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# Project on performance of airplanes

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# **Very Important Notes**

- 1. This is a report of determining some aircrafts performance parameters, I chose five airplanes to determine theirs, and I have made some assumptions in this report:
- 2. The oswald efficiency factor of each aircraft is approached to the plane I see most alike in this report (Estimating oswald efficiency factor from basic aircraft geometrical parameters, M. Nita and D. Scholz, Hamburg university)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. All aerodynamics properties are obtained at reynold's number =  $3.0 * 10^6$
- 4. The values of absolute ceiling, service ceiling, range and endurance are not good for most aircrafts, even though their equations are taken from the reference and should have given accurate answers, but anyway I believe the fault is not mine.
- 5. I had so much more to do but didn't have time, maybe I can show the new version later...

# 1. F-16A

# 1.1. Table of information

11		Description or Value
#	Characteristic	S.I. Units
1	A/C Name	F-16A
2	A/C Type	Fighter
3	A/C Length	15.1
4	A/C Height	5.08
5	Airfoil Section and Wing Data	Unknown
6	b	9.9568
7	S	37.17669984
8	$AR = b^2/S$	2.666666667
9	W (Max Takeoff)	166,600
10	W <sub>E</sub> (Empty)	72,422
11	W/S	4481.30148
12	W/b	16732.28346
13	$C_{D0}$	0.01
14	K	0.147365688
15	e=1/(∏KAR)	0.81
16	L/D max	13.02482258
17	High Lift Device(s)	Don't Know
18	$(C_L)_{max}$ [Cruise]	1.5
19	Engine Name	PW F100-PW-200
20	Engine Type & Number	One Jet engine
21	$(T_A)_{max}$ @Sea-Level	106000
22	$(P_A/W)_{max}$ Or $(T_A/W)_{max}$	0.636254502
23	Variation of Power /Thrust w Altitude	Don't Know
24	Varition of Power /Thrust w Speed	Probably no variation
25	Fuel Weight (Capcity) $W_F$	94,178
26	TSFC	0.001988438
27	Analysis h	1406.846646

# **1.2. Table of performance parameters**

Parameter	Real	Calculated
Top speed km/h	2164.568	2451.727178
Stall speed km/h	79	251.4235220
Min speed km/h		148.4667211
Max R/C m/s		164.3575833
Angle at max R/C degrees		24.5196
Max angle of climb m/s		34.01970732
L/D max		13.02482258
Min angle of gliding degrees		4.390355151
Range km	2264.347	824.9339327
Endurance h		1.086201810
Service ceiling km	7.62	1.406846646
Time to climb to serv ceil. s		49.62243029

# 1.3. Images of the airplane

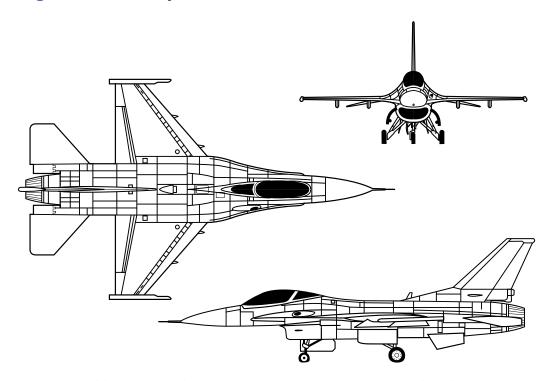


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# **2. Embraer 120**

# 2.1. Table of information

#	Characteristic	Description
1	A/C Name	EMBRAER 120
2	A/C Type	twin-turboprop commuter airliner
4	A/C length	20
5	A/C height	6.35
6	Airfoil Section and Wing Data	NACA 23012
7	b	19.78
8	S	39.4
9	AR = b2/S	9.93016243654822
11	WE (Empty)	69286
10	W (Max Takeoff)	112700
12	W/S	292.848020434
<b>13</b>	W/b	748.612471433
14	CD0	0.01
<b>15</b>	K	0.043297747605475
<b>16</b>	e (span efficiency)	0.81
<b>17</b>	(L/D)max	24.52849924
18	High Lift Device(s)	Flaps
<b>19</b>	(CL)max	1.25
		Pratt & Whitney Canada PW118 / Pratt &
20	<b>Engine Name</b>	Whitney Canada PW118A / Pratt & Whitney
		Canada PW118B turboprop engines
21	Engine Type & Number	Two , turboprops
22	(PA)max@sea-Level	2680000
<b>23</b>	(PA/W)max	11.8899733806566
24	Variation of thrust with altitude	Don't know
<b>25</b>	Variation of thrust with velocity	Probably no variation
<b>26</b>	Fuel name and Specific gravity	
<b>27</b>	Fuel Weight (Capacity) WF	43414
28	PSFC	4.25*10^-5
29	vcruise	153.33333333333

