Force Coefficients

Coefficient	Coefficient Name	Definition	Relative Information
C_L	Lift	Effectiveness of the airfoil to produce lift	Determined by the wings, fuselage, and horizontal tail. It varies with Mach and alpha.
C_D	Drag	The aerodynamic force that opposes an aircraft's motion through the air.	Generally presented as a function of the lift coefficient.
C_{γ}	Sideforce	Force in the Y direction of the body.	Created by sideslipping motion (Beta not equal to 0) and rudder deflection.

Moment Coefficients

Coefficient	Coefficient Name	Definition	Relative Information
C_l	Rolling Moment	The rotational moment about the longitudinal axis.	
C_m	Pitching Moment	The rotational moment about the y axis.	
C_n	Yawing Moment	The rotational moment about the z-axis.	

Coefficient	Coefficient Name	Definition	Relative Information
α	Angle of Attack	The angle the chord line makes with the freestream velocity vector.	Chord Line Relative Wind Angle of Attack α

β	Sideslip Angle	The aerodynamic state where an aircraft is moving somewhat sideways as well as forward relative to the oncoming airflow or relative wind.	Platform Sidesilp Angle Neith Platform Mint
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Dimensionless Force Coefficient Equations

Coefficient	Equation	Relative Information
C_L	$C_L = \frac{C_L}{\overline{q}S}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area CL = lifting force
C_D	$C_D = \frac{C_D}{q^- S}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area CD = Drag force
C_Y	$C_Y = \frac{C_C}{\overline{q}S}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area CC = sideforce

Dimensionless Moment Coefficient Equations

Coefficient	Equation	Relative Information
C_l	$l_w = \frac{R_M}{\overline{q}Sb_{ref}}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area RM = Rolling Moment Bref = wingspan
C_m	$m_w = \frac{P_M}{\overline{q}S\overline{c}}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area PM = Pitching Moment c bar = mean aerodynamic chord

C_n	$n_w = \frac{Y_m}{\overline{q}Sb_{ref}}$	Wind-axis q bar = dynamic pressure S = wing planform area YM = Yawing Moment Bref = wingspan
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Coefficient	Equation	Relative Information
α	$-\pi < \alpha < \pi$	Measured with the limits of - pi to pi because it is being measured or estimated on the z-axis.
β	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \le \beta \le \frac{\pi}{2}$	The sideslip angle does not have an equation but is measured with the two limits seen to the left. This is being measured on the y-axis.