including the appropriate selection of materials against deterioration or loss of strength, along with applicable processes, procedure and control methods shall be commensurate within the operational and maintenance philosophy applied to the aircraft during service life and should be recorded within the relevant Airworthiness Limitations section of the Continued Airworthiness documentation.

An Environmental Protection Control Plan shall be prepared consistent with the design service life defining corrosion prevention and control requirements and all the measures that minimise the potential for environmental degradation (including corrosion) throughout the structure. The plan shall take into account at least the following:

a. An evaluation of the susceptibility of the aircraft structure to environmental degradation (including corrosion) shall be conducted identifying locations where the structure might be susceptible to environmental degradation (including corrosion) and the expected type(s) of degradation and corrosion (e.g., exfoliation, uniform, crevice, intergranular, and stress-corrosion



cracking, etc.) that could occur at these locations. To identify potential environmental degradation and corrosion damage locations, the evaluation shall account for the materials, manufacturing processes, corrosion prevention systems (e.g. coatings, sealants, etc.), preventative maintenance approaches (e.g., hangaring, wash cycles, wash fluids, etc.), the inspectability of the location, and structural fabrication techniques as well as the expected operational environments to which the aircraft are subjected.

b. The criteria for the selection of corrosion resistant materials and their subsequent treatments shall be defined.

c. Organic and inorganic coatings for all airframe structural components and parts, and their associated selection criteria shall be defined.

d. Procedures for requiring drawings to be reviewed by and signed off by materials and processes personnel shall be defined.

e. Finishes for the airframe shall be defined. General guidelines shall be included for selection of finishes in addition to identifying finishes for specific parts, such that the intended finish for any structural area is identified.

f. The organizational structure, personnel, and procedures for accomplishing these tasks shall be defined and established.





#### 5.5. MASS PROPERTIES.

5.5.1 Mass properties shall fully support safe vehicle operations at each appropriate combination of mass and centre of gravity within the range of loading conditions for which certification is requested. This shall be shown -

• By tests upon an aeroplane of the type for which certification is requested, or by calculations based on, and equal in accuracy to, the results of testing; and;

• By systematic investigation of each probable combination of mass and centre of gravity, if compliance cannot be reasonably inferred from combinations investigated.

Ranges of mass and centres of gravity within which the aeroplane may be safely operated shall be established and shall include the range for lateral centres of gravity if possible loading conditions can result in significant variation of their positions.

Consideration should be given to all masses, measured using agreed standards, with defined and appropriate tolerances, between:-

a. The minimum mass; and

b. The maximum mass at which the aeroplane can reach the altitude considered.







5.5.2 Centre of gravity margins shall be properly defined to handle aerodynamic, centre of gravity, and inertia changes resulting from fuel usage, store expenditure, asymmetric fuel and store loading, fuel migration at high angle-of-attack and roll rates, and aerial refuelling, and release of external sling loads, and air drop of internal cargo.



5.5.3 The mass and centre of gravity ranges determined for the aeroplane shall be established as operating limitations and furnished in the aeroplane flight and maintenance manuals.

Verify that flight and maintenance manuals (or equivalent) are consistent and contain all required checklists and loading data necessary to conduct required mass and balance checks while complying with specific mass and balance requirements.







#### 5.6. FLIGHT RELEASE.

5.6.1 The structural evidence supporting the type certificate (or equivalent document) shall based on upto-date design criteria and mass properties, and the completion of all required analyses; laboratory, ground, and flight tests relating to loads, strength, durability, damage tolerance, structural dynamics, and stiffness.

The structural data generated by the required analysis and test shall substantiate the integrity and flight worthiness of the design.






# **SECTION 6 - FLIGHT TECHNOLOGY**

This Section covers the flight mechanics functional areas consisting of stability & control, flying qualities, vehicle management functions, flight control functions, external aerodynamics, internal aerodynamics and performance. The air vehicle aerodynamic and stability configuration, engine/inlet/nozzle compatibility, performance and integrated control airworthiness of an air vehicle should be assessed using the criteria provided in the text below (not all items apply in each case; similarly, items may have to be added for vehicles employing new or innovative technology/techniques).

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Design studies and analyses
- 3. Design, installation, and operational characteristics

4. Simulation tests, modelling, and results (including simulation verification, validation and accreditation data)

- 5. Design approval and function/system compatibility tests
- 6. Component and functional level qualification and certification tests
- 7. Electromagnetic environmental effects
- 8. Installed propulsion compatibility tests
- 9. Acceptance criteria for test results
- 10. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis/testing (FMECA/FMET)
- 11. Hazard analysis and classification
- 12. Safety certification program
- 13. Computational, theoretical, and/or semi-empirical prediction methods
- 14. Configuration: aerodynamic design and component location
- 15. Wind tunnel test results and correction methods
- 16. Mathematical representation of system dynamics
- 17. Ground resonance and loop stability tests
- 18. Aeroservoelastic design criteria and analysis
- 19. Performance analysis
- 20. Flight manual
- 21. Natural environmental sensitivities

22. Flight path guidance analysis and simulation to include ship launch and recovery routines if applicable (including sensor or processor failure modes and effects on flight control)

- 23. Interface/integration control documents
- 24. Function, subfunction, and component specifications

25. Selection criteria and patterns selected for screens constructed to demonstrate inlet/engine compatibility

- 26. Flight test plan
- 27. Detailed flight profiles 28. Aircraft/engine operating limitations
- 29. Software development plan
- 30. Software development and product specifications
- 31. Software test plans, test procedures, and test reports
- 32. Software configuration control/management plan and procedure
- 33. Control laws
- 34. Flight test reports
- 35. Aerodynamic and air data uncertainty sensitivity studies
- 36. Thrust-drag bookkeeping system



#### 37. Mass properties: weights, CofG.'s, and inertia's

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA



#### 6.1. STABILITY AND CONTROL.

#### **6.1.1. Control power**

6.1.1.1 The air vehicle shall be safely controllable and manoeuvrable during all flight phases, with sufficient control power at all weights, altitudes and ambient temperatures (including icing conditions if applicable) within the air vehicle's operational limitations.

Consideration should be given to ensuring sufficient control power:

a. At minimum controllable speeds;

b. For rotation on takeoff;

c. To handle control surface miss-trim on takeoff;

- d. To prevent or stop over-rotation in takeoff;
- e. To provide safe control for go-around with engine(s) failure (critical engine(s) inoperative);
- f. To provide safe manoeuvre margins during trimmed flight on approach
- g. For sufficient trim capability;

h. To provide safe control margins in the event of abnormal or asymmetric fuel function operation;

i. To safely handle transient effects;

j. To safely handle problems arising from asymmetric or symmetric failures of trim controls and any adverse control surface positioning or special use surface(s)/devices;

k. To safely handle unwanted deployment or activation of thrust reverser or vectored thrust equipment whenever the possibility is not extremely improbable;

l. Sufficient for unique vehicle performance;

m. To safely handle engine failures during take-off ground roll;

n. To climb performance (including OEI);

o. To reduced thrust settings;

p. To make a smooth transition from one flight condition to another (including turns and slips) without danger of exceeding the limit load factor, under any probable operating condition, (including, for multiengined aeroplanes, those conditions normally encountered in the sudden failure of any engine).





#### **6.1.2. Stability characteristics and transients.**

6.1.2.1 The Air Vehicle, with or without any augmentation or active control functions operating, shall exhibit adequate stability (Static and Dynamic) characteristics and margins, throughout the operating range. If the control functions do not possess adequate redundancy, the basic air vehicle must provide the required stability characteristics and safety margins in the event of any reasonably credible combination of failures.

Consideration should be given to the following:

- a. All ranges of the flight envelope and all air vehicle configurations;
- b. Operation of any active control functions and augmentation systems (in all modes);

c. Complete or partial loss of any function of the flight control system as a consequence of any single failure;

d. Failure-induced transient motions and trim changes either immediately upon failure or upon subsequent transfer to alternate modes:

- e. Configuration changes required or recommended following failure;
- f. Basic air vehicle (unaugmented) stability;
- g. The application of disturbances to the air vehicle on the control functions;
- h. Performance with and without stores fitted;
- i. Definition, assessment and approval of appropriate limits for handling characteristics.





6.1.2.2 Engagement and disengagement of augmentation and active control functions (such as AFCS and Terrain Following) shall not create any transients that are unsafe or require pilot intervention to maintain control of the Air Vehicle.

Consideration shall be given to the following:

• Transient motions and trim changes due to configuration changes, or from the intentional engagement or disengagement of any portion of the primary flight control system in equilibrium flight, due to pilot or automatic flight control system action;

• Mode switching does not result in any large transients;

• Functions are provided in the control system that allow transients within its design flight regime or manoeuvres;

• Transients do not violate limiters necessary for stable and controlled flight, or for structural considerations;

• Reselection of the mode after operation of any protective device.



• All ranges of the flight envelope and all air vehicle configurations, including asymmetric thrust on multi engined aircraft.

- Performance with and without stores fitted;
- Definition, assessment and approval of appropriate limits for handling characteristics.



6.1.2.3 For Air Vehicles with autonomous vehicle control, the net stability, with the guidance and control systems operating, shall be within safe margins under all operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The establishment of safe control system performance, in terms of phase and gain margin;

b. The ability of the control system to accommodate failures without adversely affecting the safety of the air vehicle;

c. The stability of the air vehicle whilst on the ground.





#### **6.1.3. Flying, handling, and ride qualities.**

6.1.3.1 The air vehicle shall have safe flying qualities / characteristics when subjected to atmospheric disturbances.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All types of atmospheric disturbance (including ship airwake / burble, wake of other Air Vehicles, turbulence and gust loading.)

b. Failure of any lift augmentation devices;

c. Appropriate limits for turbulence and gust loading to be approved and verified.



6.1.3.2 All control law concepts employed shall be demonstrably safe and compatible with any mission/tactical requirements.

Consideration should be given to such things as:

a. Time response limits.

b. Phase lag.

c. Affects of high AOA.





6.1.3.3 The air vehicle shall exhibit safe static and dynamic stability (in both Longitudinal and Lateral-Directional axes).

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Classical, safe, second-order response in pitch
- b. First-order, well-behaved response in roll without roll ratcheting or other roll sensitivities
- c. Equivalent system time delay



6.1.3.4 Aeroelastic, non-linear, discontinuous and unsteady aerodynamic effects shall be considered in the design of the Air Vehicle and demonstrated to be safe.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Hinge moments, which can limit control deflection;

b. Aeroelastic deformations that affect controllability;



c. High supersonic speed (aeroelasticity and large hinge moments at high dynamic pressure tend to restrict the control capability);

d. Low speed, high angle-of-attack (high lateral stability, large aileron yaw and high dynamic pressure (aeroelastic deformation) are common critical flight conditions).

e. Roll control effectiveness at high dynamic pressure.



6.1.3.5 There shall be no tendency for pilot-induced or limit-cycle oscillations (i.e. sustained or uncontrollable oscillations) to occur resulting from the efforts of the pilot or automatic flight control system to control the air vehicle. Air Vehicle pilot coupling (APC) and pilot-induced oscillation (PIO) tendencies and flight characteristics shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Residual oscillations resulting from nonlinearities such as friction, hysteresis and poor resolution;

b. Negative static stability and low damping, which may contribute to and amplify any oscillations;

c. High speed, high dynamic pressure or high altitude conditions, which are critical;

d. Pitch PIO in landing caused by control system phase shift;

e. Roll PIO cause by high roll control gain;

f. Verification by manned and unmanned simulation, analysis and test. Manned simulation used to verify control laws, flying qualities and departure resistance prior to flight and as an adjunct to flight testing.





6.1.3.5.1 Any phase and gain margins within the control system, including any transient responses shall be safe and meet limits set independently. Consideration should be given to the effects of atmospheric disturbances (such as gusts, turbulence...etc).



6.1.3.5.2 The air vehicle shall not exhibit unsafe limit cycle oscillations, unbounded oscillations, unsafe triggering mechanisms during mode transitions, or unsafe sudden/steep gain changes.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. High gain conditions:
- b. All possible air vehicle configurations;
- c. Controls fixed and controls free stability;
- d. Configuration changes/transitions;
- e. Pilot workload and the ability of the air vehicle in the military role;
- f. The entire ground and flight envelope.



6.1.3.6 The air vehicle ground handling characteristics shall be safe.

Consideration should be given to the following:

a. All specified mission environments including prepared, unprepared, sloping ground, wet, snow, ice...etc conditions;



b. All normal and abnormal centre-of-gravity locations for realisable fuel states during taxi, takeoff, and landings;

c. Potential failure conditions (weight on wheel normal and failed conditions);

d. Positive steering control, including Steering/ Directional control with the nose wheel remaining on the ground whether using nose wheel steering, differential braking or asymmetric thrust;

e. Steering sensitivities;

f. Steering fade in/out;

g. Ground control paths;

h. The ability to taxi through 360 degrees with the nose wheel remaining on the ground whether using nose wheel steering, differential braking or asymmetric thrust;

i. Determination of safe field lengths for takeoff (including rejected takeoff) and landing;

j. Controllability whilst taxiing in crosswinds;

k. Ability to withstand heavy landing / shock loading;

l. Use of transportation equipment (UAS);

m. Effects on control surfaces of ground gusts and taxiing down wind;

n. Dynamic Roll Over;

o. Ground Resonance;

p. Embarked operations.





6.1.3.7 The air vehicle shall have safe aerodynamic/flight characteristics in all possible air vehicle configurations (including stores) and in the event of any lift augmentation device failure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. High angles of attack;

- b. Pitch up tendencies;
- c. Wing rocking tendencies;
- d. Adequate stall warning and recovery, both in level flight and turn;
- e. Stall prevention systems;
- f. Ability of air vehicle to structurally withstand and recover from vibration and buffet;
- g. Unusual flight attitudes;
- h. Spin recovery (in accordance with aircraft specification);
- i. Minimum permissible speeds;
- j. Provision of indicators to show lift and drag device position.





6.1.3.8 Air Vehicle hinge moment characteristics shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle throughout the combined range of attainable angles of attack (both positive and negative) and sideslip.

Consideration should be given to prevention of loss of control and to recovery from any situation, including:

a. Deep stall trim conditions;

b. All manoeuvring;

c. Factors such as pilot strength, regions of control-surface-fixed instability, inertial coupling, fuel slosh, the influence of symmetric and asymmetric stores, stall/post-stall/ spin characteristics, atmospheric disturbances and Aircraft Failure States;

d. Failure transients and manoeuvring flight appropriate to the Failure State;

e. The degree of effectiveness and certainty of operation of limiters, e.g. control malfunction or mismanagement, and transients from failures in the propulsion, flight control and other relevant systems; f. All configuration including Stores (symmetric and asymmetric).



6.1.3.9 The air vehicle shall not demonstrate any unsafe stability and control dynamics during both symmetrical and asymmetrical flight manoeuvres in all possible air vehicle configurations (including stores).

Consideration should be given to the following:

- a. Control surface float angles;
- b. Control surface blow-back;
- c. Control surface nonlinearities;
- d. The vehicle control system or actuation functions to overcome actual moments;
- e. Establishing levels of flying quantities for the vehicle;
- f. Control surface hinge moment limiting.





6.1.3.10 Stability and control characteristics of the basic air vehicle design, as well as unique features, shall be safe within the entire flight envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All air vehicle configurations (including stores);
- b. Atmospheric disturbances effects (turbulence, cross wind);
- c. Manual or powered (including FBW) flying controls.

Basic features include phase and gain margins, transitions, gain changes, mode changes, switching & schedule changes, non-linearities

Unique features include but are not limited to stealth, autopilots, auto trim, threat avoidance, speed brakes, flaps etc.







6.1.3.11 The air vehicle stability or command/ control augmentation systems and devices shall not introduce any objectionable handling characteristics due to rate limiting.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Rate limits associated with stability augmentation, flight control, automatic or power operated systems;

- b. Surface deflections and Saturation of components;
- c. Normal and failure states;
- d. Atmospheric disturbances;

e. Manoeuvring flight with the flight envelope (including AOA, side slip and load factor);

f. Post stall recovery.



#### **6.1.4. Mission evaluations including flight path guidance.**

6.1.4.1 The air vehicle shall respond safety in all axes to all commands from the flight path guidance system and auto pilot.

Consideration should be given to the following:

a. Flight path guidance devices and processors shall not produce a periodic flight path divergence within the operational flight envelope;

- b. All possible air vehicle configurations, including stores;
- c. Atmospheric disturbances (e.g. cross wind and turbulence);
- d. Asymmetric effects of any OEI conditions on multi-engined aircraft;
- e. Use of mathematical modelling supported by flight trials.





6.1.4.2 The air vehicle flight path guidance systems shall safely compensate for degraded modes/failures of operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The impact of any credible combination of failures;

b. Providing indication to crew members whenever failures occur that require or limit any flight crew action or decision;

c. A realistic time delay between the failure and initiation of pilot corrective action.



6.1.4.3 All transitions to and from normal flight path guidance and autopilot modes, whether argument or manually selected shall not create any unsafe transients, deviation of flight path or require pilot intervention. This shall be true for all air vehicle or stores configurations.





#### **6.1.5. Other effects.**

6.1.5.1 Hazardous roll-yaw-pitch coupling(s) shall not occur as a result of aerodynamic, kinematic or inertial effects.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All possible air vehicle configurations, including stores;
- b. Any environmental conditions such as cross wind or turbulence;
- c. The ability to remain in control without the need for exceptional piloting skill;
- d. The use of flight envelope protection for UAS;
- e. Definition, assessment and approval of appropriate limits for handling characteristics.



6.1.5.2 Hazardous roll-yaw-pitch coupling(s) shall not occur as a result of engine coupling of symmetric or asymmetric (in the event of engine failure) thrust or gyroscopic effects.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All possible air vehicle configurations, including stores;

- b. All flight regimes in which the air vehicle may operate (e.g. takeoff, approach);
- c. Any environmental conditions, such as cross wind and turbulence;
- d. The affect of a second failure on air vehicles that have more than two engines;
- e. The ability to maintain height, heading and attitude without the need for exceptional piloting skill;

f. For air vehicles fitted with a propeller, the affects a failure of the propeller feathering system.







6.1.5.3 Stall, or loss of control, warning and any associated limiting and prevention functions shall be safe within all areas of the flight envelope, including during the carriage of stores.

Consideration should be given to:

a. A clear and distinctive stall warning with sufficient margin to prevent inadvertent stalling with the flaps and landing gear in any normal position in straight and turning flight;

b. The warning may be furnished either through the inherent aerodynamic qualities of the aeroplane or by a device that will give clearly distinguishable indications under expected conditions of flight.



6.1.5.4 Where necessary to maintain safe flight, aircrew members shall be given immediate and easily interpreted indications whenever wrong configurations occur that require or limit any flight crew action or decision.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Wing sweep;
- b. Flap;
- c. Landing gear;
- d. Doors;
- e. Stability augmentation.





6.1.5.5 Air vehicle response to inceptor inputs shall be proportional and shall not exhibit any nonlinearities (such as oversensivity or sluggishness) between pilot applied deflection and force and air vehicle response.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Heaviness and effectiveness of the inceptors;
- b. Harmonisation of the flying controls;
- c. Inceptor tendency to over balance;
- d. Inceptor tendency to oscillate;
- e. Self centring ability of the inceptors;
- f. Sensitivity of the controls at high speed.



6.1.5.6 Actuator dynamic performance shall not degrade vehicle flying qualities below acceptable limits.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Accurate modelling.





6.1.5.7 Sensor dynamics shall not degrade vehicle flying qualities below acceptable limits.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Accurate modelling;
- b. Rigid and flexible body motions;
- c. Protection from FOD and bird strike;
- d. Accidental and battle damage;
- e. Normal disturbances (e.g. side slip, asymmetric manoeuvres).



6.1.5.8 Cockpit or vehicle controller dynamics shall be correctly modelled and these dynamics shall not degrade vehicle flying qualities below acceptable limits.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The heaviness and effectiveness of the inceptors;
- b. Harmonisation of the flying controls;

c. Any tendency of the inceptors to over balance, oscillate, snatch or twitch and the condition at which this occurs;

d. The self centring tendency of each inceptor and the effects of any jamming or circuit friction;

e. Sensitivity of the controls at high speed;

f. All ranges of the flight envelope and aircraft configurations (including the carriage and release of stores);

- g. Any affects of single component failures;
- h. Environmental effects (e.g. turbulence, cross winds);

i. The desired level of piloting skill.





6.1.5.9 No single failures (with operator in-the-loop) shall result in any unsafe air vehicle flying characteristics.

No credible combination of failures (with operator in-the-loop) shall result in departure or loss of control.



6.1.5.10 Control gradient forces and dynamics shall be safe and suitable for the entire range of applications and flight regimes, even in the event of a failure. This shall be established by mathematical modelling, rig testing, simulator and flight testing or a combination thereof.

Consideration should be given to the following types of failure :

- a. Jamming;
- b. Runaways;
- c. Loss.

Consideration should be given to the following flight regimes:

- a. Takeoff;
- b. Climb;
- c. Cruise;
- d. Normal turns;



e. Descent;

f. Landing.



6.1.5.11 The air crew shall have unimpeded visual characteristics within appropriate limits, to be approved and verified, in all ground and flight conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Cockpit design compatible with aircraft attitude for all intended operations.



6.1.5.12 Air vehicle flying qualities for ship launch/recovery wind envelopes and ship pitch and roll limits shall be safe.

Consideration should be given to the following:

- a. Approach and Fly-away techniques;
- b. Ship Superstructure air wake and effects;
- c. Visual references;
- d. Day and night, all weather operations (including NVG operations);
- e. Variations in weight altitude and ambient temperature;

f. Deck movement;

- g. Induced turbulence;
- h. Enforced out of wind approach and landing.





6.1.5.13 Aircrew workload shall be commensurate with the need to maintain safe flight in all normal (including high workload flight phases) and failure operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Fight path control;
- b. Collision avoidance;
- c. Navigation;
- d. Communications;
- e. Operation and monitoring of all essential air vehicle systems;
- f. Command decisions;
- g. Accessibility and ease of operation of air vehicle controls;
- h. Day and night, all weather operations (including NVG operations).



6.1.5.14 Vehicle flying qualities on back-up power (electrical or hydraulic) shall be safe within acceptable limits.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Primary flight controls (whether they be electrically or hydraulically actuated);
- b. Power plant controls;
- c. Stability augmentation systems;
- d. Air data systems;
- e. Radio communication equipment;
- f. Navigation equipment;
- g. Display systems (including NVG and HUD).







## **6.1.6. Envelopes.**

6.1.6.1 merged with 6.1.2.1





6.1.6.2 The air data system and associated redundancy management provides for safe flight including during and after air data component failures.

Consideration should be given to the following:

a. Provision of a standby or reversionary system;

b. Satisfactory provision of failure indications and warnings;

c. Mechanically induced damage to probes and pressure ports, and the effects of rain, icing, and other hostile environments.



6.1.6.3 The flight-critical parameters list shall be complete and reasonable.







6.1.6.4 The air vehicles flight manual, supplements and any associated placards shall contain the air vehicle / engine operating limitations.

These limitations shall include:

• Performance (e.g. airspeed limitations, power plant limitations, weight limitations);

• Flight characteristics under normal and emergency conditions;

• Control functions under normal and emergency conditions (e.g. procedures and speeds for continued takeoff following engine failure, safe landing limits for OEI);

• Any other critical items to ensure safe flight.



#### **6.1.7. Store carriage and separation.**

6.1.7.1 Store carriage, release and separation shall not result in unacceptable air vehicle stability and control characteristics or unacceptable flying qualities.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Air vehicle weight and centre of gravity remaining within approved limits during the carriage of stores and after release of any store or combination of stores;

b. Flying qualities, loss of air vehicle control while under symmetrical and asymmetrical manoeuvres;

c. Normal or emergency release or jettison of any store or combination of stores resulting in exceedance of any aircraft flight limitations;

d. Normal or emergency release or jettison of any store or combination of store do not result in contact between the released store and other stores or the aircraft;



- e. Both internal and external stores locations;
- f. The most extreme asymmetric loading of stores (including symmetric thrust);
- g. Sequencing of stores release and jettison;
- h. Release of internally carried stores shall not be possible until the bomb bay doors are fully open;

i. Indication to the crew in the event of a failed separation (hangfire or misfire).



6.1.7.2 Merged with 6.1.7.1



#### 6.1.7.3 Merged with 6.1.7.1





6.1.8 Modelling and simulation data, databases and tools shall be validated to ensure predictions of air vehicle stability and control and flying and handling qualities characteristics correctly and accurately represent the air vehicle characteristics.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Trim;

- b. Dynamic manoeuvres;
- c. Flight control modes and failures;

d. Validation across the flight envelopes and for all air vehicle configurations;

e. Use of test pilots during early simulations and eventual flight testing;

f. Frequency-response or time-response methods.



#### 6.2. VEHICLE CONTROL FUNCTIONS (VCF).

This section covers the installation, integration, interface, and operation of the Vehicle Control Function (VCF). This includes all air vehicle augmentation systems, Flight Control Systems (FCS), autopilot, etc.

Included with the scope of the this section are:

- VCF architecture design;
- VCF functional characteristics;
- Control law authority;
- Control surface actuation systems;
- Hydraulic & electrical VCF power source;
- Flight critical components;
- VCF software;
- VCF failure monitoring.

When implementing VCF, the general air worthiness criteria for air vehicle equipment, systems and installations should always be considered, as well as the overall air vehicle flight control and flight performance. Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

All criteria should at least be verified for:



- The most adverse combination of flight, environment and load conditions;
- Agreed acceptable/unacceptable probability of loss of function.

Where an information source is highlighted, in general it is implied that any higher level requirement on the same subject stated in the parent paragraphs is

applicable too, as well as each lower level requirement contained in any subparagraph. The links to references are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

## **6.2.1. VCF architecture design.**

6.2.1.1 The design of the air vehicle VCF, including its sub-systems, shall be shown to be safe within the required performance envelope.

Consideration should be given to using a structured methodology to:

1. Define the required air vehicle performance envelope.

2. Agree the required air vehicle safety levels. Derived safety requirements can then be established for enabling systems.

3. Develop Test & Acceptance Plans to record how the derived and top level safety requirements are to be demonstrated.





6.2.1.2 Aspects of the VCF critical to the safe operation of the Air Vehicle shall incorporate sufficient and appropriate risk mitigations to allow graceful degradation and interface with other systems to ensure power is available for continued safe operation.

Consideration should be given to one or more of the following approaches:

- a. Failure Absorption;
- b. Cross lane monitoring/voting and failure rejection;
- c. Lane self monitoring and failure rejection.

d. The progression and sustainment of air vehicle control, related to aircrew workload and situational awareness.



6.2.1.3 The VCFs shall have appropriate levels of risk mitigations typically achieved through separation, redundancy, fault tolerance and self test to prevent any unsafe function resulting in a loss of control.

Considerations should be given to software elements.





6.2.1.4 Each aspect of the VCF (such as flaps, trim, autostabilisers, hydraulics) shall be suitably separated and protected to ensure graceful degradation of the VCF in the presence of failures and combination of failures.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The use of modelling and simulation to establish effects of failures.

b. The progression and sustainment of air vehicle control, related to aircrew workload and situational awareness.



6.2.1.5 No credible combination of failures shall result in a complete loss of an axis of control from the VCF. It is permissible for combination of failures to result in degraded control that does not require exceptional piloting skill.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Location and separation of aspects of the VCF to protect against effects of fire and mechanical damage;

b. The use of modelling and/or simulation to establish the effects on controllability of any identified failures.







6.2.1.6 No reasonably credible combination of failures with the VCF (including AFCS if applicable) shall result in a loss of control of the Air Vehicle.



#### **6.2.2. Basic VCF.**

6.2.2.1 VCF command control elements, shall be demonstrably safe for the entire range of air vehicle and air crew responses. This includes ensuring component functional characteristics are defined and do not to induce a departure or loss of control.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All flight phases;

b. All VCF command control elements which transmit crew control commands or generate and/or convey commands;

c. Altitudes up to the maximum expected in operation;

d. Mechanical, analogue and electrical component functional characteristics;

e. Compatibility between mechanical and non mechanical components;

f. Ensuring each control operates easily, smoothly and positively enough to allow proper performance of its functions;

g. Cable systems.





6.2.2.2 Friction levels, breakout forces, dead zones, hysteresis, and backlash of each axis of the control system (including thrust, and thrust vector angle if it is controlled by a separate inceptor) shall not preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring functional characteristics do not induce a control system failure, loss of control or a departure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Non-linear characteristics;

b. Probability of combinations of these phenomena leading to a failure condition;

c. Tests are to be made with the autostabilisers, 'q' feel systems etc., operative.





6.2.2.3 Air vehicle control and manoeuvrability functions shall be properly designed to ensure safety-offlight (SOF), and shall not require exceptional piloting skill, alertness or strength. This includes ensuring longitudinal, lateral-directional, lift, drag, performance limiting, and variable geometry control systems are safety mechanised and operate with the ease, smoothness, and positiveness appropriate to their function, throughout the flight envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Operation at all altitudes, not exceeding the maximum operating altitude;
- b. All practical / critical loading conditions; within the range of weights and centres of gravity;
- c. Effectiveness of any device or method used to monitor control functions;
- d. Resistance of Control Systems to external and internal sources of electromagnetic interference.



6.2.2.4 Control system surfaces shall be installed so there is no mechanical interference from surrounding air vehicle structures or devices. If an adjustable stabiliser is used, it shall have stops that limit its range of travel to that allowing safe flight and landing.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The most critical clearance positions;
- b. The full range of movement of surrounding devices;



c. Structural deflections resulting from the most adverse flight, manufacturing, environmental and load conditions, the means of which is to be established, agreed and verified;

d. Ensuring the control system is free from excessive friction, and excessive deflection.

For rotorcraft, there shall be sufficient clearance between the rotor blades and other parts of the structure to prevent the blades from striking any part of the structure during any operating condition.



6.2.2.5 Surface rate and hinge moments for VCF actuation shall not adversely affect air vehicle control throughout the combined range of attainable angles of attack (both positive and negative) and sideslip. This includes ensuring no actuator hinge moments or blowback can cause a departure, loss of control or pilot coupling, under all specified flight, environmental and load conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most adverse combination of flight, environment and load conditions, to be agreed and verified.

b. Deep stall trim conditions;

c. All manoeuvring;

d. Factors such as pilot strength, regions of control-surface-fixed instability, inertial coupling, fuel slosh, the influence of symmetric and asymmetric stores, stall/post-stall/ spin characteristics, atmospheric disturbances and Aircraft Failure States;

e. Failure transients and manoeuvring flight appropriate to the Failure State;

f. The degree of effectiveness and certainty of operation of limiters, e.g. control malfunction or mismanagement, and transients from failures in the propulsion, flight control and other relevant systems; g. All configurations, including stores (symmetric and asymmetric).




6.2.2.6 Cockpit control forces shall not exceed the specified design limits and shall provide full and free movement of the control input devices, for all axes, including trim. Forces shall not be so great as to make excessive demands on the pilot's strength when manoeuvring the air vehicle and shall not be so low that the air vehicle can easily be overstressed inadvertently.

- a. Aircraft type, intended operational use and role;
- b. Specified design limit control forces, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Both short and long term application of force;
- d. Both one and two hands available for control;
- e. Control forces for pitch, roll, yaw and trim;
- f. Forces applied to the control wheel, stick, side-stick or rudder pedal;
- g. Ensuring control system forces and free play do not inhibit a smooth, direct air vehicle response;
- h. Specified manoeuvres, to be agreed and verified;
- i. Force of the pilots operating dual controls in opposition, to be agreed and verified.





6.2.2.7 Functional control nonlinearities shall not preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring aggregate nonlinearities of all interfaces and computational paths do not induce departure, loss of control or pilot coupling.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Gain margin to be agreed and verified (typically not worse than 6 db);
- b. Phase margin to be agreed and verified (typically not worse than 45 degrees);
- c. Mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, digital and analogue interface nonlinearities;
- d. Avoiding oversensitivity or sluggishness in response.



6.2.2.8 Trim ranges and rates for all axes shall not preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring trim rates are sufficient to enable the flight-crew to maintain low out-of-trim inceptor forces; but do not produce pilot coupling.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Trim authority limits to be agreed and verified (typically + 1.5g in pitch, + 0.5g roll, and + 0.2g yaw);

b. Operation at altitudes up to the maximum expected in operation;

c. The most critical combinations of weight and CofG (Forward CofG is usually critical at slow speeds, and aft CofG critical at high speeds);

d. Over-sensitivity in operation of the yaw and roll trim systems;

e. Maximum acceleration and deceleration likely to be encountered during normal service operation.





6.2.2.9 The effects of trim failure on air vehicle control and stability shall be identified and mitigated. This includes preventing hard-overs, compensating for jams or miss-trims such as to prevent an induced departure, loss of control or pilot coupling.

- a. Any reasonable credible combination of trim failures;
- b. The response of the air vehicle to trim system runaways;
- c. The controllability of the air vehicle following the runaway;
- d. Use of an emergency trim system.







6.2.2.10 Control devices intended for intermittent operation (such as flaps, slats, speed brakes, geometry mechanisms, auxiliary control devices) shall not preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring latent failures for devices used only in discrete parts of the flight envelope (modes), or that are seldom used or that are only for some type of backup capability, can not induce a departure, loss of control, or pilot coupling.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Monitoring such elements of the VCF to ensure that they are fit for use when required;
- b. Provision of fail-safe reversion to manual control for recovery for non full-time systems.



6.2.2.11 VCF safety provisions (protection functions, devices, procedures, limitations) shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Applicable standards (including software) to be agreed and verified;
- b. Use of an appropriate system safety programme as detailed in Section 14;
- c. Compatibility with weapon systems;
- d. Safety provisions from both component and software induced faults;
- e. Acceptable probabilities of occurrence, to be agreed and verified for;
- i. Any failure condition that would prevent the continued safe flight and landing of the air vehicle.

 ii. Any other failure condition that would significantly reduce the capability of the aeroplane or the ability of the flight crew to cope with adverse operating conditions.

f. Flight envelope protection for UAS.





6.2.2.12 The VCF shall include sufficient redundancy to ensure that alternate control paths are available for all control axis / modes and do not preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring redundant elements are separated as far as possible, so that minor accidental or battle damage does not cause failure of the VCF.

Considerations shall be given to:

- a. Failure detection, isolation, and corrective action within time limits to be agreed and verified;
- b. Physical and electrical isolation between redundant elements;
- c. Preventing propagation of failures among vehicle control elements;
- d. Eliminating sources of common-mode failure;

e. Use of the autopilot or trim circuit to provide a measure of control of the air vehicle in the event of primary failure;

f. Location of control paths where combat damage is less probable with respect to threat and the role of the air vehicle.





6.2.2.13 Ratio changers and artificial feel devices (or similar devices) shall not adversely affect safety-offlight (SOF). This includes ensuring that no changes in artificial feel can produce departure, loss of control or pilot coupling. Control system units, components, and parts which transmit control signals mechanically shall meet the specified design limit conditions and safety factors.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Design limit conditions and safety factors, to be agreed and verified;

b. Assessing the effects from loss of the artificial feel devices;

c. The most critical case from handling considerations in terms of airspeed, altitude, mass, centre of gravity and external stores configuration.



#### 6.2.2.14 Merged with 6.2.1.5



6.2.2.15 VCF component design shall be demonstrably safe. This includes preventing degradation in VCF operation from environmental conditions; resisting the formation of fungi; ensuring VCF physical characteristics do not cause a single point failure by virtue of components design, interfaces nor integration of functions.



a. Environmental conditions (including humidity, temperature, pressure, altitude), to be agreed and specified;

b. Avoiding pockets, traps, wells, etc., into which water, condensed moisture or other liquids would collect;

c. Ensuring adequate drain provision;

d. Ensuring drain location adequate to prevent formation of hazardous quantities of ice on the aircraft;

e. Any deleterious effects due to tightening or slackening resulting from differential expansion;

f. Providing sufficient clearance to ensure the efficient operation of all detail fittings, such as jacks, bearings, guides, fairleads, etc., to be agreed and verified;

g. Withstanding physical, induced, chemical, biological and nuclear stresses.

h. Wherever possible, avoid materials which expand appreciably with moisture for such parts as fairleads and washers.



6.2.2.16 Merged with 6.2.2.17





6.2.2.17 The VCF shall have sufficient clearances to prevent foreign object damage (FOD). This includes ensuring no probable combination of temperature effects, air loads, structural deflections, vibration, buildup of manufacturing tolerances, wear, sag, or installation which can cause binding or jamming of any portion of the VCF, or result in insufficient clearance.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The following minimum clearances, provided for guidance, to be agreed and verified:

i. Between wiring and plumbing which carries combustible fluids (typically 152mm);

ii. Between wiring and control cables (typically 76mm);

 iii. Around any control routeing and connections such as bell cranks, cables, actuator attachments, path changers, etc (typically 6mm);

 iv. Between elements which move in relation to one another but which are guided or connected to the same component (typically 3mm);

 v. Between elements which move in relation to one another and which are guided or connected to separate components (typically 6mm);

 vi. Between elements and air vehicle structure or equipment to which they are not attached, unless structural flexibility requires a greater clearance to be provided (typically 12mm).

b. Where surrounding material such as fasteners, rivets, nuts, bolts, washers etc., exceed 6mm, the design accommodates these particulars.





6.2.2.18 Control laws incorporated in the VCF shall be demonstrably safe, and shall provide levels of performance as stated in the air vehicle specification. The probability of loss (if gain or phase margins which result in an unrecoverable air vehicle condition) shall be significantly less than the required probability for loss of the air vehicle due to control system failure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Operating in turbulence;

b. All predictable variations in system operating conditions and air vehicle configurations;

c. Ensuring all flight control laws are defined in unambiguous Flight Requirements Document (FRD) or Software Requirements Statement (SRS);

d. Appropriate control law strategies to recover from unusual attitudes, or from intentional manoeuvres which involve transition through a period of low or negative airspeed;

e. Using the minimum number of sensor derived feedbacks;

f. Using the most rugged sensors for primary feedbacks essential to continued safe flight;

g. Conditions of full and partial constraint (e.g., undercarriage restraint).







6.2.2.19 Control law transients for gain and mode changes shall not exceed specified limits such as to preclude safety-of flight (SOF). This includes ensuring that where changes of control law (mode) can occur in flight, either automatically or by air crew selection, they shall incur minimum disturbance to controlled flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Normal or lateral acceleration limits, to be agreed and verified (typically 0.05g);

b. Roll rate limits, to be agreed and verified (typically up to 5 deg/sec roll rate (recommended is 3 deg/sec));

c. Sideslip limits, to be agreed and verified (typically 5 degrees of sideslip or a period of 2 seconds);

d. Pitch force, to be agreed and verified (typically <20 lb);

e. Roll force, to be agreed and verified (typically 10lb);

f. Yaw force, to be agreed and verified (typically 10lb);

g. Stability margins, to be agreed and verified (typically 25% sensitivity changes);

h. Worst case conditions as well as nominal flight conditions.







6.2.2.20 The VCF shall prevent limit-cycle and pilot induced oscillations (PIO) oscillations (i.e. sustained or uncontrollable oscillations) that might compromise safety, or cause crew or passenger dangerous conditions. This includes ensuring residual oscillations do not exceed levels which significantly affect the piloting task or pilot subjective acceptance, or which can result in significant wear of the system and airframe components.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Preventing limit cycles in the control system;
- b. Damping characteristics of residual pitch and lateral oscillations at the pilot's station;

c. Particular attention to points in the flight envelope where nominal phase and gain margins are less than the traditional and lower margins may result in a vehicle instability or PIO;

- d. Residual oscillations resulting from nonlinearities such as friction, hysteresis and poor resolution;
- e. Negative static stability and low damping, which may contribute to and amplify any oscillations;
- f. High speed, high dynamic pressure or high altitude conditions, which are critical;
- g. Pitch PIO in landing caused by control system phase shift;
- h. Roll PIO cause by high roll control gain;

i. Verification by manned and unmanned simulation, analysis and test. Manned simulation used to verify control laws, flying qualities and departure resistance prior to flight and as an adjunct to flight testing.





#### 6.2.2.21 Merged with 6.2.2.20



6.2.2.22 VCF control laws shall incorporate sufficient redundancy and failure management in order to meet the specified survivability, failure immunity and safety requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring control laws and common software are treated as common-mode elements in design and proving;

b. Specified redundancy and survivability, failure immunity and safety requirements to be agreed and verified;

c. Taking special care to eliminate sources of common-mode failure where redundancy is employed;

- d. Operation in natural, induced and hostile environments;
- e. Ensuring the effects of failures upon the motion of the air vehicle are minimised;
- f. Ensuring that nuisance disconnects do not compromise system integrity and performance.





6.2.2.23 Phase and gain margins, including any transient responses, shall be established to provide a safe level of stability and shall not be adversely affected by sensitivity changes in key stability derivatives. Phase and gain margins shall be maintained at acceptable levels for all predictable variations in system operating conditions and air vehicle configurations throughout the defined service life and usage of the aircraft.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Each control feedback loop;
- b. Operating in turbulence;
- c. System operating conditions and air vehicle configurations, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Gain margins to be agreed and verified (typically not worse than 6 db);
- e. Phase margin to be agreed and verified (typically not worse than 45 degrees);
- f. Sensitivity margins to be agreed and verified;
- g. Using the most rugged sensors for primary feedbacks essential to continued safe flight;

h. Factors affecting sensitivity including: poorly defined nonlinear and higher order dynamics, anticipated manufacturing tolerances, aging, wear, maintenance and non-critical materiel failures;

i. The effects of atmospheric disturbances (such as gusts, turbulence...etc).





6.2.2.24 Functional control authorities shall not permit the air vehicle and/or crew to enter into an unrecoverable situation as a result of specified VCF performance.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Motivator and mode authority;
- b. The choice of displacement and rate authority for a given function;
- c. Degrees of effectiveness and certainty of operation of limiters;
- d. CG control malfunction or mismanagement;
- e. Transients from failures in the propulsion, flight control and other relevant systems.



6.2.2.25 The VCF shall be designed to prevent and/or compensate for any hazardous flight condition which results from the dynamic VCF functional performance.

- a. Capability to function throughout the duration of severe turbulence;
- b. Provide performance, to the levels stated in the air vehicle specification, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Operation under environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Dynamic conditions of control laws, control logic;
- e. Integrity and security of control functions.





6.2.2.26 The air vehicle shall provide a facility for the air crew to safely override the design-limited VCF. If the rejection, inhibition or limitation in the authority of an engaged mode can lead to a significant reduction in performance and operational capabilities, then suitable means of warning the pilot shall be provided.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring appropriate methods of interlocks for engagement/ disengagement of mission or flight phase particular controls are provided with override capability;

b. Providing both aural and visual warnings.







6.2.2.27 The air vehicle control system shall have positive interlocks to prevent hazardous operation of devices/programs, to preclude inadvertent operation.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Any Operational Flight Program (OFP)s that deal with diagnostics, and BITs;
- b. Providing an unmistakable warning when the control system lock is engaged;

c. Interlock methods such as:

- i. Removal of memory or processor chip;
- ii. Double access to partitioned memory;
- iii. Removal of power;
- iv. Cockpit switches, etc.



#### 6.2.2.28 Merged with 6.2.2.29





6.2.2.29 VCF engage/disengage functions/devices assignments and interlocks shall be provided to prevent the engagement of incompatible modes that could create an immediate undesirable situation or hazard that are incompatible with flight conditions or air vehicle configurations (e.g., flaps, slats, airbrake, wing sweep, engine power, nozzle angle etc.). A means shall also be provided to indicate the current mode of operation as selections or de-selections are made, including any armed modes, transitions and reversions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Protection against improper mode engagement or positioning of any control functions;

b. Protection against in-flight engagement of any surface locks affecting aircraft stability;

c. Protection against simultaneous engagement, and engagement with incompatible flight conditions or air vehicle configurations, to be agreed and verified;

d. Ensuring indications are visible under all expected lighting conditions;

e. Ensuring controls and indications are grouped and presented in a logical and consistent manner;

f. Means of mode indication other than selector switch position.

g. Ensuring proper engagement and mixing of modes;

h. Emergency disengagement of modes to the basic flying air vehicle control mode.



6.2.2.30 Merged with 6.2.2.31





6.2.2.31 Transient times for automatic and manual VCF engagement / disengagement and mode changes shall be within specified limits, such as to preclude safety-of-flight (SOF) and to ensure smooth engagement / disengagement.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Automatic transient times, to be agreed and verified (typically 0.1 seconds or less). Larger transient times may be justified and acceptable depending on the application;

b. Manual transient times, to be agreed and verified;

c. Operation in worse case conditions, to be agreed and verified;

d. Operation in nominal flight conditions.



6.2.2.32 VCF warning and caution function/devices shall provide fast and adequate notification to the air crew for any VCF failure or condition which could result in an unsafe flight. Warnings shall be clearly distinguishable to the air crew under expected flight conditions without requiring the air crew's attention.

Consideration should be given to a warnings and caution philosophy document which includes:

- a. Ensuring warnings and cautions are within the air crew's field of vision;
- b. Ensuring warnings and cautions minimise air crew errors and confusion;

c. Indicating the current mode of operation, including any armed modes, transitions, and reversions;

- d. Ensuring indications are grouped and presented in a logical and consistent manner;
- e. Ensuring indications are visible to each pilot under all expected lighting conditions;
- f. The use of a three category warning system.







6.2.2.33 The location of sensors shall minimise/avoid structural mode coupling such as to prevent erroneous feedback and disruption of the VCF or air vehicle. Sensor location shall also provide adequate protection from bird-strike, accidental and battle damage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Structural mode coupling, including vibration from configuration loading and gun fire;

b. Account for sensitivities to actual manufacturing and variations in key stability derivatives and structural mode frequencies;

c. Use of the most rugged sensors for primary feedbacks essential to continued safe flight.



6.2.2.34 VCF air data sensors (pitot-static probes and airstream direction sensors) shall have sufficient sensitivity tolerances such that variations in slope and bias conditions do not result in air data system error or failure. Tolerances shall be established for air data functions on the anticipated range of gain and phase errors which will exist between nominal test values or predictions and in-service operation.



a. Factors affecting gain and phase errors, such as poorly defined nonlinear and higher order dynamics, anticipated manufacturing tolerances, aging, wear etc.;

b. The effects of normal disturbances (e.g. sideslip, effect of asymmetric manoeuvres);

c. The following areas for air data system errors and failures:

i. Noise on air data signals;

ii. Calibration table errors in slope and bias;

iii. Intermittent signal failures (especially failures of duration counter);

iv. Lags; pneumatic, sensor, computational, electrical;

v. Out of range failures; just within range failures.



6.2.2.35 The VCF computer/processor(s) shall be designed to ensure that processing hardware meets the specified requirements, such as to ensure safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes providing speed of operation and levels of discrimination fully compatible with the intended performance of the control laws, and enabling all management functions to be effective without incurring significant penalties arising from time delays.