# **2.2. Table of performance parameters**

Parameter	Real	Calculated
Top speed km/h	608	780.6686795
Stall speed km/h	162	220.0433737
Min speed km/h		27.97958431
Max R/C m/s		20.37403225
Angle at max R/C degrees		16.3561

Max angle of climb m/s		49.85402370
L/D max		24.52849924
Min angle of gliding degrees		2.334593191
Range km	1,750	150.8077741
Endurance h		0.3092960682
Service ceiling km	9.085	0.8435092067
Time to climb to serv ceil. s		156.7421070

# 2.3. Images of the airplane

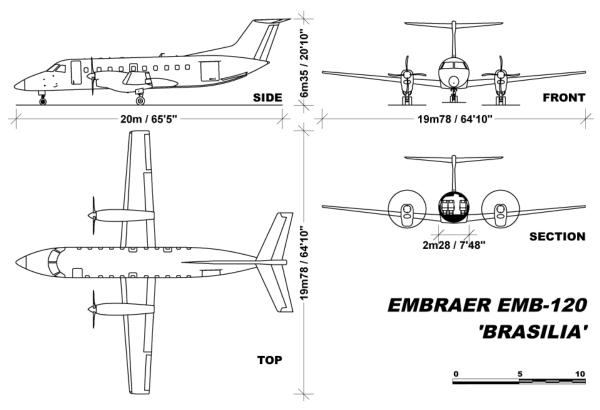


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### 4. Data sheet

# 1. Jet Engines

### 1. Analytical

### 1.1. Maximum velocity

$$v_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{T_A}{W}\right)_{max}\left(\frac{W}{S}\right) + \left(\frac{W}{S}\right)\sqrt{\left(\frac{T_A}{W}\right)^2 - \frac{4C_{Do}}{\pi eAR}}}{\rho_{\infty}C_{Do}}}$$
 (Equation 1)

### 1.2. Minimum velocity

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{T_A}{W}\right)_{max}\left(\frac{W}{S}\right) - \left(\frac{W}{S}\right)\sqrt{\left(\frac{T_A}{W}\right)^2 - \frac{4C_{Do}}{\pi eAR}}}{\rho_{\infty}C_{Do}}}$$
 (Equation 2)

### 1.3. Stall velocity

$$v_{stall} = \sqrt{\frac{W}{\frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}C_{L,max}}}$$
 (Equation 3)

### 1.4. Rate of Climb

$$R/C = \frac{T_A V - T_R V}{W}$$
 (Equation 4)

$$v_{@R/C_{max}} = Solve[\frac{d}{dv}R/C = 0]$$
 (Equation 5)

$$R/C_{max} = \frac{(T_A v - T_R v)_{v@R/C_{max}}}{W}$$
 (Equation 6)

$$\gamma \text{ (max angle of climb)} = sin^{-1}(\frac{T_A - T_R}{W})$$
 (Equation 7)

### 1.5. Range

$$Range = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho_{\infty}s}} \frac{1}{c_t} \frac{C_L^{\frac{1}{2}}}{C_D} (w_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - w_1^{\frac{1}{2}})$$
 (Equation 8)

### 1.6. Endurance

$$Endurance = \frac{1}{c_t} \frac{C_L}{C_D} ln \frac{w_0}{w_1}$$
 (Equation 9)

### 1.7. Required thrust

$$T_R = \frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}v_{\infty}^2 SC_{Do} + \frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}v_{\infty}^2 S\frac{C_L^2}{\pi eAR}$$
 (Equation 10)

### 1.8. Minimum Angle of Gliding

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{L/D})$$
 (Equation 11)

# 2. Piston Propeller engine

### 1. Analytical

First, consider these parameters to make the equation look better: a, b, c, d, e and t.

