# 777 cockpit controls maintenance manual

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Unveiling the Boeing 777's Flight Control Symphony\*\*

## Flight Control Modes for the B777

The Boeing 777 boasts an array of flight control modes, including:

- **Normal Law:** Enforces aircraft stability and limits flight envelope.
- Alternate Law: Provides reduced functionality in case of primary system failure.
- **Direct Law:** Direct control of aircraft without flight envelope protection.

## Is the 777 Fly-by-Wire?

Yes, the 777 is a fly-by-wire aircraft, utilizing electronic signals instead of mechanical cables to control flight surfaces.

## Flight Control Computer on a Boeing 777

The Primary Flight Control Computer (PFCC) is the brain of the 777's flight control system. It receives pilot inputs and calculates the appropriate control surface movement.

#### **Bank Angle Protection**

The 777's bank angle protection system limits the maximum bank angle to prevent overbanking.

#### **Four Main Flight Controls**

The primary flight controls of any aircraft are:

Ailerons: Roll control

• Elevator: Pitch control

• Rudder: Yaw control

• Throttles: Power control

## **Primary Flight Controls on the B777**

On the B777, the primary flight controls are located in the cockpit:

• Yoke: Controls ailerons and elevator

• Rudder pedals: Controls rudder

• Throttle levers: Control thrust

## Why is 777 So Special?

The 777 is a renowned aircraft due to its:

- Superior fuel efficiency
- Long range
- Advanced avionics
- Reliability

## 777 Flight Duration

The 777 can fly up to 13,480 nautical miles (24,970 km) without refueling.

#### **Rudder Power and Control**

The 777's rudder is powered by a hydraulic system and controlled by the rudder pedals.

#### **Boeing 777 Hydraulic System**

The hydraulic system of the 777 consists of three independent hydraulic systems, providing redundancy in case of a system failure.

## **Boeing vs. Airbus Flight Controls**

Boeing and Airbus have different approaches to flight control:

• Boeing: Yoke-style controls with direct law available

• Airbus: Joystick-style controls with full envelope protection

## **Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS)**

The AFCS automates flight control, including functions such as autopilot, altitude hold, and navigation.

## 777 Rotate Speed

The rotate speed, the speed at which an aircraft leaves the ground, is typically around 150-160 knots for the 777.

## **Bank Angle Terminology**

• Bank angle: The angle between the wings and the horizon

• 15 degrees: A moderate bank angle

• 30 degrees: A significant bank angle

• 60 degrees: A steep bank angle

## **Controls in the Cockpit**

In addition to the primary flight controls, the cockpit of a 777 features a multitude of panels, displays, and switches for navigation, communication, and systems management.

#### Language Used by ATC

Air Traffic Control (ATC) uses a standardized phraseology based on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

## Aileron Control

Ailerons are controlled by the yoke or control stick. Moving the controls to the left or right deflects the ailerons accordingly.

#### Mode S Code

Mode S is a transponder code used in aviation for aircraft identification and surveillance.

## **Primary vs. Secondary Flight Controls**

- Primary flight controls: Control the aircraft's attitude and thrust
- Secondary flight controls: Provide additional functionality, such as flaps and spoilers

## **Auxiliary Flight Controls**

Auxiliary flight controls assist in maneuvering the aircraft, including:

- Trim tabs
- Speedbrakes
- Spoilers

#### 777 Aircraft Nomenclature

777 stands for "7-Wide, 7-Seven," indicating its wide-body configuration and the Boeing 707's influence on its design.

#### A380 vs. Boeing 777

The A380 and Boeing 777 are both wide-body airliners, but the 777 is smaller and more fuel-efficient.

#### 777 Hazard

The 777's rudder system has experienced a few incidents, leading to concerns about its controllability at high speeds.

## A350 vs. 777 Size Comparison

The A350 is slightly larger than the 777 in terms of length and wingspan.

#### Safest Plane in the World

Statistically, all modern commercial airliners are considered extremely safe.

## 777 Single-Engine Flight

The 777 can fly on one engine for up to 180 minutes under certain conditions.

#### FMA Modes of the 777

The Flight Mode Annunciator (FMA) displays the aircraft's current flight mode, such as:

• NAV: Navigation mode

• HDG: Heading mode

• APP: Approach mode

#### **TCAS Modes on Airbus**

The Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) on Airbus aircraft has modes such as:

• TA/RA: Traffic Advisory/Resolution Advisory

STBY: Standby mode

#### Flight Modes for Flying

There are different flight modes available, including:

Normal: Standard flight operations

Hold: Hold a specified position

Approach: Prepare for landing

Autoland: Automatic landing

#### Mode C in Aviation

Mode C is a transponder code that provides aircraft altitude information.

#### FLC Mode in 777

Flight Level Change (FLC) mode maintains a specified altitude during climb or descent.

#### FMA vs. FMAB

• FMA: Flight Mode Annunciator (primary mode display)

FMAB: Flight Mode Annunciator Backup (redundant mode display)

## Is TCAS or ATC Priority?

TCAS takes priority over ATC instructions in the event of a conflict.

#### **Mode 3 in Air Traffic Control**

Mode 3 is a transponder code that provides aircraft identification information.

## **Does TCAS Work Without a Transponder?**

TCAS requires a functioning transponder from both aircraft involved for proper operation.

#### **Bluetooth Allowance on Planes**

Bluetooth is typically not allowed on planes to avoid potential interference with aircraft systems.

## Flight Mode vs. Airplane Mode

Flight mode: Disables all wireless functions

• Airplane mode: Typically disables cellular and Wi-Fi connections

#### Wi-Fi Restrictions on Planes

Wi-Fi is not available on all planes due to potential interference with navigation systems and safety regulations.

## Can You Fly Without Mode C?

Flying without Mode C is possible in some circumstances, but it may restrict access to certain airspace.

#### Mode S Code vs. Mode C

Mode S provides more detailed information than Mode C, including aircraft type, speed, and heading.

### Mode S Supersedes Mode C

Mode S is gradually replacing Mode C due to its enhanced capabilities and surveillance benefits.

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