The VCF computer/processor capacity requirements shall ensure there is sufficient margin, or be capable of growth, to meet later expansion requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring sufficient redundancy is incorporated to meet the safety requirements and to ensure that failures do not propagate;

b. Ensuring the processor can withstand all induced and natural environments, to be agreed and verified;

c. Processing hardware requirements to be agreed and verified, and ensure any specialised requirements are also specified;

d. VCF computer/processor capacity margins, to be agreed and verified (typically 50%);

e. Accounting for noise sources of narrow-band signals such as harmonics of microprocessor clocks and power supply choppers.







6.2.2.36 Comprehensive and all-inclusive pre-flight checklists shall be established which are sufficient to determine the flight-worthiness of the VCF. This includes ensuring pre-flight tests, diagnostics, redundancy, and monitoring include all test sequences required to determine the status of the VCF and integrated systems prior to takeoff. It shall also be possible to conduct tests and checklists in a safe manner, such as to preclude injury.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that all redundant elements, failure detection and signal selection algorithms, etc., are correctly functioning;

b. The use of an automatic, or where unavoidable, pilot-interactive pre-flight test function;

c. Ensuring the use of built-in-test (BIT) does not degrade system performance;

d. Ensuring the time to complete pre-flight tests meets the specified requirements, to be agreed and verified (typically 30 seconds for a complete automatic end to end check of the VCF).



6.2.2.37 VCF interfaces / integration with other functions and sub-functions shall be demonstrably safe. This includes ensuring the VCF meets the specified levels of integrity.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The interdependence of all aircraft functions within the integrated VCF;

b. Other control functions, e.g., structural mode and secondary controls, thrust and thrust vectoring;

c. Failure modes which may threaten safety-of-flight (SOF), for reasonably credible combinations of failures;

d. Specified levels of integrity, to be agreed and verified.





6.2.2.38 The effects of loss of VCF function(s) on air vehicle safety shall be established. This includes ensuring the probability of any reasonably credible combination of failures of VCF function(s) are acceptably improbable.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Complete hazard analysis combined with failure modes and effects testing;

b. Acceptable probability of failure limits, to be agreed and verified;

c. Where redundancy is employed, special care should be taken to eliminate sources of common-mode failure.





6.2.2.39 Control law limiters shall achieve the intended limiting for all VCF functions and protect the air crew and vehicle from unsafe flight. This includes ensuring that no VCF function shall induce conditions that defeat control law limiters throughout the flight envelope, and during the most adverse conditions the limiters function in.

Control law limiters may consist of structural limiters or filters, angle-of-attack and sideslip limiters, data input rate limiters, command limiters, data input max and min limiters, time limiters, persistence limiters, stale data limiters, and other limiters defined by the application at hand.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Establishing what limiters are used and where in the control scheme;

b. Any Structural Load Limiting (SLL) implemented in such a manner that the pilot may choose to exceed these limits in emergency.





6.2.2.40 Data transfer and update rates for VCF functions shall be fully compatible with control law rates and shall not adversely affect safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes ensuring time delay limits for controller input to air vehicle response are within permissible limits.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The time measured from the instant of a controller input to the time at the intersection of the line representing the maximum response slope on the time axis;

- b. Any aerodynamic and aero-elastic influences;
- c. Maximum permissible delay time, to be agreed and verified (typically 100 milliseconds);
- d. Response in each control axis;
- e. Ensuring VCF management functions are not significantly affected by time delays.



6.2.2.41 Air vehicle functional/transient interruption characteristics shall not adversely affect the time delay or margin characteristics of the VCF, such as to preclude safety-of-flight (SOF). This includes establishing which functional/transient interruption characteristics produce the most adverse conditions for each VCF function.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Any transient conditions associated with switching functions or interruptions to perform other functions; b. All VCF functions or probable combinations of functions at limiting conditions, to be agreed and verified.





6.2.2.42 VCF failure mode effects for critical manoeuvres and critical flight regions shall be demonstrably safe. This includes ensuring the probability of air vehicle or crew loss, or loss of air vehicle control resulting from effects, at these critical flight regimes does not adversely affect safety.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified levels of safety, to be agreed and verified;

b. Effects of failure from each function or probable combinations of functions conducted at critical flight regimes.



6.2.2.43 Available power for hinge moment, stiffness, and control surface rates shall meet the specified requirements of the actuation system and shall prevent unsafe flight.

- a. Ensuring rates meet VCF gain and phase margins;
- b. Ensuring rates preclude PIOs;
- c. Static and dynamic hinge moment stiffness characteristics;



d. Dynamic control surface stiffness requirements;

e. Specified flow rate requirements of the actuation/hydraulic system (including back-up systems), to be agreed and verified.



6.2.2.44 Actuators used for VCF actuation shall be demonstrably safe. The actuators shall be designed to meet the specified safety requirements and shall ensure compatibility of all mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical and electronic interfaces. This includes:

• Ensuring the actuator design meets the specified redundancy requirements;

• Ensuring sufficient separation and isolation is provided for VCF actuation;

• Ensuring there is sufficient protection against actuation contamination effects;

• Ensuring no valve or ram will bottom, and that the VCF provides sufficient electronic or mechanical snubbing.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Stability of the actuation system;

b. The effects of switching between redundant functions from detection and isolation;

c. Susceptibility to numerous and various types of failures induced by environmental contamination;

d. Specified redundancy requirements, to be agreed and verified.



6.2.2.45 The actuation system shall be demonstrably safe and shall not permit unsafe VCF actuation. This includes ensuring VCF performance / stability is not degraded beyond specified operational limits under all specified conditions (e.g.. burst pressure, normal performance, high and low temperature, pressure impulses) and environments.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Specified operational limits, to be agreed and verified;
- b. The most adverse environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- c. The probability of loss of the actuation system, to be agreed and verified;
- d. The use of pneumatic actuation devices;

e. The use of electrically powered actuators, including electro-hydrostatic actuators and electromechanical actuation and electric power used to actuate relatively low-duty cycle;

f. Employing control actuation redundancy.



6.2.2.46 Merged with 6.2.2.44 & 6.2.2.45



6.2.2.47 All command and control channels used by the air vehicle shall be identified; these may include communications within the VCF, communications with ground control, and communications with other linked vehicles. Each of these channels shall be:

• Safely integrated with the other air vehicle systems;

- Have an acceptable probability of failure assigned to it;
- Resilient to the effects of the operating environment.

- a. Common mode failure;
- b. Data verification and correction techniques;
- c. Demonstrating achievement of failure probabilities;
- d. Requirements of Test and Acceptance Plan to demonstrate compliance.





6.2.2.48 Unauthorised access to the air vehicle command and control communications shall be prevented, and any security techniques used to achieve this shall be implemented safely. To achieve this, the air vehicle command and control communications systems shall be identified, and the required security level for each assigned. Any security techniques used to achieve the required level of security shall be shown to be safe, and shall be implemented in a safe manner.

- a. Documenting the expected threat against each system;
- b. Demonstrating that chosen security techniques are safe for the proposed use;
- c. Demonstrating that the chosen security techniques are implemented safely;
- d. Partitioning critical data from less critical data;
- e. Encryption;
- f. Physical means of security.





6.2.2.49 A single space radiation upset event shall not cause loss of control of the air vehicle, and the probability of multiple upset events causing loss of control shall be acceptably low.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identify the systems associated with vehicle control which would be susceptible to space radiation upset events;

b. Identify the potential failure modes associated with space radiation upset events on those susceptible systems;

c. Ensure Test and Acceptance Plan accounts for potential failure modes identified above;

d. Review system and component design to mitigate the effect of space radiation upset events;

e. Confirm system failure probability is acceptable;

f. Perform ground and rig testing to confirm systems integrity.





6.2.2.50 Integration and operation of the air vehicle propulsion control system shall be safe for all conditions, including any occurrences of asymmetric thrust.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying those systems which form part of the propulsion control system;

b. Demonstrating that the identified systems meet their assigned and derived safety probability targets;

c. Ensuring that the Test & Acceptance Plan provides adequate demonstration of safe operation throughout the approved flight envelope, including occurrences of asymmetric thrust where appropriate.





6.2.2.51 All security measures associated with VCF control functions shall be implemented in a safe manner. To achieve this, the VCF control functions shall be identified and the required security level for each assigned, along with any security measures to be implemented on them. It shall then be demonstrated that the assigned security measures do not adversely affect the control function.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Documenting the expected threat against each system;
- b. Demonstrating that chosen security techniques are safe for the proposed use;
- c. Demonstrating that the chosen security techniques are implemented safely;
- d. Partitioning critical data from less critical data;
- e. Encryption;
- f. Physical means of security.



6.2.2.52 The VCF shall not adversely affect safety-of-flight (SOF) following degradation of the air data system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that, in the event of total loss of the air data system, an acceptable level of safety is maintained;



b. Implementation of the ADS, accuracy of the ADS, ground and air safety provisions, anti-ice or ice prevention, and bird strike vulnerability.



6.2.2.53 VCF related installed equipment shall be protected where necessary, and the equipment environment shall be safe and suitable. Any VCF related equipment that require specific installation protection and/or environmental operating conditions shall be identified. The specific requirements shall be established and the air vehicle design shall take account of these. The Test and Acceptance Plan shall state how the achievement of the specific conditions shall be demonstrated.

- 1. Maintenance of a suitable temperature and humidity range;
- 2. Protection from EMC/EMI and lightning; including bonding;
- 3. Prevention of corrosion, fungal growths, and sand and dust ingress;
- 4. Provision of adequate vibration and shock protection;
- 5. Protection from the effects of nuclear, biological, chemical, and laser weapons.





6.2.2.54 The air vehicle VCF shall not be adversely affected by inputs received from either the payload or from an interfacing ground station.

Consideration should be given to :

a. Signal or data synchronisation issues;

- b. Signal or data latency issues;
- c. The use and applicability of open architectures.



6.2.2.55 The air vehicle VCF emergencies and their associated procedures shall be clearly related and recorded. It shall be demonstrated through testing that the emergency procedures are appropriate and safe; and the operating crews shall be made aware of them.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that all identified emergencies have an appropriate emergency procedure;



b. That the identified emergencies provide the necessary compromise between breadth and depth - have the 'right' emergencies been identified?;

c. Ensuring the Test and Acceptance Plan provides adequate proof that the emergency procedures are appropriate and safe;

d. Recording and promulgating of the emergency procedures;

e. For UAV/UAS, a flight termination system and/or safe vehicle recovery system should be addressed.



6.2.2.56 For rotary wing air vehicles, there shall be adequate transient response for single axis (collective or rudder) inputs.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Agreeing the transient response values which are considered adequate;

b. Ensuring that the Test and Acceptance Plan encompasses the agreed transient values.





6.2.2.57 Rotorcraft multi-axis inputs (e.g. collective, pedal, cyclic) shall be safe for typical operational mission manoeuvres throughout the service envelope defined for the craft.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining what a typical operational mission manoeuvre for the particular rotorcraft is;

b. Ensuring that the service envelope is defined;

c. Ensuring that the typical operational mission manoeuvres are contained within the service envelope;

d. Ensuring that the Test and Acceptance Plan encompasses the parameters necessary to adequately demonstrate compliance with the requirement.



#### **6.2.3. VCF power source criteria.**

(Note: See section 12 for specific electrical power system criteria.)

6.2.3.1 The VCF shall not adversely affect safety-of-flight following degradation of the hydraulic system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Hydraulic system distribution;

b. Loss of one, or part of any one, of the aircraft's hydraulic systems.





6.2.3.2 The aircraft hydraulic system(s) shall be designed to withstand defined peak pressure loads or pulses, and to operate without excessive pressure fluctuation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The values for proof and ultimate pressure, related to Design Operating Pressure (DOP), to be agreed and verified;

b. Ensuring that cyclic pressures, including transients (surges) and those due to system volumetric changes, are contained within the agreed DOP;

c. Values for pressure fluctuation within the system, to be agreed and verified;

d. Satisfactory operation of the system to be demonstrated on a functional mock-up of the system.



6.2.3.3 The aircraft backup and emergency hydraulic systems shall be designed to ensure that system pressure and flow rates are sufficient to maintain safety of flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The minimum system pressure and flow rates, to be agreed and verified;

b. Specifically testing to ensure that flutter does not preclude safety of flight when backup or emergency hydraulic systems are used.



6.2.3.4 Use of the backup or emergency hydraulic systems shall not lead to loss of vehicle control function.

Consideration should be given to the following:

a. Pressure transients induced by component switch over. This includes, but is not limited to, pumps, actuators, valves, accumulators etc.;


b. Time lags induced by component switch over;

c. The ability to revert to the primary hydraulic system, if available, on failure of the backup or emergency supply.



6.2.3.5 Merged with 6.2.3.1



6.2.3.6 The aircraft electrical system shall be designed such there is sufficient electrical power to be able to perform a controlled emergency landing, or perform emergency recovery actions, following a total loss of onboard electrical generating capability.

- a. The length of time required to perform emergency recovery actions;
- b. The maximum time likely to be required to perform an emergency landing;
- c. The amount of power required to perform the emergency actions, or carry out an emergency landing;
- d. Minimising any time lag between the failure occurring and notification to the operator.





6.2.3.7 The aircraft electrical system shall be designed such that, where there are independent power sources:

• They shall not adversely interact to preclude continued safe flight of the aircraft.

• They shall provide sufficient redundant power for continued safe flight.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The total electrical power requirements of the aircraft;
- b. The requirement for independent redundant sources;
- c. The capacity of the individual systems to supply the required electrical power.



6.2.3.8 The electrical installation shall be designed such that any power transients generated, either through normal operation or component switching, shall not preclude safe operation of the aircraft.

- a. Switching between power sources;
- b. The operation of relays and contactors;
- c. The effect of short or open circuits;
- d. Switching supplied equipment on or off.





#### 6.2.3.9 Merged with 12.1.6



6.2.3.10 Where electrical power buses are operated in parallel, the system shall be designed so that there are no single points of failure which could adversely affect more than one power source.

- a. Load matching and balancing components;
- b. Bus switching components;
- c. Bus or load faults.





6.2.3.11 The electrical power system shall be designed such that its characteristics do not adversely affect continued safety of flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All modes of the electrical power system including: normal, abnormal and failure modes;

b. The potential effects of spikes, surges or interrupts;

c. Provision of a separate emergency direct power source for the VCF where necessary to mitigate the effects of normal system failures.



6.2.3.12 Electrical power sources for the provision of direct supply to VCF shall not preclude continued safety of flight.

- a. Numbers and type of direct supply sources;
- b. Utilisation of circuit protection devices;
- c. Testing methodology.





#### **6.2.4. Flight worthiness evaluations.**

6.2.4.1 All aircraft systems shall be analysed and flight critical components identified and classified. The justification for the classification shall be recorded along with the safety criteria to be met. The required safety criteria for each identified flight critical component shall be identified, justified, and an acceptable method of demonstrating compliance recorded.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Demonstrating that all systems containing flight critical components have been identified. This includes cable systems where used;

b. Selecting the most appropriate method to demonstrate compliance (analysis, calculation, modelling, simulation or flight test);

c. Method to record and present results.



6.2.4.2 An analysis of flight critical systems shall be performed to identify any single points of failure and assign to them probabilities of failure. Justification shall then be made that the flight safety risk for each single point of failure is acceptable.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Justification provided for the type of analysis performed, and any that are omitted.





6.2.4.3 All aircraft failure states that affect the flying qualities of the aircraft shall be identified and their effects recorded. The transient response of the aircraft to each failure shall be analysed, and any effect on aircraft controllability or structure shall be identified and assessed for its impact on safety to both the aircraft and its crew.

Consideration should be given to :

- a. Deviation from flight path;
- b. Structural loading due to transients;
- c. Potential for carrying passengers;
- d. Switching to redundant or emergency systems.



6.2.4.4 The extent of the safe flight envelope associated with engine failure shall be identified for each phase of flight and recorded. Sufficient testing shall be undertaken to ensure that the aircraft can be recovered safely, for each phase of flight, within the identified envelope. All associated limitations shall be noted in the flight manual.

- a. Engine failure mode and sequence;
- b. Phase of flight when failure occurs (take-off, cruise, landing);
- c. Location of engine on airframe and effect of resultant thrust (or loss of thrust).





6.2.4.5 All aircraft systems shall be assessed to identify those which could affect the flying qualities of the aircraft. These systems shall then be analysed to identify their failure modes and subsequent effects. All such failure modes that could lead to unacceptable flying qualities shall be further analysed to ensure that they do not fail in an undetected or latent manner, and that they do not suffer unannounced faults.

- a. Recording justification for those systems considered not to affect the aircraft's flying qualities;
- b. Component and system testing;
- c. Aircraft ground and flight testing.





6.2.4.6 The envelope for each aerodynamic configuration shall be clearly established and a sensitivity study shall be performed to determine the error bounds of the envelope beyond which unsafe handling characteristics would be apparent. The actual air data errors, or variations from actual pressures, shall be determined within each envelope for each dependant system. An analysis shall be performed to ensure that the two sets of data do not overlap leading to unsafe handling characteristics.

Consideration should be given to :

- a. Displayed air data;
- b. Computed air data;

c. Systems using the computed air data. These could include flight control systems, aerodynamic configuration systems, trim and auto feel systems.



6.2.4.7 The aircraft's control and payload systems shall be analysed to determine their effect on each other. Such interaction may be direct, through system connectivity, or indirect, through cause and effect such as weapon release. Payload release can have a number of effects on the platform and its systems, and these shall be determined and analysed to ensure that they do not preclude continued safety of flight.



Consideration should be given to:

a. Aerodynamic response to weapon release (drag, vehicle climb);

b. Wing rock;

c. Effect of asymmetric loads and allowable stores configurations;

d. Under slung loads;

e. Ability of VCF to counter Centre-of-Gravity and lift force changes (control authority) during and post release . This shall include:

i. Single or salvo release.

ii. Air drop release of cargo.

g. Automatic control inputs (autopilot reaction) to balance expected payload release, or unexpected movement;

h. Vehicle control and payload system latency and synchronisation response.



#### **6.2.5. VCF software.**

(Note: VCF software verification is accomplished under section 15.)

6.2.5.1 All components and systems containing computer software configuration items (CSCI)/operational flight programs (OFP) shall be identified, documented and tested to ensure the safe operation of all modes, inputs, failure detection, reconfiguration techniques, self-check operations, interfaces, and integration under all dynamic conditions.

- a. Static code assessment methods;
- b. Dynamic testing of components and systems;
- c. Full ground testing of systems.





6.2.5.2 All software shall be developed in a controlled environment and assessed for functionality and safety. Flight versions of software shall be objectively assessed for acceptable performance against the original requirement, and a clear audit trail shall provide evidence of change through the development process, including recording of test results. The controlled environment shall be maintained for the life time of the software.

Consideration should be given to the delivery of a software development plan which may include:

- a. A configuration methodology;
- b. A software testing and acceptance plan;
- c. Independent assessment.



6.2.5.3 All critical control systems shall be identified. The design and development of these systems shall be planned and managed to demonstrate that each system is safe for all flight conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. System design and analysis methods, to be agreed;
- b. Fail safe design, to be considered;
- c. Testing and acceptance methodology, to be agreed;
- d. Any special requirements relating to software, to be agreed.



6.2.5.4 Air vehicles with redundant control systems shall have those systems analysed to:

- Ensure that any single-point or potential multiple system failures have been identified;
- Ensure that any such failures remain within the specified system and vehicle levels of safety.

- a. Identifying and agreeing those control systems which have redundancy;
- b. Agreeing and assigning safety targets to those systems;
- c. Agreeing a test and acceptance plan;
- d. Ensuring a common mode analysis is carried out;
- e. Ensuring resilience to particular risks (such as battle damage, or bird strike) to those systems.





6.2.5.5 All air vehicles with systems containing software and/or firmware shall have:

• The interoperability of those systems tested for each combination of software and/or firmware to ensure compatibility;

• Each approved software and/or firmware load recorded against each system within the air vehicle;

• A configuration matrix showing software and/or firmware compatibility between the air vehicle systems.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The matrix to specify all configurations of hardware/software/firmware authorised for use in the air vehicle;

b. The test and acceptance plan to ensure that all required configurations of hardware/software/firmware are covered;

c. Any limitations arising from particular configurations, to be recorded.





6.2.5.6 The operational flight programme shall be designed and tested to ensure that any interrupts or error recovery routines do not preclude continued safety of flight. The effect of the following are of particular interest:

- Software interrupts
- Reinitialisation
- Resynchronisation
- Recheck
- Reconfiguration
- Restarts
- Resets
- Negation of environmental and generic error.

- a. The software architecture;
- b. The testing and acceptance plan;
- c. Common mode failures;
- d. Resilience to basic faults, such as divide by zero.





6.2.5.7 The software design techniques used to enable software error detection and prevention methodologies shall be effective and comprehensive, trapping all potentially unsafe flight conditions; their implementation shall not introduce other unsafe flight conditions.

Whilst not exhaustive, the following techniques shall form a core of those to be considered: self-check, failure monitoring, redundancy management, reconfiguration, voting, transient suppression, overflow protection, anti-aliasing, saturation, interlocks, memory protection, and prevention of failure propagation.







6.2.5.8 The built-in test routines shall operate failure free, safely identifying and isolating malfunctions, and reconfiguring systems where appropriate. Inadvertent activation of BIT modes that would compromise safety of flight shall be prevented, and failure detection indications shall be to the Line Replaceable Unit (LRU) or Module level.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Test and Acceptance Plan to demonstrate:

- i. Prevention of unwanted, or inadvertent, activation of BIT during flight.
- ii. Correct isolation of faulty equipment.

iii. Correct re-configuration, or reversion, of system where applicable.

b. Agreeing an acceptable fault detection rate and false alarm rate for the BIT.







6.2.5.9 Unauthorised access to the installed VCF software shall be denied to prevent tampering with or copying of the software. This includes access through software loading ports or through the VCF system itself.

- a. Physical security;
- b. Use of encryption systems;
- c. Partitioning of critical data elements from less critical elements.







#### 6.3. AERODYNAMICS AND PERFORMANCE.

This section covers basic air vehicle performance, installed engine performance and the need to establish and document performance limits.

Included with the scope of the this section are:

- Internal and External performance
- Weight and CofG limits
- Engine/Inlet/nozzle compatibility
- Lift boundary and Stall Performance
- Take-off, climb and landing performance

Stores carriage release and jettison is considered outside the scope of this section, and is covered in Section 17.

The air vehicle should be assessed using the criteria provided in this section (not all items apply in each case; similarly, items may have to be added for vehicles employing new or innovative technology/techniques). These criteria are intended to assure flying qualities that support adequate mission performance and flight safety regardless of the design configuration or flight control system architecture. The criteria are to be applied during the design, construction, testing, and acceptance of the subject air vehicle and the modifications hereof.

#### **6.3.1. Flight vehicle.**

6.3.1.1 Following a reasonably credible combination of failures, degraded air vehicle performance shall allow recovery throughout the flight envelope within acceptable safe margins.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Failures or malfunctions within the engine, stability augmentation, automatic and power operated systems.





6.3.1.2 The Air Vehicle shall meet all defined criteria for takeoff, landing and critical field length in the specified environmental (atmospheric) conditions without the need for exceptional piloting skill.

- a. Catapult takeoffs;
- b. Rejected takeoffs;
- c. Balked landings;
- d. Engine failure;
- e. Failure of any lift argumentation devices (e.g. flaps, slats);
- f. Failure of any retardation devices (e.g. brakes, reverse thrust, brake parachute);
- g. Mass and Centre of Gravity;
- h. Carriage of stores;
- i. Ship-borne operations;
- j. Hot and/or high altitude operations.





6.3.1.3 Air Vehicles shall be able to be recovered safely (or in the case of single-engined Air Vehicles have procedures in place to minimise loss of Air Vehicle or loss of life) in the event of any engine failure during all flight regimes.

Consideration should be given to the following:

- a. Engine failure on takeoff;
- b. OEI performance in climb;
- c. Target thresholds speeds for landing;
- d. Minimum control speeds;
- e. Lateral and dynamic control with asymmetric thrust;
- f. Longitudinal control after engine failure;
- g. Overshoot decision height;
- h. Auto rotation for rotary wing Air Vehicles;

i. Design of the tail rotor on rotary wing Air Vehicles to allow autorotation in the event of an engine failure.







6.3.1.4 Air Vehicle limitations shall be established to ensure safe flight and published in the flight manual (or equivalent), on placards on the air vehicle or in other air vehicle publications (such as an Operational Data Manual) as appropriate.

Consideration should be given to (amongst others):

- a. Takeoff;
- b. Landing;
- c. Hover;
- d. Climb;
- e. Manoeuvre;
- f. Cruise;
- g. Descent;

h. Emergency conditions (including height/velocity diagrams for rotary wing air vehicles);

i. Determination of the minimum permissible speed (Vs) in every allowable stores configuration, weight and CofG.





6.3.1.5 Merged with Section 17. Adequately covered by 17.2.1 and 17.2.5





6.3.1.6 Appropriate Limitations and a means of being able to calculate available power and thrust throughout all gross weight, ambient temperature and altitude conditions shall be established and provided in the flight manual (or equivalent).

- a. Available power and required power;
- b. Fuel flow;
- c. Ground effect;
- d. OEI flight;
- e. Autorotation.



#### **6.3.2. Installed propulsion capability.**

6.3.2.1 The compatibility of the airframe / inlet / engine shall be such that the engine provides safe and stable operation.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All flight regimes and permissible manoeuvres;
- b. Interactive surge resulting from the proximity of two or more engine intakes;
- c. Intake flow quality (swirl and distortion);
- d. The strength of the intake assembly to withstand any engine surge;
- e. Suitable airflow distribution to the engine;
- f. Ingestion of gas, debris and pressure waves from rockets or missiles;
- g. Vibration;
- h. Design for maintenance.



6.3.2.2 The following shall provide stable and safe operating characteristics:

• Engine steady and transient response characteristics of the engine and engine control system, including Reheat Modulation;

• Fuel flow modulation;

• Engine responses to input signals at different frequencies;

• Engine control and vehicle control system communication;

• Fuel, air induction, exhaust and bleed air extraction systems, ambient temperatures, ambient pressures, and vibratory environment;

• Sensitivity, stability, control response, and torque predictability for engine and vehicle control during engine power changes (acceleration and deceleration);

• Auxiliary engine control functions;

- Altitude cold start and hot restart capability;
- Relight.





6.3.2.3 Engine performance restrictions resulting from thermal boundaries (predominantly due to the differing thermal properties of materials used in construction) shall be established, verified and documented in the flight manual.



6.3.2.4 Engine performance restrictions resulting from conditions such as inlet buzz or reheat screech shall be established, verified and documented in the flight manual (or equivalent).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Subsonic, transonic and supersonic flight





6.3.2.5 There shall be no unacceptable impacts on air vehicle performance due to flow disturbance, distortion or blockage, especially ahead or around the engine intakes.

Consideration should be given to the following:

a. All flight regimes and permissible manoeuvres;

b. The location of items that may cause flow disturbance, distortion or blockage;

c. The effects of vibration brought about by flow distortion on the engines ability to provide stable and safe operation;

d. Engine response to intake control system failures.



6.3.2.6 For Air Vehicle configurations that utilise engine-bleed air for intake anti-icing, its operation must not prevent the engine from providing safe and stable operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All flight regimes and permissible manoeuvres.





6.3.2.7 For air vehicle configurations that utilise an inlet sand and dust separator powered by engine bleed air, its operation must not prevent the engine from providing stable and safe operation.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All flight regimes and permissible manoeuvres;
- b. The engine's basic tolerance to sand and dust ingestion.



6.3.2.8 Merged with Section 17. Adequately covered by 17.1.2



#### **6.3.3. Flight limits.**

6.3.3.1 All air vehicle low speed and high speed buffet characteristics shall be identified and assessed. Buffet boundaries shall be established that do not require excessive pilot skill to recover nor cause excessive vibration liable to cause structural damage to the air vehicle. These boundaries shall be published in the flight manual.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Aircrew situational awareness and workload (e.g. ability to read instruments);



- b. The carriage of external stores;
- c. Stall;
- d. Mach number effects;
- e. Deployed flaps, spoilers and landing gear.



6.3.3.2 The angle-of-attack and velocity for which stall occurs shall be established for all air vehicle configurations and at all altitudes with adequate warning of the stall being provided to the pilot. Appropriate limits shall be published in the flight manual in appropriate reference charts.





6.3.3.3 Angle-of-attack limits are to be established and unambiguous warning of impending dangerous flight conditions provided. Any angle-of-attack limiting device must not allow any limitations to be unintentionally exceeded, placing the air vehicle in any unsafe flight condition.

- a. The carriage of stores;
- b. Warning and cautions to be provided to the pilot and/or operator;
- c. Flight envelope protection for UAS.



6.3.3.4 Centre of Gravity and gross weight limitations shall be established and proven to be safe. Limitations shall be listed in the flight manual or marked upon the air vehicle as appropriate.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All reasonably credible combinations of failures affecting weight and Centre of Gravity ranges;
- b. All Air Vehicle configurations;
- c. All Air Vehicle operational altitudes;
- d. Different payloads if applicable;
- e. The carriage of stores;
- f. Use of removable ballast to achieve satisfactory Centre of Gravity limitations.



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6.3.3.5 Safe flight limitations shall be established and published in the flight manual for vortex ring state, advancing blade compressibility and directional control margins in the presence of cross winds.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Air Vehicle behaviour with both power on and power off;

b. Critical directions and magnitudes for cross winds.





# **SECTION 7 - PROPULSION AND PROPULSION INSTALLATIONS**

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle propulsion system and subsystem components.

Included within the scope of this section are:

**Propulsion Safety Management Criteria**, necessary to identify, analyse and mitigate propulsion system risks.

**General Engine System Criteria**, necessary to ensure that the engine and associated subsystems functionality, performance and operation allows safe operation of the air vehicle. The scope of this section encompasses both installed and uninstalled propulsions system and covers:

- Normal engine operation and performance;
- Degraded engine operation and performance;
- Consideration of all installation effects (functional, physical and compatibility) due to air vehicle/engine integration;
- Engine subsystems, components, computer resources and software;
- Performance across all intended operational environments.

**Alternate Propulsions Systems Criteria** for propeller driven systems, rotary wing platforms and reciprocating engines.

The certification team will need to align and review all of the propulsion criteria when defining the certification requirements for engines, propellers, and Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing integration. For guidance, a cross reference matrix of the EMACC Handbook Section 7 structure to an equivalent EASA Civil Structure has been produced below.













#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Design studies and analyses
- 3. Design, installation, and operational characteristics
- 4. Engine ground and simulated altitude tests
- 5. Engine design function/system compatibility tests
- 6. Engine component and functional level qualification and certification tests
- 7. Electromagnetic environmental effects
- 8. Installed propulsion compatibility tests



- 9. Acceptance test results
- 10. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis/testing (FMECA/FMET)
- 11. Hazard analysis and classification
- 12. Safety certification program
- 13. Engine endurance and accelerated mission testing
- 14. Engine and component structural and aeromechanical tests
- 15. Flight test plans and results
- 16. Engine structural integrity program (ENSIP) analyses and tests
- 17. Engine life management plans
- 18. Over-speed and over-temperature tests
- 19. Overall engine and component performance analyses
- 20. Flight manual
- 21. Natural environmental sensitivities
- 22. Inlet airflow distortion/engine stability assessments and audits
- 23. Interface/integration control documents
- 24. Function, subfunction, and component specifications
- 25. Selection criteria and inlet distortion patterns selected to demonstrate inlet/engine compatibility.
- 26. Engine control system rig tests
- 27. Engine health monitoring system design reports and tests
- 28. Aircraft/engine operating limitations
- 29. Engine software development plan and product specifications
- 30. Engine software test plans, test procedures and test reports
- 31. Engine software configuration control/management plan and procedure
- 32. Propulsion and Power Flight Clearance Plan, JSSG-2007A, Table XLVIIIb
- 33. Diminishing manufacturing sources plan
- 34. Obsolete parts plan

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 7.1. PROPULSION SAFETY MANAGEMENT.

This section details Propulsion Safety Management Criteria, necessary to identify, analyse and mitigate propulsion system risks.

7.1.1 The propulsion system certification documentation shall be reviewed to ensure that a satisfactory safety analysis has been completed.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Integrating the engine safety analysis into the platform safety management system;

b. All constituent sub-systems (typically control systems);

c. Direct lift engine systems and any safety requirements over and above those for a standard installation;

d. Ensuring the safety-critical propulsion system risks are identified, probabilities are validated, and risk controls (which may be related to airframe specific measures including configuration features) are in place;

e. Contribution to, or mitigation of propulsion risks introduced by integrating systems (typically ground support systems).




7.1.2 An engine out condition on a multi-engine aircraft shall not prevent the safe recovery of the aircraft.

Consideration should be given to all phases of flight including:

- a. Take-off;
- b. Cruise;
- c. Landing;

d. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.





7.1.3 Merged with 7.1.1



7.1.4 The technical data provided by the manufacturer shall include all propulsion system related operational and maintenance procedures and limitations necessary for safe operation and maintenance of the air vehicle.

- a. Normal and emergency operating procedures;
- b. Requirements for unscheduled maintenance;
- c. Requirements for routine maintenance;
- d. Information relating to component lifting requirements.







7.1.5 Merged with Section 4.6 & 4.7



7.1.6 Engine-related critical safety items (CSI) and critical characteristics shall be identified.







#### 7.2. GAS TURBINE ENGINE APPLICATIONS.

This section details General Engine System Criteria, necessary to ensure that the engine and associated subsystems functionality, performance and operation allows safe operation of the air vehicle. The scope of this section encompasses both installed and uninstalled propulsions system and covers:

- Normal engine operation and performance;

- Degraded engine operation and performance;

- Consideration of all installation effects (functional, physical and compatibility) due to air vehicle/engine integration;

- Engine subsystems, components, computer resources and software;

- Performance across all intended operational environments.

#### **7.2.1. Performance.**

7.2.1.1 Engine performance shall be adequate for safe operation of the air vehicle. This includes consideration of all installation effects due to air vehicle/engine integration, and all intended operational environments.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Engine steady and transient response characteristics of the engine and engine control system, including Reheat Modulation;

b. Fuel flow modulation ;

c. Engine responses to input signals at different frequencies ;

d. Engine control and vehicle control system communication ;

e. Fuel, air induction, exhaust and bleed air extraction systems, ambient temperatures, ambient pressures, and vibratory environment;

f. Performance rating structure;

g. Performance deterioration throughout normal operating conditions;

h. Performance deterioration due to particular ingestion conditions (rain, hail, birds, sand, ice, snow, etc.);

i. Sensitivity, stability, control response, and torque predictability for engine and vehicle control during engine power changes (acceleration and deceleration);

j. Auxiliary engine control functions;

k. Altitude cold start and hot restart capability;

l. Relight.





7.2.1.1.1 The ability of any aircraft to operate in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud shall be clearly understood and detailed in the aircraft operating manuals. It is understood that military operational imperatives may override this regulatory criteria as necessary.

Consideration should be given to:

Engine abrasion corrosion;

Blockage of engine cooling ducts/vents or paths;

Aircraft skin and transparency abrasion;

Damage to systems from ingestion of particles (air conditioning, electronic cooling, contamination of surfaces or fluids)

Blockage of air data system (pitot or static systems);







7.2.1.2 Degraded engine performance shall meet the relevant requirements for safety.

In addition to considerations defined in 7.2.1.1, consideration should be given to:

- a. Performance in any backup control mode;
- b. Performance after bird, excessive ice, rain, or sand ingestion;
- c. Performance for time limited dispatch.



#### **7.2.2. Operability.**

7.2.2.1 Adequate positive stability margin shall exist in all flight conditions, or placards shall be documented in the flight manual.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring positive engine surge margin at conditions that are critical to the safety of the flight vehicle, such as crosswind takeoffs, takeoffs on cold days following a rapid reaction start, and extreme manoeuvres.





7.2.2.2 The engine shall have adequate stability during throttle transients to achieve required manoeuvres safely.

Consideration should be given to the full range of activities which include, but are not limited to: a. Land and ship approaches, aerial refuelling, quick stops, use of reverse thrust, and VSTOL; b. For rotorcraft, bob-up and remask, and nap of the earth ridgeline crossings.





7.2.2.3 The requirements for an in-flight engine relight, or air-start, ability shall be met, and the associated procedures and any limitations documented in the flight manual.

- a. Engine spool-down;
- b. Windmill start;
- c. Start using cross-bleed, or starter-assisted as appropriate;
- d. Hot and cold relights.







7.2.2.4 The engine shall recover from any instability induced by external influences (such as inlet distortion, steam, or armament gas ingestion) after the external influence is removed, without employing measures such as commanded idle or shutdown, and without exceeding thermal or structural limits.



#### **7.2.3. Structures.**

7.2.3.1 The engine structure shall not:

• Exhibit detrimental permanent set or deflect to the extent that operation or performance is impaired when operated to limit load conditions (singularly or in combination) within the flight or ground envelope;

• Experience catastrophic failure under ultimate load conditions or combinations of ultimate loading.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Definitions of limit and ultimate loads;

b. Integrity of engine case and pressure vessels including pressure balance and blade containment;

c. Engine mounts and associated structure.





7.2.3.2 The engine shall have a positive durability margin over the defined operational interval and duty cycle to preclude adverse safety impacts.





7.2.3.3 All safety and mission-critical parts shall be designed to be damage tolerant over the defined operational interval and duty cycle.



7.2.3.4 Material properties shall be based on the minimum specified for each material used and established considering statistical variability, the expected environments, fabrication processes, repair techniques and quality assurance procedures. The conditions and properties for material repairs shall satisfy design requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Demonstrating material properties through test, modelling or analysis;

b. Validation of models.





7.2.3.5 The engine shall be designed such that pertinent environmental variables and all sources of repeated loads are considered, and these considerations included in the development of the design duty cycle.

- a. Defining the expected flight envelope;
- b. Defining the type of mission and mission envelope;
- c. Any power take-off requirements;
- d. Expected environmental conditions (rain, sand, steam, temperature, etc.);
- e. Any military deltas over and above the CS-E requirements.







7.2.3.6 Engine inspection intervals and life-limited components shall be identified in the technical manuals.



#### **7.2.4. Engine subsystems, components, computer resources and software.**

#### **7.2.4.1 Subsystems.**

7.2.4.1.1 The engine control system shall maintain safe and stable engine operation under all required conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Keeping the engine within the approved operating limits over changing atmospheric conditions in the declared flight envelope;

b. Modulating engine power or thrust with adequate sensitivity and accuracy over the declared range of engine operating conditions and transients;

- c. Avoiding unacceptable thrust or power oscillations;
- d. Control mode transitions.





7.2.4.1.2 Multiple propulsion sub-systems of the same engine shall be physically, systemically, and operationally isolated from each other to prevent the failure of more than one propulsion sub-system due to any single or common cause.



7.2.4.1.3 The engine control system shall maintain both stable engine operation and response during all steady state and transient conditions.

- a. Defining the steady state conditions (take-off, cruise, dash, etc.);
- b. All specified operating environments (such as ice, rain, snow, volcanic ash, etc.);
- c. Defining the required responsiveness;
- d. Reheat modulation.







7.2.4.1.4 Any failure of the engine controls and associated sub-systems shall result in a fail-safe condition.



7.2.4.1.5 Engine control system failures shall not cause unexpected engine transients; result in unacceptable controllability, stability, or handling qualities; or require any urgent or excessive pilot action.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The dynamic latency and response should ensure safe operation.





7.2.4.1.6 The engine fuel system shall safely provide the required fuel supply to the combustor and reheat sub-systems under all required conditions.



7.2.4.1.7 The engine ignition system shall provide a safe ignition source for the main combustor and reheat system.





7.2.4.1.7.1 The battery operated engine ignition system shall provide a safe and dependable ignition source for the main combustor and augmenter.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Capacity of batteries and generators to provide total load required by aircraft;

- b. Inoperative generator(s);
- c. Completely depleted batteries;
- d. Routing of ground wires;

e. Independence of the ignition system from any other electrical system not used for assisting, controlling, or analysing the ignition system;

f. Means to warn appropriate crew members if the malfunctioning of any part of the electrical system is causing the continuous discharge of any battery necessary for engine ignition;

g. Each engine ignition system of a turbine powered aircraft must be considered an essential electrical load.



7.2.4.1.8 The engine anti-ice/de-ice system shall prevent damaging ice build-up, or provide safe and non-damaging ice removal, at all engine speeds/power levels and shall not result in heat-induced damage to the engine's front frame structure.





7.2.4.1.9 The engine cooling and thermal management systems shall safely remove excess heat from the engine and its sub-systems.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The full operational envelope of the air vehicle;

b. Those components (electronic controls, sensors, lubrication system, etc.) which could become damaged, or operate erratically, if subjected to excessive thermal load;

c. Installation effects such as nacelle ventilation, surface temperatures, oil-fuel cooling, electronics functioning.



7.2.4.1.10 Engine variable geometry systems shall operate safely under all engine operating conditions.

- a. Variable intakes;
- b. Variable exhaust nozzles, including re-heat;
- c. Variable engine guide vanes;



d. Engine performance in the presence of incorrect inlet/nozzle/guide vane positioning.



7.2.4.1.11 The engine lubrication system shall operate safely under all engine and airframe operating conditions.



7.2.4.1.12 The lubrication system shall be free from excessive discharge at the breather.

Consideration should be given to defining 'excessive', or acceptable, in this context.





7.2.4.1.13 The lubrication system and bearing compartments shall not support combustion.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. System components such as: tanks, lines, fittings, sumps and gearboxes;
- b. Components subject to both fuel and oil, such heat exchangers.



7.2.4.1.14 The engine health monitoring and prognostics systems shall provide adequate warnings in a timely manner to reduce occurrences of in-flight shutdowns and power losses.

- a. Oil and magnetic chip sampling programmes;
- b. Monitoring engine parameters, and recording if possible;
- c. Involvement of off-board components/IT systems in the processing of safety-related information.





#### **7.2.4.2 Components: mechanical and electrical.**

7.2.4.2.1 Any uncontained failure of an engine control or sub-system component containing rotating parts shall have an adequately low risk of affecting the continued safe operation of the air vehicle.

Components under consideration should include, but not be limited to, pumps, turbochargers, or other rotating drives.

Consideration should be given to:

a. System safety analysis in accordance with Section 14.



7.2.4.2.2 Changes in bearing thrust balance shall not result in the bearing operating in failure prone regions of operation.



7.2.4.2.3 All engine mounted tubing, manifolds, clamps, electrical components and cabling shall be safely affixed and routed on the engine.



7.2.4.2.4 No engine mounted tubing, manifolds, clamps, electrical components or associated cabling shall react to engine, or air vehicle induced, vibratory or acoustic excitations. Where this cannot be achieved, sufficient design margin against strength, life and functional requirements needs to be proven for these operating ranges.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring engine mounted equipment does not contain natural frequencies within the engine and subsystems operating ranges.





7.2.4.2.5 All pressure vessels, tubes and manifolds shall meet maximum operating strength and life requirements.



7.2.4.2.6 Engine gearboxes shall meet maximum operating strength and life requirements.

- a. Maximum torque and power transmission requirements;
- b. Acceleration and gyroscopic loads.





7.2.4.2.7 The failure of any gearbox mounted component (oil pumps, fuel pumps, starters, generators, etc.) shall not result in failure of the gearbox itself.



7.2.4.2.8 Merged with 7.2.5.1.3



#### 7.2.4.2.9 Merged with 7.2.4.3





7.2.4.2.10 All engine mounted electrical components and cabling shall operate safely in a lightning and electromagnetic effects environment in accordance with all the applicable criteria of Section 13.



7.2.4.2.11 Merged with 7.2.4.2.4





7.2.4.2.12 Electrical power shall be supplied to all safety critical engine systems at all ground and flight operating conditions, including transients. In case of power supply failures, at least safe shutdown / rundown of the engine needs to be assured, not preventing restart / recovery.



7.2.4.2.13/7.2.4.3 Engine controls and monitoring devices that use computers or software shall be defined by the applicable criteria of Section 15.



#### **7.2.5. Installations.**

#### **7.2.5.1 Physical Installation.**

7.2.5.1.1 All engine/air vehicle physical interfaces such as mechanical, fluid, and electrical connections shall meet all safety related requirements to permit safe operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring interfaces remain securely connected and do not leak when subjected to the operating conditions (vibration, temperature, etc.) of the air vehicle;

b. Ensuring interfaces are free of any contact with neighbouring components that result in a wear or chafing condition;

c. Ensuring interfaces can withstand the maximum combination of static and dynamic loading throughout the defined flight and ground envelopes and environments;



d. Ensuring all safety critical engine to air vehicle interfaces are fault tolerant or fail safe with no reasonable credible combination of failures having an unacceptable probability of air vehicle loss; e. Accessibility for necessary inspections and maintenance (engine and airframe).



7.2.5.1.2 The air vehicle / engine mounts shall be designed with adequate safety margin to permit safe operation of the engine, and to ensure the engine remains properly secured under all operating conditions (including intentional shutdown) and known failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Withstanding all limit loads, resulting from air vehicle manoeuvres and engine failures, without permanent deformation;

b. Withstanding all ultimate tensile strength loads without complete fracture;

c. Preventing the engine from entering the flight deck or passenger compartments in the event of a crash landing;

d. Meeting established durability, strength and damage tolerance design requirements;

e. If flexible mountings are used to isolate such vibrations, the maximum deflections of such mountings to be taken into account in the design of the relevant components;

f. Ensuring any reasonable credible combination of equipment failures does not result in further damage likely to produce a hazardous engine effect.



7.2.5.1.3 Any installed power-take-off (PTO) shaft system shall withstand vibratory induced loads from start-up to maximum operating speed under any combined expected torsional (power extraction) and air vehicle manoeuvre induced loading. The system shall contain no natural (resonant) frequencies within the



normal operating range; or shall have adequate damping provisions to prevent resonances, damage or failure.

Consideration should be given to

a. Establishing suitable critical speed margins that accommodate manufacturing variation, wear and unknown system dynamics.



7.2.5.1.4 Design precautions shall be taken to reduce the risk of damaging air vehicle safety of flight (SOF)/critical safety items (CSIs) due to uncontained engine failures, to an acceptable level. This covers:

• Uncontained rotating parts;

• Other uncontained engine failures (such as torching flame and exploding pressure vessel).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Minimising the probability and severity of uncontained rotating parts failure: including turbine blade failure and of disc fragmentation;

b. Safety effects beyond the engine boundary (such as combustion chamber breakthrough) in relation to the crew, the structure, and to flight and mission critical equipment.



5.2.5.1.5 The installed engine shall maintain a positive clearance between the air vehicle and the engine (except at physical interface points) under all operating conditions within the ground and flight envelopes. This shall include associated components, plumbing, and harnesses.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Adequate provision for flexibility where relative movement between components within the propulsion system and between such components and the air vehicle can occur;



b. Use of flexible hose assemblies or equivalent means for fluid lines under pressure which are subjected to relative movement;

c. Thermal expansion or contraction of parts to the extremes of movement within the operating envelope of the engine;

d. Movement resulting from likely fault conditions of either the fixed or rotating parts;

e. Minimum static clearances, to be agreed and verified.