$$AR = \frac{b^2}{s}; \qquad k = \frac{1}{\pi eAR}; \quad WS = \frac{W}{S}; \quad PAMW = \frac{PA}{W}; \qquad v_D = \sqrt{\frac{WS}{\rho_{infty}}};$$

$$a = \frac{2PAMWv_D^2}{C_{Do}}; \qquad b = \frac{4kvD^4}{C_{Do}}; \qquad c = 81a^4 - 768b^3;$$

$$d = 108 * a^2 + 12\sqrt{c};$$

$$e = d^{\frac{1}{3}} + 48bd^{\frac{-1}{3}};$$
  $t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{ed^{\frac{1}{3}}}(12\sqrt{\frac{6}{e}}ad^{\frac{1}{3}} - d^{\frac{2}{3}} - 48b)};$ 

### 1.1. Maximum velocity

$$v_{max} = \frac{\sqrt{6e}}{12}(1+t) \tag{Equation 1}$$

### 1.2. Minimum velocity

$$v_{min} = \frac{\sqrt{6e}}{12}(1-t)$$
 (Equation 2)

### 1.3. Stall velocity

$$v_{stall} = \sqrt{\frac{W}{\frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}C_{L,max}}}$$
 (Equation 3)

### 1.4. Rate of Climb

$$R/C = \frac{P_A - P_R}{W}$$
 (Equation 4)

$$v_{@R/C_{max}} = Solve[\frac{d}{dv}R/C = 0]$$
 (Equation 5)

$$R/C_{max} = \frac{(P_A - P_R)_{v@R/C_{max}}}{W}$$
 (Equation 6)

$$\gamma \text{ (max angle of climb)} = sin^{-1} (\frac{P_A/v - P_R/v}{W})$$
 (Equation 7)

### 1.5. Range

$$Range = \frac{\eta}{c} \frac{C_L^{\frac{3}{2}}}{C_D} ln \frac{W_0}{W_1}$$
 (Equation 8)

### 1.6. Endurance

$$E = \frac{\eta}{c} \frac{C_L^{\frac{3}{2}}}{C_D} (2\rho_{\infty} s)^{\frac{1}{2}} (W_1^{\frac{-1}{2}} - W_0^{\frac{-1}{2}})$$
 (Equation 9)

### 1.7. Required power

$$PR = \frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}v_{\infty}^{3}SC_{Do} + \frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}v_{\infty}S\frac{C_{L}^{2}}{\pi eAR}$$
 (Equation 10)

### 1.8. Minimum Angle of Gliding

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{L/D})$$
 (Equation 11)

### 4.2. Graphical

# Velocity

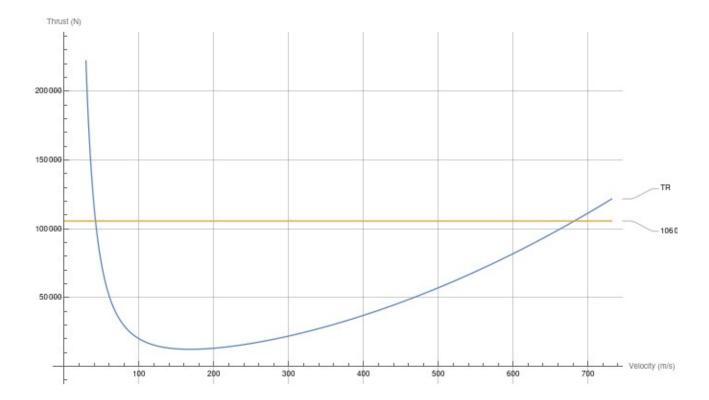
We notice the intersection of the two curves: the required thrust curve and the available thrust of the engine, so the max velocity is determined directly, while true minimum speed is:

