Advance Organizer: Procedural

Version 1.0

Overview: This document provides an advance organizer (AO) of the procedural steps of the exterior preflight inspection task for a commercial aircraft as outlined in the Flight Procedures Experimental Training (FlightPET) simulation testbed.

Exterior Inspection - Captain or First Officer

Before each flight the captain must verify the airplane is in satisfactory condition for flight. Make a complete exterior inspection, and report any discrepancies to the captain and to maintenance as soon as possible. Emphasis should be placed on tire wear, airframe or control damage, and leaking fluids. Following the route below, complete the preflight at the point where the inspection began, ensuring a complete circuit around the aircraft.

Check the following specific items during the exterior inspection:

Left Forward Fuselage			
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
Nose	•		
	Radome	Check	
	Diverter strips	Secure	
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Wipers and windshield	Check	
	Nose wheel spin brake (snubbers)	In place	
Nose Landing Gear and Wheel Well			
	Tires and wheels	Check	
	Gear doors	Check	
	Gear strut and nose wheel steering assembly	Check	
	Hydraulic lines and electrical wires	Check	
	Exterior lights	Check	
	Gear pin	Removed	
	Nose wheel steering assembly	Check	
	Nose gear steering lockout pin	As required	
	If towbar is attached, towing lever set to bypass, pin installed.		
Right Forward Fuselage			
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
	Exterior lights	Check	
	Oxygen pressure relief green disc	In place	
Right Inboard Wing and Lower Fuselage			
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
	Exterior lights	Check	
	Pack inlet	Check	
	Fuel sticks	Check	
	Ram air deflector door	Extended	
	Leading edge flaps	Check	
Number 2 Engine			
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Fan blades and spinner	Check	
	Thrust reverser	Stowed	
	Exhaust area and tailcone	Check	
	Pylon	Check	
Right Wing and Leading Edge			
	Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched	
	Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check	
	Fuel sticks	Check	
	Leading Edge Slats	Check	
Right Wing Tip and Trailing Edge			
	Exterior lights	Check	

Static discharge wicks	Check
Control surfaces	Check
Flaps and fairings	Check
Right Landing Gear and Wheel Well	
Tires, brakes and wheels	Check
Gear strut, actuators, and doors	Check
Hydraulic lines and electrical wires	Check
APU FIRE CONTROL handle	Up
NGS operability indicator light	Green
Gear pin	Removed
Right Aft Fuselage and Upper Wing Surface	
Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched
Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check
Outflow valve	Check
Negative pressure relief doors	Check
Upper wing surface condition	Check
APU air inlet	Check
Tail	
Doors and access panels (not in use)	Latched
Probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains (as applicable)	Check
Vertical stabilizer and rudder	Check
Horizontal stabilizer and elevator	Check
Static discharge wicks	Check
Exterior lights	Check
Lower aft fuselage surface	Check
Check for evidence of tail strike damage.	
Tail skid	Check

Note: The remaining steps of the procedure have been consolidated as they are not included in the FlightPET simulation:

Left Aft Fuselage and Upper Wing Surface, Left Landing Gear and Wheel Well Left Wing Tip and Trailing Edge Left Wing and Leading Edge Number 1 Engine Left Inboard Wing and Lower Fuselage Left Forward Fuselage

Note: Items at each location may be checked in any sequence. Ensure that:

surfaces and structures are clear, undamaged, not missing parts, and there are no fluid leaks;

Note: Assessing the condition of the upper wing surfaces may require viewing from inside the aircraft

- hydraulic lines and electrical wires are secure and undamaged;
- installed placards are readable;
- gear struts are not fully compressed;
- gear pins have been removed;
- engine inlets and tailpipes are clear, cowlings are secured and undamaged, and the reversers are stowed;
- doors and access panels that are not in use are latched;
- probes, sensors, ports, vents, and drains are unobstructed, clear, and undamaged;
- skin area adjacent to the pitot probes and static ports is not wrinkled;
- antennas are not damaged;
- light lenses are clean and not damaged;
- exterior lights are illuminated in accordance with lights usage

Notify maintenance if any:

- tread groove is worn completely around the tire;
- tires are worn beyond limits, damaged, or tread is separating;
- layer of cord is showing;
- questionable cut exists;

- tire shows appearance of improper inflation;
- wheel through-bolt or nut is missing or damaged.