7.2.5.1.6 The propulsion system shall include sufficient drain provisions capable of handling fluid/vapour leakage, venting, and spillage throughout required ground and flight attitudes and regimes, that is consistent with the system's safety, fire and explosion prevention, maintainability and survivability requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring capacities are sufficient for flow requirements and volume capacities for projected missions;

b. Suitable drainage provisions for all closed compartments in the engine installation (such as the engine accessory section, spaces enclosing fuel, oil and hydraulic lines and equipment, vent areas and other pockets where fluids may collect);

c. Ensuring all drains should be identified with labels or other markings to assist in diagnostics and safety; d. Inadvertent liquid spillage and accidents as well as combat air vehicle battle damage should be considered when sizing and locating drains;

e. Routeing overboard drain lines to permit fluid to exit free of the air vehicle fuselage, nacelle, wing and pylon and protecting them from chafing when passing through bulkheads and cowlings.





7.2.5.1.7 The engine air inlet components shall have adequate structural margin to withstand overpressures (inlet stall) generated by inlet/compressor anomalies without causing degradation in performance; permanent deformation or vibration harmful to the engine.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The maximum induced inlet stall pressures generated by inlet/engine anomalies;

b. The effects of inlet temperature and pressure distortion on engine surge margin;

c. Providing inlet airflow distortion limits throughout the air vehicle operating envelope (typically 1.5x inlet stall pressure);

d. Ensuring distortion limits are defined in terms of both spatial and planar content;

e. Hammershock and interactive surge.



7.2.5.1.8 Provision shall be made for access to propulsion-system-related equipment in order to permit servicing, inspections, and maintenance. This shall include accessibility for: inspection of principal structural elements and control systems; replacement of parts normally requiring replacement; adjustment; and lubrication as necessary for continued airworthiness.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The maintainer's anthropometric dimensions and strength limitations, all environmental conditions, and any required mission equipment (chemical protective gear, gloves, etc.);

b. Accessibility of filters for cleaning and removal of screen / element;

c. Accessibility of all replenishment points for consumables and to permit examination of all relevant contents indicators;

d. Accessibility of adjustment points and special engine health monitoring provisions and techniques (e.g. intrascope/boroscope, magnetic chip detectors);

e. Minimising the number of access panels;

f. Removal and replacement of engine accessories (e.g. fuel pump(s), fuel control unit, starter motor, igniters, igniter boxes etc.), without having to remove the engine change unit;

g. Sufficient ground clearance to permit engine removal from the underside of the air vehicle without using pits or jacking;

h. Ensuring the inspection means for each item must be practicable for the inspection interval for the item; i. Particular attention shall be paid to the provision of adequate space and access to break points, utilised during engine removal and replacement.





7.2.5.1.9 Airframe equipment, fasteners, etc., upstream of the installed propulsion system, and the propulsion system itself, shall be designed and installed to eliminate sources of self-induced foreign/domestic object damage (FOD/DOD) to the engines.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the design of the air intake assembly (including all fasteners) minimises the possibility of generating foreign objects (including ice and slush accretion);

b. Minimising the number of components of equipment fitted in the intake assembly (e.g. variable intake mechanisms) which could enter the engine if they become detached;

c. Ensuring features in the complete intake assembly into which foreign objects can be trapped and subsequently released into the engine are avoided or easily inspected.



#### **7.2.5.2 Functional installation.**

7.2.5.2.1 The engine / air vehicle interfaces and interfacing subsystems shall be safe and maintain functional compatibility throughout all normal operating and flight conditions; and shall remain safe given any reasonable credible combination of failures.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Assessing the functional capabilities of the total integrated propulsion system relative to the mission requirements of the air vehicle;



b. Defining more than one compatibility envelope, such as might be the case with a weapon/store deployment, launch operation and plume ingestion;

c. Verifying what the various supplying systems provide to the interface; and what the receiving systems require from the interface in order to satisfy its requirements as well as physical definitions for establishing proper fit, alignment and loading.



7.2.5.2.2 The engine shall be capable of safely supplying all systems (power, bleed air and electrical extractions) under all operating conditions. Air vehicle bleed airflow and quality shall be maintained and the engine shall not introduce foreign matter or contaminants into the bleed air supply that could cause damage. Air vehicle power extraction and electrical power extraction shall meet the requirements across the entire flight envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Damage to critical parts where bleed air is used to cool or to pressurise areas of the engine;
- b. The use of bleed air and power extraction during air starts ;
- c. Both PTO and gearbox power extraction requirements;
- d. Power extraction during windmilling;

e. Ensuring the power take-off drives and bleed air extraction level is representative of the maximum required at that condition;

f. The position of the bleed port internal pickup points to ensure low susceptibility to FOD, and ingestion of sand, dust, ice, moisture, and any other foreign materials contained in the air.







7.2.5.2.3 Bleed air contamination / ingress of foreign matter shall not exceed safe limits in order to prevent hazardous contamination of the air vehicle breathable air supply.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specifying the maximum concentration of engine generated contaminants permitted in the bleed air;

b. Identifying defects which could affect the purity of the bleed air;

c. Ensuring engine failures do not cause contamination of bleed air;

d. Safe limits to ensure both unacceptable quantity or unacceptable size of contamination / foreign matter is precluded.



#### **7.2.5.3 Inlet compatibility.**

7.2.5.3.1 The air induction system(s) shall function under all expected ground, flight, and environmental conditions without adversely affecting engine operation or resulting in engine damage. This shall include ensuring inlet ice accretion and separation, distortion, sand and dust ingestion, and water ingestion do not adversely impact engine performance and operability.

- a. Tolerable performance following:
	- i. Armament Gas Ingestion (AGI) (i.e. gases or pressure waves from guns, rockets and missiles);
	- ii. Operation in volcanic ash.





#### **7.2.5.4 Exhaust system compatibility.**

7.2.5.4.1 The exhaust system, including relevant ducting, shall be designed and installed such that exhaust gases are directed to the atmosphere, and do not:

• Impinge on the air vehicle structure, equipment or stores, to the extent that their maximum temperatures are exceeded, unless adequate protection is provided;

• Impinge on or mix (except when designed) with any flammable fluid drainage or vapour discharge to the extent that the fluid/vapour auto ignition temperature is achieved or exceeded;

• Impose an unavoidable hazard to flight/ground crew or boarding/discharging passengers;

• Impede a pre-flight/launch activity.

Where applicable, the jet wake shall also be compatible with ground or shipboard equipment.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Preventing hazards including: fire hazards, carbon monoxide contamination in personnel compartments, discharge which may cause a glare seriously affecting pilot vision at night;

b. The effects of thrust vectoring and thrust reversal;

c. Deflection of exhaust gases by crosswinds etc., during ground manoeuvring;

d. Separating each exhaust system from adjacent (external) flammable parts with fireproof shields;

e. Locating or shielding hot exhaust system parts to prevent ignition of flammable fluids or vapours following leakage of other systems;

f. Compatibility with ground or shipboard equipment such as the Jet Blast Deflector (JBD);

g. Jet wake temperature and velocity characteristics for various power settings and nozzle vector angles.





7.2.5.4.2 Thrust reverser/thrust vectoring systems shall be compatible with the engine and air vehicles structure, such that operation does not adversely impact engine performance, operability or damage to the aircraft structure; and shall be fail-safe, such that no unsafe condition will result during normal operation of the system, or from any reasonable credible combination of failures.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Forces and moments and dynamic response from the thrust reverser/thrust vectoring systems;

b. Ensuring engine limitations approved for reverse thrust are not exceeded;

c. Means to prevent the engine from producing more than idle thrust when the reversing system malfunctions.



#### **7.2.5.5 Environmental compatibility.**

7.2.5.5.1 The engine bay/nacelle cooling and ventilation provisions shall be sufficient to maintain the temperatures of power plant components, engine fluids, other bay/nacelle equipment and structure within the temperature limits established for these components and fluids, under ground and flight operating conditions, and after normal engine shutdown.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Compatibility with the fire protection certification criteria of Section 8.4;
- b. Air and gas leakage;
- c. Ensuring specified temperature limits are not exceeded;
- d. The effect of solar radiation with the air vehicle being parked in direct sunlight;
- e. The appropriate aerodynamic heating in flight.



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7.2.5.5.2 The installed vibratory compatibility of the engine/airframe system shall be such that airframe induced engine vibration does not exceed engine limits.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified engine limits for the air vehicle and engine operational envelope;

b. Ensuring carcass vibration characteristics do not exceed those established during the type certification of the engine;

c. Acoustic noise vibration.



7.2.5.5.3 Merged with 7.2.5.4.1






#### **7.2.5.6 Installation other.**

7.2.5.6.1 The air vehicle propulsion controls and crew station information shall be adequate to permit proper crew control and operation of the propulsion system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring air vehicle propulsion controls meet the installation, arrangement and design requirements (See Section 9.2);

b. Provision of instrumentation necessary to ensure operation in compliance with the Engine operating limitations;

c. Provision of additional instrumentation or indicators which are necessary for use by the crew because of unusual features of the propulsion system (e.g. variable intake);

d. Ensuring that no reasonable credible combination of failures adversely affects the instrumentation necessary for safe control of the engine and propulsion unit systems;

e. Adequate provisions for instrument installation;

f. Novel systems with integrated aircraft and thrust control strategies;

g. The following functions: start/stop each engine independently; independently control/set thrust for each engine; assess engine operating condition to the extent necessary for flight safety; maintain any set position or power demand without constant attention by the flight crewmember(s) and without creep due to control loads or vibration;

h. Suitable and sufficient warnings, cautions and advisories shall be provided to operators and maintainers to identify hazardous failure conditions.





#### 7.3. ALTERNATE PROPULSION SYSTEMS.

This section covers the installation, integration, interface, arrangement of alternate propulsion systems, including: propeller driven systems, rotary wing systems and reciprocating engines.

Included with the scope of the this section are:

- Propeller performance, strength and durability;
- Propeller / air vehicle compatibility;
- Propeller bird-strike tolerability;
- Rotary wing power, torque, strength and durability;
- Rotary wing torsional stability;
- Rotary wing control and braking;
- Reciprocating engine certification.

#### **7.3.1. Propeller driven systems.**

7.3.1.1 Adequate margins shall exist for the performance, strength, and durability of the propeller and propeller system components. This may include but is not limited to the propeller drive shaft, reduction gearbox, torque measurement system, negative torque system, propeller brake, and mechanical overspeed governor.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring all propellers meet or exceed the minimum performance required to ensure the capability;

b. All propeller steady-state and transient operating limits (maximum, minimum) are specified for all modes of operation;

c. Ensuring structural design considerations include the application of appropriate limit and ultimate load factors;

d. Ensuring the control system avoids critical propeller speeds where practicable.





7.3.1.2 All critical propeller speeds shall be outside the engine operating range; or shall be identified and included as limitations within the appropriate operators and maintenance technical manuals (T.O.'s); such as to ensure safe operation under normal operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Critical speeds existing below the operating range, and ensuring they are below the minimum steady state operating speed (typically by at least 20 percent);

b. Critical speeds existing above the maximum operating speed, and ensuring they are above the maximum allowable transient shaft rotational speed (typically by at least 20 percent).



7.3.1.3 For variable and reversible pitch propellers, hardware and software components shall not allow unsafe or unsatisfactory control of the propeller for all steady state, transient, and emergency operating conditions. This includes ensuring that no reasonable credible combination of failures will result in unwanted travel of the propeller blades to a position below the In-Flight Low-Pitch Position.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The use of adequate emergency features to mitigate for any failures;
- b. Ensuring risk levels meet the safety thresholds.





7.3.1.4 All physical and functional interfaces between the propeller and any system that drives the propeller shall be established and controlled to prevent unsafe operation; and to ensure compatibility under all steady state, transient, and emergency operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The propeller, engine, and airframe interface, all related modules and components, their arrangements, functional relationships, interface loadings, weight, and position;

b. Ensuring the allowable range of characteristics of the propeller at the engine interface is specified.



7.3.1.5 Manual and automatic feathering systems shall be operational for all steady state, transient, and emergency operating conditions. This shall include the ability to feather and unfeather in flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Any likely wear and leakage;

b. Ensuring any feathering and unfeathering limitations are documented in the appropriate manual(s).







#### 7.3.1.6 Merged with 7.3.1.4



7.3.1.7 Each propeller, other than a conventional fixed pitch wooden propeller, shall be free of aeroelastic effects (including flutter and dynamic response) and vibrations that could cause the equipment to operate below specified requirements or cause excessive crew discomfort; and shall be free of destructive vibrations at all steady-state and transient operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Capability of the propeller to balance in order to remove vibration;

b. Ensuring vibration stresses do not exceed those shown by the propeller manufacturer to be safe for continuous operation.



7.3.1.8 The propeller ice control system shall provide sufficient protection such as to minimise the risk of ice formation adversely affecting performance for all operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The use of either electrical, fluid, gas, compound, or mechanical ice control systems;

b. Protection of all areas forward of the propeller that are likely to accumulate and shed ice into the propeller disc;

c. Shedding of ice from the propeller, or prevention of build up, before accumulations can occur that would have an adverse effect when shed.





7.3.1.9 The propeller blades and spinner shall be capable of withstanding the impact of birds at the most critical location and flight conditions without causing a major or hazardous propeller effect.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specifying the mass and number of the birds applicable to the intended installation of the propeller in the air vehicle specifications;

b. The most critical location and the flight conditions which will cause the highest blade loads.



#### **7.3.2. Rotary wing systems.**

7.3.2.1 The rotary wing and all associated components and systems (including but not limited to the drive shaft, reduction gearbox, torque measurement system, negative torque system, brake system, and mechanical overspeed governor) shall provide sufficient power, torque, strength, and durability to allow safe operation throughout the air vehicle and engine envelopes without any degradation in structural strength or durability.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Safe operation at sea level hover and margin for vertical climb and hover throughout the flight envelope;

b. Sufficient strength and durability of the rotary wing and its associated components and systems for the expected life of the air vehicle;

c. Ensuring the power drive subsystem is of a robust design capable of operating beyond its maximum rated condition for those instances where excursions may occur such as autorotation, other emergency conditions and defined transients;

d. The most severe input power condition (torque and speed) for all allowed operating modes exclusive of transient conditions;

e. Strength and durability limitations include the application of appropriate limit and ultimate load factors.





7.3.2.2 The rotor system shall provide safe control of the air vehicle under all operating conditions including loss of lubricant and OEI and autorotations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Sufficient power response levels to maintain safe control;

a. The behaviour of the engine(s)/control system(s) in response to rapid power demands, e.g. collective, cyclic and yaw control inputs;

c. For rotorcraft certificated for a 30 second OEI power rating, a means must be provided to automatically activate and control the 30 second OEI power and prevent any engine from exceeding the installed engine limits associated with the 30 second OEI power rating approved for the rotorcraft.



7.3.2.3 For rotary wing air vehicles, the effects of high-energy, low-frequency vibrations, generated by main rotor blade passage (fundamental and harmonic) frequencies at all engine and related component operating speeds and powers, shall not adversely affect the operation of the engine and the drive system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring airframe induced engine vibration does not exceed specified engine limits within the air vehicle and engine operational envelope;

b. High frequency vibration modes generated by the engine do not cause potentially damaging vibration to the propulsion subsystems or other parts of the air vehicle;

c. Vibration levels of engine and drive train components over the entire operational range of aircraft and rotor speeds, aircraft gross weights, and Centre of Gravity limits.





7.3.2.4 For rotary wing air vehicles, each engine (including subsystems/accessories) shall be designed, constructed and installed to prevent the harmful vibration of any part of the engine or air vehicle. The addition of the rotor and the rotor drive system to the engine may not subject the principal rotating parts of the engine to excessive vibration stresses. A satisfactory interface shall be achieved between the engine and the airframe, such that no excessive vibration forces are imparted to the aircraft structure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Both high-frequency engine-excited and low-frequency air vehicle rotor(s)-excited vibrations;

b. If flexible mountings are used to isolate vibrations, the maximum deflections of such mountings are taken into account in the design of the relevant propulsion unit components.



7.3.2.5 The rotor drive transmission/gearbox lubrication system shall provide clean and cooling lubricant to all components subjected to rolling and/or sliding contact (e.g. bearings, gears, and splines); be free from leakage; and shall operate safely and effectively under all air vehicle operating conditions. The transmission/gearbox lubrication system shall also be sufficiently independent of the lubrication systems of the engine(s) in order to sustain sufficient lubrication during autorotation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The requirements for the essential functional elements of the lubrication system which should include: gearbox breathers, lubrication filtering, filling provisions, gearbox oil drain, lubricant selection, cooling system, valves and pressure pumps, oil level indication, oil leakage;

b. Pressurised systems to ensure lubricant is provided at the required pressure and flow rate to all required components and accessories;

c. Operation over the range of temperatures, attitudes, and manoeuvres for which the air vehicle is designed;

d. Provision of cooling oil to remove heat generated due to friction at gear meshes and bearings;

e. Provision of an oil film to reduce wear between sliding elements.



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7.3.2.6 When the engine, engine accessories, rotor, propeller, or fan system(s), and all power drive subsystem dynamic components are operated as a combined dynamic system, there shall be no unfavourable dynamic coupling modes (i.e. that are destructive or limit the air vehicle) for all permitted ground and flight modes.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Recognising the fact that one component can induce destructive vibrations in another component through interconnecting shafting;

b. Providing adequate allowances for the occurrence of transient loads arising from changes of input or of working state (e.g. freewheel slippage or actuation or abrupt changes of power);

c. If flexible mountings are used to isolate vibrations, the maximum deflections of such mountings are taken into account in the design of the relevant propulsion unit components.



7.3.2.7 The engine's control/rotor system torsional stability shall have required gain and phase margins and main rotor torque damping during steady-state and transient operation. No dangerous torsional or flexural vibrations shall occur at any permissible torque and at any rotational speed up to the maximum engine overspeed or the maximum permissible rotor speed, whichever is greater.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most critical combinations of power, rotational speed, and control displacement;

b. Ensuring control system gain and phase margins meet the specified requirements.





7.3.2.8 The drive shaft couplings shall be designed for continuous, maintenance-free operation at the maximum permissible misalignment of coupled drive shafts (when installed in the air vehicle), for all possible combinations of torque and speed.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The maximum torque that could be delivered at the worst permissible misalignment;
- b. The use of dry type couplings to avoid the necessity of doing maintenance checks before every flight;
- c. Replacement of coupling mechanisms should not require realignment of the associated shafting.



7.3.2.9 A means shall be provided of preventing rotation of the rotor during engine non-operation, power up, and ground idle conditions, when exposed to winds at specified velocities and directions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. A wind environment encompassing both atmospheric and weather induced conditions, wind-over-deck from carrier vessel movement, and downwash and jetwash conditions from other air vehicles;

b. If a rotor brake is fitted, any limitations on use must be specified, and control must be guarded to prevent inadvertent operation;

c. The use of engine control interlock safeguards to prevent inadvertent actuation.



7.3.2.10 Normal and emergency braking systems (consisting of aerodynamic rotor drag and subsequent mechanical braking) shall be capable of stopping the rotor, from 100% speed, within specified times after engine shutdown.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The specified minimum stopping time can be based on a structural analysis to protect power drive subsystem gears and components from overloads due to sudden stops;

b. If a rotor brake is fitted, any limitations on use must be specified, and control must be guarded to prevent inadvertent operation;

c. Thermal Analysis to establish the risk of combustible materials reaching their 'Flash point' temperature adjacent to the Rotor Brake Energy absorption elements.





7.3.2.11 Rotor system condition monitoring shall provide warning of impending failure that could result in loss of the air vehicle or prevent a safe landing. Elements of condition monitoring shall be specified and may include: debris monitoring, lubrication system oil pressure and temperature monitoring, health and usage monitoring (HUM).



7.3.2.12 The drive system clutching devices shall permit engagement and disengagement of the engines from the load absorbers as required for all applicable modes of air vehicle operation.

For rotary-wing air vehicles in autorotation mode, the engine(s) not supplying torque shall be immediately and automatically disengaged from the power drive subsystem. For multi-engine air vehicles conducting single engine operations, the engines not supplying torque shall be similarly disengaged to permit continued operation of the rotor system and accessory drive for 2 hours without damage to the overrunning mechanism.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Determining the torsional spring rate (angular deflection of the outer race relative to the inner race) of the clutch;

b. Engagement and disengagement characteristics including measurement of torque fluctuations, and peak values resulting from slip and sudden engagement where appropriate;

c. Defining the fatigue characteristics of the clutch;

- d. Overrunning and cold temperature engagement performance;
- e. Clutch durability.





7.3.2.13 Rotary drive system gearboxes shall continue to function safely for a specified duration following loss of the primary lubrication system, and shall be in a condition such that the gearbox is still capable of transmitting the required power.

The specified duration shall be sufficient to permit the safe landing and/or recovery of the air vehicle, typically at least 30 minutes.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Maintaining sufficient torque and rotational speed for that duration to allow continued safe flight;
- b. Ensuring the gearbox continues to function although not necessarily without damage.



7.3.2.14 For intermeshing-rotor systems, phased externally, means shall be provided in the power drive subsystem to prevent operation with dephased rotors. Means shall be included for cockpit indication that the rotors are locked in phase.

Consideration should be given to:

a. If the rotors must be phased for intermeshing, each system must provide constant and positive phase relationship under any operating condition;

b. If a rotor dephasing device is incorporated, there must be means to keep the rotors locked in proper phase before operation.



7.3.2.15 Failure or seizure of any individual accessory shall not cause damage to any power drive subsystem components. For rotary-wing air vehicles, accessories shall be driven whenever the rotor system is rotating including during autorotation.

Cover plates shall be provided for use when accessories are not installed.

#### Consideration should be given to:

a. Protecting accessory drive splines from wear with non-metallic inserts or positively lubricated with oil when functioning.



#### **7.3.3. Reciprocating engines.**

Turbocharged reciprocating engine operating characteristics shall be investigated in flight to assure that no adverse characteristics, as a result of an inadvertent overboost, surge, flooding, or vapour lock, are present during normal or emergency operation of the engine(s) throughout the range of operating limitations of both air vehicle and engine.





# **SECTION 8 - AIR VEHICLE SUBSYSTEMS**

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Functional operations test results
- 3. Performance test results
- 4. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analyses (FMECA)
- 5. Hazard analysis
- 6. Component and system SOF certifications/qualifications
- 7. Design studies and analysis
- 8. Installation and operational characteristics
- 9. Flight manual and limitations
- 10. Electromagnetic environmental effects analysis and test results
- 11. Diminishing manufacturing sources plan 12. Obsolete parts plan

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

(Note: For subsystems that use computer resources, see section 15 for additional, specific criteria.)

#### 8.1. HYDRAULIC AND PNEUMATIC SYSTEMS.

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle Hydraulic and Pneumatic systems.

Included within the scope of this section are:

1. If there is more than one hydraulic system or pneumatic system, that safe operation can be continued if any one hydraulic or pneumatic system fails.

1.1. That any single-point failure locations are identified and their consequences of failure are acceptable, eliminated, or mitigated.

2. That interfaces and redundancies with the flight control, electrical, and avionics systems are evaluated and verified to be safe.

3. That normal, back-up, and emergency hydraulic or pneumatic system operation.

4. That hydraulic fluid temperatures do not exceed the maximum allowable temperature.

5. That adequate crew station information is available to notify the flight crew of the hydraulic and pneumatic systems' operating conditions.

6. That flight and maintenance manuals include normal, back-up and emergency operating procedures, limitations, restrictions, servicing, and maintenance information.

7. That the plumbing installation and component installations are safe for flight.

8. That the air vehicle hydraulic and pneumatic systems' size/power meets demand.

9. That undesirable pressure fluctuations are precluded from the system.

10. That methods and procedures exist for controlling and purging impurities from the hydraulic and pneumatic systems and that the systems' level of

contamination is acceptable.

8.1.1 Where there is more than one hydraulic or pneumatic system, safe operation shall be continued if any one hydraulic or pneumatic system fails.

Consideration should be given to:



#### a. Common mode failures, especially where a common pressure source is used;

b. Ensuring stable and convergent aircraft handling with degraded systems.



8.1.1.1 Merged with 14.2.3.





8.1.2 All interfaces and redundancies with the flight control, electrical, and avionics systems shall be evaluated and shown to be safe.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying and documenting all interfaces and redundancies with quoted systems; ensuring that the interfaces are adequately described;

- b. Producing a test and acceptance plan that:
	- i. Demonstrates that the requirements have been achieved safely;
	- ii. Demonstrates that the redundancy scheme works appropriately.





8.1.3 Normal, back-up, and emergency hydraulic or pneumatic systems, including vacuum systems, shall operate safely and ensure graceful degradation.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Ensuring the requirements have been correctly interpreted in the design;
- b. Ensuring sufficient hydraulic and pneumatic power is available to the requisite systems at all times;
- c. Transition from main system to back-up or emergency system should be smooth;
- d. Test and acceptance plan should consider all aspects of the operational flight envelope.





8.1.4 Hydraulic fluid temperatures shall not exceed the maximum allowable temperature.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that the maximum allowable hydraulic fluid operating temperature is included in the air vehicle requirements; this should include the transient operation of brakes (typically wheels, stators and/or rotors);

b. The test plan should take account of worst case scenarios (in terms of events likely to cause the fluid to heat up - i.e. rapid repeated manoeuvres);

c. Any cooling system that may be required.



8.1.5 Adequate information shall be available to notify the flight crew of the hydraulic and pneumatic systems' operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the flight crew notification requirements are in the requirements documentation;

b. Provision of continuous system information, or notification of exceptions and fault conditions (warnings and cautions);

c. Provision of explicit warnings (low pressure, over temperature);

d. Provision of information relating to system: contents, pressure, and temperature.





8.1.6 Flight and maintenance manuals shall include normal, back-up and emergency operating procedures, limitations, restrictions, servicing, and maintenance information.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Verification process of information placed in manuals;

b. Verification process to include checks for completeness of information coverage and accuracy of information.





8.1.7 The hydraulic and pneumatic plumbing installations and component installations shall be compatible with their environment.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Pipes (flexible & solid), couplings, fixings, and brackets;
- b. System temperatures and pressures, vibration and fatigue;
- c. Air vehicle flight envelope and operating environment;
- d. Location of pipes and components from the perspective of:
	- i. Damage due to foreign objects (bird strike);
	- ii. Clearance from other components or parts of the air vehicle, especially moving parts;
	- iii. Effects from other components or parts of the air vehicle that are adjacent to the installations;
- e. Compatibility of hydraulic oils used and system seals or other rubber components.







8.1.8 The air vehicle hydraulic and pneumatic systems' size and power capacities shall be established and sufficient to ensure safe operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. System flow rates and pressures, including resistance to cavitation;
- b. Fluid volumes, and overall system capacity, is sufficient for all transient and thermal effects;
- c. Leakage;
- d. Air vehicle operating envelope and environment.





8.1.9 Undesirable pressure fluctuations shall be precluded from the system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining what is an 'unacceptable' pressure fluctuation - fluctuation may be positive or negative;

b. Location of pressure relief valves, non-return valves.







8.1.10 Methods and procedures shall exist for controlling and purging impurities from the hydraulic and pneumatic systems and for determining that the systems' level of contamination is acceptable.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Contamination by solid , liquid, or gaseous materials;
- b. Resilience of system to contaminants before malfunction occurs;
- c. Suitable demonstration of free-gas removal from hydraulic systems.



#### 8.2. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEM (ECS).

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement, compatibility and use of Environmental Control Systems on Air Vehicles for the purposes of:

- Cabin Pressurisation
- Cooling and temperature control of both crew and systems
- De-icing
- De-fogging canopies and windows

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Safety in general
- Failure modes, including bleed air leaks and shut-off
- Contamination of Air Supply, including Smoke and NBC aspects
- Human Factors and Ergonomics
- Training and documentation of emergency procedures and operations



8.2.1 Ensure that the Environmental Control System (ECS) design incorporates system safety requirements of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to systems providing:

- a. Pressurisation;
- b. Heating and Cooling (of crew/passengers and equipment);
- c. De-icing;
- d. De-fogging;
- e. Uncontaminated breathing air;
- f. Engine bleed air for use in ECS;
- g. Pneumatic systems related to ECS;



8.2.2 Ensure that the installed ECS meets safety requirements and maintains system integrity with the weapon system/air vehicle's Safety of Flight when operating throughout the design envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Component level testing demonstrates Safe Operation under all anticipated environments and loadings;

b. Integration testing, including compatibility and interoperability testing to verify safe operation of all ECS subsystems;



c. Undertaking ground demonstration and test prior to flight.



#### 8.2.3 Merged with Line 8.2.5



8.2.4 Ensure that the air vehicle normal and emergency pressurisation requirements are met and are indicated or monitored to ensure Safety of Flight.

Consideration should be given to UAS applications (e.g. high altitude operations for structural implications) in which it might be appropriate to relay data to a ground station to ensure pressurisation requirements are indicated and can be monitored.







8.2.5 Ensure that in the event of the loss of some or all ECS functions, the effects on air vehicle safety, air vehicle performance, or the safety and performance of other air vehicle systems are understood and acceptable.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The design of the ECS to ensure that the installed system can function under all anticipated conditions;

b. The provision of an emergency supply of fresh air in the event of a potential failure of the primary ECS;

c. The removal of smoke or gases from occupied compartments under emergency/single failure conditions;

d. The provision of emergency cooling for avionic and equipment compartments;

e. An independent means to shut off bleed air flow from each bleed air source;

f. All pneumatically operated services relating to ECS which are essential to SOF shall be provided with an alternative source of power;

g. All ECS emergency systems shall be fully independent of the primary;

h. The effects of no single failure of the ECS shall jeopardise the safety of the air vehicle, or its occupants, across the flight envelope;

i. In the absence of an alternative system and following a single failure, the ECS shall be able to continue to operate sufficiently long enough to safely land the air vehicle;

j. Analysis should be undertaken to determine the possible modes, probability and effects of ECS failure.





8.2.6 Ensure that the air vehicle flight manual and training curriculum includes normal and emergency procedures in relation to the ECS.

Consideration should also be given to maintenance training; in particular testing and ground operations of the ECS.



8.2.7 Verify that adequate controls and displays for the ECS are installed in the crew station or other appropriate locations to allow the ECS to function as intended.

Consideration should be given to:

a. UAS applications in which it might be appropriate for ECS controls to be located in any ground control station;

b. The ECS controls for pneumatic pressure and temperature within the occupied compartment should be readily accessible to all applicable flight crew;

c. The operation of ECS controls should not cause instability;

d. Relevant ECS pneumatic pressure and temperature status indicators, warnings, cautions and advisories should be provided and visible to all applicable flight crew;

e. For UAV operations, the operator should have full access to the relevant status indicators, warnings, cautions and advisories;

f. The ECS pneumatic pressure and temperature status indicators, warnings, cautions and advisories should be appropriately labelled.





8.2.8 Ensure that the installed air vehicle ECS meets the requirements relating to provision of an atmosphere appropriate for personnel including adequate crew/occupant ventilation and protective flight garment supply systems (oxygen equipment, pressure suits, and anti-g garments or ventilation garments).

Consideration should be given to:

a. The effects of, and possible presence of, over temperature, whether due to leakage or system malfunction;

b. Where fluid systems are used, for temperature control, consideration should also be given to fluid corrosive properties, freezing and boiling, expansion and contraction, heat transfer properties, consequences of leakage including loss of fluid, system capacity and control in respect of the environmental control media;

c. Flight crew/passenger dynamic performance requirements;

d. Flight crew/passenger physiological requirements (Human Factors);

e. Air quality and the avoidance of the build up of harmful and hazardous concentrations of gases or vapours, including ozone;

f. Minimum occupied cabin pressure levels.



8.2.9 Ensure sub-systems provided for environmental protection provide for the safe operation of the air vehicle within the specified flight environment (e.g. windshield rain/snow/ice removal, ice protection and defog).

Consideration should be given to:

- a. De-frost and de-misting systems;
- b. Rain removal;
- c. Transparency cleaning;
- d. De-icing systems;
- e. Clear windshield/panel provision in the event of ECS single failure;
- f. Air intake de-icing.



8.2.10 Each crewmember's air supply must be protected from all forms of contamination, including that resulting from oil leakage from the engine(s) and under Nuclear/Biological/Chemical (NBC) environment conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Automatic and manual means to shut off air flow to occupied compartments;

- b. Fresh air ventilation for contamination and odour removal;
- c. The provision of overboard exhaust outlets sufficient to eliminate odours from galley and toilet areas;

d. Emergency provision of fresh air ventilation in the potential event of a failure relating to the primary ECS;

e. Means to prevent the build-up of explosive gases;

- f. Means to counter NBC contamination;
- g. The sealing of adjacent compartments to protect against smoke, gun gas and fuel vapours;



h. Bleed air must be taken from a source where it cannot be contaminated by harmful or hazardous gases or vapours in the event of a single failure.



8.2.11 Ensure that the bleed air or other compressed air duct system is monitored for leaks and structural integrity.

Consideration should be given to ensuring that, should a duct fail, any hot air leaking from damaged bleed air ducting would not:

- a. Act as a source of ignition for flammable liquids, vapours or materials;
- b. Cause damage to:
	- i. Structurally Significant Items;
	- ii. Items that impact Safety of Flight;
	- iii. Critical System Items.





8.2.12 Ensure that bleed air shut-off provision is located at, or as close as possible to, the air vehicle bleed air source.



8.2.13 Where the air vehicle is pressurised, ensure that pressurisation rate control prevents pressure surges in the air vehicle cockpit.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Means to maintain automatic pressurisation levels;

b. The maximum flow rate shall be determined and not be less than the maximum allowable production linkage rate;

c. The minimum flow rate required for all flight conditions;

d. The flow control system shall ensure that the sub-system flow will not exceed the value specified in the air vehicle specification;

e. Pressure relief valve(s) (or equivalent) should be provided to automatically limit the positive pressure differential to a pre-determined level;

f. Means to prevent a negative pressure differential.



8.2.14 Ensure, if required, that nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) equipment and/or procedures are provided for protecting or maintaining ECS cooling and so that ventilation air is free from contaminants.





8.2.15 Ensure that the air vehicle's thermal management system is stable for all flight conditions and environments.

Consideration should be given to normal and emergency conditions.



#### 8.2.16 Merged with 8.2.5



8.2.17 Ensure that all surface touch temperatures remain within required limits to preclude any operational limitations to safety of flight operations of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to safety of personnel from risk of sustaining burns.





#### 8.3. FUEL SYSTEM.

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle fuel system and subsystem components including fuel tanks, fuel lines, valves, pumps, etc.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Refuelling / defueling operations;
- Fuel jettison (dump);
- Fuel transfer;
- Ignition prevention;
- Fault detection, isolation;
- Pressurisation;
- Venting and drainage provisions.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

• The most critical combination of air vehicle altitudes, attitudes and other conditions with respect to fuel feed, quantity of unusable fuel and fuel CofG;

• The effects of negative pressure on the fuel system;

• The effects of operation using alternate, restricted or emergency fuel(s), or with fuel(s) saturated with water.

8.3.1 The fuel system design, including interfaces, shall be functionally and physically compatible with other air vehicle systems.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Interfaces with other air vehicle systems such as: engine, tankage, vent system, cooling systems, scavenge etc;

b. Ensuring all materials used in the fuel subsystem are compatible with the air vehicle designated fuels.





8.3.1.1 Prior to installation, all fuel system components, either individually or as part of a subsystem, shall undertake and pass all required safety-related qualification tests and analysis, in order to ensure their suitability for use in all expected usage and environmental conditions. If required, this shall include verification of the survivability of external fuel tanks following fragment impact, forced ejection, overpressure following ignition of fuel vapours, and are fire resistant.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Conducting all required safety-related qualification tests such as: proof, burst, vibration, containment, over-speed, acceleration, explosive atmosphere, pressure cycling, and temperature cycling as required for airworthy performance.



#### 8.3.1.2 Merged with 8.3.17



8.3.2 The fuel system shall be compatible with all designated air vehicle fuel(s) (and additives if used), and shall function satisfactorily under all foreseeable flight and environmental conditions without restriction or fuel system degradation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Compatibility of materials used in the fuel subsystem;

b. The use of alternate fuel(s), restricted fuel(s) or emergency fuel(s), and any associated air vehicle limitations / restrictions, or possible fuel system degradation;

c. Fuel system operation with fuel(s) saturated with water.



8.3.3 Covered by Section 14.



8.3.4 The complete fuel system (including all fuel lines, components, tanks etc.) shall be installed, adequately supported, and have sufficient clearances, such that no unsafe conditions or hazards are created during normal air vehicle operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring each fuel line is installed and supported to prevent excessive vibration;

b. Protecting fuel system components in an engine nacelle or in the fuselage from damage which could result in spillage;



c. Ensuring each fuel line connected to components of the air vehicle, between which relative motion could exist, have provisions for flexibility;

d. Means to prevent chafing between the tank and its supports;

e. Ensuring fuel tanks are supported so that tank loads (resulting from the mass of fuel in the tanks) are not concentrated on unsupported tank surfaces.



8.3.5 All fuel system components, lines and connections, (both as completely assembled and installed within the air vehicle), shall be capable of withstanding the specified proof pressure limits, without resulting in fuel leakage, critical system performance degradation or critical life limited durability.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Withstanding a negative pressure (typically of one atmosphere (14.7 psi)), without permanent deformation;

b. Specified proof pressure limits for engine feed, fuel transfer, pressure refuelling, tank pressure and vent lines;

c. The use of flexible hose assemblies for each flexible connection in fuel lines that may be under pressure or subjected to axial loading;

d. Ensuring no flexible hose that might be adversely affected by exposure to high temperatures is used where excessive temperatures will exist during operation or after shut-down of an engine or auxiliary power unit;

e. A means with fail-safe features to prevent the build up of an excessive pressure difference between the inside and outside of the fuel tank.




8.3.6 Fuel shall be available to the engines on an uninterrupted basis under all air vehicle ground and flight conditions. Each fuel system shall be constructed and arranged to ensure a continuous flow of fuel at a rate and pressure established for proper engine functioning under each likely operating condition, including any manoeuvre for which certification is requested and during which the engine is permitted to be in operation.

If an engine can be supplied with fuel from more than one tank, the fuel system shall prevent the interruption of fuel flow when the tank feeding the engine is depleted of usable fuel.

For multi-engine air vehicles, it should be possible to cut off fuel flow to any engine without affecting the flow to the remaining engines.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most critical combination of air vehicle altitudes, attitudes and other conditions with respect to fuel feed and quantity of unusable fuel;

b. Periods of flight under negative increments of normal acceleration;

c. Rates and pressures to be agreed with the engine manufacturer;

d. Air vehicle flight conditions which affect the sizing of lines, rating of pumps, power consumption, valves, and the general system configuration.





8.3.7 The rate of fuel transfer into the engine feed tanks, or to permit fuel management functions (e.g. centre of gravity (CofG) management, cooling etc.) shall be sufficient to meet the operational ground and flight envelope requirements, and shall not limit air vehicle performance.

Consideration should be given to;

a. Ensuring the fuel transfer subsystem is not affected by operation of fuel jettison system;

b. An acceptable compromise fuel flow rate for afterburning fighter air vehicles, in which the transfer rate need not match maximum engine capability;

c. Gravity feed as a useful fall-back option in the event of fuel pump failure.



8.3.8 The fuel system should be designed so that in both normal and failed operation, the aircraft CofG is maintained within a range compatible with other systems and aircraft control & handling.

Consideration should be given to:



a. Release of stores, aerial refuelling (if applicable), fuel transfer, fuel dumping operations, wing sweep operations, catapult launches, arrested landings, and engine feed;

b. The use of fuel measurement, control software and / or crew system manual control to maintain air vehicle CofG requirements for all mission phases;

c. The most critical combination of air vehicle altitudes, attitudes and other conditions with respect to fuel distribution on CofG.



8.3.9 The fuel system shall be designed such that no air vehicle operation (i.e. refuelling, de-fuelling, transfer, fuel feed, fuel dump, engine feed etc.), can cause fuel pressures to exceed the system's proof pressure limits (both minimum and maximum).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the maximum allowable values for surge pressure should be specified to maintain the required margin of safety of the system;

b. Surge pressures which may occur when refuelling valves on the air vehicle are closed, and during rapid power reduction;

c. Thermal expansion pressure relief for all closed plumbing segments where pressure greater than the operating pressure could result;

d. Ensuring any fuel shut-off device(s) do not produce excessive surge pressures;

e. Proof and ultimate pressures to be agreed and verified, typically at least of 1.33 - 1.5 times and 2.0 times the surge pressure likely to occur respectively;

f. Effects of negative pressure.





8.3.10 The air vehicle flight and maintenance manuals shall contain information concerning normal and emergency procedures and other pertinent information necessary for safe operation of the fuel system. This shall include all applicable operating procedures, limitations, restrictions, servicing, maintenance information, warnings and cautions.



8.3.11 The fuel system design and procedures shall be sufficient for controlling and purging impurities from the fuel system, in order to maintain contamination at acceptable levels, at all times. Fuel system



components shall function reliably in the presence of contaminants, up to a specified level of contamination.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Fuel contaminated to a degree (with respect to particle size and density) that is greater than that established for the engine during its type certification;

b. Ensuring procedures for controlling and purging impurities are included in the Maintenance T.O.s;

c. Provisions to drain water from sump areas in the tanks or provide in-flight scavenge capability;

- d. Ensuring drain location adequate to prevent formation of hazardous quantities of ice on the aircraft;
- e. Ensuring the cleanliness of the fuel tank;

f. Use of fuel filters / strainers with sufficient mesh size to prevent the passage of any object that could restrict fuel flow or damage any fuel system component;

g. Use of materials in the fuel system which do not support bacterial or fungal growths.





8.3.12 The fuel system shall be designed and arranged to prevent ignition / explosion as a result of: lightning strike (either directly, or indirectly as result of component failure (e.g. overvoltage) following a lightning strike); electrostatic discharge; fuel leaks, and the introduction of electrical power into fuel tanks. All fuel subsystem components located in an explosive atmosphere shall be capable of operating without initiating an explosion, including under electrical fault conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Electrical bonding of fuel system / subsystem tubing and components to eliminate static charge accumulation, provide controlled current return paths, and provide lightning protection;

- b. Limiting fuel velocities within lines;
- c. Limiting tank entry fuel velocity;
- d. Using materials that will not cause an internal arc when lightning attaches to the exterior.
- e. Avoiding metallic chain lanyards inside the tank;
- f. Different types of lightning including: direct lightning strikes; swept lightning; and corona or streamering;

g. Isolating electrical equipment from the fuel to minimise the possibility of fuel leakage and fuel vapour coming into contact with electrical equipment.

h. Ensuring all components inside of a fuel tank have energy levels low enough to prevent an ignition source and prevent introduction of an ignition source through the wiring or components;

i. Preventing ignition of fuel and fuel vapour.



8.3.12.1 Merged with 8.3.12





8.3.12.2 Secondary fuel and vapour tight barriers shall be provided between fuel tanks, fire hazard areas, and inhabited areas, in order to isolate and remove flammable vapours to a safe location in the event of primary barrier (tank wall) failure and minimise the probability of ignition and the resultant hazard if ignition does occur. A means to determine whether the primary barrier has failed shall be provided.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Protection between the fuel tank and areas where there is a high probability that fuel leakage can be ignited, including the following compartments: personnel, cargo, gun, engine compartments or any compartment which contains an ignition source;

b. Adequate fault isolation provisions to detect a failure of the primary fuel barrier;

c. Ensuring an adequate cavity between the firewall and the fuel tank;

d. Sufficient draining and ventilation provisions in all areas surrounding fuel tanks to remove the fire hazard due to fuel spillage or leakage;

e. The potential for secondary barriers to interfere with fuel bay venting.



8.3.12.3 Fuel system drainage provisions shall permit safe drainage of the entire fuel system; such that all areas surrounding fuel tanks or containing fuel system components are properly drained; and all normal and accidental fuel leakage is removed to a safe location outside of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring fuel is discharged clear of all parts of the air vehicle;

b. Ensuring the drain valve has manual or automatic means for positive locking in the closed position;

c. Ensuring the drain valve(s) is readily accessible and can be easily opened and closed, for example for fuel system contamination checks;



d. Locating or protecting the drain valve to prevent fuel spillage in the event of a landing with landing gear retracted.



8.3.12.4 The fuel system drains and vents shall be located such that:

• Fuel jettison, fuel venting, fuel leaks, or fuel spills can not be ingested by the engine;

• Flow into hazardous ignition areas or onto the environmental management system is avoided and does not become reingested into the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Avoiding potential ignition sources, including hot brakes, bleed air ducts, engine, APU, etc.







8.3.13 Each fuel tank shall be able to withstand, without failure, the vibration, inertia, fluid and structural loads that it may be subjected to in operation.

Each fuel tank required to be crashworthy shall be capable of withstanding, without leakage, the required impact velocity.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The expected operational usage and natural and induced environments, such as: slosh (delta moment loads), vibration, tubing misalignment, deflection loads, thermal loads, flight loads, pressure changes from rapid altitude changes, and other;

b. The maximum survivable impact velocity of a human being which is currently understood to be approximately 60 ft/sec;

c. Ensuring fuel tanks, attachments, manifolds, fuel lines, and fittings are designed to allow relative movement and separation between the tank and structure without fuel spillage during a survivable crash.



8.3.14 The fuel tanks shall be designed to withstand the maximum pressure likely to occur; such that the structural limits are not exceeded during normal operations, or due to a single failure within the fuel system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The combination of the internal pressure applied to transfer fuel or to prevent fuel boiling and the local external pressure;



b. The pressure developed during refuelling and defuelling, including a fuel system failure during refuelling operations;

- c. Use of fuel vents to maintain internal tank pressure within limits.
- d. The pressure differential at all heights up to the maximum attainable;
- e. Hydrostatic loads arising from aircraft manoeuvre limits.



8.3.15 The air vehicle (including the refuel, vent and fuel tank systems) shall be capable of being safely refuelled and defueled.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Maximum refuelling rates;
- b. Normal and single failure conditions;
- c. Hot refuelling, i.e. with an engine or APU operating;
- d. Gravity refuel interface provisions;
- e. Preventing external leakage of fuel;
- f. Maximum tank pressures (including vents) and the maximum pressure of fuel supplied;
- g. The sequence of filling tanks (including isolation of tanks) where appropriate;
- h. Provision of shut off valve(s);
- i. Preventing refuelling overflow (including tank pressure, fuel drainage, tank vents etc.).





8.3.16 The fuel system shall be designed to prevent fuel spills during refuel operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Provision of an expansion space above the fuel level with sufficient capacity to allow for the expected thermal expansion of the fuel;

b. Shut-off means must prevent the quantity of fuel in each tank from exceeding the maximum quantity approved for that tank;

c. Indication at each fuelling station of failure of the shut-off means, to stop fuel flow at the maximum level;

d. Means to prevent the escape of hazardous quantities of fuel from the system if the fuel entry valve fails;

e. Procedures to identify a failed condition to prevent fuel spills;

f. Refuelling pre-checks to provide assurance that level control valves are operable and will close when each tank reaches the full or preset fuel level.