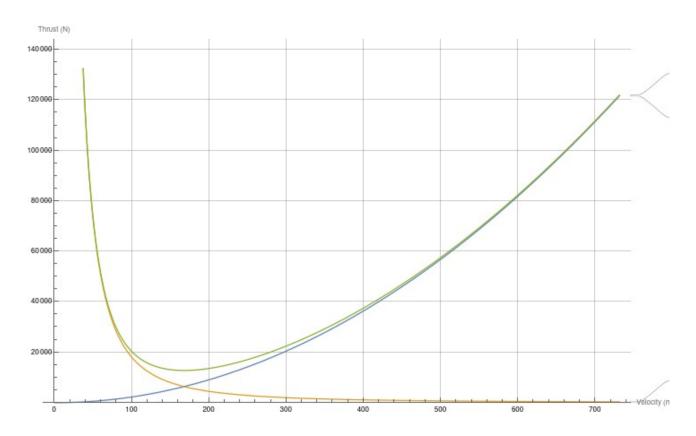
$$v_{min} = min(v_{min}, v_{stall})$$

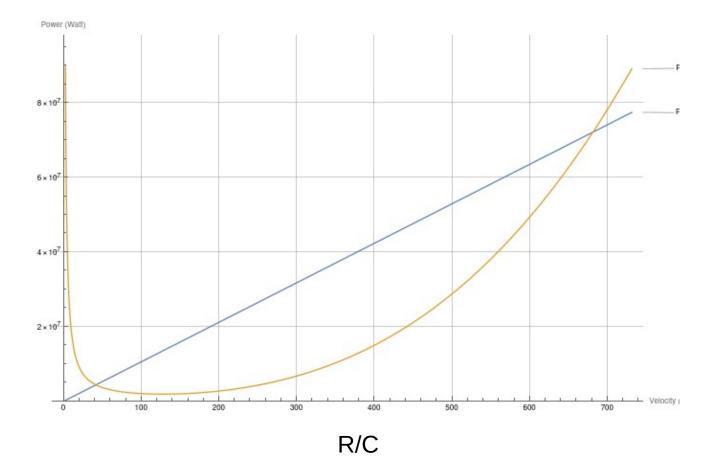
The required thrust curve is deduced from the addition of these two curves in the graph, let those two curves be A and B, where:

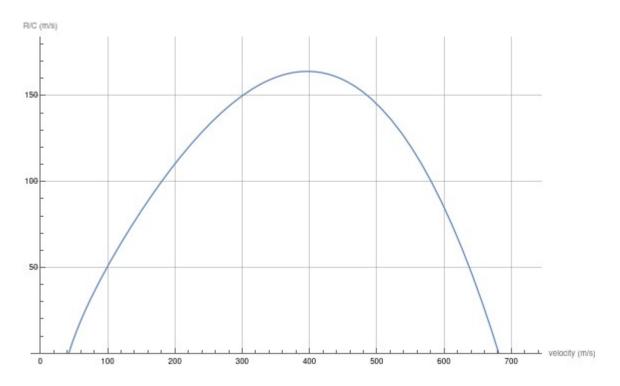
To deduce the required thrust curve, consider:

$$A = \frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}v_{\infty}^2 SC_{Do}$$
, while  $B = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi eAR}$ 

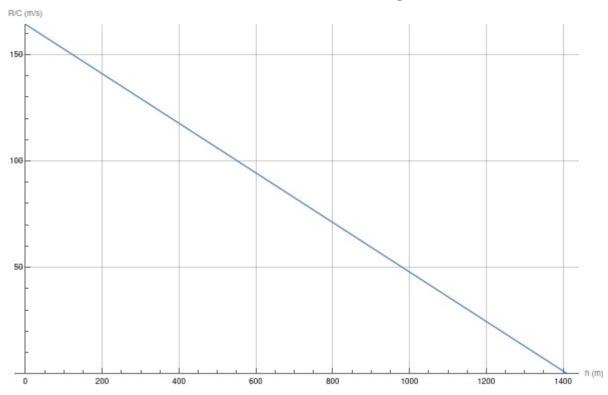




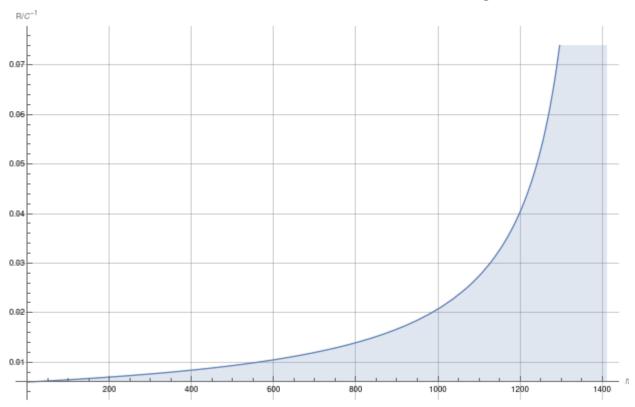




# Service ceiling



Time to climb to service ceiling



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