8.3.17 Adequate controls and displays for the fuel system functions shall be provided for the appropriate crewmember(s) to indicate the necessary fuel system functions and warn of hazardous conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All required fuel system functions and tracked parameters (e.g. fuel pressure, fuel temperature, fuel quantity, CofG monitoring, pump status, fuel unbalance, low level fuel, etc.);

b. The location of the temperature sensors should be carefully considered so that a true fuel temperature will be indicated;

c. The position of the fuel quantity indicators to ensure accurate data readings;

d. Ensuring all displays and controls meet the specified requirements (arrangement, location, type, size, guards etc.).





8.3.18 The fuel system shall include the necessary built-in-test (BIT), fault detection and isolation provisions, in order to identify critical failure modes to the operators and maintainers.



8.3.19 Fuel jettison (dump) outlets shall be located such that jettisoned fuel does not impinge on air vehicle surfaces or become re-ingested into the air vehicle. Fuel jettison operations shall be safe and shall not adversely affect the controllability of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Safe location of the fuel jettison in relation to potential ignition sources (hot brakes, bleed air ducts, engine, APU, etc);

b. The implications of the fuel dump system failures.



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#### 8.4. FIRE AND HAZARD PROTECTION.

This Section covers the prevention, detection, and extinguishing of fires and explosion suppression provisions for the Air Vehicle.

It considers passive methods such as materials specification, and separation of flammable fluids from sources of ignition; and active methods such as detection and notification to the crew, and fire extinguishing systems.

8.4.1 The fire protection system shall be safely integrated within the air vehicle, both physically and functionally.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that the fire protection system components and elements can withstand the hazards they are designed to detect or control;

b. Protection in this context encompasses both detection and extinguishing.





8.4.1.1 All single-point failure conditions shall be identified and the consequences of their failure shall be acceptable, eliminated or mitigated.



8.4.1.2 All components, either individually or as part of a subsystem, shall have passed all safety-related qualification tests (e.g. proof, burst, vibration, containment, over-speed, acceleration, explosive atmosphere, pressure cycling and temperature cycling as required for airworthy performance).





8.4.1.3 Adequate crew-station information shall be available to notify the flight crew of the status of the fire and hazard protection system and any warnings and cautions related to detection of fire or smoke.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Where more than one zone or area is monitored, provision of indication to crew of detection location;

b. Provision of status information of detection system.



8.4.2 Each component of the air vehicle shall be properly zoned according to the fire and explosion hazards and protection shall be provided to counter the hazards such that no fire or explosion hazards exist under normal operating conditions.





8.4.3 The design of sub-systems, other than fire protection, shall have taken into consideration any potential for fire hazards.





8.4.3.1 In areas where a fluid system might leak flammable fluids or vapours, the design shall minimise the probability of ignition of the fluids and vapours and minimise the resultant hazards if ignition does occur.





8.4.3.2 Air vehicle components that are critical for safe flight, which are susceptible and potentially exposed to heat and fire, shall withstand fire and heat to a predetermined safe level.





8.4.4 Provisions for drainage and ventilation of combustible fluids or vapours shall be adequate to preclude the occurrence of fire or explosion hazards.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Capacity of each drain or vent is adequate for its expected task;

b. Location of each drain or vent to preclude the occurrence of fire or explosion;

c. Drainage and ventilation provisions should be located so that combustibles are removed from the air vehicle to a safe location on the ground and cannot re-enter the air vehicle in flight or ground operations;

d. Drains and vents from areas that might carry flammable fluids should not be manifolded with drains from areas that do not carry a potentially flammable fluid.





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8.4.6 Engine nacelle cooling and ventilation provisions shall be adequate to provide required heat rejection and maintain nacelle conditions necessary to avoid both hot surface ignition sources and collection of flammable fluids or vapours.



8.4.7 All potential fire zones shall be designated as such and suitable fire warnings and protection shall be provided.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Engine, auxiliary power unit (APU) and other compartments, such as engine-driven airframe accessory area;

b. Cargo and baggage compartments;

c. Bomb bays.





8.4.8 Essential flight controls, engine mounts, and other flight structures located in designated fire zones or adjacent areas shall be verified to withstand the effects of fire.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Lines or components containing flammable fluids.







8.4.9 Each electrically powered fire protection sub-system shall be provided with power at all times during air vehicle operations, including engine start and battery operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Fire detection, extinguishing, and explosion suppression systems.



8.4.10 Air vehicle explosion suppression requirements shall be established and suitable for fire and hazard protection.

Consideration should be given to:



a. Passive explosion suppression for all fire protection zones, e.g. ventilation, drainage, containment, detection, suppression and isolation, as appropriate;

b. Active fire suppression for zones where passive protection is not adequate, e.g. fire zones, flammable leakage zones or flammable zones.



8.4.11 The fire detection system shall be designed to preclude false warnings.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Performance characteristics of the detector or sensor;
- b. Location of the detectors and the potential for their false stimulation.



8.4.12 The performance of the fire suppression system shall be adequately safe and suitable for the aircraft installation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Analysis which establishes agent concentrations and duration levels that extinguish a fire;



b. The suppression capability of the chosen agent, and any chemical reaction or other effect on the aircraft structure;

- c. The ability to direct multiple discharges into a single zone;
- d. The location and quantity of areas or zones to be protected, including cargo areas and dry zones;
- e. Provision of, or capability for, tell-tale indicators on switches and extinguishant containers.



8.4.13 Fireproof protective devices shall be provided to isolate a fire within a defined fire zone from any portion of the air vehicle where a fire could create a hazard.





8.4.14 The interior finishes and materials within the cockpit and passenger or crew cabins shall deter combustion and any toxic by-products of combustion shall be at acceptable levels.



8.4.15 Hazardous quantities of smoke, flames, or extinguishing agents shall be prevented from entering inhabited areas, UAS/ROA control station, or UAS/ROA flight-critical sensor bays.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The human effects of extinguishing agents.





8.4.16 Proper separation shall be provided between oxidisers and flammable fluid systems or electrical components.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Zonal analysis should be carried out to determine routeing and positioning of oxidiser, flammable fluid, and electrical systems;

b. Where possible, electrical systems, including wiring, should be above flammable fluid lines or components to mitigate effects of leaks;

c. Protection levels can be increased through use of shrouds and covers;

d. Ground and flight tests should be carried out to ensure clearance requirements are maintained under all conditions.





8.4.17 Provisions shall be available to shut off flammable fluids and de-energise all electrical ignition sources in the identified fire zone(s) for all mission phases including ground operations.







8.4.18 Ground fire fighting access provisions shall be compatible with standard ground fire fighting systems and that fire suppression can be accomplished through this access provision.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Quantity and location of ground access points;
- b. Effectiveness of access point in terms of:
	- i. Ground crew being able to access it;
	- ii. Evenness of extinguishant spread through the fire zone.



8.4.19 Where practicable the air vehicle shall provide safety features to mitigate post-crash fire and explosion hazards.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Fuel and other flammable fluids;

- b. Hot surfaces;
- c. Sources of ignition, including sparks from scraping along the ground.





8.4.20 The air vehicle shall have provisions to detect and control overheat conditions that are potential fire and explosion hazards.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Locations where overheat sensors might be required;
- b. The type of warning and crew response, or automatic response, required.





8.4.21 If unoccupied cargo holds or bomb bays are present, then fire protection, fire detection/ suppression, and smoke detector requirements shall be met.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Specification of materials used;
- b. Location and quantity of fire/smoke detectors;
- c. Fire suppression requirements.



#### 8.5. LANDING GEAR AND DECELERATION SYSTEMS.

This section covers the installation, integration, interface, arrangement and operation of the air vehicle landing gear and deceleration systems (not including reverse thrusters or air brakes).

Included with the scope of the this section are:

- Arrangement, dynamics, and clearances;
- Landing gear structure;
- Tyre load and speed rating;
- Wheel loadings;
- Brake assemblies;
- Brake control and anti-skid control;
- Directional control;



- Landing gear actuation control;
- Auxiliary deceleration devices;
- Ground handling;
- Specialised Sub-systems.

When designing landing gear and deceleration systems, the general air worthiness criteria for air vehicle equipment and systems, as well as the overall air vehicle flight control and flight performance should always be considered. Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

All criteria should at least be verified for:

- All normal and emergency (failure) conditions;
- All environmental conditions;

• The most critical combination of air vehicle weight (up to maximum weight) and centre of gravity position;

• Operation over surfaces other than smooth, hard runways;

• All configurations of external stores, weapons, engines and propellers.

Where an information source is highlighted, in general it is implied that any higher level requirement on the same subject stated in the parent paragraphs is applicable too, as well as each lower level requirement contained in any subparagraph. The links to references are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

#### **8.5.1. Ground Floatation**

8.5.1.1 The landing gear shall have safe ground floatation capability.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Operation from surfaces other than smooth, hard runways;

b. The design of the air vehicle structure and landing gear should consider the loads from operation over the roughest ground that may reasonably be expected in normal operation;

c. The air vehicle capability should be expressed though a recognised rating scheme;

d. Loads applied by the landing gear system to the airfield surface which do not exceed the bearing strength of the airfield surface.



#### **8.5.2. Arrangement, dynamics, and clearances.**

8.5.2.1 The landing gear shall be arranged so that no part of the air vehicle structure can contact the ground (except that intended to, such as arresting hooks and tail bumpers) in all practicable take-off and landing attitudes. This includes ensuring sufficient ground clearance of all configurations of external stores, weapons, engines and propellers.



Consideration should be given to:

- a. Failure events such as deflated tyres and total collapse of the shock-absorbers;
- b. Servicing equipment whilst the aircraft is parked.



8.5.2.2 Verify that the landing gear provides safe control of the air vehicle so that no part of the air vehicle structure can unintentionally contact the ground during ground manoeuvres. This includes the ability to maintain directional stability and control.





8.5.2.3 Retractable landing gear shall be designed so that the retraction / extension mechanism operates safely in any expected set of adverse conditions, including emergency operation. This includes ensuring sufficient clearance is maintained to prevent unintended contact and / or result in the landing gear becoming stuck in the up position, for all motion of the gear and door actuation and locking system.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The gear kinematics;
- b. The clearance of the tyres at their maximum size;
- c. Set of adverse conditions to be agreed and verified, such as:

 i. Speed, temperature, attitude, air vehicle speed, operating mode of the air vehicle (takeoff, touch and go), and air vehicle altitude;

- ii. Operation on runways or landing grounds which are snow-covered, chemically treated or sandy;
- iii. Prevention of any corrosion which might follow operation from such surfaces.

d. Verification by air vehicle measurements, followed with air vehicle demonstration during checkout and flight-testing;

e. Tyre growth while rotating.



8.5.2.3.1 Equipment and structure that are essential to the safe operation of the aeroplane and that are located on the landing gear and in the wheel wells shall be protected from the damaging effects of possible wheel brake temperatures.



Consideration shall be given to:

- a. Use of protective covers;
- b. Means to ensure dissipation of excess temperature;
- c. Location and proximity of sensitive structure or equipment;
- d. Location and proximity of flammable substances or materials.



8.5.2.4 The landing gear shall not cause the air vehicle to experience any adverse dynamics or pitching motions, such as to prevent continued safe flight / ground operations in any likely condition (including but not limited to shimmy, porpoising and yaw skids). This shall include the prevention of any vibrations or buffeting that may cause structural damage to the air vehicle, interfere with its satisfactory control, or cause excessive fatigue to the flight crew.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The maximum braking torque which can be applied during retraction;

b. The most adverse combination of normal acceleration, aerodynamic load and position of the landing gear;




8.5.2.5 The landing gear shall be arranged to ensure the air vehicle will not tip back onto its tail in all normal operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to when the brakes are applied while the air vehicle is rolling backwards or the air vehicle is over-rotated on takeoff or landing, or during towing operations.

For reverse braking, further consideration should be given to:

- a. Maximum brake limit loads, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Pitching moments, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Ground reactions of the nose and tail wheels.



8.5.2.6 Verify that the landing gear kneeling capability allows the air vehicle to kneel safely.



8.5.2.6.1 Verify that the servicing procedures for landing gear kneeling and unkneeling are safe and properly sequenced.





#### **8.5.3. Landing gear structure.**

8.5.3.1 The landing gear shall be designed to collapse in a controlled, energy-absorbing manner so that in the event of any structural failure, no failure mode will result in penetration of the cabin, fuel tanks, or any other bay that may explode. This includes any space on the air vehicle which is occupied by the crew or other personnel, and / or spillage of enough fuel to constitute a fire hazard.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The distance between the main auxiliary unit in order to:
	- i. Maximise energy absorption;
	- ii. Minimise the forces created in the event of a near vertical crash.



8.5.3.1.1 The safe operation of the aeroplane shall be preserved in case of damaging effects on systems or structures from:

- a. Tyre debris;
- b. Tyre burst damage;
- c. Flailing tyre strip;
- d. Wheel flange debris

Consideration shall be given to provide protection against the effects of:

- a. Tyre debris;
- b. Tyre burst damage;
- c. Flailing tyre strip;
- d. Wheel flange debris.





8.5.3.2 The landing gear shall be designed so the shock absorbing mechanism allows for safe ground operations, takeoff and landing conditions.

This includes:

- a. Ensuring sufficient energy absorption and dissipation is achieved during landing;
- b. Adequate support is provided for the structure of the air vehicle during ground manoeuvring;
- c. Suitable suspension is provided for the air vehicle to allow for passenger comfort;
- d. Ensuring the shock absorbing mechanism does not bottom out.

Consideration should be given to the maximum take-off / landing weight of the air vehicle for all combinations of each of the arbitrary extreme values of miss-service, to be agreed and verified.





8.5.3.3 The landing gear shall be design so that miss-servicing does not compromise safety, result in unsafe loading event or cause damage to the air vehicle during takeoff, landing or taxiing operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Miss-servicing of the wheels, tyres, shock absorbing mechanism;
- b. Levels of miss-serving, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Loading events including fuel, weapons, other stores etc.;
- d. Sudden and adverse movement of the shock absorbing mechanism.



8.5.3.4 The landing gear shall be designed to allow for safe landing operations (emergency and normal) in all specified landing conditions, at all operating weights. This includes ensuring sufficient energy absorption and dissipation is achieved during landing.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Specified landing conditions, both emergency and normal, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Failure events such as flat tyres / roll on rims and bottomed out shock absorbing mechanisms;

c. Regard to crew and passenger comfort, structural integrity, and efficient functioning of equipment, during ground manoeuvring;

- d. Maximum air vehicle landing weights to be agreed and verified;
- e. External stores and role equipment;
- f. Trampling arrester gear pendant wires;
- g. All combinations of air vehicle sink rate and landing weight.







8.5.3.5 The landing gear shall be designed so that divergent shimmy, or related dynamic instabilities, does not occur at any speeds up to those specified.

- a. The worst possible centre of gravity and loading conditions of the air vehicle;
- b. All relevant positions of steerable and castering wheels;
- c. Maximum speeds to be agreed and verified.



## **8.5.4. Tyre Load and Speed Rating**

8.5.4.1 The landing gear wheels shall have tyres whose load ratings (at specified tyre pressure) are sufficient for all landing and ground operations defined in the air vehicle specification. This includes ensuring the load ratings allow for the most critical combination of air vehicle weight (up to maximum weight) and centre of gravity position.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most adverse combination of wheel loading which could be caused by variation of the correct tyre pressure (to be specified);

b. From fitting combinations of largest and smallest possible tyres arising from wear and growth;

c. Heat load from the brakes leading to premature tyre failure.



#### **8.5.5. Wheel Loadings**

8.5.5.1 The landing gear wheels shall be designed to withstand the worse-case loads for all specified ground operations. This includes ensuring sufficient strength for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions and environmental conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified landing conditions (normal and emergency), to be agreed and verified;

- b. Environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- c. The most critical combination of air vehicle gross weights and flight configurations;



d. The most adverse combination of wheel loading which could be caused by variation of the correct tyre pressure (to be specified);

e. From fitting combinations of largest and smallest possible tyres arising from wear and growth.



## **8.5.6. Wheel overheating / over-pressurisation protection**

8.5.6.1 The brake system shall provide a means of preventing wheel or tyre explosion at each braked wheel, caused by high pressure or high temperature brake conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The use of fusible plugs fitted in the braked wheels to relieve the tyre pressure (a minimum of 3 fusible plugs shall be fitted if the temperature of the tyre bead seat, or of any critical pressurised areas of the wheel, reaches a predetermined level during abnormal taxi or braking conditions);

b. A safe method of automatically releasing tyre pressure whenever brake energies exceed maximum landing stop conditions;

c. The chosen device(s) should release tyre pressure before critical failure conditions occur;

d. A means for each brake assembly to indicate when the heat sink is worn to the permissible limit.





#### **8.5.7. Brake Assemblies**

8.5.7.1 The air vehicle braking system shall provide sufficient kinetic energy absorption and braking torque throughout the defined wear range to meet the accelerate-stop distance and braked roll requirements, to be agreed and verified. For commuter aircraft this includes that sufficient rejected takeoff brake kinetic energy absorption is achieved.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most critical combination of air vehicle landing weight and speed;

b. Design takeoff weight (for rejected takeoff only);

c. Various landing configurations, to be agreed and verified;

d. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified;

e. Stopping distances at sea level and at such other temperatures and altitudes as the air vehicle specification requires;

f. Factors affecting braking including aerodynamic drag, engine thrust, taxiing and previous repeated brake operations.

Arresting cables, barrier nets or other unconventional braking/arresting devices shall not be considered when verifying brake energy absorption.

For rotorcraft, with wheel type landing gear, a braking device shall be installed that is adequate to counteract any normal unbalanced torque when starting or stopping the rotor; and hold the rotorcraft parked on a 10° slope on a dry, smooth pavement.





8.5.7.2 The brake system, associated systems and components must be designed and constructed to include sufficient redundancy so that in the event of any reasonably credible combination of failures, it shall be possible to stop the air vehicle within a given distance.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, or mechanical connecting or transmitting element failure;
- b. The use of reserve power supply for power operated systems;
- c. The most critical combination of air vehicle landing weight and speed;
- d. Various landing configurations, to be agreed and verified;
- e. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified.



8.5.7.3 The brake system shall provide sufficient static holding torque to prevent wheel rotation in the most critical combination of runway condition and engine thrust.

- a. The prevention of variations in torque;
- b. Asymmetric thrust conditions.







#### 8.5.7.4 Merged with 8.5.6



## **8.5.8. Brake control and anti-skid control**

8.5.8.1 The air vehicle braking system should have a separate and independent braking capability, sufficient to arrest the air vehicle in safe manner.

- a. The most critical combination of air vehicle landing weight and speed;
- b. Various landing configurations, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified.





8.5.8.2 The braking control interface shall be designed to allow brake actuation forces to be applied in a smooth and controllable manner and so the braking effect increases or decreases proportionally to the force applied. This includes ensuring there is no appreciable delay between operation of the control and operation of the brakes, and that the latter does not induce any undue tendency for the air vehicle to nose-over. In addition, brakes shall disengage once the braking force applied has been released.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The maximum forces that are likely to be applied to the controls/actuators;
- b. Maximum travel and travel for initial braking;
- c. Deceleration rate/application force gradient (mean) and tolerance.
- d. Application in all normal, abnormal and emergency conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- e. Verification by mock-up evaluation, air vehicle taxi and flight testing;
- f. Brake pack friction characteristics;
- g. Brake temperature.



8.5.8.3 If a parking brake is required, it shall be capable of holding the air vehicle against a given force, for a given time period, in stated conditions (to be agreed and verified). For rotorcraft, the parking brake shall also be able to counteract any normal unbalanced torque when starting or stopping the rotor.

- a. Fore and aft forces with or without idling thrust on all engines;
- b. The location and protection of the park brake control to prevent inadvertent operation;
- c. The provision of an indication in the cockpit when the parking brake is not fully released.





8.5.8.4 The wheel brake system, in conjunction with associated systems, shall provide safe means of operation on all landing surfaces on which the air vehicle is required to operate, together with a means of safely stopping the air vehicle within the required runway length, width, and surface condition. The system shall not be adversely affected by the use of other decelerating aids such as reverse thrust or brake parachute.

Consideration should be given to:

a. When the brakes are new and when they have reached the limit of their allowable wear and adiustment:

b. Various landing configurations, to be agreed and verified;

c. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified;

d. Any fluid lost from the brake hydraulic system following a failure in, or in the vicinity of, the brakes shall be insufficient to cause or support a hazardous fire on the ground or in flight;

e. Ensuring reasonably credible combinations of failures have been identified and their consequences of failure have been eliminated or mitigated;

f. Verification by analysis, laboratory, and air vehicle testing.

For rotorcraft, with wheel type landing gear, a braking device shall be installed that is adequate to counteract any normal unbalanced torque when starting or stopping the rotor.







8.5.8.5 The anti-skid system and associated systems shall be designed so that no reasonably credible combination of failures will result in a unacceptable loss of braking ability or directional control of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Any electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, or mechanical connecting or transmitting element failure, or if any single source of hydraulic or other brake operating energy supply is lost;

b. Cross coupling of the anti-skid units to maintain directional control of the air vehicle;

c. Braking and cornering forces, through the control speed range;

d. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified;

e. Verification by computer simulations and the results substantiated by on-air vehicle checkouts and flight testing.



8.5.8.6 The anti-skid system shall be compatible with the air vehicle and its subsystems and shall operate satisfactorily in the installed environment. The anti-skid system shall prevent tyre flat-spotting, maintain wheel rotation and to never permit a completely locked brake.

Consideration shall be given to:

a. Natural and induced environments, to be agreed and verified;

b. A means of controlling brake pressure such that wheel rotation is maintained within the required performance;

c. Braking and cornering forces, through the control speed range;

- d. Varying runway surfaces and conditions (including dry and wet), to be agreed and verified;
- e. The effects of heat build-up on the brakes.

f. Inadvertent operation without anti-skid;



g. Verification by computer simulation analysis and air vehicle testing subsequent to final production tuning.



8.5.8.7 Merged with 8.5.8.2



8.5.8.8 Merged with 8.5.8.2



8.5.8.9 Merged with 8.5.8.4





#### 8.5.8.10 Merged with 8.5.8.6



8.5.8.11 Operation of the anti-skid system shall not induce any dynamic instability, or unacceptable vibration, of any part of the air vehicle during all phases of brake operation. This includes all normal, alternate and emergency braking operations.

Consideration shall be given to:

a. Minimising the fatigue effects on the whole air vehicle;

b. Cross coupling of the anti-skid units to maintain directional control of the aeroplane;

c. Switching between braking systems;

d. Verification by computer simulations and the results substantiated by on-air vehicle checkouts and flight testing.



#### **8.5.9. Directional control.**

8.5.9.1 The air vehicle shall have a means of providing directional control from the landing gear, which will permit the air crew to manoeuvre the air vehicle during ground operations. A secondary and / or emergency directional control system shall also be provided which will allow the air vehicle to maintain directional control in an emergency.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Crosswind speed, to be agreed and verified;



- b. Ground manoeuvres, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Use of differential braking.



8.5.9.2 The air vehicle steering control system shall be designed to protect against steering failure of the nose / tail wheel steering control, so no reasonably credible combination of failures, including hydraulic or electrical power, shall cause the air vehicle to lose control and / or depart the runway. This includes detecting, correcting and preventing steering hardovers.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Interference with the required motion of the rudder pedals or with any part of the flying controls;
- b. Unacceptable oscillation or vibration;
- c. Turning of the wheels about the steering axis when the nose wheel unit is retracting or retracted;
- d. Verification by analysis, computer simulations, systems checkout and demonstration;



8.5.9.3 Engaging or disengaging the nose / tail wheel steering system shall not adversely affect the directional control of the air vehicle, such that directional headings are maintained for all specified manoeuvres and speeds.



- a. Crosswind speed, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Ground manoeuvres, to be agreed and verified;

c. All ground speeds up to the maximum speed at which the nose-wheel can remain in contact with the ground;

d. Exceptional pilot skill should not be required during takeoff and landing.



#### 8.5.9.4 Merged with 8.5.9.2



8.5.9.5 The steering system shall be designed to meet the required steering characteristics to enable the air vehicle to perform all specified ground manoeuvring and parking operations, during taxiing, take-off and landing.

- a. Steering characteristics, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Crosswind speed, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Ground manoeuvres, to be agreed and verified;
- d. The most adverse combinations of mass and CofG;
- e. Braking devices;
- f. In the event of an engine failure;
- g. Sensitivity to high-speed, ground rolling effects.





### **8.5.10. Landing gear actuation control.**

#### 8.5.10.1 Merged with 8.5.2.3



8.5.10.2 Retractable landing gear shall be designed with an emergency means of extension in the event of any reasonably credible combination of failures in the normal retraction system failure. This includes:

• Failure of any single source of hydraulic, electric, or equivalent energy supply;

• Loss of any landing gear fairing door;

• Reversal of commands, such that the later selection shall override the former and the undercarriage shall obey the revised command.



Consideration should be given to:

a. The reliability of the final actuator. The necessity to duplicate this operation shall be agreed by the air vehicle Authority;

- b. The doors are loaded to represent the most adverse suction loads occurring at the same time;
- c. The fact that air vehicle with multiple landing gears may be able to land with one landing gear retracted;
- d. The most adverse deflections in the structure occurring at any time during flight;
- e. Verification by air load analysis, simulator testing and flight testing;



8.5.10.3 If a retractable landing gear is used, a means to visually indicate the landing gear position (as well as necessary switches / devices to actuate the indicator), shall be provided to the flight crew. This includes a means to indicate that the landing gear and their associated doors are secured in the extended (or retracted) position.

- a. The type of position indicators, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Standard lighting configurations, to be agreed and verified;
- c. The location of switches / devices used to actuate the indicators.





8.5.10.4 If a retractable landing gear is used, a warning device shall be provided to inform the flight crew of an imminent landing without the gear fully extended and locked.

For systems with both visual and aural warnings, there should be provisions for temporarily suppressing the aural warning.

Consideration should be given to:

a. An aural or equally effective landing gear warning device;

b. A device which functions continuously, or is periodically repeated;

c. A cut-out device to prevent operation of the device at altitudes, to be agreed and verified;

d. The warning must be given in sufficient time to allow the landing gear to be locked down or a goaround to be made;

e. The position of the indicator so it is easily visible to the pilot / flight crew.



8.5.10.5 Retractable landing gear shall extend / retract within the maximum time limits at all airspeeds required for takeoff, landing and go-around.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Maximum extension time limits, to be agreed and verified (typically between 10 and 15 seconds);
- b. Maximum retraction time limits, to be agreed and verified (typically between 5 and 10 seconds);

c. Maximum design limit speeds with landing gear down and minimum approach speed;

d. The most adverse combinations of attitude, acceleration, atmospheric conditions, and engine power applicable.





8.5.10.6 Emergency landing gear extension shall be within the maximum time limits required for emergency landing.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Maximum extension / retraction time limits, to be agreed and verified;

b. Maximum design limit speeds with landing gear down and minimum approach speed;

c. The most adverse combinations of attitude, acceleration, atmospheric conditions, and engine power applicable.



8.5.10.7 Retractable landing gear shall provide a positive means (without the use of hydraulic pressure) to lock the landing gear in the final selected position (both for safe landing and retracted positions), under all appropriate flight conditions, to be agreed and verified.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Whether it can be shown that lowering of the landing gear or doors, or flight with the landing gear or doors extended, at any speed, is not hazardous;

b. Whether the operating mechanism is irreversible;

c. The fact that air vehicle with multiple landing gears may be able to land with one landing gear retracted.





8.5.10.8 Retractable landing gear shall provide a positive secondary means (ground retention device) to prevent unintentional retraction during ground operations, to be agreed and verified and during air vehicle servicing or repair. If power is supplied to retract the landing gear with a ground retention device left in place, this shall not result in damage to the air vehicle or landing gear structure.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The provision of visual indicators to ensure the ground retention devices are removed prior to flight;
- b. Ground operations, to be agreed and verified;
- c. All expected ground conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Verification of the effectiveness and adequacy of the ground retention device during flight test.



#### 8.5.10.9 Merged with 8.5.10.8



8.5.10.10 For retractable landing gear, no reasonably credible combination of failures shall lead to unacceptable landing gear operations.

This includes:

- Both extension and retraction, and;
- All phases of operation such as unlocking, translation and locking;
- Failure or jamming of doors and lock mechanisms.



a. The fact that air vehicle with multiple landing gears may be able to land with one landing gear retracted;

b. The most adverse deflections in the structure occurring at any time during flight;

- c. The door is loaded to represent the most adverse suction loads occurring at the same time;
- d. Verification to eliminate single point failures by inspection of drawing, design logic and schematics;
- e. Extension with failures induced, verified by demonstration;



#### **8.5.11. Auxiliary deceleration devices.**

8.5.11.1 If provided, the arresting hook system shall be designed to decelerate the air vehicle to a stop, for all-landing configurations and attitudes, under specified conditions as defined in the air vehicle specification. This may include: refused take-offs (RTOs), fly-in engagements, brake overruns, etc. During operation, the arresting hook system shall cause no more than minor superficial damage to the air vehicle and / or minimal structural damage to removable parts of the arresting hook and its suspension system.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The effects of crosswind speed, to be agreed and verified;
- b. The most critical combination of air vehicle landing weight, speed, CofG, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Nose wheel bounce and reaction;
- d. The shape of the hook shall be optimised for the arresting gear having the largest diameter hook cable;
- e. The strength of the installation shall be determined by the arresting gear giving the greatest hook load;
- f. The effects of vibration on the suspension arm caused by impact with the runway;
- g. The most adverse air vehicle pitch angle and suspension arm angle.

For UAVs, any on-board Landing Energy Absorber System (LEAS) shall be such as to control the release of absorbed energy to avoid unnecessary damage to the UAV.







8.5.11.2 The arresting hook system shall provide sufficient hook hold-down force and damping to prevent the hook skipping over the arresting cable, for all landing configurations and attitudes. This includes ensuring the length of the arresting hook suspension arm shall be adequate for all expected engagements.

- a. Limits on off-centre and alignment at engagement, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Probability of successful engagement, to be agreed and verified;
- c. The most critical combination of air vehicle landing weight, speed, CofG;
- d. The most adverse air vehicle pitch angle and suspension arm angle.





8.5.11.3 If an arresting hook is fitted, it shall be possible to lower the hook within time limits, to be agreed and verified. An indication shall also be provided to inform the flight crew of the hook position. This includes indication to show:

- Whether the hook is extended or retracted;
- Whether proper engagement of the uplock has been achieved;
- Whenever the hook position is inconsistent with the control position.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Varying time limits for in-flight and taxiing;

b. The placement of the release handle to ensure it is not in close proximity to the parking brake control handle.



8.5.11.4 The landing gear shall be arranged so that no part of the air vehicle structure, landing gear or stores snags the arresting cable (except that intended to such as arresting hook). This includes ensuring sufficient clearance of all configurations of external stores, weapons, engines, aerials and propellers. Where impact cannot be avoided the design shall be such that the damage to the hook cable and to the air vehicle will not affect their safety or operational efficiency.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Diameter of the landing gear wheels;
- b. Failure events such as deflated / burst tyres;
- c. Any projections in front of the wheels;
- d. The most adverse configuration of stores;
- e. Traversing an arresting cable at all speeds up to maximum take-off speed;
- f. Provision of suitable guards;

g. The imposition of operational limitations such as the prohibition of formation take-off, limitation of trampling speed, restrictions on aeroplane loading configurations and restrictions on landing areas;

h. Trampling tests to verify the required clearance, and / or confirm whether parts of the air vehicle will be struck by the arresting cable.





8.5.11.5 The drag parachute installation and attachments shall be designed to meet the operational requirements, to be agreed and verified, without causing excessive loads or damage to the air vehicle, in all anticipated environmental conditions.

This includes:

- The time to fully inflate / achieve operational readiness of the parachute;
- Drag performance of the parachute;
- Compatibility of the control for streaming and jettison of the parachute.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The position of the parachute;
- b. Crosswind limits, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Operation in rain, snow and ice, and after prolonged flying at low temperature conditions;

d. The provision of a device to ensure there is no possibility of the parachute and cable remaining attached to the air vehicle if streaming occurs before the pilot's control is operated;

e. Parachute instability;

f. Varying loads under normal and emergency landing conditions.





8.5.11.6 Auxiliary deceleration systems shall be designed to meet the operational requirements, to be agreed and verified. Systems shall also be designed so that no unsafe condition or adverse loadings will result during normal operation of the system, or from any failure (or likely combination of failures) of the deceleration system, under any operating condition including ground operation.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The use of auxiliary deceleration devices alone or in combination with other deceleration devices;
- b. The adequacy of directional control and pilot comfort over rough surfaces;
- c. The effects of crosswind speed, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Ensuring exceptional skill is not required to control the aeroplane whilst using the deceleration device;
- e. Ensuring engine limitations approved for reverse thrust shall not be exceeded;
- f. Position of the control for the auxiliary deceleration system.



#### **8.5.12. Ground handling.**

8.5.12.1 The air vehicle jacking points shall be designed and positioned to enable the air vehicle to be raised sufficiently and safely, in order to undertake maintenance activities to the landing gear. This includes ensuring sufficient strength and stability, to allow for the vertical and horizontal loads, for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions and environmental conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most critical combinations of aeroplane weight and centre of gravity;

b. Stability in any operational configuration and carrying any authorised combination of stores;



c. Vertical and horizontal load limits, to be agreed and verified;

d. Allowing for some ground slope and some abnormal air vehicle attitudes, to be agreed and verified;

e. Ensuring the jacking points are clearly marked to the appropriate standard;

f. Horizontal loads present at the jacking points in the following conditions:

 i. On land at the conditions stated in the requirement and at such greater angles but lesser masses as may be appropriate to effect crash recovery;

ii. At sea in the sea conditions given in the air vehicle specification;

iii. Crosswinds, limits to be agreed and verified.



8.5.12.2 The jacking interface shall meet the requirements of the appropriate standards, to be agreed and verified.



8.5.12.3 The air vehicle landing gear towing interface shall be designed and positioned to enable the air vehicle to be towed / pushed safely, in all specified directions / inclines. This includes ensuring sufficient strength to allow for the most severe towing loads, for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions, environmental conditions and over the roughest ground that may reasonably be expected in normal operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Towing load limits to be agreed and verified;

b. Specified towing equipment to be agreed and verified;

c. The use of towing arms / tow bars, and with the exception of those for use on aircraft carriers, embodiment of a load limiting device to prevent the load transmitted to the air vehicle from causing structural damage;

d. Inertia forces as needed to balance the air vehicle;

e. The most adverse environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified;

f. Ensuring all towing points are readily accessible to ground personnel and are marked to the appropriate standard;



- g. Ensuring dimensions of towing fittings meet the appropriate standards;
- h. Compatibility with the nose gear steering system such as to prevent damage;
- i. Provision to enable the air vehicle to be towed in an emergency.



8.5.12.4 The air vehicle landing gear shall have a provision to enable the air vehicle to be towed in an emergency. This includes ensuring sufficient strength to allow for the most severe towing loads, for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions, environmental conditions and over the roughest ground that may reasonably be expected.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Verification by demonstration on the air vehicle during the ground test program, to be agreed and verified.



8.5.12.5 Air vehicle mooring provisions shall allow the air vehicle to meet the appropriate standards to ensure safety. This includes ensuring sufficient strength to withstand mooring loads for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions and environmental conditions.

- a. Wind speeds, to be agreed and verified (typically between 65 and 80 knots);
- b. The number of mooring points required;
- c. Different mooring patterns, attachment details and mooring methods;



- d. Mooring the air vehicle on land and on board ships;
- e. The need for securing jacked or trestled aeroplanes in adverse wind and sea conditions;
- f. The need to perform undercarriage retraction tests whilst moored.



8.5.12.6 Specified requirements and functional characteristics of specialised subsystems shall facilitate safe landing, takeoff and taxiing. This includes, but is not limited to skis, skids, kneeling and floatation gear.

Considerations shall be given to:

a. Specified requirements and characteristics to be agreed and verified.



8.5.12.7 Subsumed by 14.2.3





8.5.12.8 The landing gear shall be arranged to ensure the air vehicle does not turnover or ground loop for all specified operating conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The most adverse combination of mass and C of G;
- b. Failure events such as deflated tyres and total collapse of the shock-absorbers;
- c. All configurations of external stores;
- d. Specified operating conditions to be agreed and verified;
- e. Crowned and adversely sloped taxiways and runways.
- f. Crosswind speed to be agreed and verified;



8.5.12.9 The landing gear shall be arranged such as to prevent possible Foreign Object Damage (FOD) to the engines or auxiliary power unit during takeoff, landing and taxiing.

- a. The relative position of the engine inlets / auxiliary power unit inlet and the landing gear;
- b. Additional protection of the engine inlets / auxiliary power unit inlet;
- c. Means of demonstration / analysis to be agreed and verified.





8.5.12.10 The landing gear systems shall be compatible with the air vehicle structure, weight, balance and interfacing subsystems. This includes ensuring the arrangement, location and interface supports the air vehicle at all specified loading conditions, for all specified operating conditions, within specified environmental conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The most adverse combination of C of G and gross weight;
- b. Environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Specified operating conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Specified loading conditions, to be agreed and verified;
- e. Loads from operation over the roughest ground that may reasonably be expected in normal operation;
- f. Brake torque characteristics,
- g. The brake metering system and its components,
- h. Hydraulic flow requirements,
- i. Air vehicle and landing dynamic characteristics, including shock absorber, brake, and tyre dynamics;
- i. Total aeroplane stopping performance requirements:
- k. Relevant characteristics of the tyres;
- l. The air vehicle electrical and electronic systems;
- m. Air vehicle interface requirements to be agreed and verified.



8.5.12.11 The integrity of all landing gear systems and components shall ensure they are not adversely affected by single-point failures, dormant failures, or primary system loss, such as to prevent the air vehicle from safely landing or stopping within the specified landing distance. This includes ensuring that the consequences of the failure are eliminated, mitigated, or evaluated to be at a risk level acceptable to the procuring activity.

- a. Integrity of the structure, braking, steering control and retraction / extension systems;
- b. The inclusion of sufficient redundancy within the given systems;
- c. The use of reserve power supply for power operated systems;
- d. Any reasonably credible combination of failures in externally provided power or governing control logic (for example electrical, hydraulic, etc.);
- e. Any reasonably credible combination of failures in interfacing systems;
- f. Acceptable levels of risk, to be agreed and verified.





8.5.12.12 The landing gear structure and components shall be shown by analysis, supported by test evidence, to ensure continued Safety of Flight (SOF) following partial failure due to fatigue, leakage, corrosion, defects, or damage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The typical loading spectra, temperatures, and humidity expected in service;

b. The identification of principal structural elements and detailed design points, the failure of which could cause catastrophic failure.



8.5.12.13 Failure of the landing gear system or components shall be evident to the flight and/or maintenance crew in order to prevent the air vehicle from being operated unsafely. In addition, partial failures shall become readily detectable under routine inspection.

- a. Inspection schedule, to be agreed and verified;
- b. The use of BITE;
- c. The use of accessible self diagnostic maintenance panels;
- d. An automatic test facility for maintenance of complex systems.





8.5.12.14 Lifting points shall be designed and positioned to enable the air vehicle to be lifted safely. This includes ensuring sufficient strength and stability, to allow for the vertical and horizontal loads, for all specified air vehicle gross weight conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Labelling of lifting restrictions and lifting points;
- b. Air vehicle attitude during lifting;
- c. Vertical and horizontal load limits, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Air vehicle lifting by ground crew using mechanical lifts, slings or manually.



8.5.12.15 The crew/operator station shall provide means for the flight crew to assess the operational condition of the landing and deceleration systems.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The use of specified audio and visual means, to be agreed and verified.







8.5.12.16 The air vehicle flight and maintenance manuals shall contain information concerning normal, non-normal and emergency procedures and other pertinent information necessary for safe operation for all landing gear and deceleration systems. This includes operating procedures, limitations, restrictions, servicing, and maintenance information.



8.5.12.17 The air vehicle landing gear and deceleration systems shall have passed all specified safety related qualification tests to ensure Safety of Flight (SOF). This may include but is not limited to proof, burst, vibration, acceleration, explosive atmosphere, pressure cycling, and temperature cycling tests.

Consideration should be given to:

a. A specified safety related qualification test schedule, to be agreed and verified;

b. Ensuring that all components, either individually or as part of a landing gear and deceleration subsystem have been tested.





8.5.12.18 Installation of the air vehicle landing gear and deceleration systems shall permit all interface, functions, form, fit, and performance criteria as designed. Safe installation shall be verified by appropriate system and component tests.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring all tests must be conducted on systems which are fully representative of the final service standard, particularly tyre and oleo pressures;

b. Functioning of both normal and emergency systems.



#### 8.6. AUXILIARY/EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM(S) (APS/EPS).

This section covers Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) that are used for ground and in-flight applications; airframe accessory gearboxes; engine starting system components; power-take-off (PTO) shafts; emergency power systems; and ram air turbines (RATs). In the context of this document, the term "auxiliary power subsystem" refers to those subsystems that generate, convert and or transmit power on the air vehicle other than the main propulsion system(s) and which are provided to interfacing subsystems, such as electrical and hydraulic, for further conversion and distribution'.

8.6.1 Verify that system components are safe for the intended use and environment. This is a 'Top-Level' safety criteria that lists references and requirements covering the use and integrity of system components in a given environment.

Consideration should be given to safety criteria in terms of:

a. Design Service Life;

- b. Environment;
- c. Crash-worthiness;

d. Material and Processes (including chemical/mechanical compatibility of toxic substances & fuels such as hydrazine);

- e. Coatings and Finishes;
- f. Use of Prohibited Materials and Processes;
- g. Producability;
- h. Damage Tolerance;
- i. Strength;
- j. Durability and Economic Life;
- k. Corrosion;
- l. Fatigue;
- m. Dielectric Materials;
- n. Creep.




8.6.2 Ensure that the Auxiliary Power System (APU) or Emergency Power System (EPS) operates safely under installed operating conditions over the design envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Systems associated with the safe operation of the APU/EPS such as: fuel, oil, and bleed air.



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8.6.2.1 Ensure that Auxiliary Power System/Emergency Power System protective safety features (for example; auto shutdown) are available and effective in protecting the equipment against hazardous malfunctions.

Consideration should be given to conditions such as:

- a. Over-speed;
- b. Over-temperature;
- c. Inadvertent activation.



8.6.3 Ensure that the functional and physical compatibility of the integrated Auxiliary Power System/Emergency Power System is safe.

Consideration should be given to:



- a. Physical compatibility issues size, weight, clearance, vibration, materials compatibility etc.;
- b. Functional compatibility issues power outputs, voltage, phase, frequency, pressures, RPM etc.



8.6.4 Ensure that Auxiliary Power System/Emergency Power System High-Energy rotating components are designed to:

a. Be damage tolerant;

b. Restrain/Contain the resultant debris arising from the failure of any component;

c. Ensure that any uncontained fragments are not able to damage Safety of Flight (SOF) components, Critical System Items (CSI) or present a hazard to the safety of personnel.



8.6.4.1 Ensure that containment or other provisions preclude a failed power-take-off (PTO) system from causing secondary damage, due to flailing or whipping, to critical safety items (CSI) or to nearby safety of flight component/systems, including fuel and hydraulic lines.





8.6.5 Ensure that Auxiliary Power System(APS)/Emergency Power System(EPS) equipment in the installed configuration is free of damaging vibrations at all operating conditions throughout the APS/EPS operational envelope.



8.6.5.1 Ensure, when applicable, that the PTO system is capable of operating safely when installed at the maximum allowable conditions of misalignment and imbalance.



8.6.6 Ensure that the emergency power system (including the APU or jet fuel starter (JFS) when deemed flight essential) is capable of responding to failures and providing adequate levels of bleed air, shaft, electrical and/or hydraulic power in sufficient time to meet design requirements.





8.6.7 Ensure that Emergency/Auxiliary Power System installations adequately address safety:

Consideration should include:

- a. Structural mounting;
- b. Wiring and plumbing support, routeing, and clearances;
- c. System/component and compartment drainage;
- d. System/component and compartment cooling and ventilation;
- e. System/components designed for appropriate level of fire hardening;
- f. Accessibility to all required inspection and servicing features and areas.





8.6.8 Ensure that Emergency/Auxiliary Power System inlet and exhaust hazards, such as air flow velocities, temperatures, acoustics and exhaust by-products, do not pose unacceptable hazards to:

a. Personnel on the ground, in the air vehicle when it is operating, or in the case of Rotary Wing, when the doors are open, or when suspended outside on a winch cable;

b. Air vehicle subsystems;

c. Air vehicle structure.







8.6.9 Ensure that hazards to personnel are properly documented (including warnings and precautions) in the appropriate flight, operator and maintenance manuals.



8.6.10 Ensure that compatibility of the accessory drive system with the air vehicle accessories and engine drive system is adequately evaluated for torsional vibrations and loads as well as possible misalignments.



8.6.11 Ensure that all Emergency/Auxiliary Power System critical failure modes and hazards have acceptable levels of risk.



8.6.12 Ensure that the crew station provides for adequate control and monitoring of the Emergency/Auxiliary Power System.





8.6.13 Ensure that equipment service life, overhaul, and operating limits of Emergency/Auxiliary Power System are safe and that life-limited components have a reliable means of tracking the limiting parameter.



8.6.14 Ensure that the flight, operator and maintenance manuals for Emergency/Auxiliary Power Systems include normal and emergency operating procedures, limitations, servicing and maintenance information.





#### 8.7. AERIAL REFUELING SYSTEM.

An aerial refuelling capability shall not jeopardise the safety of personnel or integrity of the air vehicle regardless of its configuration.

This section covers the installation, integration, interface and operation of the air vehicle Aerial Refuelling (AR) system. Included with the scope of this section are:

- Tanker (or delivery) air vehicles;
- Receiver air vehicles;
- AR sub-systems including interoperability (i.e. fuel system, displays, lighting, receptacles...etc);
- Flight performance and handling (including compatibility of tanker and receiver air vehicles);
- Helicopter In-Flight Refuelling (HIFR);

The refuelling of Rotary Wing platforms on the ground (i.e. Rotors Running) is specifically excluded from this section and covered in Section 8.3 (Fuel Systems).

Where necessary specific air vehicle system integration criteria are included in this section. However, more general system integration issues (HF, EMC, Electrical...etc) are covered elsewhere in the handbook.

AR operation involves a tanker air vehicle to dispense fuel and at least one receiver air vehicle; typically tankers are fixed-wing air vehicles, but receivers can be either fixed or rotary wing air vehicles (including UAS). Typically air refuelling systems use one of two techniques: Flying Boom and Receptacle; or Hose and Drogue. Some tanker air vehicles may be equipped with systems to enable them to dispense fuel from both types of system and some receiver air vehicles may also be equipped to receive fuel from either system. Consideration shall therefore be given to:

- AR role-equipped Tanker aircraft in isolation;
- AR role-equipped Receiver aircraft in isolation;
- AR role-equipped Tanker and Receiver aircraft in AR contact;
- AR Tanker or Receiver aircraft with role equipment removed

8.7.1 The aerial refuelling subsystem shall interface safely with the air vehicle's subsystem(s) in order for it to continue to properly perform its intended function(s). The aerial refuelling subsystems of tanker and receiver aircraft shall not adversely impact the performance capability of this (these) or other subsystem(s) while the aerial refuelling subsystem is operating properly or when the aerial refuelling subsystem experiences a single failure. Safe operation of the AAR system shall be demonstrated under normal and under failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to both tanker and receiver air vehicles in isolation as well as combined effects during air refuelling, for example:

- a. Physical, electrical and material interfaces (including fuels);
- b. Visual Cues, including lighting;
- c. Structural Integrity;
- d. Aerodynamics and dynamics;



e. Stability and control when approaching to make contact, in contact, when transferring fuel, and withdrawing from contact with the tanker;

f. Failure cases, such as the effect of engine failures shall be considered;

g. Maintenance and Operations Procedures and Manuals;

h. Human Factors; including pilot and crew workload;

i. Environment;

j. EMC;

k. All roles and configurations (including with and without removable Air Refuelling role equipment).

Air Refuelling operations are defined to include all in-flight refuelling operations, including HIFR (Helicopter In-Flight Refuelling).



8.7.1.1 Operator and maintenance documentation for the air vehicle and the targeted tanker(s)/receiver(s) shall detail safe aerial refuelling procedures. This includes appropriate instructions/information and placards noting restrictions and limitations in the use of the air vehicle's aerial refuelling system(s) under all operating conditions (ground/in flight; normal/emergency).





8.7.1.2 Verify that there is dimensional, physical, electrical, and material compatibility between each aerial refuelling interface and the targeted tanker's/receiver's aerial refuelling interface to permit safe engagement.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The dimensional, physical, electrical, and material compatibility of the hose/drogue, probe/receptor (i.e. between Tanker and Receiver aircraft);

b. The dimensional, physical, electrical, and material compatibility of all aerial refuelling equipment with the host aircraft (tanks, cables, fittings, pipes etc).



8.7.1.2.1 Verify that the area around the AAR probe or receptacle is free from obstructions that might cause damage to the air refuelling subsystem and/or air vehicle, or become a hindrance to the air refuelling operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Structural fastener heads should be flush with the surrounding structural surface;

b. Structure and panels in the vicinity of the AR Probe/Receptacle interfaces that could snag the AR boom or drogue;

c. In the case of HIFR the hose and suspension devices should be included.





8.7.1.2.2 If and when aerial refuelling role equipment hardware needs to be removed and the aircraft is required to conduct operations without it fitted, verify that interfaces with other systems can be properly covered, sealed, isolated, etc. to preclude providing a new leak or ignition source in the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Electrical, hydraulic and fuel system components, leads, pipes and assemblies;

b. Impact of removal on the air vehicle's integrity and remaining systems.



8.7.1.3 Verify that the aerial refuelling system interface, its attachment to airframe structure, and the structure surrounding the interface can withstand the loads expected to be experienced throughout the defined flight envelope of the carriage aircraft and during normal and abnormal aerial refuelling operations (engagement, disengagement and fuel transfer) with the tanker/receiver interface(s) without being damaged or creating FOD due to failure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. For boom and receptacle aerial refuelling subsystems, loads expected during normal engagements within the defined contact envelope and normal disengagements within the disconnect envelope; loads experienced when a single failure occurs in the latching mechanism of the receptacle and the boom nozzle must be forcibly pulled out of the receptacle in all flight conditions.

b. For probe and drogue aerial refuelling subsystems, loads expected during normal engagements/disengagements at the most severe receiver closure/fallback rates; those experienced due to inadvertent/off-centre engagements/disengagements; and those experienced when a single failure occurs in the latching mechanism of the aerial refuelling coupling and the probe nozzle must be forcibly pulled out of the receptacle in all flight conditions.





8.7.1.4 Verify that adequate controls are provided and properly located for the appropriate crewmember(s)/operator(s) to activate and control the identified functions of the aerial refuelling system.



8.7.1.4.1 Verify that displays are provided and properly located for the appropriate crewmember(s)/operator(s) to show the information necessary to complete the aerial refuelling operation without creating hazards to aircraft or personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Display visibility, location, background/ambient lighting conditions including day and night operation;

b. NVIS compatibility (see also 8.7.1.4.5 and 8.7.4.5);

c. Clarity of displays and, if relevant, choice of colours and icons (consider international standards and interoperability requirements).



8.7.1.4.2 Verify that the intensity of display lights is variable and, if a requirement, compatible with Night Vision Imaging Systems or other imaging devices.





8.7.1.4.3 Verify that when an aerial refuelling system is installed (on either tanker or receiver), the field of view of the crew member(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) is adequate for them/it to carry out required operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Normal operation of the aerial refuelling system (i.e. probe or pod fitted / stowed / extended);
- b. Failure of retractable elements to return to the fully stowed configuration;
- c. During landing and other critical flight phases.



8.7.1.5 Verify that cues (visual, optical or equivalent) are provided on the air vehicle to assist the crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) of the targeted tanker(s)/ receiver(s) and the crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) of the air vehicle to accomplish the aerial refuelling process under all anticipated attitudes and environmental conditions.

This is a high level objective covered in more detail in the subsections that follow.



8.7.1.5.1 Verify that all visual cues used for aerial refuelling (e.g. markings and exterior lights) are compatible with the expected environmental conditions and fluid exposures (fuel, hydraulic fluid, air vehicle cleaning solvents, etc.).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Compatibility of markings with existing surface finish scheme;

b. Markings should not lead to degradation of the air vehicle's protective surface finish;

c. Ensuring that lights continue to work and be visible (without degradation or colour change) when subjected to environmental effects;



- d. Weathering, corrosion, abrasion, mechanical damage;
- e. Maintenance activities including washing;
- f. Induced environment: contaminants such as fuel, oils, solvents etc.;
- g. Natural Environmental; sunlight, rain, pressure, ice etc.



8.7.1.5.2 Exterior aerial refuelling lights should be provided on the air vehicle for the guidance of the targeted tanker and receiver aircrew, operators and automated systems during the in-flight refuelling operation. The nature of lighting arrangements required vary depending on the Tanker/Receiver systems (Probe & Drogue, Boom & Receptacle) being used for aerial refuelling. In providing any lighting, ensure that appropriate air vehicle crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) can view/receive exterior aerial refuelling lights and cues as provided on the targeted tanker/receiver air vehicle(s), as intended, throughout the aerial refuelling operations in all anticipated lighting conditions and attitudes.

Consideration should be given to:

a. For receiver receptacle based subsystems, receptacle/slipway illumination, illumination of the surface area immediately aft of the receptacle, wing leading edge illumination, and illumination of surface features possibly in the path of the boom;

b. For tanker boom-based subsystems, boom nozzle illumination, flood light illumination, wing and underbody illumination, wing pod and engine nacelle illumination, and receiver pilot director/status lights; c. For receiver probe-based subsystems; probe illumination;

d. For tanker drogue based subsystems, drogue illumination, flood light illumination, wing, underbody and root-end of hose to show markings illumination, wing pod and engine nacelle illumination in conjunction with drogue subsystem status lights:

e. Rendezvous lights;

- f. Refuelling sequencing and tanker subsystem status lights;
- g. Crew's field of view, reflections and glare;
- h. Ability to vary intensity of lights fully down to zero;
- i. Duplication of lamps to prevent single failure resulting in inability to complete refuelling operation;
- j. Lighting within drogues should not require power from the tanker for operation;
- k. Need for compatibility with Night Vision Imaging Systems (note linkage to 8.7.1.4.5)
- l. Ground/Ship based lighting for HIFR.

In the HIFR environment where the helicopter is refuelling in the hover from ground or ship based sources; no specific additional aircraft lighting is required beyond that carried for conventional flight operations.





8.7.1.5.3 Verify that all exterior lights necessary to perform in-flight refuelling operations can be varied in intensity, individually or as a group, fully down to zero to meet the needs of targeted tanker/receiver crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) and the air vehicle

crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s). Verify also that, where required, these exterior aerial refuelling lights are compatible with night vision imaging systems (NVIS) or automated systems.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Ability of the system to be controlled in response to differing ambient lighting conditions;
- b. Tanker/receiver orientation and changes in orientation during refuelling operation.



8.7.1.6 Ensure that a communication system(s) is available to transmit data / information between the crewmember(s)/operator(s)/ automated system(s) of the air vehicle and the

crewmember(s)/operator(s)/automated system(s) of the targeted tanker/receiver air vehicle(s) during the aerial refuelling operation and that it is able to exchange data and information in the required time frame.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The relative close proximity of transmitter and receiver communication systems;

b. The need to restrict some forms of communication such as HF during AAR operations;

c. The need to transmit / receive classified information securely or covertly.





8.7.1.6.1 Verify that any data communication system provided on the air vehicle is compatible with the air vehicles involved in the operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Potential impacts on flight control and electrical systems on the host tanker as well as targeted tanker(s)/receiver(s);

b. The relative close proximity of transmitters and receivers used in the communication systems;

c. The need to restrict some forms of communication such as HF during AAR operations;

d. The need to transmit / receive classified information securely or covertly.



8.7.1.7 Identify in detail the fuel types (including permitted deviations) the systems are capable of transferring and receiving.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Fuel specifications and tolerances including permitted deviations;
- b. The use of additives;

c. The need to transport, pump and transfer different types of fuel including those not useable by the host air vehicle;

- d. Compatibility of different fuels with IFR system components;
- e. Segregation of different types or blends of fuel.





8.7.1.7.1 Verify that there is adequate isolation of fuel systems in cases where tankers are required to carry and/or transfer a fuel which cannot be utilised by the tanker's own propulsion system(s).

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Types and blends of fuel, its specification and the use of additives;
- b. Compatibility of different fuels with IFR system components;
- c. Means of segregation of different types of fuel.



8.7.1.8 Verify that the delivery pressure and flow rate of the transferred/received fuel are identified and constrained within the design limits of intended tankers and receivers.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Effects of single failures in tanker and receiver fuel systems;
- b. Developing delivered fuel flow rate versus delivered fuel pressure curve;
- c. Providing capability to regulate delivery pressure to suit different platforms;
- d. Minimum flow rates;
- e. Providing capability to regulate flow rates;
- f. Ensuring maximum capacity and capability of the fuel vent system is adequate;
- g. RW and FW requirements may differ;
- h. Effects of surge due to:
	- i. Effects of pump imitation;
	- ii. Flow induced static build-up;
	- iii. Valve closures in tanker and receiver;
	- iv. Disengagement of receiver at maximum rate of flow.





8.7.1.8.1 Verify by testing and calculation that the plumbing/components in each aerial refuelling system (as completely assembled and installed within the air vehicle) can withstand exposure to the specified proof pressure limit without resulting in fuel leakage or degradation of system performance.



8.7.1.8.2 Verify that surge pressures generated during the aerial refuelling process do not exceed proof pressure limits for the aerial refuelling system(s) of any air vehicle involved in the aerial refuelling operation.

Note that proof pressure can be defined as "a maximum pressure at which the fuel system may function satisfactorily including pressure transients (surges) which the aircraft can continually sustain throughout its life without external leakage, failure and/or malfunction, or permanent deformation".

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Effects of single failures in tanker and receiver fuel systems;
- b. Developing delivered fuel flow rate versus delivered fuel pressure curve;
- c. Effects of surge due to:
	- i. Effects of pump initiation;
	- ii. Flow induced static build-up;
	- iii. Valve closures in tanker and receiver;
	- iv. Disengagement of receiver at maximum rate of flow.





8.7.1.8.2.1 Verify that fuel systems have mechanisms to ensure that surge pressure conditions for both Tanker and Receiver (fixed or rotary wing) during AAR do not exceed design safety limits during normal or abnormal operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Effects of single failures in tanker and receiver fuel systems;

- b. Effects of surge due to:
	- i. Effects of pump initiation;
	- ii. Flow induced static pressure build-up;

iii. Valve closures in tanker and receiver (manually or automatically activated) which could terminate flow into the receiver;

iv. Disengagement of receiver at maximum rate of flow;

v. Normal and abnormal flow disconnects.



8.7.1.8.2.2 Verify that the fuel tank vent system can accommodate the maximum refuel/transfer rate and pressures associated with aerial refuelling transfer rates encountered during aerial refuelling normal operations and single-point failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Managing the impact of instantaneous peak surge pressures arising from valve closure in both Tanker and Receiver aircraft, and also Receiver disengagement at high fuel flow rates.







8.7.1.9 Verify that any fuel spillage occurring during aerial refuelling operations is kept to a minimum and does not adversely affect the safe operation of any air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Refuelling throughout the permitted flight envelope, including normal and abnormal conditions and attitudes;

b. Fuel spray dispersion pattern created during engagement and disengagement of the aerial refuelling interfaces;

c. Abnormal disengagements at full flow rates;

d. Effect on other air vehicles in the vicinity;

e. Impact of single point failures including breakage of refuelling probe/nozzle.



8.7.1.9.1 Ensure that any fuel spray resulting from aerial refuelling operations entering receiver engine(s), hazardous ignition areas, environmental management systems, and air data systems does not compromise safety of aircraft or personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Minimising loss of fuel during engagement and disconnection (normal and abnormal);
- b. Minimising the potential for fuel spray to enter the aircraft (encroachment into bays and apertures);
- c. Potential hazard areas such as:
	- i. Receiver engines; for example: via intakes, inlets and ducts;
	- ii. Sources of ignition;
	- iii. Environmental management systems;
	- iv. Air data and sensor systems.





8.7.1.9.2 Ensure that any fuel spray resulting from aerial refuelling operations that comes into contact with lights, optical windows, antennae, or any other sensitive device does not degrade them, their operation or the safety of air vehicles or personnel.

Consideration should be given to the following potential hazard areas:

- a. Lights (especially high energy discharge lights);
- b. Optical windows and apertures including wipers and sweepers;
- c. Antennae.



8.7.2 Ensure through hazard reduction analysis and inspection that each aerial refuelling system can be installed and operated under normal and single-failure conditions throughout the approved flight envelope, including aerial refuelling operations, without causing adverse flying characteristics, exceeding structural load limits, the loss of the air vehicle or creating a potential hazard to personnel in the identified environment (induced and natural).

Consideration should be given to the following areas:

- a. Hydraulic systems;
- b. Environmental control;
- c. Aircraft and subsystem structures;
- d. Fuel systems;
- e. Aircraft management systems;

f. Reducing subsystem and component related hazards (including Fire and Explosion) design, inspection and analysis means of risk reduction.





8.7.2.1 Ensure that the Aerial Refuelling systems onboard air vehicles have been designed to minimise hazards from lightning, static electricity, fuel leaks, ignition sources and ground potential differences.



8.7.2.1.1 Ensure that on air vehicles equipped with a receptacle installation, it has a fuel- and vapourproof pressure box below it to collect the fuel spray that may occur during aerial refuelling, and that on air vehicles fitted with probe compartments, ensure that the compartment is fuel and vapour-proof so that any fuel and vapour which may collect as a result of aerial refuelling operations is not able to migrate to other areas.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Receptacle pressure box or probe compartment design;

b. Sealing and proofing of the compartment to prevent migration beyond the compartment of any fluid build up as a result of spray;

- c. Safe venting and drainage of vapour/fluids;
- d. Potential ignition sources.



8.7.2.1.2 Ensure that all fluids that may collect within aerial refuelling subsystem compartments are capable of being safely drained without causing hazards to the air vehicle, other aircraft or creating a potential hazard to personnel in all flight and ground conditions.



Consideration should be given to:

- a. Air refuelling receptacle pressure boxes;
- b. Retractable air refuelling probe compartments;
- c. Air refuelling subsystem pods or equipment compartments.



8.7.2.1.3 For aircraft equipped with air refuelling subsystems to enable them to operate as either tanker or receiver, ensure that any aerial refuelling subsystem compartments or enclosed spaces have adequate air flow/exchange so as to prevent the build-up of flammable vapours, which would constitute a fire/explosion hazard.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Receptacle pressure boxes;
- b. Probe compartments;
- c. Air refuelling subsystem pods;
- d. Air refuelling subsystem compartments.



8.7.2.1.4 Ensure that an aerial refuelling pump does not create a potential ignition source during dry-run contacts between tanker and receiver aircraft.





8.7.2.1.4.1 When aerial refuelling components interface with the fuel or hydraulic system, verify that pressures and temperatures within the fuel/hydraulic systems remain within safe limits under normal aerial refuelling operations and with single-point failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Ram Air Turbine-driven pumps in aerial refuelling pods;
- b. Aerial refuelling pumps;
- c. Probe door actuation/retraction mechanisms;
- d. Probe extension/retraction mechanisms;
- e. Receptacle door/toggle latch mechanisms.



8.7.2.1.5 Ensure that a secondary liquid and vapour-tight barrier is in place between the aerial refuelling fuel tanks and all identified fire and ignition hazard areas/inhabited areas. A means should be provided to highlight if the secondary barrier has failed.



8.7.2.1.5.1 Verify that no ground or flight hazards are created if fuel leakage occurs in the air vehicle fuel system and/or other aerial refuelling system plumbing during aerial refuelling operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Fuel leakage arising from failure of the sealing mechanism at the single-point refuelling adapter;
- b Fuel leakage arising from failure of the pressure defuelling adapter;
- c. Fuel leakage arising from failure of any other aerial refuelling system interface(s);



d. Fuel leakage arising from failure of a part of the fuel system

e. Ensuring any fuel leakage does not allow fuel or fuel vapour to enter the cockpit or cabin;

f. Ensuring any fuel leakage is safely drained or vented and does not allow fuel or fuel vapour to come into contact with potential sources of ignition.



8.7.2.1.5.2 When the plumbing of the aerial refuelling system interfaces with the fuel system plumbing of the air vehicle or of other aerial refuelling systems, verify that a leak in the aerial refuelling system plumbing does not impact the fuel system's fuel management functions (engine feed, thermal management, centre of gravity control, etc.) when operating normally or in cases of a single point failure.

Consideration should be given to providing a means to isolate the air refuelling sub-system from the main fuel system in the event that a failure occurs (e.g. probe breakage).



8.7.2.1.6 Aerial refuelling systems, fitted to both the tanker and receiver aircraft must be able to accommodate/dissipate static discharges typically resultant from the electrical potential difference of air vehicles prior to, during and after engagement.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Coupling of electrical components;

- b. Bonding of all airframe conductive (i.e. metal) structures;
- c. Full bonding to the airframe of all AAR equipment;
- d. Use of a conductive refuelling interfaces (i.e. Hose & Drogue);

e. Establishing electrical contact between tanker and receiver aircraft, to discharge static prior to commencing fuel transfer;

f. Establish potential restrictions on the use of aircraft (both tanker and receiver) telecommunication systems which may provide an electromagnetic hazard.





8.7.2.1.7 Ensure that the aerial refuelling system onboard both the tanker and receiver aircraft, in the stowed or operational condition is designed to withstand lightning strikes without causing damage to air vehicle as appropriate, loss of air vehicle, or creating hazards to personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Prior identification of lightning strike zones, design of electromagnetic protection and preventative measures on both the airframe and AAR subsystem - with Hose, probe or boom in the stowed or extended position;

b. Full bonding to the airframe main grounding system of all AAR equipment and associated subsystems;

c. Use of a conductive refuelling interface (i.e. Hose & Drogue);

d. Potential effects on aircraft systems due to a lightning strike;

e. Fuel venting and jettisoning systems shall be located and designed so as to minimise the risk of their being struck by lightning;

f. Where transparent components such as windows, windscreens, etc., contain electrically heated films or elements, precautions shall be taken to prevent a lightning strike or an electro-static discharge puncturing the transparency;

g. Maintaining the AAR system in an operational condition following a lightning strike.



8.7.2.2 The in-flight egress, ground emergency egress, and assisted egress of any crewmember of either tanker or receiver aircraft is not to be hindered when the aerial refuelling system interface cannot be returned to its fully stowed configuration.

Consideration should be given to the impact of and on:

a. Ejection envelopes; emergency exits, windows, panels, frangible sections, doors and ramps that might be used for emergency escape;

b. Receiver receptacle installations: the opening/closing of receptacle/slipway doors or the transition of roll-over installations during opening and closing;

c. Tanker boom subsystems: moving the boom from the "stowed" position and moving it throughout its control envelope;

d. Receiver probe installations: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions;



e. Tanker drogue subsystems: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions.



8.7.2.3 Ensure safe ground or in-flight operations of AAR systems under all configuration options without causing the loss of the aircraft or creating hazards to personnel through the utilisation of built-in-test (BIT) and fault isolation provisions. The BIT and fault isolation provisions are to be made available to all appropriate crewmember(s), operator(s) and maintenance personnel.



8.7.2.4 Verify that 'critical operational functions and functional modes' are provided in the aerial refuelling system to ensure the aerial refuelling process can be conducted without creating hazards to aircraft or personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Initiation of safe emergency disconnects of the AAR system when required by either party (tanker or receiver) when in AAR contact;

b. Safe cessation of fuel flow when in contact;

c. For probe equipped AC it should be possible to initiate safe emergency extensions or retractions of the AAR probe system if required.





8.7.2.5 Verify that electrical failures within the aerial refuelling system do not adversely affect any air vehicle's electrical system (tanker or receiver).

Consideration should be given to providing a means to electrically isolate the air refuelling sub-system from the main electrical system in the event that a failure occurs.



8.7.3 Verify that the flight control/handling qualities of the air vehicle are not negatively impacted or degraded below safe limits when the aerial refuelling sub-system is installed or operating under normal aerial refuelling and single-failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Normal installation and operating conditions for either tanker or receiver in isolation, with the Air Refuelling sub-system in either stowed or deployed configuration

b. Failure modes including ensuring the air vehicle can safely land when the air refuelling sub-system interface cannot be returned to its fully stowed configuration.

c. Ensuring that satisfactory flight stability and handling qualities are achievable for the tanker/receiver aerial refuelling interface within the specified aerial refuelling envelope.

d. When role equipment hardware associated with an aerial refuelling system is removed. For tankers, this may include pods, palletized systems, and fuel tanks that must be removed to reconfigure the tanker for another mission. For receivers, this may include probe installations that are not permanent.



8.7.3.1 Ensure that the flight control/handling qualities of air vehicles (tanker or receiver) are not negatively impacted when the aerial refuelling system is installed or operating under either normal aerial refuelling or single-failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to the following areas:

a. Receiver receptacle installations: the opening/closing of receptacle/slipway doors or the transition of roll-over installations during opening and closing;

b. Tanker boom subsystems: moving the boom from the "stowed" position and moving it throughout its control envelope (prior to receiver engagement and after a contact has been made);



c. Receiver probe installations: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions;

d. Tanker drogue subsystems: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions (with and without fuel in the hose).



8.7.3.1.1 Aircraft flight control/handling qualities, in the event that the air refuelling system interface cannot be returned to its fully stowed configuration, are not to be degraded below safe limits, causing the loss of the aircraft or creating hazards to personnel . In addition, the extended air refuelling system is not to endanger the safe landing of the aircraft.

Consideration is to be given to:

a. A full programme of tests must be carried out to assess the handling characteristics over the aircraft's operating envelope;

b. Receiver receptacle installations: the opening/closing of receptacle/slipway doors or the transition of roll-over installations during opening and closing;

c. Tanker boom subsystems: moving the boom from the "stowed" position and moving it throughout its control envelope (prior to receiver engagement and after a contact has been made);

d. Receiver probe installations: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions;

e. Tanker drogue subsystems: all positions and transitions between the "stowed" and "fully extended" positions (with and without fuel in the hose);

f. Use of a chase or receiver aeroplane equipped with a video or cine camera during the AAR tests;

g. Identify the potential effect of the jettison/loss of any part or subpart of the AAR system with regard to fire hazard or impact damage to the aircraft.



8.7.3.1.2 For tanker aircraft equipped with aerial refuelling pods, verify that any ram air turbine (RAT) failure mode does not degrade flight control/handling qualities of the air vehicle below acceptable limits, potentially causing the loss of air in the aircraft or creating hazards to personnel.

Consideration should be given to all phases of operation including



- a. Takeoff;
- b. Operational profile, including AAR operations;
- c. Landing.



8.7.3.2 Tankers and receivers should demonstrate satisfactory flight stability and handling characteristics throughout the aircraft's cleared aerial refuelling flight envelope at all permitted configurations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Movement in Centre of Gravity (CofG) during engagement and refuelling operation;
- b. Instability due to probe / boom deployment or proximity to tanker or other refuelling aircraft;
- c. Internal redistribution of fuel;
- d. Ability of system to cope with single failures of the fuel system;
- e. Variations in aircraft configurations (note linkage to 8.7.3);
- f. Stability of tanker's hose, boom and probe.



8.7.3.3 Ensure that flight control/handling qualities of tanker and receiver aircraft are not negatively affected by the removal of aerial refuelling systems or components. Note that some aircraft may be fitted with aerial refuelling equipment as non permanent 'role equipment'.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Impact on the air vehicle's flying qualities;

b. Impact of removal of only part or parts of the aerial refuelling system on the air vehicle's flying qualities and remaining systems;

c. Coverage in aircrew notices and permitted / authorised flight configuration documents;

d. Removal of:

i. Aerial Refuelling Pods;

- ii. Fuel Tanks;
- iii. Palletised Systems;

iv. Probe Installations (non permanent).





#### 8.8. DELETED - PROPULSION INSTALLATIONS MOVED TO SECTION 7.2.5

#### 8.9. MECHANISMS

This section covers the design, installation, integration and compatibility of all mechanical actuation subsystems that provide motion and position locking functions for stowable and deployable surfaces such as folding wing panels, folding rotor blade systems, folding tail rotors/pylons in ground and air applications for both operational and maintenance purposes. Additionally, equipment involved in the securing, fastening, and mechanizing of air vehicle doors, hatches, ramps, etc. is also covered; including items such as locks, latches, bearings, hinges, linkages, indicators, and actuators.

Equipment that is mechanical in form, fit, and function, but not covered by any other system-level requirements should be included herein.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Inadvertent activation prevention;
- Latches and locking mechanisms;
- Positive engagement indication;
- Operation without power;
- Depressurization prevention;
- Actuation times and cycles;
- Safety devices and positive locking features.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

• Operation of mechanisms in the worst case environmental conditions the air vehicle is likely to experience in service;

• For structural verification, ensuring methods are consistent with the approach taken with respect to the airframe structure specification;

• Ensuring the safety of the maintainer as well as the equipment and air vehicle itself are safeguarded during operation actuation mechanisms;

• Integrating a common cycle requirement between related systems that operate in conjunction with each other, such as blade and wing stow subsystems

on the same air vehicle.



8.9.1 All SOF critical mechanisms shall perform their allocated air vehicle functions under their specified operating environments and conditions.



8.9.2 Damage or permanent deformation to mechanisms or support structures shall not result from the most critical jam load condition.





8.9.3 Failure of any mechanism shall not cause the loss of control of the air vehicle or prevent continued safe flight and landing.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Structural damage from the departing door, hatch, or mechanism to either the attachment points or from striking other parts of the structure;

b. Potential severing of hydraulic lines, electrical cables, or fuel lines.





8.9.4 Inadvertent loosening or opening of mechanisms shall not restrict the operation of any flight control system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Air vehicle doors, door latches, locks, or fasteners;

b. Any adverse effect on the aerodynamic performance or flying qualities of the air vehicle with the door etc. loose or open.







8.9.5 No single failure shall allow any latch to open inadvertently.



8.9.6 Any locking system shall be incapable of locking, or indicating it is locked, unless all the latches are properly latched in the fully secured position.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Establishing the independence of the locking and latching mechanisms;

b. The correct door, or hatch, locking and latching sequence is clearly identified in the aircraft documentation;

c. A locked indication should only be produced when the door or hatch is fully locked and latched.




8.9.7 All air vehicle doors, whose inadvertent opening would present a probable hazard to continued safe flight and landing, shall have provisions to prevent depressurisation of the air vehicle to an unsafe level if the doors are not fully closed, latched, and locked.





8.9.8 The indication system shall continuously monitor and provide: an 'unsafe' indication when the door, latching, or locking system is unsecured; and a 'safe' indication when the system is secured.



#### 8.9.1 Merged with 9.1



8.9.10 All door seals shall prevent rain or water leakage into the air vehicle during all flight and ground operations, and while the air vehicle is parked and depressurised under storm conditions.





8.9.11 All actuation subsystems shall be able to operate and complete all functional actions safely under all expected mission and environmental conditions. This shall include the ability to be locked and unlocked; provide for folding, unfolding, and deploying; and be folded, unfolded, and deployed, without damage, within the following ground wind environments:

• Atmospheric and weather induced conditions;

• Wind-over-deck (i.e. from carrier vessel movement);

• Downwash and jetwash conditions from other vehicles expected in the operational ground/deck environment.

Any removable surface securing locks used shall be such that one man can secure the surface in the above ground wind environments.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The worst case environmental conditions the air vehicle is likely to experience in service, to be agreed and verified;

b. Winds from any horizontal direction (accommodating ship pitch and roll motions), up to the agreed wind speed limits / sea state.





8.9.12 Actuation mechanisms that also provide a structural load path, shall incorporate redundant means of securing and locking the mechanism in position, in order to maintain Safety-of-Flight (SOF).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Safety of flight and critical single load path systems;

b. Ensuring verification methods are consistent with the approach taken with respect to the airframe structure specification;

c. Integrating verification within the air vehicle structural test programs.



8.9.13 The locked-unlocked condition of mechanisms used during ground operations or in the interior of the vehicle (cargo or cockpit spaces) shall be visually displayed in the cockpit, on the air vehicle, and in all remote operator control locations during ground operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring cockpit positive engagement indication systems are closely coordinated with the parties responsible for cockpit display design;

b. The use of indicating sensors linked to the actual surface being operated, rather than having the sensor mounted on the actuating unit itself.



8.9.14 Each utility actuation mechanism shall permit controlled operation of both normal and emergency functions; and where possible, shall provide a separate means for "motion" and "locking" control, such that both actuation power and control for moving the mechanism to its commanded position, is independent from the power and control used to hold the mechanism in its initial and final commanded state.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Provisions for preventing inadvertent actuation of a control, such as guards etc.;

b. Motion is typically of a limited (2 position) nature and may require positive locking in one or all positions;

c. Susceptibility of locking and motive functions to extraneous interference causing inadvertent commands or motion (such as electromagnetic interference (EMI)).





8.9.15 Actuation subsystems that have provision for manual operation shall include safety devices in order to prevent injury to maintainers in case of inadvertent application of power during a manually powered operation. For those actuation subsystems that require the maintainer to be in very close proximity during stowage or deployment (such as boarding ladders), means of controlling deployment speed to a specified safe rate shall also be incorporated.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Incorporating a means of ensuring subsystem shutdown, rather than a hiatus in subsystem operation, (such as thermal overheat switches) in order to prevent continued subsystem operation, where such operation could result in an inadvertent deployment;

b. Safety devices which provide retention capability to keep mechanisms in the locked and hold position;

c. Ensuring the safety of the maintainer as well as the equipment and air vehicle itself are safeguarded during operation of the actuation system.



8.9.16 Utility actuation mechanisms (e.g. wing/tail folding/spreading etc.) shall be capable of operating from the ground power supplied to the air vehicle, as well as air vehicle supplied power, without affecting performance, control, or indication.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring control, actuation, indication and functional performance parameters are the same for both ground and air vehicle powered actuation;

b. Ensuring there is no change in how the systems perform, nor in how the controls or indication logic and/or sequencing acts;

c. Identifying any malfunction which could give a false indication, i.e. safe indication for an unsafe condition.





8.9.17 All actuation subsystems shall safely perform their specific functions within the specified times and cycles.

Allowable intervals between actuation cycles shall also be specified, as well as total cycles expected during the application lifetime.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified actuation times and cycles for each system actuation, to be agreed and specified;

b. Ensuring the time between successive operations of the same cycle is not degraded over time and can be consistently repeated, for the design service life;

c. Ensuring the time between initiation of the command to the completion of the action is within the design allowable;

d. Ensuring specified times and cycles are compatible with the air vehicle operational requirements.;

e. Integrating a common cycle requirement between related systems that operate in conjunction with each other, such as blade and wing stow subsystems on the same air vehicle.



8.9.18 Utility actuation mechanisms (e.g. wing/tail folding/spreading etc.) shall incorporate some means to prevent damage to adjacent movable surfaces (e.g. flaps) during folding and unfolding operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of mechanical interlocks or control logic to prevent actuation power/movement when other mechanical surfaces or flight control surfaces are in a position to be damaged or compromised; b. The environmental effects (such as wind, temperature and snow/ice).





8.9.19 Attachment of actuation subsystems to the air vehicle, shall not form an integral part of the air vehicle structure (such as a wing rib etc.), but shall be a replaceable attachment, designed such that:

• In case of an overload or fatigue failure event, failure of the attachment shall occur in lieu of air vehicle primary structural component failure;

• No structural failure of the mechanical system actuation system, or its attachment fitting, causes damage to air vehicle structure;

• Replacement of mechanical system attachment does not require the replacement of major structures (such as bulk head, keel beams, etc.).



8.9.20 Sufficient clearances shall be maintained between the wing / rotor blade folding mechanism and all other air vehicle and ground equipment, in both the deployed and stowed positions, and during the deployment operation, in order to prevent damage to the surface, attached equipment, and to other areas of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring adequate clearances with the air vehicle; both stationary, and in motion;

b. The most critical combination of unsymmetrical landing gear deflections, flat tyres, or compressed landing-gear-ground-interface-device (skid, air cushions);

c. Worn states of various components;

d. The environmental effects (such as wind, temperature and snow/ice).



8.9.21 Utility actuation mechanisms (e.g. wing/tail folding/spreading etc.) used during ground operations shall have a purely manual backup available for motive power and locking/unlocking purposes, if the primary mode of operation is automatic or powered (or both), in order to permit operation during power-off conditions.

Subsystems used for purely in-flight applications shall also have means incorporated to allow cockpitcontrolled activation for ground maintenance actions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Provisions to prevent hazards to maintenance personnel or damage critical components that could cause blade/wing/tail surface control loss or damage to electrical connectors, control lines, or such during normal, manual, or externally powered blade-folding and spreading;



b. Power-off conditions due to maintenance, or emergency conditions (e.g. failed power units);

c. Externally-applied-load backdrive protection;

d. Maintainer-induced overload protection;

e. Ensuring successful operation with a coating of ice covering any locking mechanism or locked/unlocked indicating mechanism.



8.9.22 The locked-unlocked condition of mechanisms used during ground operations or in the interior of the vehicle (cargo or cockpit spaces) shall be visually displayed, externally, internally, or both if required, by purely mechanical, non-electric means. The provisions shall be discernible under operating lighting conditions, by a crew member using a flashlight or an equivalent lighting source.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Direct visual inspection of the locking mechanism itself;

b. Use of flags, distinctively coloured cylinders, and distinctively coloured portions of the air vehicle surface that are revealed by the actuating mechanism itself for external identification;

c. Identification during day or night conditions;

d. Ensuring devices are visible from any area that a maintainer could be expected to be during the actuation cycle.



8.9.23 For ground operation with power off, means shall be provided to hold the air vehicle doors in the open or closed position. Manually operated hold-open latches provided to secure doors in the open position, shall incorporate a lock, and shall be located in an area where personnel can access safely. Subsequent power operation of the doors, with these means left in place, shall not result in damage.





8.9.24 All powered doors shall operate safely, in order to prevent injury or damage during their actuation cycle. Controls shall be capable of stopping or reversing door movement at any time in the cycle at the option of the operator by selecting the appropriate control option. In the event of power loss / interruption in any associated system, doors shall not change position; and door controls shall go to the stop position and not require reprogramming upon resumption of power. In the event of a malfunction or failure part way through a cycle, door controls shall automatically stop the sequence.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Conducting failure modes and effects analysis to predict the consequence of hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical or mechanical failures;

b. Use of a positive mechanical device to prevent change in selected door positions due to fluid bleeding down after fluid power is shut off or loss of electrical power.



#### 8.9.25 Merged with 8.9.24



8.9.26 Actuation systems designed for ground-only operation (such as a boarding ladder) shall be fitted with locking mechanisms which incorporate a means of operational command interrupt, in order to prevent in-flight actuation, which might cause damage or departure of the system from the air vehicle. All mechanical and powered locks and actuators shall be designed to prevent undesired surface positioning in flight.

In the case of flight critical surfaces (such as wings/rotor blades), control of the "fold" sequence shall require two separate deliberate pilot actions, in order to prevent inadvertent actuation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Utilising a "weight-on-wheels" (WOW) switch to prevent operation of ground-only actuating subsystems.





8.9.27 Actuation systems shall incorporate positive locking features, (i.e. which do not depend on any power source to remain engaged), with provision to:

• Prevent inadvertent actuation following the activation and subsequent relief of safety devices (such as thermal switches, fuses etc.); and,

• Lock folding wings, blades or other folding/stowing surfaces in the folded/stowed position.



8.9.28 If permitted for use, removable surface securing locks shall be capable of withstanding rough handling without damage, and shall have strength equal to or exceeding that of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Surface securing devices to be used in lieu of integral locks, only when specifically authorised;

b. Ensuring external securing devices are designed to reduce or eliminate the possibility of FOD during removal/installation;

c. Ensuring external bladefold securing devices are transportable within the air vehicle to remote staging and operating areas;

d. Use in situations where high wind/sea state conditions occur and it is not feasible to move the air vehicle to a safer location or within a hangar;

e. Withstanding maintainer induced loads (such as potential jam/forcing conditions), as well as normal environmental loads, such as wind, or shipboard movement.





8.9.29 Airframe bearing selection and installation shall permit safe mechanical operation / function in each application, and shall be capable of:

• Joining mechanical elements;

• Transmitting design loads through the full range of the system operating parameters;

• Permitting rotation, misalignment, or both while maintaining a specified dimensional relationship between the joined elements;

• Reducing friction and wear; and making them more predictable.

Airframe bearings shall be standardised to the maximum extent possible without compromising performance

Consideration should be given to:

a. Selecting standard bearings in all applications, wherever possible, in order to minimise the cost of procurement and testing, reduce schedule and technical risk, and obtain multiple sources of supply;

b. The use of existing bearing selection parameters, such as MIL-HDBK-1599 Table 201-VII;

c. Ensuring bearings are durable, and are suitable for each application (e.g. whether to use anti-friction or plain bearings).



#### 8.10. EXTERNAL CARGO HOOK SYSTEMS (ROTARY WING).

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement, compatibility and use of Cargo Hooks for carriage of underslung loads by the Air Vehicle.

Included within the scope of this section are:

 • The Operational Design Case (definition of the operational requirement in terms of number of items, total weight, size etc).



 • Dynamic and static structural loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof). Impact on structural fatigue, loading and wear.

 • Handling qualities and performance throughout the operating envelope (including on ground) caused by the installation and loads carried; including movement and dynamic effects, relative position,

inertia and abnormal release.

• Normal and emergency conditions including egress from air vehicle on land and at sea.

 • Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations.

 • Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) / electromagnetic interference (EMI) impact of installation to and from aircraft and other systems (normal and emergency).

• Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground.

 • Provides sufficient and suitable controls, switches and indicators for the crew to monitor, manage and control the system in all modes of operation.

 • Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components.

 • Precise definition of extent of installation (i.e. that which is aircraft structure and that which is installation or role equipment).

• Impact on existing and need for additional maintenance inspections.

8.10.1 Ensure that operation of the cargo hook system in normal, automatic and emergency modes does not adversely affect safety of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The Operational Design Case (definition of the requirement in terms of number of items, total weight, size etc);

b. Static and dynamic impact of all normal, automatic and emergency modes of operation on the stability and handling of the air vehicle;

c. The effects of failures of any single element;

d. Strength (proof and ultimate) factors to be employed;

e. Resonance and turbulence;

f. Fatigue strength of parts of the structure affected by forces resulting from underslung loads.



8.10.2 Verify that cockpit switches and indicators for the cargo hook system provide for normal, automatic and emergency release of cargo.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Providing sufficient and suitable controls, switches and indicators for the crew to monitor, manage and control the system;

b. Requirements for safety of personnel in the air and on the ground;



c. Appropriate positioning and function of cockpit switches and indicators, together with clear and unambiguous labelling and indication;

This applies for all modes of operation, in all weathers, operating environments, day and night.



8.10.3 Verify that cargo can be hooked safely to the hook and that the manuals contain the maximum and minimum loads for safe movement of cargo.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Requirements for safety of personnel in the air and on the ground;
- b. Operating publications, safe load placards and signage.



8.10.4 Verify that the electromagnetic environment of the air vehicle is compatible with safe loading and release of external under-slung cargo on external cargo hooks under normal, emergency and failure mode conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Intended normal operating electromagnetic environment - e.g. land based, ship-based;

b. Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) / electromagnetic interference (EMI) impact of installation to and from aircraft and other systems (normal and emergency);

c. Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations including electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic loading in normal, emergency and instances of single failure;



d. Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground;

e. Publication of limits and notices in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals;

f. Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components;

g. Impact on existing and need for additional testing or maintenance inspections.



8.10.5 Verify that the air vehicle structure can support all loads imposed by the external transport of cargo during operational usage under normal, emergency and failure mode conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Dynamic and static structure loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof). Structural fatigue, loading and wear;

b. Normal and emergency conditions;

c. Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations;

d. Publication of limits and notices on placards, in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals.





8.10.6 Verify that limits for the external cargo hook and supporting structure are defined and published in all applicable operator and maintenance manuals.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Dynamic and static structure loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof);

b. Normal and emergency conditions;

c. Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations.



8.10.7 Verify that flight performance and control of the air vehicle is not adversely affected by load movement experienced during external load operations or the emergency jettison of external cargo

Consideration should be given to:

a. Dynamic and static load conditions;

b. Normal and emergency conditions;

c. Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations.





#### 8.11. EXTERNAL RESCUE HOIST (ROTARY WING).

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement, compatibility and use of External Rescue Hoists by the Air Vehicle.

The operation of Rescue Hoists can have a significant impact on the static and dynamic stability of the air vehicle as well as posing a hazard to other systems through electromagnetic incompatibility. In addition, the installation itself can pose hazards to personnel (tripping, obstruction, embark, egress), structural integrity and other systems from electrical loading. Many of these aspects are covered in general terms such as 'verify that sub-system operation in normal, automatic, and emergency modes does not adversely affect safety of the air vehicle system'. However, the following aspects, which come under the scope of other sections of the EMACC handbook, or are of an operational nature, should also be considered:

• Dynamic and static structure loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof). Structural fatigue, loading and wear.

• Handling qualities and performance throughout the operating envelope (including on ground) caused by the installation and loads carried; including movement and dynamic effects, relative position, inertia and abnormal release.

• Normal and emergency conditions including embarkation and egress to/from air vehicle on land and at sea.

• Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations.

• Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) / electromagnetic interference (EMI) impact of installation to and from aircraft and other systems (normal and emergency).

• Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations including electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic loading in normal, emergency and instances of single failure.

• Provides sufficient and suitable controls, switches and indicators for the crew to monitor, manage and control the system in all modes of operation.

• Ensuring that ingress and egress of people and equipment (as defined in the requirement) can be achieved without endangering people or safe operation of the air vehicle.

• Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground.

• Publication of limits and notices in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals.

• Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components.

• Precise definition of extent of installation (i.e. that which is aircraft structure and that which is installation or role equipment).

• Impact on existing and need for additional maintenance inspections.

8.11.1 Verify that the external rescue hoist system does not adversely affect the safety of personnel or the air vehicle system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Handling qualities and performance throughout the operating envelope (including on ground) caused by the installation and loads carried; including movement and dynamic effects, relative position, inertia and abnormal release;

b. Normal and emergency conditions including egress from air vehicle on land and at sea;

c. Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations;



d. Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations including electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic loading in normal, emergency and instances of single failure;

e. Provides sufficient and suitable controls, switches and indicators for the crew to monitor, manage and control the system in all modes of operation;

f. Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground;

g. Publication of limits and notices in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals;

h. Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components;

i. Precise definition of extent of installation (i.e. that which is aircraft system and that which is installation or role equipment);

j. Impact on existing and need for additional maintenance inspections.



8.11.2 Verify that the external rescue hoist system operates safely under normal rated and emergency loading conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Dynamic and static structure loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof). Structural fatigue, loading and wear;

b. Handling qualities and performance throughout the operating envelope (including on ground) caused by the installation and loads carried; including movement and dynamic effects, relative position, inertia and abnormal release;

c. Normal and emergency conditions including egress from air vehicle on land and at sea;

d. Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations;

e. Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations including electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic loading in normal, emergency and instances of single failure;

f. Publication of limits and notices on placards, in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals.



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8.11.3 Verify that electromagnetic compatibility, interference levels and interoperability of the air vehicle and rescue hoist installation will enable safe operation under normal, emergency and failure mode conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Intended normal operating electromagnetic environment - e.g. land based, ship-based;

b. Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) / electromagnetic interference (EMI) impact of installation to and from aircraft and other systems (normal and emergency);

c. Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations including electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic loading in normal, emergency and instances of single failure;

d. Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground;

e. Publication of limits and notices in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals;

f. Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components;

g. Impact on existing and need for additional testing or maintenance inspections.



#### 8.12. FAST ROPE INSERTION/EXTRACTION SYSTEM (FRIES) (ROTARY WING).

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement, compatibility and use Abseil and Fast Rope Insertion/Extraction Systems (FRIES) systems.

Included in the scope of this section are:

- a. aircraft installation
- b. role equipment (i.e. attachment frames, gantries or hooks and ropes)
- c. personal equipment.

Original aircraft certification criteria often relates only to aircraft installation and interface aspects. Role equipment is often added by aftermarket suppliers and certified separately. Whist FRIES, Fast Rope and Abseiling installations do not tend to be technically complex, the Operational Design Case (number of people, modes of dispatch, etc) must be clearly articulated and defined. The following considerations, which come under the scope of other sections of the EMACC handbook, or are of an operational nature, should also be considered:



• Dynamic and static structural loads and load paths (normal, ultimate and proof). Structural fatigue, loading and wear.

• Handling qualities and performance throughout the operating envelope (including on ground) caused by the installation and loads carried; including movement and dynamic effects, relative position, inertia, snagging and abnormal release.

• Normal and emergency conditions including egress from air vehicle on land and at sea.

• Limit of suspended load (weight and distance from aircraft) and impact on structure including harmonic resonance and the effect of gusts and oscillations.

• Impact on other systems, subsystems and installations.

• Safety of personnel in the air and on the ground.

• Publication of limits and notices in aircrew, crew and maintenance manuals.

• Positioning, content and method of fixing warning and advisory decals, notices and placards on the aircraft, the installation and components.

• Precise definition of extent of installation (i.e. that which is aircraft structure and that which is installation or role equipment).

• Impact on existing and need for additional maintenance inspections.

8.12.1 Verify that any aircraft provision and installation for Abseil or Fast Rope Insertion / Extraction Systems has been properly designed and developed for such purposes and can facilitate such operations without endangering personnel or the aircraft.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Impacts on aircraft weight, balance and control during normal operation and in emergency situations (for example: engine failure);

b. Installation and positioning of attachment points;

c. Strength of surrounding structure to withstand static and in particular dynamic loading, often with varying load paths;

d. Inclusion of inspection regimes in maintenance documentation;

e. Ability of crewmembers to supervise and observe FRIES operation effectively;

f. Ability of crewmembers to terminate FRIES or Abseil operations immediately, should safety be jeopardised.



8.12.2 Verify that aircraft structure and fittings used for the purposes of FRIES, Fast Rope and Abseil insertion and extraction of personnel, possess adequate structural margins of safety.

Consideration should be given to:



a. Static and dynamic loading scenarios (catering for lateral, horizontal and compound load components as well as vertical);

- b. Proof, Limit and Ultimate load factors to be applied;
- c. Aircraft failure modes (i.e. engine failure during FRIES operation);
- d. Impacts on aircraft weight, balance and fatigue;
- e. Impact on surrounding structure;
- f. Requirements to jettison FRIES equipment safely during routine or emergency situations;
- g. Inclusion of inspection regime in maintenance documentation.





# **SECTION 9 - CREW SYSTEMS**

The crew systems area consists of the following elements: pilot-vehicle interface, aircrew station (accommodations, lighting, furnishings, and equipment), human-machine interface, UAV/ROA control station (operator accommodations, lighting, and equipment), the life support system, the emergency escape and survival system, the transparency system, crash survivability, and air transportability.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Escape system requirements and validation
- 2. Crew station layout/geometry review
- 3. Human factors
- 4. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA)
- 5. Life support system requirements and validation
- 6. Crash survivability requirements and validation
- 7. Lighting system design, analysis, test reports
- 8. Transparency integration
- 9. Air transportability, cargo, and airdrop systems
- 10. Load analyses
- 11. Aeroservoelastic analyses
- 12. Test plans
- 13. Test reports
- 14. Proof test results
- 15. Simulation test, modelling and results

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA



#### 9.1. ESCAPE AND EGRESS SYSTEM.

This section covers the provision of means whereby the occupant(s) can leave the air vehicle during inflight, water, and ground emergencies.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Escape systems & assisted escape systems (ejection seat, parachutes, escape capsules or modules etc.);
- Escape path clearance systems (canopy jettison (including thrusters and rockets);
- Emergency escape exits and routes;
- Emergency egress assist devices (slides, descent reels, life rafts, rope etc.);



• Onboard and ground rescue egress equipment (crash axe, canopy penetrator, fire rescue axe, powered saw etc.)

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- The number or air vehicle occupants;
- The anthropometric range and mass of the aircrew;
- Consistency of exit sign design.

9.1.1 The escape system, or means to effect emergency escape, shall allow safe operation and egress from the air vehicle for ground, ditching and in flight (if required); and shall be integrated and compatible with the air vehicle and other sub-systems.

For assisted escape systems (automated ejection seats, escape capsules or modules) this includes ensuring no rigid objects (i.e. canopies and hatches) are located in the ejection path; and any movable objects which can enter the path are arranged that they are moved clear when the seat is fired.

Emergency egress systems shall be free of physical restrictions that could prevent occupants from rapidly releasing from their restraint systems, departing their seats, traversing egress routes, and passing through emergency exits.

If escape path clearance mechanisms are used they should minimise the risk to aircrew and their equipment. The escape path shall permit the safe egress of the most critical combination of aircrew and equipment specified for use with that escape system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The possible need for shielding of objects above shoulder height (e.g. canopy rails) to minimise injuries which may be caused on ejecting under lateral "g" conditions;

b. Ensuring applied and inertial forces during escape are safe for speeds, which are to be agreed and verified;

c. Ensuring head and neck loads (neck tension, compression, shear force and combined neck moment and loads) that may be experienced during escape are safe;

d. Ensuring accelerations imposed on an ejection seat occupants do not exceed specified limits, which are to be agreed and verified;

e. Ensuring environmental hazards (overpressure, acoustic noise, flame, fragmentation etc.) to which the aircrew might be exposed on the escape path or due to the clearance mechanisms, are controlled and compatible with human exposure limits, which are to be agreed and verified;

f. Ensuring failure of the escape path clearance system does not prevent escape nor expose the air crew to undue risk of unacceptable injury;

g. Ensuring the method of escape path clearance produces minimal interference with the crew tasks;

h. The anthropometric range and mass of the aircrew;

i. Preventing the possibility of inadvertent operation;

j. Location and design of emergency controls;

k. The use of command ejection system;

l. Egress is achievable with all credible positions and/or attitudes following an abnormal landing;

m. Ensuring the means of moving objects clear of the ejection path is independent of any other system; n. Ability to see outside the exit when exit is closed;



- o. Ability to see the ground where the evacuee might land;
- p. Engine(s) running at ground idle.



9.1.1.1 Air vehicle escape systems and subsystems shall be designed and demonstrated to meet the specified reliability and confidence.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Escape systems including ejection seats, capsules, modules, and escape path clearance systems;
- b. Subsystems including Cartridge Actuated and Pyrotechnic Actuated Devices (CAD/PAD);
- c. A programme of reliability tests, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Specified system and subsystem reliability levels, to be agreed and verified;
- e. Specified confidence intervals, to be agreed and verified.







9.1.2 Each crew and passenger area shall contain escape exits and escape routes of appropriate size, type, number, location and ease of opening, to permit rapid emergency evacuation of all air vehicle occupants following landing / ditching of the air vehicle. It shall be possible for all occupants to egress the air vehicle, within specified time limits.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Size, type, number, location and ease of opening of exits to be agreed and verified;

b. Specified time limits for ground / ditching evacuation, to be agreed and verified (typically 30-90 seconds);

c. Evacuation when all exits are functional, and when only half of the exits are functional;

d. Conducting an evacuation demonstration utilising the maximum number of occupants for which certification is desired;

e. Evacuation with landing gear extended or retracted;

f. Ensuring window-type emergency exits are not obstructed by seats or seat backs;

g. Minimum passenger aisle width;

h. Aircrew and passenger clothing and personal equipment;

i. Passenger entrance, crew, and service doors may be considered as emergency exits if they meet the requirements;

j. The use of devices for ground emergency egress assist;

k. The number of seats abreast on each side of the aisle;

l. Emergency evacuation routes for service compartment located below the main deck, which may be occupied during the taxi or flight but not during takeoff or landing;

m. Ensuring integral stairs in emergency exits do not impair the effectiveness of emergency egress;

n. The possibility of the air vehicle being on fire, and at maximum seating capacity;

o. Engine(s) running at ground idle;

p. The impact of a lockable pilot compartment door.







9.1.3 All emergency exits shall be adequately marked so that their intended use and their means of operation are readily apparent to air crew and passengers and also, where appropriate, to rescue personnel approaching the air vehicle from outside.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the design of exit signs are consistent throughout the air vehicle;

b. Ensuring the identity and location of each passenger emergency exit are recognisable from a distance, to be agreed and verified;

- c. Identification in different light conditions, i.e. darkness, dense smoke;
- d. Colour of external and internal markings;
- e. Colour contrast;
- f. Reflectance.



9.1.4 Emergency egress assist devices (slides, descent reels, life rafts, rope etc), their stowage and means of deployment shall be demonstrably safe. This includes safe use by the intended air crew and passengers; and ensuring deployment handles/actuators capable of creating a safety-of-flight (SOF) or injury hazard are designed to prevent inadvertent actuation.

Consideration should be given to:



- a. The number and anthropometric range of occupants;
- b. The egress time requirements, to be agreed and verified;
- c. The operational environmental requirements, to be agreed and verified;
- d. Applicable physical and power integration requirements, to be agreed and verified;
- e. The use of different emergency assist devices may be dependant upon:
	- i. The type and size of exit;
	- ii. Whether it is intended for use by passengers or air crew;
	- iii. The height of the exit from the ground;
- f. Engine(s) running at ground idle.



9.1.5 Emergency egress and rescue processes and procedures shall be developed, incorporated in system documentation, and implemented in training. This shall include provision of documentation that informs and enforces ground/ditching egress procedures for aircrew, passengers and rescue personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring ground/ditching egress processes provide timely egress for aircrew and passengers;

b. Effectiveness of processes for rescue personnel including canopy, hatch/door removal by external actuation or cutting;

c. Engine(s) running at ground idle.





9.1.6 Egress equipment shall be provided to aid escape in the event exits are blocked, damaged, or when exit opening actuation fails; making it possible to create exits in aircraft transparencies and designated aircrew compartments.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Provision of either onboard devices such as crash axe, canopy penetrator, etc.; or

b. Ground recue tools such as fire rescue axe, powered saw.



#### 9.2. CREW STATIONS AND AIRCRAFT INTERIORS.

This section covers the design, arrangement and geometry of aircrew station accommodations, furnishings and equipment. This element also covers UAV Control Station (UAS) requirements, where appropriate.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Arrangement and location of controls, displays and other human interfaces;
- Fields of view (minimising reflections, glare etc.);
- Control operability, including range of travel, restriction of movement;
- Materials used for air vehicle interiors (flame resistance, non-toxic);
- Intercommunication;
- Speech intelligibility.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- Differing visual requirements of single seater, tandem or side by side configurations;
- The anthropometric range and mass of the aircrew;

• Type and role of air vehicle i.e. commercial, fighter, attack, bomber, transporter, maritime reconnaissance;

• Mission activities/tasks including take-off, landing and aerial refuelling.

9.2.1 Controls and displays shall be arranged and located to provide convenient operation (functional and visible). Cockpit or operators station geometry (including seats) and human interfaces shall accommodate the specified multivariate flight and mission crew population.

Consideration should be given to:



a. Anthropometric range of occupants and/or operators, to be agreed and verified;

b. The normal reach and sight of the operator when harnessed in his seat and wearing the appropriate clothing and equipment specified for that particular air vehicle;

c. Controls, which are in regular use in flight, should not be positioned aft of the pilot's shoulder line;

d. Ensuring no part of the controls lay in the region between the plane of rotation of any inboard propeller and the surface generated by a line passing through the centre of the propeller hub making an angle of 5<sup>o</sup> forward or aft of the plane of rotation of the propeller;

e. Ensuring specified flight instruments are grouped as required;

f. Ensuring specified flight instruments are centred about the vertical plane of the pilot's forward vision, as required.



9.2.1.1 All displays and indications shall be easily legible from the operator's position, for the full range of ambient lighting conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Varying operator's eye positions given the anthropometric range of occupants, to be agreed and verified;



b. Ensuring displays are readable under all expected illumination conditions from full darkness to direct sunlight, including during NVG operations if required;

c. Ensuring the clarity of information is not adversely affected by reflection;

d. Minimising reflection of instruments and consoles in windshields and other enclosures;

e. The expected electronic display brightness level at the end of an electronic display indicator's useful life;

f. Minimising direct or indirect glare from lights.



9.2.1.2 The air vehicle shall provide the aircrew with sufficient interior and exterior fields of view to maintain flight, safely perform all flight and mission-critical functions and tasks, and avoid ground or flight obstacles. Internal visual capabilities shall afford the intended population an unobstructed view of the flight instruments and other critical components and displays. The unimpaired external vision and/or transmitted visual indications available to the aircrew shall be free from unsafe blind spots that can introduce hazardous conditions, and shall meet the specified requirements and minimum angles appropriate to air vehicle class, type and operational role.

Consideration should be given to:

a. External vision / rectilinear plot to be agreed and verified (within plus and minus 180º in azimuth and plus and minus 90º in elevation);

b. The zero reference in azimuth, to be agreed and verified (typically the plane of pilot's vision parallel to the horizontal in cruising flight);

c. Differing visual requirements of single seater, tandem or side by side configurations;

d. Type and role of air vehicle, i.e. commercial, fighter, attack, bomber, transporter, maritime reconnaissance;

e. Mission activities/tasks including takeoff, landing and aerial refuelling;

f. Ensuring controls, consoles, instrument panels, headup display ancillary equipment and other structures are located so as not to critically restrict vision;

g. Ensuring the windscreen directly in front of the pilots is as free of structure as possible;

h. Seat adjustment to allow the pilot to place his eyes at the level of the aircraft design eye position;

i. Avoiding blind spots from posts, canopy bow, windshield frames, heads up display (HUD) supports, etc;

j. Anthropometric range of occupants and/or operators, to be agreed and verified.

For UAVs, the design of the control station must facilitate the command and control of the UAV by the UAV crew for safe operations.





9.2.2 Each control shall be designed, located and arranged, with respect to the pilots' and/or operators' seat, to allow unrestricted movement throughout the full range of travel, without interference from other controls, structures, aircrew bodies, their clothing or equipment. Controls shall be operable by the full anthropometric range of aircrew population. This shall include operation of all controls essential for crew survival (including ejection controls) from crewmember restrained positions under all flight conditions, air vehicle attitudes and throughout the complete range of "g" force loads.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The anthropometric range of occupants, to be agreed and verified;

b. Sufficient clearance between controls to permit unrestricted operation by the largest specified gloved hand;

c. Sufficient clearance to prevent interference between the largest specified flight boot and air vehicle structure for the yaw control;

d. The location and actuation of the stick/wheel control to consider arm reach;

e. Ensuring ejection controls (automatic and/or manual) are readily accessible and activation is possible with either hand;

f. Provisions are incorporated to guard against accidental activation of ejection system/controls;

g. Specified flight conditions and vehicle attitudes to be agreed and verified.

For UAVs, controls shall located and arranged so that the UAV crew, when at their workstation have full and unrestricted movement of each control without interference from either their clothing or the UCS structure. Controls needed for continued safe flight and landing shall remain available to the UAV crew in normal, abnormal and emergency conditions.





9.2.3 Visual caution and warning displays shall be located in the operator's prime field of vision, and shall alert the operator of all hazardous situations in a fashion that permits rapid detection sufficient for the operator to take actions necessary for safe flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Locating visual cautions and warnings within the 30º cone of vision of the operator's normal line of sight;

b. The possibility of locating visual cautions and warnings outside the pilots 30° cone of vision when space is limited, or the required number is excessive;

c. Alerting the operator to all specified hazardous situations which could present a hazard to the safety of the occupants, endanger human life, or cause substantial damage to the air vehicle, to be agreed and verified.



9.2.4 Emergency action controls shall be appropriately marked, in accordance with the specified requirements.



Consideration should be given to:

- a. Specified marking requirements to be agreed and verified (including colours and wording);
- b. Emergency controls to be included, to be agreed and verified;
- c. Outlining functional groups;
- d. Ensuring no other controls are the same colour as emergency controls.



9.2.5 Merged with 9.2.2



9.2.6 Materials (including finishes or decorative surfaces applied to the materials) used for air vehicle interiors shall be at least flame resistant and non toxic. It shall be shown to meet the appropriate flame propagation and burn-through resistance, toxicity, and smoke limiting requirements. Air vehicle interiors include:

a. Interior compartments occupied by crew or passengers (including lavatories and galleys); and

b. Areas that are not continuously occupied (including cargo and baggage compartments).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Flame propagation, burn-through and smoke limiting requirements, to be agreed and verified;

b. Additional requirements for air vehicles with passenger capacities of 20 or more, to be agreed and verified;

c. Interior components including aircraft panels, privacy curtains, foams in seat pads and cushions, personnel and cargo retention belts and straps, fabrics (coated and uncoated), flooring, cargo liners, transparencies, insulation, and any other components of the aircraft interior.





9.2.7 A means of intercommunication shall be provided between the flight-deck and other aircrew.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. A means for the flight-deck to alert aircrew when required;
- b. An intercom system accessible for immediate use at any crew station;
- c. Provision of two way communication between all crew compartments;
- d. Communication with aircrew outside of the air vehicle for use by ground personnel, if required.



9.2.8 All audio communication systems shall have speech intelligibility of sufficient quality to ensure safe and effective air vehicle operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The efficiency of communications needed and the type material to be transmitted;

b. Specified communications requirements, to be agreed and verified (depending on level of intelligibility needed):

i. Phonetically Balanced (PB) word test, typically 43-90%;

ii. Modified Rhyme Test (MRT), typically 75-97%;

iii. Minimum Articulation Index (AI), typically 0.3-0.7.



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#### 9.3. AIR VEHICLE LIGHTING.

This section covers the provision, controllability and luminance of all internal and external air vehicle light systems and illumination. Air vehicle lighting allows crewmembers to see information from displays and instruments, to operate controls, to move safely throughout and emergency egress the compartment and to perform all other mission-critical functions where sight is necessary.

Included within the scope of this section are:

• External and internal illumination (cargo compartment, loading and ramp areas, passageways, passenger seating area, avionics bays, auxiliary power plant compartment etc.);

- Emergency lighting;
- Intensity, balance and luminance of interior lighting;

• External lights necessary to permit operation in commercial airways (taxi & landing, position, riding, anticollision etc.);

- Readability and discernability of instruments;
- Compatibility with NVIS and LEP.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- All environmental lighting conditions;
- The chromaticity requirements;
- Average luminance ratio.

9.3.1 Air vehicle lighting systems shall provide adequate illumination (both internal and external) for crew, wing men, passengers, maintainers, and ground support personnel to perform all anticipated tasks safely, throughout all environmental lighting conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified tasks including normal ingress and emergency egress for all occupants within the cockpit/crewstation;

b. Lighting for the cargo compartment, loading and ramp areas, passageways, passenger seating area, avionics bays, auxiliary power plant compartment, and all flight critical maintenance areas;

c. Ensuring emergency lighting meets the specified requirements for passengers and air crew;

d. Chart, utility and worktable lighting;



- e. Where applicable, provision of required lighting to perform troop jumps (i.e. three light system);
- f. The performance of cockpit floodlighting system, if fitted;
- g. Ensuring lighting meets the specified requirements for aerial refuelling (See Section 8.7.1.4);
- h. All illuminance requirements, to be agreed and verified.



9.3.2 Internal lighting shall be fully controllable and uniform and shall not permit glare, shadows, or reflections that interfere either with the aircrew member's interior or exterior vision. This shall include provision of sufficient control to allow each aircrew to control the intensity, and balance of interior lighting; provision of housing for lighting systems to prevent leakage of stray light and to shield lamp filaments from direct view; and ensuring lighting systems not exceed the specified average luminance ratio.

For UAVs, work place lights shall be installed so that their direct rays, and rays reflected from any surface, are shielded from the UAV crew's eyes.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified average luminance ratio, to be agreed and verified (typically 2:1);

b. Minimising reflections from the canopy, windshields, and windows;

c. Ensuring it is possible to control the intensity of illumination of all instruments and panels from full intensity to zero;

d. Provision of individual dimmer switches within easy reach of each crew member to control the lighting at his station;

e. Grouping dimmer switches together where more than one is required at a crew station;

f. Ensuring illumination from wing icing detection lights do not cause glare or reflection that would handicap crewmembers in the performance of their duties.





9.3.3 The air vehicle shall be provided with all external lights necessary to permit operation without restriction.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Operation within civil airspace, which includes provision of taxi and landing lights, navigation lights, riding (anchor) lights (where applicable) and an anti-collision light system;

b. Ensuring each light meets the specified performance requirements for location, arrangement, coverage, aimability, colour and intensity;

c. Ensuring the colour chromaticity meets the International Commission on illumination chromaticity;

d. Visibility of each riding (anchor) light to be agreed and verified (typically 3·2 km - 4.0 km) (at night under clear atmospheric conditions);

e. Ensuring the anti-collision lights do not impair the flight-crew members' vision or detract from the conspicuity of the position lights.



9.3.4 Air vehicle lighting shall be sufficient to illuminate all visual displays, signals, instruments etc. related to flight-critical tasks throughout all environmental lighting conditions; and if applicable, shall be compatible with NVIS and Laser Eye Protection (LEP), so as not to degrade air crew visibility in order to maintain safety-of-flight (SOF).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Air vehicle lighting luminance requirements, to be agreed and verified;

- b. Verification of LEP and NVIS compatibility;
- c. The effects of direct or indirect glare, and / or reflections;


d. Ensuring lights do not have a direct or indirect affect on the image intensification capabilities of the NVIS;

e. Readability and discernability of instruments, including ensuring all illuminated instrument indicia are daylight readable when not energised (with the exception of self-luminous displays).



#### 9.4. HUMAN PERFORMANCE.

This section covers recognition of human factors engineering principles within the air vehicle design to enable the crewmember to monitor and control the system flight path management, navigation, caution, warning, advisory, communications, identification, propulsion, and mission and utilities subsystems, without undue discomfort or fatigue, and to reduce the potential for, and minimise the consequences of, a crew-induced error.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Location and arrangement of the primary flight display suite;
- Accuracy and completeness of flight and technical manuals;
- Presentation of emergency checklists and procedures
- Crew system interfaces;
- Sound pressure levels.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- Acceptable crew workload limits;
- Workload, task and hazard analysis;
- The anticipated range of environmental conditions;
- The anthropometric range of occupants and/or operators.



9.4.1 Aircrew, operator and maintenance tasks and/or functional operations, and procedures and/or pilot / air vehicle interfaces shall be demonstrably safe.

Consideration should be give to:

a. Workload and hazard analysis to ensure trained personnel can perform the tasks in a safe manner;

b. Ensuring all identified hazards have been reduced to a level consistent with safe operation of the system;

c. Acceptable crew workload limits, to be agreed and verified;

d. Ensuring all tasks / procedures are defined and documented;

e. Operation over the anticipated range of environmental conditions, to be agreed and verified.



9.4.1.1 The primary flight display suite shall afford crewmembers with the necessary flight and navigational data required to safely perform all basic and unique flight manoeuvres, in both normal and emergency conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Flight and navigational data required depending on air vehicle type and role. This may include, but is not limited to the following: airspeed, heading, altitude, attitude, angle-of-attack, vertical speed;

b. Flight manoeuvres, to be agreed and verified, but typically include takeoff, navigation and landing;

c. Provision of at least one set of Primary Flight Reference (PFR) data per operators station;

 i. Systems that operate the first pilot's instruments should be independent from other flight crew stations; d. Ensuring Head-Up Displays (HUD), Helmet Mounted Displays (HMD) and Head-Down Displays (HDD) are installed iaw the required standards.





9.4.2 All air vehicle operating instructions, flight handbooks/checklists, flight/performance management and planning systems, and other relevant documentation, appropriate to the air vehicle, shall not be in conflict with system descriptions and procedures (normal and emergency) and actual system performance. Technical manuals/orders and publications shall be accurate, in accordance with the aircraft design and complete for all tasks that may impact flight safety. Emergency procedures shall be clearly identified, and corrective action shall not create other hazardous situations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring all documentation is produced to the required standard, to be agreed and verified;

b. Identifying and segregating approved parts of any documented instruction, procedure, limitation etc. from each unapproved part (if applicable).



9.4.3 Merged with 9.2.1.2





9.4.4 Crew system interfaces shall be designed and installed to reduce the potential for and minimise the consequences of human error. This includes consideration of human factors engineering principles in order to prevent confusion, distraction and fatigue which may cause inadvertent operation. Crew system interfaces shall provide a means of simple correction in the event of a crew-induced error.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Anthropometric range of occupants and/or operators, to be agreed and verified;
- b. Pilot-vehicle and human-computer interfaces;
- c. Grouping and arrangement of interfaces including displays, controls etc.;
- d. Ensuring emergency controls are adequately protected;
- e. Selecting control knobs of distinctive shape to assist both visual and tactual identification;
- f. Operating controls with cold or gloved hands;

g. Ensuring Armament Control Systems incorporate protection against human factors causing inadvertent firing or release of weapons or countermeasures.



9.4.5 Merged with 9.4.2



9.4.6 Sound pressure exposure levels in areas of the air vehicle occupied by personnel during flight shall not exceed safe limits, in order to prevent hearing damage and to allow effective communication.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Internal noise level requirements, to be agreed and verified (typically 85 dB(A));

b. Ensuring noise levels are controlled as required by human factors requirements;

c. Ensuring sound treatments are integrated with the airframe structure and with airframe subsystems to achieve an optimum balance of weight, cost, and complexity;

d. Combined noise levels from the air conditioning system and all other sources, i.e. engine, are lower than the maximum acceptable levels;

e. Individual hearing protection.



#### 9.5. LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

This section covers the installation, integration, interface and functionality of air vehicle life support systems and personal protective equipment. Life support systems provide air vehicle occupants with breathing and anti-g provisions, and natural, induced, and combat hazard protection for air vehicle missions; during and after any in-flight emergency; and as appropriate after escape from the air vehicle. This may include oxygen systems which provide protection against hypoxia, inhalation of toxic smoke and fumes, and the effects of high 'g' accelerations; pressure suits for protection against high altitude / depressurization; ocular protection against foreign matter, irritants, or laser threats; ballistic protection systems for air vehicle occupants, particularly armour; protection from the effects of Nuclear, Biological, Chemical (NBC) and/or laser environments; and floatation and drowning prevention.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Physiological requirements of life support systems;
- Emergency oxygen systems;
- Flotation devices and signalling equipment.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

• Natural and induced environmental conditions, and specifically those which degrade human physical and cognitive capabilities;



• The specified worst-case crewmember breathing scenario, to be agreed and verified.

9.5.1 Air vehicle life support systems and personal protective equipment shall be designed, installed and integrated, such that they are fully functional and accessible for the intended personnel throughout the operational envelope of the air vehicle.

Life support systems and personal protective equipment may include:

a. Oxygen systems which provide protection against hypoxia (i.e. from high altitude), inhalation of toxic smoke and fumes, the effects of high 'g' accelerations;

b. Pressure suits/pressure breathing for protection against high altitude / depressurisation (including the bends) and high normal acceleration;

c. Ocular protection against foreign matter, irritants, or laser threats;

d. Ballistic protection systems for air vehicle occupants, particularly armour;

e. Protection from the effects of Nuclear, Biological, Chemical (NBC) and/or laser environments.



9.5.2 Air vehicle life support systems and personal protective equipment shall include sufficient provisions and protection to satisfy the specified physiological requirements, in order to permit air vehicle occupants to maintain air vehicle control under all anticipated environmental conditions. The physiological needs of air vehicle occupants shall be met in normal flight, as defined by the mission roles of the air vehicle; during and after any in-flight emergency; and as appropriate after escape from the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified physiological requirements, to be agreed and verified;

b. Natural and induced environmental conditions, and specifically those which degrade human physical and cognitive capabilities;

c. Maintaining core body temperature, including protection from cold weather/water;

d. Preventing hypoxia without inducing unacceptable physiological effects, such as acceleration atelectasis or delayed optic barotrauma;

e. Breathing gas pressures and concentrations to meet respiratory demands without imposing excessive resistance to breathing;

f. Mask cavity temperature and pressure;

g. Protection from chemical or biological threats;

h. Maintaining consciousness during manoeuvring loads and for extreme cabin altitudes;

i. Floatation and drowning prevention for an unconscious crewmember;

j. Fire protection/resistance properties of aircrew personal protective equipment and clothing.





9.5.3 Where air vehicle life support systems interface with other air vehicle subsystems, no operational mode of any life support system shall degrade other air vehicle subsystems sufficiently to cause an unsafe condition; and no operational or failure mode of air vehicle subsystems shall cause a life support system failure, or condition that can injure occupants, fail to meet physiological needs, or prevent sustained flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specified design limits for the life support system where there is an interface with other air vehicle subsystems;

b. Failure Modes Effects and Criticality Analysis (FMECA) to identify potential failure mode causes, to include those that could be induced by life support system or subsystem operations;

c. The effect of a software/firmware failure to the oxygen subsystem, and in other subsystems that interface with the oxygen subsystem such as built-in-test.



9.5.4 The oxygen system, which is used in the event of an emergency shall provide a supply of breathing gas to all air vehicle occupants. The duration of supply shall be sufficient to protect all occupants during descent for the maximum time possible. As a minimum this shall be the longest anticipated time taken to descend from the maximum altitude to a safe altitude. Emergency oxygen flow should be automatically initiated and alert the occupants that it is activated.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The longest anticipated time to descend to 10,000 ft from the maximum altitude, to be agreed and verified;

b. The specified worst-case crewmember breathing scenario, to be agreed and verified;

c. Whether the cabin is pressurised or depressurised.





9.5.4.1 An emergency oxygen supply shall be available for use during high altitude escape and shall have sufficient stored oxygen capacity to protect crew members during descent for the maximum time possible. As a minimum this shall be the longest anticipated time taken to descend from the maximum altitude to a safe altitude. Emergency oxygen flow shall be automatically initiated and supplied to crew members on escape.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The longest anticipated time to descend to 10,000 ft from the maximum altitude, to be agreed and verified;

b. The specified worst-case crewmember breathing scenario, to be agreed and verified.



9.5.5 Emergency floatation devices (life rafts, life preservers etc.) shall be plainly marked as to their method of operation. All survival equipment shall be approved, and shall be plainly marked for identification and method of operation. Emergency floatation and signalling equipment shall be installed so that it is readily available to the crew and passengers. This includes stowage provisions, which shall be marked for the benefit of occupants and to facilitate easy removal of the equipment. Each signalling device shall be accessible, function satisfactorily and free of any hazard in its operation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Life raft provision on air vehicles with extended overwater operations;

b. Placing markings and instructions as near as possible to the relevant control, release mechanism etc.;

c. Survival equipment including pyrotechnic signalling devices (i.e. flares);

d. Size and colour or lettering / numbering shall meet the specified requirements, to be agreed and verified.





9.5.6 Each life raft released automatically or by a crew member shall be attached to the air vehicle by a static line to keep it alongside the air vehicle. Should the air vehicle become totally submerged, this line shall be sufficiently weak to break away from the air vehicle before submerging the raft to which it is attached.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Whether to use a fully occupied or empty raft for verification of this criteria, to be agreed and verified.



#### 9.6. TRANSPARENCY INTEGRATION.

This section covers the installation, integration, interface and operation of air vehicle transparency systems, including criteria relevant to crew exterior vision and crew protection from the external environment.

Included with the scope of the this section are:

- Remote camera systems, flat transparency windows, windscreens, and/or canopy systems;
- Transparency/canopy frames, canopy actuators, canopy latch/locking systems.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.



9.6.1 Canopies, or other transparency systems, along with their associated support structure, actuation, latching, and locking mechanisms shall be compatible with the air vehicle escape system to permit safe egress and escape.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Canopies, or other transparency systems, and their associated mechanisms cannot be rendered inoperative through ice accretion;

b. Canopies, or other transparency systems, and their associated mechanisms cannot be rendered inoperative through thermal effects on the ground. See Line 9.6.3 for thermal effects in flight.



9.6.2 The transparency system shall meet the survivability requirements for bird-strike impact.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining the meaning of a birdstrike in terms of bird weight, combined velocity, impact angle etc.;

b. Acceptable breakage characteristics of the transparency.





9.6.3 The structural/thermal capability of the transparency system shall be adequate for all loads and flight conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. EMACC Section 5 - Structures - covers airframe structural impacts including impact loads from hail and should be considered with this line;

b. Wire strikes are a significant hazard for certain platform types, and although more properly an operating risk, consideration should be given to mitigating their effects;

c. The potential effect of specialised coatings;

d. The ability of the transparency to withstand ice shed from propeller tips.



9.6.4 Transparency system shape shall be compatible, and not interfere, with crew-member and equipment positions and motions used during normal and emergency conditions.



9.6.5 The optical characteristics of the transparencies (windshield, canopy, windows, as applicable), including transmissivity, angular deviation, optical distortion, haze, multiple imaging, binocular disparity, birefringence, and minor optical defects shall be compatible with the safety-critical optical systems used by the aircrew and provide a safe optical environment for the crew.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Specialised coatings.



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9.6.6 The power required to open the canopy shall be available under normal and emergency conditions, and manual actuation of the canopy shall be possible when air vehicle or external power is not available.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Provision of external means to open canopy by a ground rescue crew;
- b. Entering and leaving the aircraft with all power off.



9.6.7 The environmental management system interface shall provide the necessary defogging, pressurisation, heating, cooling, humidity control, and ventilation of the transparency system under normal and emergency conditions.







9.6.8 Provision shall be made to ensure that the pilots' transparencies remain adequately clear from obscurants at all times, and that such provisions do not cause temporary or permanent optical degradation of the transparencies.

Consideration shall be given to:

- a. Rain removal;
- b. Removal of insect debris, dust, dirt, sand, and salt from sea spray;
- c. De-fogging and de-icing;
- d. Anti-fogging, anti-icing, and snow removal.



#### 9.7. CRASH SURVIVABILITY.

This section covers the provision of suitable and sufficient crash protection and procedures in order to minimise injury to the pilot, air crew, and passengers in the event of an air vehicle crash scenario.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- The seating system(s) design (including energy absorbing seats, stretchers);
- Restraint system design and configuration;
- Functionality of exits post crash;
- Injury prevention from items of mass (including engines, gearboxes, rotor blades etc.);
- Provision of fire fighting equipment (fire extinguishers, breathing and eye protection equipment etc.);
- Ditching provisions (including floatation devices);
- Pre crash warnings and crash recovery procedures;
- Crew extraction devices.



Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- The number or air vehicle occupants;
- Ensuring that body mass figures used are appropriate, and allow a sufficient margin for fully equipped troops;
- Type and role of air vehicle;
- The ability of personnel to operate appropriate emergency devices while wearing personal protective equipment; this relates to aircrew and rescue crews.

9.7.1 The seating system, or systems including stretchers, to be used on the air vehicle shall be appropriate for their proposed use and the design of the floor and load paths to the seat, or stretcher, attachments shall be capable of sustaining the loads of the seat or stretcher system in applicable crash load conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Body mass, including kit, of seat occupants;
- b. Static and dynamic load conditions;

c. Ensuring that the Test and Acceptance Plan adequately covers all seating/stretcher systems to be used and the associated structure.



9.7.2 There shall be no intrusion into the stroke clearance envelope of energy absorbing seats that could impede the seat stroke.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Equipment;
- b. Structure;
- c. Other materiel including stowage of carry-on kit;

d. The ability of occupants to tuck feet under the seat.





9.7.3 The escape system environment and the requisite crash loading of the seats, or stretchers, shall be defined. The restraint system shall be defined in terms of properly restraining the seat or stretcher occupant for each defined environment.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Type of seat restraint - lap belt, or lap and shoulder;

b. Air vehicle occupants may be in a stretcher, or litter, as opposed to a seat;

c. Ensuring that body mass figures used are appropriate, and allow a sufficient margin for fully equipped troops;

d. Ensuring that there is sufficient margin between required allowances for body mass now and projected body mass for lifetime of the platform.





9.7.4 The strike envelope of the occupant during defined crash loads shall be kept free of objects, including deforming platform structure, that are risks to survival or which may cause serious injury rendering the crewmember(s), or other occupants, unable to perform post-crash egress functions.



9.7.5 The design crash loads for the platform shall be defined and it shall be shown that the designated emergency exits are operable up to, and including, these defined loads.





9.7.6 Under emergency landing, ditching, and crash load conditions, items of mass shall not cause serious injury to occupants or prevent their escape by any recognised escape route. Items of mass shall include cargo or baggage carried by the air vehicle.



9.7.7 The air vehicle shall be equipped with fire extinguishers appropriate for their expected use, along with breathing and eye protection equipment, and fire fighting equipment; or justification provided for their omission.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Category of air vehicle;
- b. Type, location, and number of fire extinguishers provided;
- c. Numbers of crew and passengers.



9.7.8 Where certification with 'ditching provision' is required, the requisite safety equipment shall be installed. On all aircraft without assisted escape systems this shall include sufficient life rafts for all occupants, and individual floatation devices for each occupant.



Consideration should be given to:

a. Number and location of life rafts;

b. Provision of over capacity of life rafts to account for damage or access after ditching;

c. Numbers and location of other safety equipment which might be required by ditching provisions.

d. Any structural damage due to ditching shall not adversely affect survivability including launch of life rafts.



9.7.9 A method to provide a pre-crash warning between aircrew and all other compartments shall be available. The warning shall be available in all occupied, or occupiable sections of the aircraft, without aircrew or other occupants leaving their seated position.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Making redundant warning - visual and auditory for example;

b. Provision of warnings at all duty stations, in toilets, galleys, and all other areas where crew or passengers might be expected.





9.7.10 For rotary wing air vehicles, occupiable volume reduction resulting from design crash loads shall provide reasonable protection against occupant injury; this applies to structural deformation, and other intrusion into occupiable space.



9.7.11 The mechanisms used for emergency crew extraction and for fire fighting shall be properly marked, easily identified, and shall be operable while wearing personal protective equipment.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ejection mechanisms;

b. Emergency exit use by aircrew, passengers, and rescue crews;

c. Lighting of emergency exits and fire fighting equipment;

d. Ability of personnel to operate appropriate emergency devices while wearing personal protective equipment; this relates to aircrew and rescue crews.





#### 9.8. AIR TRANSPORTABILITY AND AIRDROP.

This section covers the technical requirements for air transportation and in air jettison/airdrop of cargo and personnel.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- The design, size and layout of cargo compartments;
- NAVAIR NATOPS/cargo-loading manuals;
- Cargo restraint mechanisms (i.e. tie-down rings);
- The effects of cargo on air vehicle C of G;
- Cargo preparation, handling, carriage, and delivery procedures;
- Personnel airdrop systems;
- Jettisonable cargo.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Verification should at least consider:

- The maximum mass to be carried, and its location within or on the air vehicle;
- The largest, and heaviest load combinations;
- Different shapes of cargo;
- Air transportation of hazardous materials.

9.8.1 It shall be shown that the air vehicle structure can support all loads (internal or external, as applicable) imposed by the transported items during operational usage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identification of the maximum mass to be carried, and its location within or on the air vehicle;

b. Floor loadings should be considered along with transfer of the loads to the structure;

c. Cargo tie-down, or restraint mechanism, loadings and attachments to structure should be considered;

d. The means by which compliance should be demonstrated- whether full scale model testing or mathematical simulation.





9.8.2 There shall be passageways of sufficient width between properly loaded cargo and the aircraft structure to enable aircrew access and passenger egress during flight-critical and emergency functions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Dimensions of largest permissible cargo to be established;
- b. Producing cargo load plans showing possible locations for largest, and heaviest load combinations;
- c. Sufficient width to be judged with worst possible, but allowable, cargo configuration;
- d. Movement of cargo during crash/ditching.





9.8.3 The aircraft cargo-loading manuals for the aircraft shall include shear, bending, crushing, or puncture load limits such that the cargo does not impart excessive loads into the air vehicle structure during any phase of the loading process.



9.8.3.1 For internal loads, the cargo floor tie-down rings, or other restraint mechanisms, and the supporting structure shall be suitably strong, and the load limits shall be included in applicable operators and maintenance manuals.



9.8.4 Correctly positioned cargo shall meet the weight and balance requirements of the air vehicle to establish and maintain safe flight.

Consideration should be given to:



a. The maximum mass to be carried, and its location within or on the air vehicle, to be identified, and published in the appropriate manual.

b. Cargo load plans to be produced showing possible locations for largest, and heaviest load combinations.



9.8.5 With the exception of items designated for airdrop, properly loaded and restrained cargo shall not change the position of the air vehicle's CofG during flight.





There shall be restraints of sufficient capacity provided in sufficient quantity to restrain all items of cargo safely.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The quantity of restraints shall be sufficient for the entire cargo, or combination of cargoes;

b. The capacity of the restraints shall be sufficient to restrain the payload to the specified level of force in the forward, aft, lateral, and vertical-up directions;

c. Aircraft with crew, passengers and cargo located in the same cabin or on the same deck.



9.8.7 All the operator and maintenance manuals (T.O.'s) shall be accurate, consistent with the aircraft data, and provide the cargo preparation, handling, carriage, and delivery procedures necessary for safe ground and flight operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Identifying and validating platform specific aircrew manuals;
- b. Identifying and validating platform specific ground crew manuals;
- c. Identifying and validating applicable National operating rules or manuals;
- d. Identifying and validating applicable International or Treaty manuals.





9.8.8 The cargo compartment dimensions shall allow enough room to load, transport, and/or airdrop required items safely.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that sufficient clearance is provided between all cleared cargo loads and the aircraft structure and fittings;

b. Cargo volume envelope excludes crew and passenger access and escape paths;

c. Ensuring that aircraft manuals reflect the largest allowable dimensions for cargo.



9.8.9 The air vehicle shall be loaded with cargo ready for air-dropping without damage to the airframe; and air vehicle flight performance or control shall not be hazardously affected by movement of its C of G due to air-dropping of that cargo.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The need to provide external stability struts to prevent the air vehicle from settling on its tail while being loaded;

b. The maximum mass to be carried, and its location within or on the air vehicle, to be identified and published in the appropriate manual;

c. Cargo load plans shall be produced showing possible locations for largest, and heaviest load combinations;

d. Cargo load plans shall identify the order in which the loading should occur to enable subsequent safe air-drop.





9.8.10 The air vehicle personnel air-drop systems shall be able to withstand the loads imposed by personnel during air-drop, and possible malfunctions of personnel air-drop equipment.

Consideration should be given to loads associated with:

- a. The location of air-drop attachment points and supporting structure;
- b. Effects of opening any door or ramp for egress; this would include the use of air deflectors;
- c. Mechanisms used to retrieve paratroopers who have jumped but not separated from the air vehicle.



9.8.11 The air vehicle shall provide the capability to safely recover a paratrooper who has jumped but not separated from the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The likely weight of a laden paratrooper;
- b. Storage and availability of retrieval equipment.



9.8.12 For personnel airdrop, acceptable risk levels shall exist to avoid paratrooper collision, adverse vortex interaction, and adverse multi-ship formation effects induced by the air vehicles.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining the acceptable risk level for the activity;

b. Determining paratrooper exit spacing/timing to minimise risk;

c. Determining acceptable air vehicle proximities during multi-ship formation air-drops;

d. Ensuring that National rules and regulations, or operational procedures, reflect any required safety limitations.



9.8.13 For authorised air-drop or jettisonable cargo, the loaded items shall be dropped or jettisoned safely during flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Defining the acceptable risk level for the activity;

b. Proximity of dropped or jettisoned cargo to air vehicle structure after the cargo leaves the aircraft. This should account for any induced motion such as tumbling;

c. Determining, where necessary, spacing or timing gaps between multiple items of cargo to minimise risk;

d. Different weights and shapes of cargo;

e. Configuration of aircraft for air-drop or jettison procedures. For example, account should be taken of flaps and undercarriage position and their effect on airflow;

f. Ensuring that National rules and regulations, or operational procedures, reflect any required safety limitations.





9.8.14 Any necessary in-flight movement or operation of transported items or role equipment shall not adversely affect aircraft flight systems or cause injury to aircrew or passengers.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All in-flight movements or operation of transported items shall be fully justified;

b. If moved during flight, transported items must remain under strict control at all times;

c. Transported items, if moved, must remain within the weight and balance limits for the air vehicle. See Line 9.8.4 for details;

d. Transported items, if moved, must remain within the designated cargo volume of the air vehicle keeping the crew access and passenger escape routes clear at all times. See Line 9.8.2 for details;

e. Transported items, if operated mechanically, must remain within the air vehicle weight and balance limits, and the designated cargo volume. See Lines 9.8.2 and 9.8.4 for details;

f. Transported items, if operated electrically, must be electro-magnetically compatible with the air vehicle. See Section 13 for details;

g. In-flight movement or operation of transported equipment shall only be in accordance with National rules or operational procedures.



#### 9.9. LAVATORIES, GALLEYS, AND AREAS NOT CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED.

This section covers air vehicle compartments, and areas that may be accessible to crew, passengers or maintainers, but that may not be occupied at all times during flight.

Included within the scope of this section are:

1. That food service carts, refuse carts, and waste containers used to receive any combustible materials contain a fire ignited within.

2. That all compartments have separate and approved smoke and/or fire detectors to alert the crew at the pilot or flight engineer station for both in-flight and ground operations; that each compartment has dedicated hand fire extinguishers; and that if unoccupied cargo holds are present, fire protection and fire detection/suppression requirements are met.

3. That the fire alarm and intercom/public address system can be heard in all lavatories, galleys, and other compartments.

4. That the human factors design for operation of installed equipment minimises the probability of human error that could create a safety hazard in the aircraft.

5. That all equipment installed in lavatories, galleys, and other areas can be safely operated in the aircraft environment, and is designed to withstand all potential aircraft environmental exposures, including rapid decompression, without creating a safety hazard.

6. That occupants cannot become trapped in lavatories, galleys, and other compartments during emergency evacuation situations, and that emergency lighting is available to aid egress.



9.9.1 Food service carts, refuse carts, and waste containers used to receive any combustible materials shall be capable of containing any fire likely to occur within it.



9.9.2 All lavatories, galleys, and areas not continuously occupied shall have:

• Separate and approved smoke and/or fire detectors to alert the crew at the pilot or flight engineer station for both in-flight and ground operations;

• Dedicated hand fire extinguishers; and

• For unoccupied cargo holds, fire protection and fire detection/suppression requirements shall be met.



9.9.3 The fire alarm and intercom/public address system shall be audible in all lavatories, galleys, and other compartments not continuously occupied.







9.9.4 Merged with 9.4.1 for equipment and 9.4.2 for supporting documentation.



9.9.5 All equipment installed in lavatories, galleys, and other areas not continuously occupied shall be safe to operate in the aircraft environment, and shall be designed to withstand all potential aircraft environmental exposures, including rapid decompression, without creating a safety hazard.



9.9.6 Occupants shall not become trapped in lavatories, galleys, or other compartments during emergency evacuation situations, and emergency lighting shall be available to aid egress.







# **SECTION 10 - DIAGNOSTICS SYSTEMS**

This section covers the functionality and integration of air vehicle diagnostics; and specifically the detection, isolation, and reporting of loss or degradation of system functions. Some diagnostic systems covered include built-in-tests (BIT), built-in-test-equipment (BITE) and health and usage monitoring systems (HUMS).

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Development and application of FMECA;
- Measurement of SOF parameters;
- Diagnostic sensor calibration and operation;
- Self induced failure prevention.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA)
- 2. Acceptance test procedures
- 3. Pre-flight test results
- 4. Built-in-test software
- 5. Flight test plan
- 6. Testability analysis reports
- 7. BIT demos reports
- 8. Test & evaluation master plan (TEMP)
- 9. Failure report and corrective action system (FRACAS) data
- 10. Test reports
- 11. System safety analysis report

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 10.1. FAILURE MODES.

10.1.1 Critical functional failure modes shall be identified, and provisions incorporated within the air vehicle design for their detection.

Consideration shall be given to:

a. Conducting a recognised system safety analysis (e.g. Fault Tree Analysis);

b. Conducting FMECA (or acceptable similar analysis) in order to identify all safety and mission critical failures;

c. Identifying all possible modes of failure, including malfunctions and damage from external sources;

d. The probability of multiple failures, and the probability of undetected faults;

e. The resulting effects on the air vehicle and third parties, considering the stage of flight and operating conditions;

f. The air crew's capability of determining faults.





10.1.2 Detection of critical functional failures, including built-In-test (BIT) features, shall activate caution and warning functions and message indicators in a timely manner, to enable appropriate corrective action to be taken.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring information needed (to the crew or other equipment) is provided in time to preclude further uncontrolled degradation to safety, mission accomplishment, and survivability;

b. Use of visual and/or aural indication;

c. Ensuring systems and controls and associated monitoring and warning means are designed to minimise crew errors.

d. A warnings philosophy for new designs which standardises the warnings criticality level with the matching warning indication and recording criteria.



#### 10.2. OPERATION.

10.2.1 Diagnostic systems shall accurately monitor all appropriate safety-of-flight (SOF) parameters, in order to permit proper diagnosis.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The fidelity & integrity of both air vehicle and ground diagnostic systems.





10.2.2 Diagnostic sensor operation and calibration procedures shall permit accurate measurement of all critical parameter values, within specified tolerances.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Establishing specified tolerances for each critical parameter values being monitored;

b. Ensuring diagnostic sensor calibration methods deliver the required integrity.



10.2.3 Failure of the diagnostic system itself shall not adversely affect safety-of-flight (SOF), induce undetected failures, or otherwise damage the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the diagnostic system design is minimally invasive;

b. Ensuring systems and controls are designed to minimise crew errors;

c. Ensuring dangerous-condition-prevention devices do not limit flight within the Operational Flight Envelope.

d. Ensuring the failure of diagnostic function does not initiate a sequence of actions that provide a more adverse effect on flight safety.





10.2.4 All critical safety systems shall be monitored to ensure they are fully functional prior to their activation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of Built-In-Test (BIT) and/or continuous health monitoring.



10.2.5 Operator and maintenance manuals containing diagnostic systems shall be complete and shall provide accurate diagnostic information.



10.2.6 Air vehicles shall be equipped with flight data recorders and cockpit voice recorders where appropriate.

Consideration should be given to:

- 1. The essential parameters to be recorded as determined by the National Regulatory Authority.
- 2. Any potential security aspects associated with the required installation and parameters to be recorded.
- 3. Location of microphone for audio recordings.
- 4. Power supply to recording device.
- 5. Prevention of erasure, or over-writing, of recording after a crash impact.
- 6. Crash survivability of recording device.
- 7. Any conspicuity requirements, including underwater detection if required.
- 8. Ability for pre-flight checking of recorder to ensure correct functioning.






# **SECTION 11 - AVIONICS**

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle avionics system. This includes manned air vehicle avionics, as well as airborne and ground segment avionics for UAVs.

## TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Design studies and analyses
- 3. Design, installation, and operational characteristics
- 4. Design approval and system compatibility tests
- 5. Simulation tests and modelling results
- 6. Component and system level qualification and certification tests
- 7. Electromagnetic environmental effects
- 8. Hazard analysis and certification
- 9. Failure modes and effects analysis
- 10. Avionics flight-critical hardware and software

11. Avionics preliminary design review (PDR) and critical design review (CDR) open items

12. Avionics integration tests and results

- 13. Avionics/electronics integrity program documentation
- 14. Flight test simulation plan
- 15. System/subsystem self-test design and capabilities
- 16. Acceptance test plans, procedures, and results
- 17. Qualification test plans, procedures, and results
- 18. Functional configuration audit (FCA) and physical configuration audit (PCA) data
- 19. Test reports
- 20. Environmental analysis and test results
- 21. Diminishing manufacturing sources plan 22. Obsolete parts plan

### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

(Note: For subsystems that use computer resources, see section 15 for additional, specific criteria.)

### 11.1. AVIONICS ARCHITECTURE.

11.1.1 Ensure that Avionics Subsystems have the number and type of sensors, data processors, data buses, controls and displays, and communications devices adequate for Safety of Flight and air traffic management considerations.

Consideration should be given to safety critical functions such as:

a. Air data system, including provisions for displaying primary flight parameters;

b. Propulsion system instrumentation, with the ability to monitor performance, fuel status, and integrity of the system;

c. Display of other air vehicle or vehicle management system parameters as required for safe flight;

d. An installed interoperable communications subsystem capable of supporting Safety of Flight and Air Traffic Management operations with the required integrity (including security) and continuity of service throughout the intended missions;



e. A navigation subsystem capable of meeting Safety of Flight and Air Traffic Management performance, integrity, availability and continuity of service requirements for long range reference, local area reference, and landing/terminal reference;

f. An installed surveillance and identification subsystem capable of meeting the Safety of Flight and Air Traffic Management performance, integrity, and continuity of service requirements for identification, relative positioning, trajectory, timing, and intent;

g. Normal, Emergency and Critical Failure Mode conditions.

h. Operation in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud.







11.1.2 Ensure that for any single safety-critical sensor, connection, processor, or display unit, redundancy is incorporated such that any credible combination of failures does not result in loss of safetycritical data or display of unsafe or misleading data.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Normal, Emergency and Critical Failure Mode conditions;

b. An installed surveillance and identification subsystem capable of meeting the Safety of Flight and Air Traffic Management performance, integrity, and continuity of service requirements for identification, relative positioning, trajectory, timing, and intent.



11.1.3 Ensure that avionics data buses shall have sufficient redundancy, reliability, and integrity to meet system safety and flight-critical requirements to preclude:

• Loss of safety-critical functioning;

• Display of unsafe or misleading information to the operator or maintainer;



## • Undetected failure modes.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Normal, Emergency and Critical Failure Mode conditions;

b. Multiple/independent paths for critical signals.



11.1.4 Ensure the overall avionics system operates in a predictable, deterministic or bounded manner and limits latency of any time-critical data, including primary flight data, as needed to support all safetycritical functions.





11.1.5 Ensure that all modes of operation are safe for the integrated system and ensure that the following events do not result in unsafe system operation:

a. Undetected failure modes (failures not automatically detected by diagnostics);

b. Timing or latency anomalies;

c. Interface/interconnect failures.

Consideration should be given to graceful degradation covering normal, backup, and emergency modes.



11.1.6 Ensure that the avionics system integrated diagnostics provides the fault coverage, low false alarm rates, fault isolation, and fault detection needed to detect bad data and failed components that would degrade safe operation.





## 11.2. AVIONICS SUBSYSTEMS.

11.2.1 Ensure that critical flight, status and warning information is provided to the crew in a timely, clear and unambiguous form.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Legibility of primary flight displays. Ensure that primary flight information is provided to the crew at all times and is readable in all mission environments (including NVG where applicable) and lighting conditions (including full sunshine on displays, sun in the eyes, and total darkness);

b. Accuracy. Ensure that accuracy of flight-critical information meets SOF requirements;

c. Warnings, cautions, and advisories. Ensure that cautions and warnings are legible in all mission environments and are provided in an organized, prioritized system, and that the presentation of highpriority information is not masked by older or lower priority warnings and cautions;

d. Symbology. Ensure that instruments and symbols used to display flight-critical information employ accepted formats, directions, etc.;

e. BIT features. Ensure that BIT features of equipment alert the flight crew of flight-critical equipment status.







11.2.2 Ensure that avionic subsystem controls, such as that for controlling avionic modes and system function, are defined for all safety-critical functions have adequate redundancy and/or reliability in order to maintain required control.



11.2.3 Ensure that data links providing SOF/flight-critical functioning maintain data integrity and continuity of service throughout the intended missions and satisfies fault-tolerant SOF requirements. In addition, ensure that data link integrity precludes the display of unsafe or misleading information to the operator or maintainer, and satisfies fault-tolerant SOF requirements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Unmanned air vehicle (UAV)/remotely operated aircraft (ROA) command and control data links;

b. Manned systems with automatic/semi-automatic (man-in-the-loop) landing, formation, or other control functions with off-board aiding that are used for safety- and flight-critical requirements.





11.2.4 Ensure that each avionics subsystem and the overall avionics system is qualified and certified to operate throughout the required air vehicle operational environment without imposing a SOF risk.

Consideration should be given to the use of any off-the-shelf (OTS) equipment which may not be:

- a. Qualified to the full air vehicle operating envelope, or;
- b. If commercial OTS, qualified to the military combat aircraft environment such as:
	- i. High manoeuvre loads;
	- ii. High vibration loads e.g. gun-fire;
	- iii. Supersonic speeds, etc.



11.2.5 Ensure that the Avionics System operates safely and with the required power characteristics.

Consideration should be given to Normal, Emergency and Critical Failure Mode conditions.





## 11.3. AVIONICS AIR VEHICLE INSTALLATION.

11.3.1 Ensure that the avionics equipment installation, including arrangement and crashworthiness, is adequate for SOF.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Normal, Emergency and Critical Failure Mode conditions;

b. Systems that operate the first pilot's instruments should be independent from other flight crew stations.



11.3.2 Ensure that flight manual and maintenance manual limits are adequate to conduct safe flight, including emergency operations and failure mode conditions.





11.3.3 Ensure that antenna patterns and performance for safety/flight-critical transmitting and receiving systems provide adequate coverage to ensure:

a. Flight-critical functioning is retained;

b. Unsafe information is not displayed to the operator or maintainer;

c. Adequate availability and continuity of service for SOF operations.

Consideration should be given to Normal, Emergency and Failure Mode conditions.





# **SECTION 12 - ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle electrical system. It covers both the electrical power generation system and electrical wiring system, including power distribution.

(Note: For subsystems that use computer resources, see section 15 for additional specific criteria.)

## TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Design studies and analyses, including electrical loads analysis
- 3. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA)
- 4. Hazard analyses
- 5. Functional operations test results
- 6. Performance test results
- 7. Installation and operational characteristics
- 8. Component and system qualifications
- 9. Flight manual, flight test procedures, and limitations
- 10. Wiring diagrams, which may include information regarding

• Wire types, wire sizes and current/voltage carried, wire identification, circuit breaker sizes and part numbers

- Harness diameters including modified harnesses
- Connector and accessories part numbers and identification
- Clamping and part numbers
	- Miscellaneous parts identification and part numbers-nuts, bolts, washers, terminal lugs, environmental splices/shield terminations 11. 3D routing diagrams with several views and pictures
- 12. Visual assessment of the design implementation and installation
- 13. Component and system qualifications
- 14. Installed equipment list
- 15. Diminishing manufacturing sources plan 16. Obsolete parts plan

## CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

### 12.1. ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION SYSTEM.

For airborne, shipborne or ground applications, the electric power generating system includes electrical power sources, main power buses, transmission cables, and associated control, regulation and protective devices.

12.1.1 Ensure that sufficient electrical power is available to meet the air vehicle systems power requirements during all modes of operation and potential failure conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Individual electrical load power requirements of systems at normal flight, normal ground, maintenance, environmental extremes, peak and failure mode conditions;

b. The compound electrical load power requirements of all systems at normal, peak and failure mode conditions;



c. The balance of electrical loads across distribution systems and power generation systems, including redundancy for flight critical systems;

d. The need to shed non-essential electrical loads in a safe manner in order to preserve essential systems electrical supply in the event of failure;

e. Systems future growth and development requirements;

f. System transients due to switching, fault clearing.



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12.1.2 Ensure that the operation of the electric power generation system and its component parts is safe.



Noting the wide variety of electrical power generation systems and components, consideration should be given to the following under all anticipated environmental loadings, configurations and equipment fits (MEDEVAC, SPS):

- a. Adequate implementation of cooling and ventilation provisions;
- b. Status/failure indications including central warning panels;
- c. Mechanical/thermal disconnect (as applicable) of generators, converters, inverters, batteries, etc.;
- d. Cabin pressure failure;
- e. Escape of crew and passengers;
- f. Overcharging and electrical load analysis;
- g. Routeing of fuel, oil and water;
- h. Connection of external ground power;
- i. Corrosion, toxic substances and gases from batteries.



12.1.3 Ensure that operation of the integrated electrical power system for normal and emergency modes is safe.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Normal and emergency modes;
- b. Use of actual or simulated drives and loads;
- c. All flight and control configurations;
- d. Transition between modes;
- e. Bus switching;
- f. Load shedding;
- g. Fault condition operation (detection, clearing, and reconfiguration);
- h. Assurance that no single fault affects more than one power source;
- i. Electrical loads analysis;
- j. Application of external power;
- k. Circuit protection.





12.1.4 Ensure that required power quality is maintained for all operating conditions and load combinations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Voltage stability;
- b. Frequency stability;
- c. Impedance stability;
- d. Current stability;
- e. Power quality under electrical generation system failure mode conditions.





12.1.5 Ensure that independent, uninterruptable power sources are available to satisfy the requirements of essential redundancy for flight-critical functions following failure of the primary power system and that there are no points where a single failure or a reasonable combination of failures could result in total loss of power anywhere in the power system (including circuit boards).





12.1.6 Ensure that where batteries are employed to provide backup power for Safety Of Flight (SOF) functions, the installation is safe and that the method for charging and checking is adequate.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Battery powered engine ignition systems and associated charging systems.



12.1.7 Ensure that emergency backup electrical power systems can provide the required power.

Consideration should be given to ensuring required power is available for:

a. Malfunction recovery procedures;

b. All flight conditions associated with the mission profiles of the platform.







12.1.8 Ensure that any electrical subsystem limitations are defined and included in the appropriate manuals.



12.1.9 Ensure that suitable normal and emergency operating procedures for electrical systems are included in the flight manual.



12.1.10 Ensure that the system powers up in a safe state and in circumstances involving a loss of power, power transients or fluctuations, the system remains or reverts to a known safe state.



## 12.2. ELECTRICAL WIRING SYSTEM, INCLUDING POWER DISTRIBUTION.

This element involves all wiring and wiring components (connectors, circuit breakers, etc.) throughout the air vehicle; and for UAV, the control station safety of flight-related wiring system. Databuses are excluded form the scope of this section and covered in Section 11.

12.2.1 Ensure that appropriate electrical system wiring and components are suitable for the physical environment in each area on the air vehicle where they are used. Ensure that electrical wiring system installation is safe regarding shock hazard protection for personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Electrical wiring, including conductor material, coating and insulation system;
- b. Electrical system components;
- c. Electrical system support devices;
- d. Electrical system design;
- e. Operating environment:
	- i. Moisture
	- ii. Heat
	- iii. Vibration, mechanical abrasion/damage, flexing
	- iv. Contamination from oils, fuels, chemicals etc.





12.2.2 Ensure that wiring is sized properly for the required current handling capability and voltage drop.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Cable material properties for both conductor and insulation;
- b. Wire diameter;
- c. Cable length;
- d. Connector type and properties;
- e. Cable bundling and separation.







12.2.3 Ensure that proper circuit protection is provided for wiring associated with power distribution throughout its entire run.

Consideration should also be given to circuits contained in or exiting from any electronic enclosures performing intermediate power switching or distribution functions.







12.2.4 Ensure that redundant circuits provided for safety are sufficiently isolated.

12.2.5 Ensure that electrical system design precludes single-point failures related to wiring.

Consideration should be given to integrating redundant functions within an electronics enclosure.



12.2.6 Ensure that the design of the wiring system installation, including connectors, is adequate for all planned operating conditions.



Consideration should be given to:

- a. Normal and emergency modes;
- b. All modes of operation;
- c. Operating conditions;
- d. Load combinations;
- e. Failure conditions;
- f. Installation environment.



12.2.6.1 Ensure that wiring in areas containing explosive vapours is protected to prevent potential ignition sources.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Electrical systems in close proximity to fuel systems;
- b. Issues with ageing and deterioration of the wiring.





12.2.6.2 Ensure that failure within a wiring harness that includes safety-critical wiring does not cause loss of, or unacceptable degradation to, any safety-critical functions.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Open circuit faults;
- b. Shorted/crossed-circuit faults.





12.2.6.3 Ensure that the wiring design and installation procedures maintain positive separation of wiring from all fluid or gas carrying lines and flight controls.

Consideration should be taken of movement caused by:

- a. Dynamic G loading;
- b. Mechanical system movement;
- c. Cable flexing;
- d. Thermal effects;
- e. Vibration.



12.2.6.4 Ensure that the routeing design and installation procedures are such that the installation of wiring is free from mechanical damage or chafing conditions.



Consideration should be given to:

- a. Mechanical system movement;
- b. Vibration;
- c. Cable flexing;
- d. Cable clipping/bundling.



12.2.6.5 Ensure that wiring design provides primary and secondary support for the wiring throughout the installation.



12.2.6.6 Ensure that maintainability is a factor in the design and installation procedures for wiring and components.

Consideration should be given to accessibility for inspection.



12.2.6.7 Ensure that all equipment and equipment racks are designed for proper electrical bonding.



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# **SECTION 13 - ELECTROMAGNETIC ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS (E3)**

This Section covers electro-magnetic compatibility of the platform with its cleared environment and weapon loads; it considers potential effects from internal and external sources. Consideration is also given to potentially harmful electro-magnetic effects on personnel, ordnance, and fuel and the associated required safety margins.

This Section also covers the national and international requirements for meeting the electro-magnetic spectrum licensing requirements.

A common theme through many of the recommendations is the development of a suitable test plan which identifies applicable systems explicitly, considers the type of evidence required for each test, and clearly states the associated acceptance criteria for each test.

## TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. E3 design criteria, analysis, and tradeoff studies
- 2. Results of E3 modelling and simulation
- 3. E3 failure modes, and effects, and criticality analyses
- 4. Electromagnetic hazard analyses
- 5. Equipment/subsystem E3 qualification reports
- 6. Details of installation and operation
- 7. System E3 qualification tests
- 8. Flight and operational manuals, and flight test procedures, and limitations
- 9. Safety-of-flight (SOF) certifications 10. Authorised radio frequency allocations

### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA



## 13.1. COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM E3 QUALIFICATION.

13.1.1 All flight-critical equipment shall comply with all electromagnetic environmental effects requirements. To achieve this, all flight-critical equipment shall be identified and either:

a. Shown to be compliant with all electromagnetic environmental effects requirements, including lightning susceptibility, as appropriate for the particular equipment; this includes both radiated and susceptibility requirements, or;

b. For those equipment that are not shown to be compliant, appropriate mitigations shall be introduced.





13.1.2 All non-flight-critical equipments shall be identified and shown to not adversely affect the safe operation of flight critical equipment;

and comply with all (conducted, radiated' and 'transient') electromagnetic environmental effects requirements that are appropriate for the particular equipment, including lightning susceptibility; this includes both radiated and susceptibility requirements.







13.1.3. Merged with 13.1.2



## 13.2. SYSTEM-LEVEL E3 QUALIFICATION.

13.2.1 All systems and sub-systems on the air vehicle shall be mutually electro-magnetically compatible.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying all air vehicle systems;

b. Demonstrating that all systems or equipment, or parts thereof, have been included in the EMC/EMI test plan;

c. Ensuring that the EMC/EMI test plan takes cognisance of all air vehicle systems at a platform level;

d. The EMC/EMI test plan accounts for all likely combinations of concurrent system operation.





13.2.2 All antenna-connected equipment shall be identified and shown to be compatible with each other and not degraded beyond their operational bounds by other on or off-board equipment to a level that would impact safety. To achieve this, the antenna-connected equipment operational bounds shall be defined, and any margins between the operational bounds and the levels where safety may become affected shall be identified.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that all antenna-connected systems have been identified; these will include, but not be limited to: radios; radars including rad-alt, TFR, ECM and ECCM systems, and their various modes; GPS systems; navigation systems;

b. Off-board equipment considered to have the potential to interact with on-board equipment should be identified; these will include but not be limited to: ATC systems; other aircraft transmitters; terrestrial radio and TV transmitters; military systems.

c. Ensuring that the platform level EMC/EMI test plan encompasses all likely combinations of on and offboard equipment.





13.2.3 The intended external RF electro-magnetic environment for the air vehicle shall be defined, and the air vehicle shall be shown to be compatible with this environment.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ground and air based emitters;

b. Testing, or demonstration of compliance, shall be at an air vehicle level;

c. The Test and Acceptance Plan should define how compliance will be demonstrated and what the acceptance criteria are.





13.2.4 All requirements for meeting lightning protection, both the direct (physical) and indirect (electromagnetic) effects, shall be identified, agreed and verified by testing; specific consideration should be given to all aspects of the air vehicle fuel system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Fuel system components including, but not limited to: refuel/defuel/engine supply components; pumps; storage and collector tanks; fuel vent system and components; fuel coolers; adjacent EWIS components; b. Structural protective measures/Bonding;

c. Inerting.




13.2.5 If protection from the effects of an electro-magnetic pulse is required, the appropriate level of protection and associated acceptance criteria are to be established.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Which, if any, systems should be afforded protection from EMP effects;
- b. Any nuclear hardening of components that might be required chips or larger assemblies for example;
- c. If any extra protection against EMI, over and above the base level, is required;
- d. Any requirement for redundant systems for use after experiencing EMP;
- e. Establishing a suitable test plan.



13.2.6 The air vehicle design shall be able to control and dissipate the build-up of electrostatic charges caused by particle impingement, fluid flow, air flow, and other triboelectric charge-generating mechanisms to:

- Avoid ordnance hazards;
- Avoid personnel shock hazards;
- Control p-static interference or damage to electronics.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The static discharge spark, which can occur as contact is made and which can be quite powerful and emit RF components in its own right.





13.2.7 For the system, the following shall be achieved:

• The radiation pattern of on-board emitters shall be compared with safety distances associated with permitted loaded ordnance (HERO) to ensure compatibility;

• The radiation pattern of on-board emitters shall be used to produce a plan showing minimum safe distances from the platform when related to personnel (HERP), fuel (HERF) and stored ordnance (HERO);

• The minimum distance by which the air vehicle must stay away from external transmitters, both on the ground and in the air, shall be determined;

• The appropriate manuals shall clearly record the above.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Terrestrial radio and television transmitters;

b. Military transmitters;

c. Other sources of high intensity radio frequency radiation.



13.2.8 The electrical bonding shall be adequate to ensure safe air vehicle operation.







13.2.9 All electrically-initiated explosive devices used on the platform shall be identified along with their associated safety margins, and the safety margins shall be met; advice shall be sought from the relevant National Regulatory Authority and/or permissions obtained where necessary.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Air vehicle transmitters;
- b. Terrestrial radio and radar transmitters;
- c. Airfield transmitters;
- d. Military system transmitters.



13.2.10 The system shall meet the electromagnetic spectrum licensing requirements in accordance with national and international regulations, and have received electromagnetic spectrum certification.







# **SECTION 14 - SYSTEM SAFETY**

This section details the criteria to establish, verify, and implement a comprehensive and robust system safety programme.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- The implementation of a system safety programme;
- Safety design criteria which are required in order to ensure the air vehicle is 'safe';
- Air vehicle system software safety, and its integration with the overall safety programme

When considering the intent of the criteria in this section, which will need to be applied across the diverse technologies and sub-systems of the Air Vehicle System, a degree of concurrency, separation and apparent duplication of criterion is recognised within the EMACC handbook. This is particularly apparent within Sections 4, 14 and 15 whereby the intent of the criteria in each of these sections is arguably best deployed into the Technical Solution by a well implemented Systems Engineering approach.

A systems engineering philosophy will enable the airworthiness process to generate and define suitable safety criteria which, in particular for software and complex electronic hardware, allows hardware and software elements to be dealt with in an integrated fashion.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. System safety program plan
- 2. Preliminary hazard analyses
- 3. Subsystem hazard analyses (fault hazard analyses or fault tree analyses)
- 4. System hazard analyses (including hardware, software and human system integration causal factors)
- 5. Operating and support hazard analyses
- 6. Test hazard analyses
- 7. Occupational health hazard assessment
- 8. Specialised analyses such as a sneak circuit analyses and software hazard analyses
- 9. Type T-2 modification documentation (for correction of safety deficiencies)

10. Component/system test results (waivers/deviations and equipment conditional usage documents)

- 11. Minutes of system safety group meetings (open items)
- 12. Minutes of system safety program reviews (open items)
- 13. Engineering change proposals (safety related)
- 14. Hazard identification, evaluation and correction-tracking system files
- 15. Safety assessment reports
- 16. SOF test plans and test results
- 17. Test temporary engineering orders (not previously included in any safety analyses)
- 18. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA)
- 19. Hazard risk index
- 20. MIL-STD-882, System Safety Program Requirements
- 21. Test review board reports
- 22. Safety review board reports
- 23. Flight readiness review reports
- 24. Safety requirements traceability matrix (both hardware and software)



#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 14.1. SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM.

This section covers the implementation of a comprehensive and robust system safety programme, which spans the system lifecycle. The aim of the system safety programme is to identify any associated system hazards / risks, and to eliminate them where possible, or mitigate the risks such that the residual risks are at acceptable levels.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Integration of the safety programme with systems engineering processes;
- The implementation of a hazard tracking system;
- The comprehensiveness of safety analysis and processes.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive. However, all criteria should at least consider the use of the latest safety standards, guidance and techniques.

14.1.1 An effective system safety programme shall be implemented to manage all hardware, software, and human system integration risks, iaw specified standards, in order to achieve acceptable mishap risk, within the constraints of operational effectiveness and suitability, time, and cost.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of the latest safety standards and guidance.



14.1.1.1 The system safety programme shall be integrated effectively into all aspects of the systems engineering lifecycle, in order to ensure its beneficial influence on requirements, design and ultimately the safety of the system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the system safety programme is not considered in isolation;

b. Ensuring system safety requirements, analyses, time lines and other milestones are in synchronisation with the rest of the program.





14.1.1.2 Covered by 14.2.10 (changed or modified equipment) and 14.2.1 (hazard identification and mitigation)



14.1.1.3 A tracking system shall be maintained throughout the system life cycle in order to record hazards / risks identified during the system safety process; their closure actions and/or risk reduction / mitigation; and residual risks and risk acceptance.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of a closed loop hazard tracking system / hazard log.



14.1.1.4 The system safety programme shall be comprehensive, and as a minimum, shall address the following areas:

• Flight safety

- Ground/industrial safety
- Explosives and ordnance safety; non-nuclear munitions
- Range safety
- Nuclear safety



- Radiation/laser safety
- Test safety and support
- Software safety
- Materials
- Failure modes and effects testing and built-in-test
- Fail safe design
- Support equipment

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Assessing safety design deficiencies uncovered during flight mishap or fault investigations;
- b. Ensuring flight mishap rates for system do not exceed threshold limits that are established for program;
- c. Establishing an FOD prevention program to minimise the risk of FOD during assembly;
- d. Conducting weapons testing, certification, and obtainment of explosive hazard classifications;

e. Ensuring the appropriate safety and design standards are followed, and that safe processes are employed;

f. Establishing the key safety design requirements;

g. System safety organisation participation in test planning and post-test reviews to analyse all testrelated hazards and recommended corrective actions to ensure hazard closeout or mitigation;

h. Risks associated with use of new/alternate/substituted materials or material deficiencies.

i. Operation in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud.

j. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.





#### 14.2. SAFETY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.

This section outlines a number of air vehicle safety design criteria which are required in order to ensure the air vehicle is 'safe'. The objective of safety design requirements is to achieve acceptable mishap risk through a systematic application of design guidance from standards, specifications, regulations, design handbooks, safety design checklists, and other sources.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Risks caused by single-point failures;
- Air-vehicle redundant systems design;
- Consideration of human factors within design and appreciation of human error;
- Safety implications of operating in extreme environmental conditions;
- System installation;
- Isolation of hazardous substances, components and operations;
- Ensuring risks are re-assessed following design changes.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

Considerations include:

- The agreed level of acceptable risk;
- Potential risks to personnel, equipment or property, and / or the environment;
- Following the latest safety standards, guidance and techniques.

14.2.1 A systematic safety assessment process shall be employed to identify and characterise potential hazards, devise corrective actions, and conduct residual risk assessments.

The safety assessment process should be planned and managed to provide the necessary assurance that all relevant failure conditions have been identified and that all reasonably credible combinations of failures which could cause those failures conditions have been considered.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identify hazards through a systematic hazard analysis process, following recognised safety assessment techniques;

b. Analysis of system hardware and software, the environment (in which the system will exist), and the intended use or application (including applications of negative acceleration);

c. Use of historical hazard and mishap data, including lessons learned from other systems.







14.2.2 All mishap risks associated with the air vehicle design shall be eliminated where possible, or controlled such that the residual risks are reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Risks to personnel, equipment or property, and / or the environment;
- b. Eliminating and / or controlling risks iaw agreed standards and best practice;
- c. Implementation of a safety hazard tracking database / hazard log;
- d. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.



14.2.3 All mishap risks associated with single-point failures shall be eliminated where possible, or controlled such that the residual risks are reduced to an acceptable level.

No air vehicle or system loss shall result from a single failure.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of safety devices that will minimise mishap risk caused by single-point failures (e.g., interlocks, redundancy, fail safe design, system protection, fire suppression);

b. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.





14.2.4 Redundant air vehicle subsystems, required to achieve acceptable mishap risks, shall be designed so their power sources, controls, and critical components are adequately protected using acceptable methods.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring adequate protection by means of physical separation or shielding, or by other acceptable methods.

b. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.





14.2.5 All human factors design requirements shall be met; and any safety issues/risks related to human factors shall be identified and eliminated, or reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. The full anthropometric range of air crew and passengers;
- b. Aircrew workload, ergonomics and situational awareness;
- c. Operations in full NBC or other restrictive clothing, e.g. gloves, respirators etc;
- d. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.
- e. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.



14.2.6 The risks from failures or hazards, created by human error during the operation and / or support of the air vehicle system, shall be minimised through system design, and reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified;

b. The use of safeguards to prevent inadvertent operations.



14.2.7 Risks caused by operation in the worst-case environmental conditions shall be minimised through system design, and reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The worst-case conditions across the complete range of expected environmental conditions, e.g. extreme hot and extreme cold;



- b. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.
- c. Operation in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud.



14.2.8 Risks to personnel, caused by exposure to hazards during the installation process, including those due to hazardous locations of systems in the air vehicle, shall be eliminated, or reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Errors in assembly, installation, or connections which could result in a safety hazard or mishap for the system;

b. Provision of equipment installation, operation and maintenance processes documentation;

c. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.





14.2.9 The system shall be designed such that hazardous substances, components, and operations are isolated from other activities, areas, personnel, and incompatible materials. Any residual risks which cannot be eliminated through isolation, shall be mitigated and reduced to an acceptable level.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Minimising or eliminating hazardous material use where possible;

b. When using potentially hazardous materials, select those materials that pose the least risk throughout the life cycle of the system;

c. Isolating sources of contaminated air, hazardous exhaust gases, fumes and fuel from fuel tanks etc.;

d. Ensuring equipment is located so that access during operations, servicing, repair, or adjustment minimises personnel exposure to hazards (e.g., hazardous substances, high voltage, electromagnetic radiation, and cutting and puncturing surfaces);

e. The level of acceptable risk, to be agreed and verified.



14.2.10 Where changes or modifications are made to existing equipment or software, the effect on the baseline mishap risk shall be assessed. Any resulting hazards or changes in risks shall be eliminated or mitigated, in order to ensure an acceptable level of mishap risk is maintained.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Changes to design, configuration, production, or mission requirements (including any resulting system modifications and upgrades, retrofits, insertions of new technologies or materials, or use of new production or test techniques);

b. Changes to the environment in which the system operates;



c. Ensuring changes or other modifications do not: create new hazards; impact a hazard that had previously been resolved; make any existing hazard more severe; or adversely affect any safety-critical component.



14.2.11 The aircraft shall be designed, where appropriate, to include suitable physical protection measures for the flight deck, resistance to the effects of an explosive or incendiary device, survivability of systems, and the interior design should facilitate searches.

Consideration should be given to (taken from CS 25.795):

a. Ability of the flight deck door to resist forced entry;

b. Ability of the flight deck door to resist penetration by small arms or fragmentation devices;

c. Limit the effects of an explosive or incendiary device as follows:

i. Limit entry to flight deck of smoke, fumes, or noxious gases;

 ii. Limit entry to passenger compartment of smoke, fumes, or noxious gases, or other means to prevent passenger incapacitation;

iii. Cargo compartment fire suppression system should:

- (1) Be capable of suppressing a fire;
- (2) Be designed to withstand the following effects:

(a) Impact from a ballistic object;

 (b) A 103kPa (15psi) pressure load to component surfaces larger than 0.4 square metres (4 square feet);

 (c) A 15 cm displacement applied anywhere along the distribution system where relative movement between the system and its attachment can occur;

d. Aircraft design should include a designated location where a bomb or other explosive device could be placed to best protect integrity of the structure and flight critical systems from damage in the case of detonation;

e. Redundant systems necessary for continued safe flight and landing should be physically separated (partially addressed through Line 6.2.2.12);

f. Interior designs should incorporate features that will deter concealment or promote discovery of weapons, explosives, or other objects from a simple inspection in the following areas of the cabin:

i. Areas above the overhead bins;

 ii. Toilets must be designed to prevent the passage of solid objects greater than 5 cm (0.2 in) in diameter;

iii. Life preservers or their storage locations must be designed so that tampering is evident.





#### 14.3. SOFTWARE SAFETY PROGRAM.

This section covers air vehicle system software safety, and its integration with the overall safety programme.

Included within the scope of this section are:

• Safety Related Software (SRS) i.e. software that relates to a safety function or system;

• Establishing Safety Integrity Levels (SIL);

• Safety Critical Software (SCS), i.e. software that relates to a safety critical function or system, the failure of which could cause the highest risk to human life.

Complex Electronic Hardware is considered in Section 15.

Note: Software safety is additionally verified through Section 15.3

14.3.1 A comprehensive software safety program (including all key software safety issues), shall be integrated into the overall system safety program.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Establishing software integrity levels (SIL), typically iaw prescribed industry standards;

- b. Identifying safety critical functions and their associated safety critical software;
- c. Analysing and addressing single point failures caused by software;
- d. Producing the requisite safety and software plans and other documentation.



14.3.2 Appropriate software safety-related analyses shall be performed as part of the software development process, to satisfy the software safety programme; consisting of the following:

• Software safety analyses preparation;

• Software safety requirements analysis.

Consideration should be given to:



a. The types and quantities of required software safety analyses and their delivery schedules;

b. Ensuring the safety analyses programme has a complete systems view, including identification of software hazards, and associated software risks;

c. Review of baseline software requirements that system safety requirements for software development.



14.3.3 Software, as designed or modified, shall not initiate hazardous events or mishaps in either the on or off (powered) state.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Both controlled and / or monitored functions;

b. Implementing of a system safety assessment process which includes evaluation of software and identification of anomalous software control/monitoring behaviour.



# **SECTION 15 - COMPUTER RESOURCES**

This section covers the design, installation, arrangement and compatibility of the complete air vehicle computer resources. This includes manned air vehicle avionics, as well as airborne and ground segment avionics for UAVs.

Included in the scope of this section are:

- Air Vehicle Processing Architecture;
- Functional design integration of processing elements;
- Air Vehicle Sub-system Processing Architecture elements.

When considering the intent of the criteria in this section, which will need to be applied across the diverse technologies and sub-systems of the Air Vehicle System, a degree of concurrency, separation and apparent duplication of criterion is recognised within the EMACC handbook. This is particularly apparent within Sections 4, 14 and 15 whereby the intent of the criteria in each of these sections is arguably best deployed into the Technical Solution by a well implemented Systems Engineering approach.

A systems engineering philosophy will enable the airworthiness process to generate and define suitable safety criteria which, in particular for software and complex electronic hardware, allows hardware and software elements to be dealt with in an integrated fashion.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Computer resources utilisation
- 2. Design review/audits/meeting minutes and action items
- 3. Software requirements specifications (SRS)
- 4. Software top-level design documents (STLDD)

5. Software development plans (SDP) and/or software development integrity master plans (SDIMP)

- 6. Software test plans, procedures, and reports
- 7. Quality assurance and configuration management plans
- 8. Master test planning documents and scheduling
- 9. Software regression testing criteria/procedures (all levels)

10. Software development folders

11. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis and testing (FMECA/FMET) or equivalent

- 12. Hazard analyses (software)
- 13. Test reports
- 14, Diminishing manufacturing sources plan 15. Obsolete parts plan

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA





#### 15.1. AIR VEHICLE PROCESSING ARCHITECTURE.

This section covers Air Vehicle Processing Architecture. The scope considers:

1. That the flight-essential configurations are identified and proper levels of redundancy (hardware and software) exist at the system level to preclude loss of critical processing capabilities.

2. That all processing elements of the architecture that interface (physically and functionally) with SOF functions are designed to meet SOF requirements.

3. That all hardware and software safety/flight-critical items are identified and their safety critical functions are allocated to components within the architecture.

4. That SOF hardware and software interfaces are clearly defined and documented and that control flow and information flow are established.

5. That redundancy (hardware and software) is incorporated to satisfy fault tolerant SOF requirements, including probability of loss of control (PLOC) and reliability numbers.

6. That separate and independent power sources are provided for redundant operations.

7. That single component failure does not impede redundant operations.

8. That physical and functional separation between safety/flight critical and mission critical is accounted for in the computer system architecture.

9. That no patches (object code changes not resulting from compilation of source code changes) exist for flight-critical software.

15.1.1 All flight-essential configurations shall be identified and proper levels of redundancy (hardware and software) shall exist at the system level to preclude loss of critical processing capabilities.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Identifying all the safety critical functions;
- b. Allocation of an integrity level for each system;
- c. Performing a system safety analysis for each safety critical function;
- d. Identifying all associated system hardware and software;

e. Ensuring that the required safety level has been associated with each of the hardware and software functions;

f. Ensuring that the required redundancy is designed in to achieve the overall system safety requirements.





15.1.2 All processing elements of the architecture that interface (physically and functionally) with SOF functions are designed to meet SOF requirements.

For each architecture under review, consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying all the physical and functional interfaces of the architecture with SOF systems;

b. Identifying the applicable SOF requirements;

c. Demonstrating that the architecture under review is compatible with the SOF requirements of the interface. This could include, but is not be limited to: a test scheme, assessment of quantitative targets, redundancy, and a voting scheme.





15.1.3 All hardware and software safety/flight-critical items shall be identified and their safety critical functions verified.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying the safety/flight critical functions of the architecture under review and the associated quantitative target(s);

b. Identifying both the hardware and software components of the architecture where each of the safety/flight critical functions will be performed;

c. Demonstrating that each of the identified safety/flight critical functions, and associated target, is achieved in the proposed architecture.



15.1.4 All SOF hardware and software interfaces shall be clearly defined and documented, and the associated control and information flows established.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying all hardware and software SOF interfaces for the architecture;

b. Ensuring that interfaces do not impede or prevent system performance or degrade the system safety target;

c. Development of a test plan to consider, but not be limited to: data flow and accuracy, data latency, timing issues, handshaking protocols.





15.1.5 Redundancy, for both hardware and software, shall be incorporated into the system architecture to satisfy fault tolerant SOF requirements, including probability of loss of control (PLOC).

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying and recording the quantitative safety targets for both the SOF requirements and the PLOC;

b. Identifying and recording the fault tolerance requirements for the architecture;

c. Documenting the redundancy scheme based on the requirements of a) and b);

d. Documenting the voting mechanism for the architecture;

e. Development of a suitable test plan to demonstrate the robustness of the architecture regarding the fault tolerance and redundant aspects.







15.1.6 Separate and independent power sources shall be provided for redundant operations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Identifying all redundant operations;

b. The architecture design should clearly state the requirement for independence of power supplies to the redundant operations;

c. A test plan to verify the independence of the power supplies.







15.1.7 A single hardware component or software function failure shall not impede redundant operations.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Carrying out a full system failure analysis (e.g. FMECA) to determine potential single points of failure;
- b. Provision of mitigations for any failure modes identified under a).



15.1.8 Physical and functional separation between safety/flight critical and mission critical shall be justified in the computer system architecture.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Clearly identifying all safety and flight critical elements of the architecture;

b. Ensuring that non-safety or flight critical elements of the architecture do not share either hardware or software resources.







15.1.9 No patches (object code changes not resulting from compilation of source code changes) shall exist for flight-critical software.

Consideration should be given to :

- a. Inspection of the delivered product;
- b. Review of the software release and change control records.
- c. Configuration control



15.2. FUNCTIONAL DESIGN INTEGRATION OF PROCESSING ELEMENTS.

This section covers Functional design integration of processing elements. The scope considers:



1. That all parameters passed among SOF processing elements are defined and that unnecessary coupling is avoided.

2. That level of autonomy achieved by the flight-essential elements is sufficient to preclude loss of flightcritical functions due to failure in mission- or maintenance-related elements.

3. That a controlled methodology is established and applied to integrate all safety-critical elements of the processing architecture, including verification coverage.

15.2.1 All parameters passed among SOF processing elements shall be defined and unnecessary coupling shall be avoided.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Analysis of the processing elements should be performed to ensure that all parameters are defined and recorded in the appropriate software documentation;

b. Safety critical functional threads should be analysed to record processing element inter-dependencies;

c. All parameters coupled to these safety critical functional threads should be recorded and justified to prevent unnecessary coupling;

d. Development of a suitable test plan.



15.2.2 The level of autonomy achieved by the flight-essential elements shall be sufficient to preclude loss of flight-critical functions due to failure in mission or maintenance related elements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The system design should preclude use of single-source safety critical data;

b. The system design should preclude use of single-source non-safety critical data for safety critical applications;

c. Where use is made of mission or maintenance related elements in flight-critical functions, these shall be recorded;



d. The system test plan should show that failure in mission or maintenance related elements cannot cause loss of flight-critical functions.



15.2.3 A controlled methodology shall be established and applied to integrate all safety-critical elements of the processing architecture, including verification coverage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. An established and proven process should be used to record the all aspects of the architecture life cycle (hardware and software), including but not limited to: requirements, design, build, integration, and testing;

b. The contents of each document in the suite used for a) should be clearly defined;

c. The test plan for each element and each stage of development should be appropriate, building from individual elements to system level;

d. Integration of each element into the complete system;

e. Integration of the complete system into the air vehicle.



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#### 15.3. SUBSYSTEM/PROCESSING ELEMENT.

#### **15.3.1. Electronics.**

This section covers electronics. The scope considers:

1. That all computer resources hardware components are safe and SOF elements have redundant buses that are physically separated.

2. That all safety/flight-critical electronic components are physically and functionally separated from nonsafety-critical items. (This includes items such as processors, memory, internal/external buses, input/output (I/O) management, internal/external power supplies, circuit cards, motherboards, etc.) If not separated, verify that non-safety-critical elements are treated as safety-critical items.

15.3.1.1 Merged with 15.1.3, 15.1.5 and 15.1.8



15.3.1.2 Merged with 15.1.8





#### **15.3.2. Architecture mechanisation.**

This section covers Architecture Mechanisation. The scope considers:

1. That the executive/control structure execution rates are sufficient and consistently obtainable for SOF requirements given the control structure, priority assignments, and interrupts.

2. That the software design, timing, control flow, interrupt structure, and data structures meet the required processing capabilities of the SOF subsystem/system real-time architecture.

3. That all mode inputs, failure detection techniques, failure management, redundancy management, selfchecks, and interfaces operate safely under all dynamic conditions.

4. That embedded SOF software provides acceptable performance and safety.

5. That the SOF software design has the necessary interrupt, reinitialization, resynchronization, recheck, and reconfiguration provisions to restart or reset safely and quickly in flight.

6. That the method of SOF software loading and verification is safe and carefully managed. (This includes the software operational flight program (OFP) loaded on individual black boxes or the air vehicle-loadable OFP.)

7. That the SOF software design has adequate self-check, failure monitoring, redundancy management, reconfiguration, voting, transient suppression,

overflow protection, anti-aliasing, saturation interlock, memory protection, and techniques for preventing failure propagation to preclude SOF issues.

8. That there is sufficient throughput margin for both input/output and processor capabilities (including memory) under worst-case mode performance

scenarios for both average and peak worst-case loading conditions.

15.3.2.1 The executive/control structure execution rates shall be sufficient and consistently obtainable for SOF requirements given the control structure, priority assignments, and interrupts.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The executive structure, or operating system, should be developed as safety/flight critical;

b. There is sufficient processing capacity to ensure that all SOF requirements are met despite priority task assignments and interrupts;

c. The test plan should take account of system loading, interrupts, and worst case timing scenarios, ensure that allowable data latencies are not exceeded and that SOF requirements are met.





15.3.2.2 The software design, timing, control flow, interrupt structure, and data structures shall meet the required processing capabilities of the SOF subsystem/system real-time architecture.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The test plan should consider sub-system/system integration, and identification of potential failure modes;

b. Tests should demonstrate that the SOF software meets the required execution rates under worst case timing conditions.







15.3.2.3 All mode inputs, failure detection techniques, failure management, redundancy management, self-checks, and interfaces shall operate safely under all dynamic conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Software modes: only those modes required for safe operational flight should be available; any other modes, such as test modes for instance, should be locked out and unavailable;

b. Fault detection: fault detection and error recovery techniques should be robust;

c. Failure and redundancy management: this should include self-checking and health checks of subordinate systems, voting mechanisms to isolate failure areas, and consequent redundancy management;

d. Integration: the integration activities should cover sub-system/system integration and system/system integration for all normal and failure states under all dynamic conditions;

e. Verification and test plan: the test plan should document the required tests, and their results, and it should also consider a sensitivity analysis; ultimately, the test plan should demonstrate safe operation under all dynamic conditions.





15.3.2.4 Embedded SOF software shall provide acceptable performance and safety.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. All the software requirements should be traceable through to the software programme;
- b. SOF requirements separately identified within documentation;
- c. A rigorous and approved software development methodology should be used, including but limited to:
	- i. Use of an approved software language, along with approved development and support tools.
	- ii. Use of formal reviews and audits of the software.
	- iii. Full and accurate documentation of the software its development and testing.
	- iv. Robust configuration control.
	- v. Full test of each complete software release.



15.3.2.5 The SOF software design shall have the necessary interrupt, re-initialization, re-synchronization, re-check, and re-configuration provisions to restart or reset safely and quickly in flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The system hardware and software should be designed to work together to allow resets or restarts without significant effects;

b. The architecture should be structured to allow: the required interrupts; data synchronisation & resynchronisation; and system re-initialisation and recovery to a safe state;



c. The test and acceptance plan should consider the timelines required for each activity and ensure that they can be completed before the air vehicle departs from controlled flight. The time available will depend on the phase of flight at the time of the occurrence;

d. Recovery activity should not result in loss of safety critical data.



15.3.2.6 The method of SOF software loading and verification shall be safe and carefully managed (This includes the software operational flight program (OFP) loaded on individual black boxes or the air vehicleloadable OFP).

Consideration should be given to:

a. The SOF OFP should be fully documented and produced using a robust and approved methodology;

b. A robust configuration control process should be employed to record and manage which OFP is loaded where;

c. A comprehensive test plan for the OFP is developed and followed leading to successful rig and aircraft ground tests before flight. This should encompass use of approved field loading devices.







15.3.2.7 To preclude SOF issues, the SOF software design shall have adequate techniques for: selfcheck; failure monitoring; redundancy management; reconfiguration; voting; transient suppression; overflow protection; anti-aliasing; saturation interlock; memory protection; and means for preventing failure propagation.

Consideration shall be given to:

a. Initially agreeing and documenting the architecture design along with the required protection and resilience attributes;

- b. Use of a robust and approved design methodology;
- c. The test and acceptance plan should:
	- i. Capture initial requirements and detail acceptance criteria.
	- ii. Detail plans to review and audit development and final versions of the software.





15.3.2.8 There shall be sufficient throughput margin for both input/output and processor capabilities (including memory) under worst-case mode performance scenarios for both average and peak worst-case loading conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Establishing the minimum necessary processing capacity to complete all the SOF critical tasks without incurring any unsafe system behaviour. This should include data throughput, memory, bus, and I/O capacity using worst case scenarios;

b. Ensure adequate margin to allow for data latency, bus scheduling, re-start, etc.;

c. Agree spare capacity to allow for future system changes, upgrades, or additional functionality.



15.3.2.9 A controlled methodology shall be established and applied to integrate all functional elements of a highly coupled, integrated OFP.

Consideration should be given to:

a. An established and proven methodology to be used to record all aspects of the OFP life cycle, including but not limited to: requirements, design, build, integration, and testing;

b. The contents of each document in the suite used for a) should be clearly defined;

c. The test and acceptance plan for each element and each stage of development should be appropriate, building from individual elements to system level;

d. Integration of each element into the complete system;

e. Integration of the complete system into the air vehicle.





#### **15.3.3. Processing architecture verification for SOF items.**

This section covers Processing Architecture Verification. The scope considers:

1. The operation of BIT and redundancy/failure management algorithms.

2. That critical hardware/software discrepancies are identified and corrected or mitigated.

3. That adequate configuration management controls are in place to ensure proper/ functionally compatible software loading for the intended use on the air vehicle.

4. That all data or communications are secure against unwanted intrusions and that security techniques used are implemented safely.

15.3.3.1 The BIT and redundancy/failure management algorithms shall operate correctly.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The software coverage required for the BIT;

b. The required BIT success rate for the software covered;

c. Detection requirements for second and subsequent failures;

d. The failure and redundancy management algorithms successfully managing the failure condition enabling continued SOF;

e. Failures between systems or sub-systems should be detected and prevented;

f. The test and acceptance plan should include sub-system/system and system/system integration testing along with acceptance criteria.






15.3.3.2 Critical hardware/software discrepancies shall be identified and corrected or mitigated.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of a robust and approved design and development control methodology to document and record all aspects of the design and its testing through to acceptance;

b. The above methodology should ensure that follow-up action on identified discrepancies is tracked through to a successful conclusion;

c. The test plan coverage should be appropriate and suitable to the elements under consideration;

d. All interfaces should be well documented and compatible (hardware/hardware, hardware/software, and software/software);

e. Use of a peer review audit system comprising independent reviewers.





15.3.3.3 Adequate configuration management controls shall be in place to ensure proper/ functionally compatible software loading for the intended use on the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. A matrix of allowable hardware/software versions is maintained; this should encompass all allowable inter and intra system loads;

b. A robust configuration control process should be employed to record and manage what software is loaded where;

c. Provision of a means to easily cross check a) and b) above;

d. Allowable versions of system software should be carefully controlled to prevent inappropriate versions or combinations being loaded onto the air vehicle.



15.3.3.4 All data, or communications, shall be secure against unwanted intrusions and that security techniques used shall be implemented safely.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The degree of security required and means of implementing it (software or hardware); intrusions could include malicious (theft, or data corruption) or accidental access;

b. Use of encryption systems;

c. Any security techniques used should be clearly identified in the documentation, and proven not to affect SOF functionality;

d. Physical security means.



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# **SECTION 16 - MAINTENANCE**

This section considers criteria for servicing and maintenance activity and oversight.

### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Maintenance manuals/checklists (equivalent or supplement to -2 T.O.'s)
- 2. Inspection requirements (equivalent or supplement to -6 T.O.'s)
- 3. Life-limited/time replacement plan/list
- 4. Subsystem hazard analysis (SSHA)
- 5. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA)
- 6. Maintenance records (including failure report and corrective action system (FRACAS))
- 7. Air Force Regulation (AFR) 8-2, T.O. 00-5-1
- 8. Test reports 9. Test plans

### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 16.1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED AIRWORTHINESS

16.1.1 Instructions for Continued Airworthiness shall be prepared.

Consideration should be given to ensuring that Instructions for Continued Airworthiness contain a section titled Airworthiness Limitations that is segregated and clearly distinguishable from the rest of the document.



### 16.2. MAINTENANCE MANUALS/CHECKLISTS.

This section considers the provision of servicing and maintenance manuals and checklists, and the incorporation of information within them.



16.2.1 Servicing instructions shall be provided for all systems that require servicing.

Consideration should be given to fuel, engine oil, hydraulic systems, landing gear struts, tyres, oxygen, escape system, etc.



16.2.2 Cautions and warnings shall be included in maintenance manuals, aircrew checklists, and ground crew checklists.





16.2.3 Maintenance checklists shall be available for critical maintenance tasks.

Consideration should be given to procedures for replenishments such as fuel and oxygen; towing procedures including restrictions; jacking and trestling procedures; engine operation during maintenance (engine running guards and tie down etc), lifting procedures, flight servicing, etc.





16.2.4 Under normal operation condition, support equipment shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle.

Air vehicle support equipment can include equipment or vehicles which are directly connected to the air vehicle or used in close proximity to it; examples of such include but are not limited to: towing arms, towing vehicles, ground power sets (electrical, hydraulic, or pneumatic), special to type test equipment or rigs, replenishment equipment, weapon loading vehicles and equipment, and cargo handling vehicles and equipment.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Authorisation of all support equipment required to support the air vehicle with any limitations documented;

b. Clear identification of any maintenance requirements for the support equipment and appropriate record keeping;

c. Abnormal operation of special to type test equipment (STTE).



16.2.5 Maintenance manuals shall incorporate procedures for system/component removal.





16.2.6 Maintenance manuals shall include procedures for testing of normal/emergency system operation after removal/replacements of parts.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Degree of testing required, dependent on component replaced.



b. Testing may be required after disturbing of system, perhaps as a means of accessing other areas of the air vehicle.

c. Any inter-system testing that may be required.

d. Any requirement for testing after changing an air vehicle software load.



16.2.7 Maintenance manuals shall provide adequate troubleshooting procedures to diagnose and allow correction of expected system/component failures.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring any special to type test equipment or tools required are also listed.



### 16.3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.

This section considers continuing airworthiness management. The scope covers:



a. The availability of inspection procedures in the event of unusual or specified conditions such as exceeding operating limits, requirements for oil samples and analysis, and after use of emergency procedures.

b. Verifying that life-limited items, and their replacement intervals, have been specified and are based on relevant data.

c. Verifying that all inspection intervals are identified and are based on relevant data.

#### 16.3.1 Deleted



16.3.2 Special inspection procedures shall be available for unusual or specified conditions, such as:

a. Exceeding operating limits;

- b. Severe vibration;
- c. Engine stall;
- d. Foreign object damage to engine or structure;
- e. Excessive loss of oil;
- f. Conditions requiring oil sampling and analysis;
- g. Severe braking action, hard landing, and running off runway;
- h. Air vehicle subject to excessive "g" loads or manoeuvres outside the specified flight envelope;
- i. Emergency procedures implemented;
- j. Dropped objects or parts.
- k. Operation in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud.





16.3.3 Life-limited items and replacement intervals shall be identified using relevant test and development data.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that all life-limited items have been identified;

b. Ensuring that appropriate lives have been allocated to the item (FMECA and R&M predictions);

c. Items fitted with elapsed time indicators, magnetic chip detectors etc. where possible to record operational usage;

d. Programme of in-service monitoring to ensure that the assigned predicted life is appropriate (not too long or too short).



16.3.4 All required inspection intervals shall be identified using relevant test and development data.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Ensuring all areas requiring periodic inspection have been identified;
- b. The inspection periodicity has been justified;
- c. Appropriate inspection techniques have been identified.







# **SECTION 17 - ARMAMENT/STORES INTEGRATION**

This section covers the installation, integration, interface and operation of the air vehicle armament system, including guns/rockets, stores and in particular laser systems.

Included with the scope of the this section are:

• Fixed and free guns/rockets

• Stores - A store is any device intended for internal or external carriage, mounted on air vehicle suspension and release equipment, which may or may not be intended to be for in-flight separation from the air vehicle. Stores include missiles, rockets, bombs, nuclear weapons, mines, fuel and spray tanks (permanently attached and/or detachable), torpedoes, sonobuoys, dispensers, pods (refuelling, thrust augmentation, gun, electronic countermeasures, etc.), targets, decoys, chaff and flares, and suspension equipment.

- Laser systems fitted to the air vehicle
- Air vehicle and personnel protection from third party laser systems
- Specific safety interlock systems to prevent inadvertent operation of the air vehicle armament system.

Where necessary specific air vehicle system integration criteria are included. However, more general system integration issues (HF, EMC, Electrical...etc) are covered elsewhere in the handbook.

When designing store equipment, the general air worthiness criteria for air vehicle equipment and systems, as well as the overall air vehicle flight control and flight performance should always be considered. Some verify criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive. All criteria should at least be verified for:

− All normal and emergency (failure) conditions.

− All configurations to be certified, including those with other stores, and including all download configurations.

Where an information source is highlighted, in general it is implied that any higher level requirement on the same subject stated in the parent paragraphs is applicable too, as well as each lower level requirement contained in any subparagraph. The links to references are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. User requirements and design requirements and validation results
- 2. Design studies and analyses
- 3. Design, installation, and operational characteristics
- 4. Component and functional level SOF, qualification and certification tests
- 5. Electromagnetic environmental effects
- 6. Plume ingestion/propulsion compatibility tests and plume/gun gas impingement test.
- 7. Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis/testing (FMECA/FMET)
- 8. Hazard analysis and classification including explosive atmosphere analysis/test
- 9. Safety certification program
- 10. Computational, theoretical and/or semi-empirical prediction methods
- 11. Configuration: aerodynamic design and component location
- 12. Wind tunnel test results and correction methods
- 13. Mathematical representation of system dynamics



14. Loads analysis, wind tunnel and flight test results 15. Flutter, mechanical stability, aeroelastic, aeroservoelastic and modal analyses, wind tunnel and flight test results

16. Performance analysis

17. Environmental compatibility analysis and tests including gun fire vibration analysis/test

- 18. Interface control documents
- 19. Store separation models, wind tunnel and flight test results
- 20. Flight manual

21. Flight test plan and test results

22. MIL-HDBK-1763, Aircraft/Stores Compatibility: Systems Engineering Data Requirements and Test Procedures

23. MIL-HDBK-244, Guide to Aircraft/Stores Compatibility

24. MIL-STD-1760, Aircraft/Store Electrical Interconnection System 25. MIL-A-8591, Airborne Stores, Suspension Equipment and Aircraft-Store Interface (Carriage Phase); General Design Criteria for

26. SEEK EAGLE engineering data 27. American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers (ANSI Z136.1)

- 28. Nuclear Certification Impact Statement (NCIS)
- 29. Aircraft monitor and control (AMAC) and surveillance tests
- 30. Nuclear safety analysis report (NSAR)
- 31. Mechanical compatibility data
- 32. Electrical compatibility data
- 33. Certification requirements plan (CRP)
- 34. Operational flight program (OFP) source code
- 35. Systems integration lab data/results
- 36. Cooling analysis and ground/flight test results
- 37. MIL-STD-1530 Aircraft Structural Integrity Program
- 38. ASC/EN Stores Integration practice
- 39. Human factors to consider
- 40. Crew egress paths to consider
- 41. Aircraft weight and balance
- 42. Environmental analysis and test results
- 43. Store drawings including store mass properties (STAMP sheet)
- 44. Safety assessment report
- 45. Airworthiness qualification plan (AQP) (Army unique)
- 46. Airworthiness qualification specification (AQS) (Army unique)

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 17.1. GUN/ROCKET INTEGRATION AND INTERFACE.

17.1.1 The installation and integration of guns/rockets shall not adversely affect the operational function or safety of the air vehicle. This includes the environment induced by operation of the gun/rocket with respect to muzzle blast and over-pressure, recoil, vibro-acoustics, cooling, egress, human factors and structural loads.



Consideration of the following should be given to the location of such installations:

a. The effect of flammable gas as a hazard to the air vehicle;

b. The effects of gun firing directly on the engines, structures and other systems and indirectly, by changes to rotorcraft or equipment permanent magnetism, on compass detector units;

c. The effects of the installation on the air vehicle aerodynamics and the safety of the air vehicle, crew or maintenance personnel;

d. The installation purging system;

e. The temperature conditions in the gun and ammunition compartments shall permit the air vehicle to utilise its full flight envelope without restrictions caused by exceeding the max/min. permissible temperatures of the gun and ammunition;

f. With the exception of the designed openings in the installation, the gun and ammunition compartments shall be sealed to prevent the ingress of contaminants, particularly when the rotorcraft is on or near the ground.



17.1.2 Gun/rocket gases and plume shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle, aircrew and maintenance personnel.

Consideration should be given to:

a. SOF hazards, including:

 i. The location of gun/rockets to avoid high temperature efflux impinging on the engine or other stores and release systems;

 ii. The location of gun/rockets to avoid contamination of the engine or other stores and release systems;

iii. The muzzle velocity, firing rate and type of propellant used in the gun ammunition or rocket;

iv. The ability of the engine to tolerate ingested gases to suitable limits to be agreed and verified;

v. The effect of metallic particles in the plume on air vehicle sensors and stores and release systems;



vi. The design of the engine intake;

vii. Tolerable ingestion of gases or pressure waves caused by gun/rocket operation.

b. Impingement on the air vehicle structure/skin and/or stores, including:

i. Unacceptable degradation leading to a reduction in structural integrity;

ii. Undesirable aerodynamic characteristics;

iii. The location of stores to avoid efflux from gun/rocket gases;

 iv. The ventilation/purge system shall not allow the flammable gas concentration to exceed suitable limits to be agreed and verified

c. A ventilation / purge system, to prevent the accumulation of flammable gas to an explosive level, including:

i. Gun gases purging flow shall be established before firing commences;

ii. Ventilation of any tank in which empty cases are collected;

iii. Purging of gases shall happen as close to the source as possible;

 iv. The ventilation/purge system should not allow the flammable gas concentration to exceed suitable limits, to be agreed and verified;

 v. The ability to withstand without damage any localised ignition that may occur below the suitable limits, to be agreed and verified.



17.1.3 Merged with 17.1.2





17.1.4 Merged with 17.1.2



### 17.2. STORES INTEGRATION.

17.2.1 The installation, integration and interface of the air vehicle and stores, shall not create unsafe conditions during ground and flight operations, including the position of store stations and creation of an unsafe environment for maintenance personnel.

The following considerations should be made when designing stores installations and the location of stores installations:

a. Clearance between stores and surroundings;

b. Store loading and unloading procedures;

c. The armament system shall be such that no single point failure shall adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle;

d. The use of differently sized/oriented connectors to avoid misconnection;

e. The installation of stores shall allow for their safe jettison, or deactivation if required, in order to protect the air vehicle or for operational/safety reasons following a malfunction;

f. The possibility to release mechanically any store and/or its jettisonable carrier without entering the cockpit (particularly for rotorcraft);

g. The store shall not become armed until it has successfully separated from its release unit or launcher;

h. The environment induced by the stores on the air vehicle, and by the air vehicle on the store during carriage and launch/separation/jettison;

i. The effect of high temperature efflux from engines, rockets or missiles impinging on the store or its release system;

j. Contamination of stores and release systems by engine exhaust, fuels, oil or any substance which could adversely affect the armament system;

k. Unacceptable aircraft flying qualities resulting from the release of stores.







17.2.2 Both internal and external stores shall separate safely from the air vehicle throughout the air vehicle and store launch/release/jettison flight envelope. The successful separation of stores shall not impart any adverse flying qualities (including excessive pilot workload) or result in any dangerous flight conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Release of internally carried stores shall not be possible until the bomb bay doors are fully open;

b. Indication to the crew in the event of a failed separation (hangfire or misfire);

c. An appropriate release mechanism shall be used. (i.e. Ejector Release Unit (ERU) or an Electromagnetic Release Unit (EMRU));

d. Operation sequencing (i.e. undercarriage travel).







17.2.3 The air vehicle, store and release equipment installations shall meet the strength and stiffness requirements for operating safely within the Air Vehicle/Store carriage flight envelope.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Taxiing with stores;

- b. Carriage;
- c. Operation;
- d. Release;
- e. Landing with stores.





17.2.4 Electrical interfaces in the armament system shall not cause unsafe stores operation, including uncommanded jettison, or unsafe interactions with the air vehicle in all possible stores configurations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. It shall not be possible to make incorrect mechanical or electrical connections;

b. Incorrectly making a connection shall not lead to damage to the air vehicle, before during or after release;

c. Static lines, umbilical's, electrical fuse arming leads, fuse arming cable assemblies, shear wire assemblies and lanyards shall not become crossed or entangled with the lines of other stores;

d. The use of a Built-In-Test (BIT) facility.



17.2.5 Merged with 17.2.1



17.2.6 The combination of stores fitted to the air vehicle shall not reduce safety by adversely affecting flight control.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The most extreme asymmetric loading of stores (including symmetric thrust);



- b. Store hang-up;
- c. Sequencing of stores release and jettison;
- d. Adverse affects on stability, handling and rolling characteristics.



17.2.7 All cleared stores configurations for the air vehicle shall be documented in the aircraft document set.





#### 17.2.8 Merged with 17.2.1



### 17.3. LASER INTEGRATION AND INTERFACE.

17.3.1 Crew and maintenance personnel shall be protected from laser radiation (direct and reflected).

Consideration should be given to:

a. The level of laser protection ensuring the exposure is below the limits, which shall be defined and proved;

b. For UAVs, this includes ensuring approaching ground staff can be notified should the UAV be laser energised;

c. Adequate protection of aircrew from 3rd party (including friendly forces) lasers.



17.3.2 The installation, integration and operation of all lasers shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The environment induced by laser operations with respect to the air vehicle's limitations for vibroacoustics, thermal loads, and structural loads of the air vehicle;

b. The effects from both the laser chemical and any resultant exhaust gases.





### 17.3.3 Merged with 17.3.2



17.3.4 The installation of all lasers shall:

• Only allow operation and direction to be controlled by the crew;

• Not result in an unsafe (radiating) condition following failure or malfunction;

• Allow the crew to determine when the laser is operating and also to discern the direction of the beam.

For UAS, consideration should be given to:

a. Providing an indication in the UAS Control Station which shows the safety status of the UAS so approaching ground staff can be notified if the UAS is in an unsafe state (e.g. radiation hazard present, laser energised, etc.);

b. Providing means to ensure lasers do not adversely affect safety following the loss of a UAS control link.



### 17.3.5 Merged with 17.3.4



17.3.6 The installation of the laser shall prevent the beam from contacting any part of the air vehicle.



The installation of the laser shall prevent inadvertent lasing when the air vehicle is on the ground.

For UAS, consideration should be given to:

a. Providing an indication in the UAS Control Station which shows the safety status of the UAS so approaching ground staff can be notified if the UAS is in an unsafe state (e.g. radiation hazard present, laser energised, etc.).



### 17.4. SAFETY INTERLOCKS.

17.4.1 Appropriate design measures shall be in place to prevent the unsafe operation of stores.

Consideration should be given to the following:



a. Prevention of armament release whilst the aircraft is on the ground;

b. The use of switch guards and system interlocks;





# **SECTION 18 - PASSENGER SAFETY**

This section covers the provision of safety features and design requirements in order to ensure the safety of passengers during flight and during emergency situations such as crash landing, ditching etc. Safety requirements for crew stations normally used for aircrew and mission essential personnel are located in section 9, Crew Systems.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- The provision of appropriate seat restraints;
- Provision and accessibility of emergency exits and descent assist devices;
- Adequacy of the emergency lighting system;
- Stowage provisions for and availability of safety equipment;
- Provision and accessibility of individual floatation devices;
- Fire resistance of the cargo compartments;
- Availability of supplementary oxygen.

### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Federal Aviation Regulations
- 2. FAA Airworthiness Directives and Advisory Circulars
- 3. Joint Service Specification Guide
- 4. Cabin/crew station layout/geometry
- 5. Crash survivability requirements and validation
- 6. Escape system requirements and validation
- 7. Life support system requirements and validation
- 8. Tech data package

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

### 18.1. SURVIVABILITY OF PASSENGERS.

18.1.1 Seats with restraints shall be provided for each passenger. Restraints shall be designed to apply body loads in a distributed fashion and location that do not cause serious injury in an emergency landing. Each seat/restraint system shall be designed to protect each occupant during an emergency landing provided the restraints are used properly.

Each passenger restraint system shall have a single point release to permit passenger evacuation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the harness applies restraint to strong parts of the body (e.g., pelvis and chest);

b. The problems of submarining and of dynamic overshoot (or whiplash effect);

- c. Multi-directional forces acting singly or together up to the level of human tolerance;
- d. Ensuring there are enough seat and restraint systems for all passengers;
- e. The anthropometric range of passengers, and maximum weight;
- f. Preventing major injuries, such as internal organ damage or skeletal fractures.

g. Providing means to secure each restraint system when not in use to prevent interference with rapid egress in an emergency.





### 18.1.2 Merged with 18.1.1



18.1.3 Each stowage compartment shall be designed to contain the maximum weight of its contents; and shall have means to prevent its contents from becoming a hazard due to shifting, under the most critical load distributions and ultimate inertia forces (i.e. during an emergency landing).

### Consideration should be given to:

a. Ultimate inertia forces acting separately relative to the surrounding structure, to be agreed and verified (typically Upward, 2.0 - 4∙0g; Forward, 9∙0 - 16g; Laterally, 1.5 - 8∙0g; Downward, 4.5 - 20.0g; and Aft 1∙5g);

b. The type and classification of the air vehicle;

c. The maximum allowed baggage or cargo weight for the compartment.







18.1.4 Each passenger carrying area shall have at least one adequate and easily accessible external door that is operable from both the inside and outside. Each external door shall be located to avoid hazardous external areas when appropriate operating procedures are used. There shall be a means to safeguard each external door against inadvertent opening during flight by persons, by cargo, or as a result of mechanical or electrical failure.

If a crew member cannot see an entrance or check that it is correctly secured, a 'doors locked/unlocked' indicator shall be fitted in the cockpit. Means shall be provided to ensure that cabin pressurisation cannot be initiated unless the doors or hatches are properly closed, latched and locked.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Inspection procedures and/or detection systems to ensure doors are fully locked in flight;

b. Ensuring doors are not located in areas likely to be blocked after an emergency gear up landing;

c. Ensuring doors are reasonably free from jamming as a result of fuselage deformation in an emergency landing;

d. Prevent the entry of unauthorised persons;

e. Hazardous external areas such as proximity to rotors, propellers, engine intakes and exhausts.



18.1.5 All exits in passenger areas shall be lockable by aircrew trained to do so, simple to open, and shall not open in flight unless mission requirements necessitate this function.

A positive means shall be provided to retain the doors, hoods or hatches in an open position.

Consideration should be given to;

a. Ensuring all exits are uncomplicated to open such that no training is required for operation;



b. Means to drain overboard any water which might run off doors, hoods or hatches secured in the open position;

c. Operation of exits in all expected environmental conditions.



18.1.6 Each non-over-wing emergency exit more than 1.8 m (6 feet) from the ground (with the air vehicle on the ground and the landing gear extended), shall have means to assist passengers to the ground quickly and safely. For exits opening to wing areas, provisions shall be incorporated to safely assist passengers from the wing surface to ground level. It shall be possible to use any decent device without passenger training but with the assistance of aircrew members.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Self-supporting slides or equivalent assisting means for each passenger emergency exit;

b. Rope or any other assisting means demonstrated to be suitable for the purpose for air crew emergency exits;

c. Provision of footholds, handholds and ladders to facilitate passage to the exits;

d. Conducting emergency egress demonstrations using non-trained personnel, representative of the expected passenger population to verify the ability to safely exit and descend to the ground.



18.1.7 The weight of each removable passenger exit, and its means of opening shall be conspicuously marked.





18.1.8 An emergency lighting system, independent of the main lighting system, shall provide sufficient illumination and guidance for passenger and crew emergency evacuation; and shall include illumination of each exit and its exterior surrounding. The energy required to supply emergency lighting shall be sufficient to allow complete egress of all passengers and crew before diminishing.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring no beam of light is directed into occupants' eyes in such a way as to compromise their ability to escape;

b. Emergency escape illumination is continually lighted or automatically energised when an emergency occurs;

c. Ensuring sufficient luminance is maintained at all exits and in the centre of aisle-ways leading to exits measured at seat arm rest height and in all aircrew stations and passenger compartments;

d. Ensuring all exit signs, arrows and placards are electrically lighted or self- luminous to the required levels;

e. Use of floor proximity emergency escape path marking;

f. Compatibility with low light enhancing systems (e.g. NVG).





18.1.9 The location of each passenger emergency exit shall be indicated by a sign visible to occupants approaching along the main passenger aisle (or aisles). The quantity and location each emergency exit sign shall enable each seated passenger to recognise at least one during adverse conditions that may occur following a crash. Each emergency exit sign shall be self-illuminated or independently, internally electrically illuminated.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring exit location indications are also apparent when not lighted under normal flight conditions;

b. Means to assist the occupants in locating the exits in conditions of dense smoke and water;

c. The identity and location of each passenger emergency exit must be recognisable from a sufficient distance, typically the distance equal to the width of the cabin.



18.1.10 If required for the category of air vehicle, a public address system shall be installed that is powerable when the air vehicle is in flight or stopped on the ground, including after the shutdown or failure of all engines and auxiliary power units, or the disconnection or failure of all power sources dependent on their continued operation, for:

• A time duration of at least 10 minutes, including an aggregate time duration of at least 5 minutes of announcements made by flight and cabin crew members, considering all other loads which may remain powered by the same source when all other power sources are inoperative; and

• An additional time duration in its standby state appropriate or required for any other loads that are powered by the same source and that are essential to safety of flight or required during emergency conditions.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the public address system works as required for all approved operating configurations and conditions.



18.1.11 The public address system shall be accessible for immediate use by all aircrew, such that it is capable of operation within 3 seconds from the time a microphone is removed from its stowage. The system shall be intelligible at all passenger seats, lavatories, and flight attendant seats and work stations; and shall be designed so that no unused, unstowed microphone will render the system inoperative. The system shall be capable of functioning independently of any required crewmember interphone system and is readily accessible to the crewmember designated to make announcements.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the public address system works as required for all approved operating configurations and conditions;

b. Ensuring the public address system has a microphone which is readily accessible to seated air crew, for each required floor-level passenger emergency exit which has an adjacent air crew member seat;

c. One microphone may serve more than one exit, provided the proximity of the exits allows unassisted verbal communications between seated cabin crew members.



18.1.12 Each safety equipment control to be operated by the crew in emergency, such as controls for automatic liferaft releases, shall be plainly marked as to its method of operation. Each liferaft shall have obviously marked operating instructions. Approved survival equipment shall be marked for identification and method of operation.

Considerations should be given to:

a. Human factors analysis to verify the ability of control markings to be clearly discerned;

b. The use of illustrations, and pictorial representations to convey operation of critical safety controls where passenger language abilities vary or are unknown.



18.1.13 Each location, such as a locker or compartment, that carries any fire extinguishing, signalling, or other lifesaving equipment shall be marked accordingly. Stowage provisions for required emergency equipment shall be conspicuously marked to identify the contents and facilitate the easy removal of the equipment.

Considerations should be given to:



a. Human factors analysis to verify the ability of control markings to be clearly discerned;

b. Co-location of fire extinguishing, signalling, or other lifesaving equipment.



18.1.14 At least one approved, individual floatation device / means (such as removable seat floatation cushions or under seat life preservers) shall be provided for each occupant, for air vehicles flying missions over water. Each individual floatation device shall be easily accessible by each seated passenger.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The functionality of floatation devices, and the ability to deploy, inflate or provide buoyancy;

b. The ability of each passenger to access a floatation device during emergency evacuation;

- c. Whether or not the air vehicle is certified for ditching;
- d. Provision of life lines if required.



18.1.15 The air vehicle shall be outfitted with equipment to deal with in-flight, ground, and ditching emergencies.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring the emergency equipment is tailored for the intended mission of the air vehicle;

b. Provision of emergency equipment such as: emergency and floatation equipment, hand-held fire extinguishers, crash axe, megaphones, medical kits and supplies, automatic external defibrillators, portable oxygen supply systems, means for emergency evacuation, specialised tools or fracturing equipment, survival aids and equipment, weapons, communication equipment, signalling and locator devices, and portable lights;



c. The adequacy of medical kits and supplies for treatment of injuries, medical events, or minor accidents;

d. Different emergency equipment configurations and specified content requirements for different mission needs;

e. The accessibility of emergency equipment.



18.1.6 Signs and placards shall be provided in the passenger compartment to meet the following requirements:

a. Where smoking is prohibited, signs shall be provided that are legible to each passenger.

b. If smoking is allowed, signs stating when it is prohibited shall be installed and operable from either pilot's seat and visible under all probable conditions of cabin lighting to each person seated in the cabin..

c. Signs stating when seat belts are to be fastened shall be installed and operable from either pilot's seat and visible under all probable conditions of cabin lighting to each person seated in the cabin.

d. Placards shall be placed on, or adjacent to, the door of each waste receptacle indicating that the disposal of cigarettes etc is prohibited.

e. Lavatories shall have 'No Smoking' placards adjacent to each ashtray.



### 18.2. FIRE RESISTANCE.

18.2.1 Sources of ignition within cargo compartments shall be located and/or designed to prevent contact with cargo.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Cargo clearances and preventive means of contacting ignition sources, i.e. shielding and insulation;

b. Ensuring all components within the cargo compartments are certified for operation in an explosive atmosphere;

c. Preventing cargo from breaking loose;



d. Means to prevent cargo or baggage from interfering with the functioning of the fire protective features of the compartment.



18.2.2 Oxygen equipment and lines shall not be located in any designated fire zone; nor routed with electrical wiring. They shall be protected from heat that may be generated in, or escape from, any designated fire zone and be installed so that escaping oxygen cannot cause ignition of grease, fluid, or vapour accumulations present in normal operation or as a result of failure or malfunction of any system.

Oxygen pressure sources and lines between the sources and shut-off means shall be protected from unsafe temperatures. Lines carrying flammable liquids shall be positioned at as great a distance as practical from the oxygen installation. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fluid impinging on the oxygen or oxidant system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Design precautions to minimise hazards due to damage.





### 18.3. PHYSIOLOGY REQUIREMENTS OF OCCUPANTS.

18.3.1 Air vehicles capable of flying above 10,000 feet mean sea level (MSL) shall have means to provide supplemental oxygen, and shall be capable of delivering it to each passenger. There shall be an individual dispensing unit for each passenger for whom supplemental oxygen is to be supplied.

For each passenger, the minimum mass flow of supplemental oxygen required at various cabin pressure altitudes shall not be less than the flow required to maintain, during inspiration and while using oxygen equipment (including masks) provided, the required mean tracheal oxygen partial pressures.

Oxygen quantities shall be sufficient for the duration of time that passengers may be exposed to the cabin altitudes indicated.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Supplementary oxygen provided from the air vehicle, or from a stand-alone system;

b. Minimum mass flow requirements for different cabin pressure altitudes, to be agreed and verified;

c. Ensuring dispensing units provide for effective utilisation of the oxygen being delivered to the unit, are capable of being readily placed into position on the face of the user (over nose and mouth if required) and are equipped with a suitable means to retain the unit in position on the face.

d. Requirements to satisfy Extended Range Twin Operations (ETOPS) where appropriate.



18.3.2 Approved emergency medical kit(s) shall be installed in the air vehicle; and shall be capable of providing medical support for the designed mission.

Consideration should be given to:

a. The adequacy of medical kit contents for treatment of injuries, medical events, or minor accidents;

b. Different medical kit configurations and specified content requirements for different mission needs;

c. The accessibility of the medical kit(s).






## **SECTION 19 - MATERIALS**

This section covers material selection, application and specification for the entire flight vehicle including air vehicle structure, air vehicle subsystems, propulsion systems, electrical power systems, mission systems, crew systems, and armament/stores systems.

Included within the scope of this section are:

- Material properties and process;
- Corrosion prevention and control;
- NDI requirements;
- Wear and erosion prevention.

Some criteria in this chapter are supported in the text by examples of specific considerations. These examples are by no means to be considered as exhaustive.

• Use of standard engineering methods and formulas, in conjunction with full scale tests, and experience of the product;

• Ensuring adequate accessibility to areas that may be subject to wear in order to conduct maintenance and inspection.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Materials properties data and analysis
- 3. Environmental effects data and analysis
- 4. Galvanic compatibility data and analysis
- 5. Effects of defects data and analysis
- 6. Hazardous materials data
- 7. Material trade study results
- 8. Design of experiments results
- 9. Statistical process control data
- 10. Non-destructive inspection (NDI) criteria
- 11. NDI plan and records
- 12. NDI probability of detection data
- 13. Preproduction verification test data
- 14. First article destructive test data
- 15. Wear and erosion data
- 16. Material specifications
- 17. Process specifications
- 18. Finish specifications
- 19. Metallic materials properties development and Standardization (MMPDS)
- 20. MIL-HDBK-17, Polymer Matrix Composites
- 21. Material safety data sheets
- 22. Contractor policies and procedures
- 23. Quality records
- 24. Defect/failure data
- 25. Fracture control plan
- 26. Fracture critical parts list



#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

#### 19.1. PROPERTIES AND PROCESSES.

19.1.1 Appropriate material selection shall be conducted in order to assure adequate structural properties. Material property evaluations shall be performed using a combination of recognized and standardized analyses, tests, inspections, and examinations.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Use of standard engineering methods and formulas which are known to produce acceptable results, in conjunction with full scale tests (ground and/or flight tests) and experience of the product;

b. Ensuring that material properties are adequate and sufficient for all required missions and service usage;

c. The classification of the structure;

d. The consequence of failure of the structure in terms of the overall integrity of the air vehicle;

e. The consequence of the failure of interior items of mass and the supporting structure to the safety of the occupants;

f. Structural properties such as strength, stiffness, fatigue, crack growth rates, fracture toughness, corrosion susceptibility.



19.1.2 Material properties shall be certified as specification compliant and specification properties shall be represented as minimum values achievable using standardized processes.





19.1.3 Robust & recognised design & manufacturing techniques shall be established and applied to characterise the properties of Material that are suitable for purpose, and shall make adequate allowance, where applicable, for the effects of:

a. Product shape and form;

b. Production representative processing and manufacturing variability;

c. Effects of defects;

d. Final assembly interfaces;

e. Environmental conditions, such as temperature, humidity, UV, chemical, solvent, fuel, electromagnetic radiation, and airborne particulates expected in service;

f. Repair.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Statistical analysis



19.1.4 Material design values shall be based upon acceptable design allowables to prevent structural failure due to material variability.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Factors, such as material shape and form, anisotropy, heat treatment, affecting design allowables from recognised data sources.







19.1.5 The durability of the air vehicle structure and components shall support operation in all environmental conditions expected in service and shall take into account any potential material property degradation as a result.

Consideration should be given to:

a. All phases of the life cycle, to include manufacture, In service operation and associated maintenance;

b. Moisture absorption; chemical, solvent, fuel, and lubricant exposure; hydrolytic instability; thermal exposure; electromagnetic and UV radiation;

c. Processes and joining methods applied to the materials used in the airframe;

d. Provision of slip resistant surface on floors likely to be come wet during service.







19.1.6 Critical fabrication process which require close control shall be performed under an approved process specification, which allows identification, monitoring, and control of any undesirable variation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Fabrication processes such as heat-treating, quenching, welding, brazing, soldering, forging, gluing.

b. Substantiation of fabrication methods by a test programme.



19.1.7 Merged with 19.1.5



19.1.8 The air vehicle design shall consider and permit repair of structure and of flight and mission critical systems, following damage.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Giving preference to structural materials which are easily repairable;

b. Ensuring all repairs comply with the relevant design requirements for the whole air vehicle;

c. Ensuring high or moderate maintenance items and items subject to wear must be repairable;

d. Battle damage.





19.1.9 Insidious failure modes (e.g. hydrogen embrittlement, crack bifurcation) shall be understood and accounted for, such that all parts of the air vehicle are so designed, protected, assembled, drained and vented that when it is maintained in accordance with the servicing schedule there will be no unacceptable loss of airworthiness as a result of induced spontaneous, progressive or delayed cracking.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Where possible, selecting materials with lower susceptibilities to corrosion, corrosion fatigue, stress corrosion or hydrogen embrittlement; and

b. Avoiding unnecessarily strong but susceptible materials.



#### 19.2. CORROSION

19.2.1 Adequate corrosion prevention and control practices shall be in place.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Uniform surface corrosion, pitting, galvanic, crevice, filiform, exfoliation, inter-granular, fretting, high temperature oxidation (hot corrosion), corrosion fatigue, and stress corrosion cracking;

b. Preventing water leaking into, or being driven into, any part of the air vehicle;

c. The use of various design alternatives which preclude the traditional galvanic corrosion problems created by dissimilar metal bushings (e.g., beryllium copper, aluminium bronze) installed in aluminium structure;



d. The avoidance of using removable graphite composite doors/panels fastened to aluminium alloy substructure, particularly on upper surfaces where moisture/salt spray can potentially migrate through the fastener holes and cause corrosion of the aluminium substructure.



19.2.2 Corrosion prevention systems shall remain effective during the service life, including the mitigation of environmentally assisted cracking. Specific corrosion prevention and control measures, procedures, and processes shall be identified and established commensurate with the operational and maintenance capability.







19.2.3 Adequate prevention and control practices shall be in place for non-metallic materials degradation.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Preventing galvanic corrosion which occurs where surfaces of composites containing carbon fibres are in contact with metals.



19.2.4 Finish systems shall provide adequate corrosion protection for the airframe and its components, in order to maintain the specified operational capability of the air vehicle, and ensure it is not degraded due to finish breakdowns / failures.

Each specific surface treatment, inorganic and organic coating, and other protective finish used for corrosion prevention and control shall be identified and established.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Finishes for all specific parts, surfaces of similar and dissimilar materials, and attaching parts and fasteners etc.;

b. Treatment / finishing of non-corrosion resisting steels and other metals, e.g. cleaning, painting etc;

c. Ensuring the selection and application of all organic and inorganic surface treatments and coatings complies with air quality requirements;

d. Ensuring exterior surfaces remain aerodynamically smooth;

e. Preventing the use of organic coatings (other than fire insulating paints) for temperature control in inaccessible areas.





#### 19.3. NON-DESTRUCTIVE INSPECTION.

19.3.1 Prior to conducting non-destructive testing and inspection (NDI), the nature of those defects which are critical to material integrity shall be characterised, and any affects on the probability of detection shall be assessed.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Nature of defects such as: size, shape, location, orientation, and any other properties which will affect detectability with the methods to be used;

b. Detailed structural analysis to identify structurally critical locations, load paths, and quality criteria necessary for meeting performance and life requirements.



19.3.2 Non-destructive inspection (NDI) accept/reject criteria shall be validated and correlated with 'effects of defects' testing.



19.3.3 Non-destructive inspection (NDI) manuals shall be developed to accompany the air vehicle, in order to provide an audit trail of the adequacy, thoroughness, and completeness of NDI engineering and application efforts.

NDI manuals shall include:

a. When, how often, and how the system is to be inspected for service induced damage;

b. Valid NDI methods and their application.



Consideration should be given to:

a. NDT manuals may not be type specific.



19.3.4 Initial and recurring non destructive inspection (NDI) intervals shall be established, in order to identify and characterize specific defect types, sizes, and locations critical to material integrity.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring inspection means for each item are practicable for the inspection interval for the item, such that:

 i. For inspections repeated at short intervals (such as pre-flight or daily inspections) the means of inspection should be simple, e.g. visual with the aid of easily removable or hinged access panels;

 ii. For inspections required only a few times, for example once or twice in the lifetime of the air vehicle some disassembly of structure, e.g. deriveting a small skin panel is acceptable.



#### 19.4. WEAR AND EROSION.

19.4.1 Specific wear and erosion prevention practices, measures, procedures, and processes shall be identified and established, commensurate with the operational and maintenance capability, on applicable surfaces of metals, polymers, elastomers, ceramics, glasses, carbon fabrics, fibers, and combinations or composites of these materials.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Wear mechanisms such as abrasion, fretting, corrosion, and thermal wear, and combinations thereof;



b. Erosion mechanisms such as impinging fluid, solid particles (e.g. sand, dust etc.) and other environmental conditions (e.g. high sunlight/heat).

c. Eliminating / minimizing combinations of erosive, corrosive, and thermal effects on structures near heater and engine bleed air, engine exhaust, rocket and missile exhaust, and in the wake of such exhaust gases;

d. Preventing direct flame impingement from missiles and rockets on aircraft surfaces unless such surfaces are suitably protected by a coating or device;

e. Applying erosion prevention practices to all surface areas including leading edges, radomes, housings, and other protrusions as well as to surfaces exposed to particle impingement during take-offs and landings;

f. The adequacy of practices in protecting against corrosion in the environment in which the parts will operate, and their effects upon fatigue life;

g. Ensuring adequate accessibility to areas that may be subject to wear in order to conduct maintenance and inspection;

h. Applying wear prevention practices to all load bearing and load transfer interfaces;

i. Provisions for lubricating of all parts subject to wear;

j. Ensuring items subject to wear are repairable;

k. Limiting the use of dissimilar metals in contact to applications where similar metals cannot be used due to peculiar design requirements.





## **SECTION 20 - OTHER CRITERIA**

This section covers those equipments which may be used on or with an aircraft but which are not necessarily part of it, such as mission or role

equipment, or carry-on equipment. These equipments should be assessed and authorised for use on each aircraft that they are required for and

any limitations associated with that use clearly recorded. It also covers those pan-platform criteria that potentially affect multiple systems and consequently need greater visibility to ensure they are given adequate consideration. These include ETOPS and flight in, or near, volcanic ash clouds.

#### TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

- 1. Design criteria
- 2. Design studies and analyses
- 3. Design, installation, and operational characteristics
- 4. Design approval and system compatibility tests
- 5. Component and system level qualification and certification tests
- 6. Electromagnetic environmental effects
- 7. Hazard analysis and certification
- 8. Failure modes and effects analysis
- 9. Avionics integration tests and results
- 10. System/subsystem self-test design and capabilities
- 11. Qualification test plans, procedures, and results
- 12. Ground test results
- 13. FCA and PCA data
- 14. Flight manual
- 15. Software development plan
- 16. Software development and product specifications
- 17. Software test plans, test procedures, and test reports
- 18. Software configuration control/management plan and procedure
- 19. Flight test reports 20. Environmental analysis and test results

#### CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

20.1. OTHER CRITERIA: MISSION/TEST EQUIPMENT, CARGO/PAYLOAD SAFETY AND PAN-PLATFORM CRITERIA.

20.1.1 The following items shall not adversely affect the primary SOF functionality of the air vehicle:

a. Special non-SOF mission or test equipment and software including instrumentation and wiring.

- b. Non-SOF mission-specific equipment and software.
- c. Non-essential mission equipment (hardware and software).
- d. Carry-on/carry-off equipment that will be operated in flight.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Structural capability, flying and handling qualities, electronic compatibility;

b. Ensuring that all items of equipment intended for use on the aircraft, but not part of the aircraft, are authorised for use in their intended role.



c. Ensuring that all items of equipment authorised for use on the aircraft, but not part of the aircraft, are clearly documented, along with any limitations to that use such as during particular phases of flight.

d. The impact that any special, essential, or non-essential mission or test equipment might have on the air vehicle or its systems. Particular, but not exclusive, attention should be given to equipment:

i. Floor or rack loading limits.

ii. Power requirements, and any effect that may be reflected back into the air vehicle power supply (i.e. spikes etc)

- iii. EMC and EMI effects.
- iv. Impact or changes to air vehicle overall weight or centre of gravity.
- v. Potential fire or explosion risks.

e. Ensuring that carry-on/carry-off equipment intended for use or operation in flight is appropriately authorised and any necessary limitations to that use highlighted and recorded. Particular attention should be paid to transmitting equipment including Portable Electrical Devices (PEDs) such as laptops, ipads, mobile phones and other personal electronic devices.

f. Reviewing Section 9.8 ' Air Transportability and Airdrop'.



20.1.2 Carriage of cargo or payload shall not adversely affect safety of the air vehicle system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Provision of suitable cargo or payload restraint mechanisms;

b. Physical size and weight of cargo or payload, and its floor loading, in comparison to vehicle hold or compartment;

- c. Potential impact on the air vehicle overall weight and centre of gravity;
- d. Interference with vehicle control systems;
- e. Obstruction of crew or passenger exits;
- f. Potential fire or explosion risks;
- g. Reviewing Section 9.8; ' Air Transportability and Airdrop'.





20.1.3 In-flight operation of mission-specific equipment shall not adversely affect the safety of the air vehicle system.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Ensuring that all other equipment used in association with mission equipment that is not part of the aircraft installation, such as lifting strops and spreader bars, is:

i. Tested and trialled appropriately and authorised for use on that aircraft.

ii. The aircraft documentation explicitly records which mission-specific equipment is authorised for use on that aircraft and any operational limitations associated with its use (i.e. operational restrictions such as speed, height, or weather).

b. Ensuring that any other limitations associated with this equipment, such as allowable weights, strop angles, use with other equipment, or lifting requirements including re-test should be clearly recorded;

c. Mission specific (cargo and personnel) equipment such as cargo hooks, rescue slings and hoist, H-Bar and FRIES bar.



20.1.4 The ability of any aircraft to operate in, or in the vicinity of, a volcanic ash cloud shall be clearly understood and detailed in the aircraft operating manuals. It is understood that military operational imperatives may override this regulatory criteria as necessary.

Consideration should be given to:

Engine abrasion corrosion;

Blockage of engine cooling ducts/vents or paths;

Aircraft skin and transparency abrasion;

Damage to systems from ingestion of particles (air conditioning, electronic cooling, contamination of surfaces or fluids)

Blockage of air data system (pitot or static systems);





20.1.5 Where twin-engined civil derived military aircraft, or civil aircraft operated on the military register, are required to carry out extended range operations they should be suitable certified for ETOPS. However, it is recognised that military operational requirements may override this regulatory requirement as necessary. Moreover, it is also recognised that national military airworthiness/aviation authorities may determine that specific regulatory requirements may not need to be applied to a specific platform.

Consideration should be given to:

- a. Aircraft configuration;
- b. Aircraft duration;
- c. Air to air refuelling capabilities;
- d. Crew workload and operational implications;
- e. Crew and passenger physiological needs including provision of: fluids, food, and suitable toilet facilities



20.1.6 There must be means for determining when the aeroplane is in a level position on the ground.

Consideration should be given to:

a. Embarked Operations on Ships Vessels etc.





# **SECTION 21 - TRACIBILITY MATRIX TO US MIL-HDBK-516B**

The EMACC Handbook has been produced based on the MIL-HDBK-516B structure as defined at Change 1 dated February 2008.

MIL-HDBK-516B was developed based on U.S experience of incidents / failures over time and there is significant overlap between individual sections of MIL-HDBK-516B.

The structure of the EMACC handbook has been rationalised, for example: through merger of existing MIL-HDBK-516B criteria; addition of new criteria; or through removal of existing MIL-HDBK-516B criteria.

In rationalising, every effort has been made to ensure the EMACC Handbook is as concise as possible without losing any of the original intent of the US/European information sources. In order to guide this process, a traceability matrix that links the EMACC Handbook structure to the original MIL-HDBK-516B Change 1 structure is provided below.



































