

Airframe, Systems, Electrics, Power plant

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01 System Design, Loads, Stresses, Maintenance

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System design

Damage/fault tolerant design

- Ability to withstand a certain amount of weakening of a structure without a catastrophic failure
- Takes cracking of the structure into account

Fail safe design

- More than one load carrying component, parallel structural parts, load sharing
- Based on redundancy of components
- Does not imply that the system will never fail despite having backups

Safe life design

- Replacement of part after a given number of cycles/flight hours in use
- One load carrying component is sufficient provided it is strong enough
- Does not imply that the system will never fail in the safe life period
- No catastrophic damage will occur

Redundancy

↳ duplication, triplication of critical components

CS-23: normal, utility, aerobatic and commuter aeroplane

CS-25: large aeroplane

Maintenance:

- Hard time: Component overhauled/repaired after a set number of hours/cycles regardless of condition
- On condition: Monitoring of critical parameters & replacement of parts if a limit value is exceeded

Stress: Force/Area

Tension: Force resisting from being pulled apart

Torsion: Caused by twisting

Compression: Push force

Torque: Axial rotation force

Shear: Force parallel to cross section

Buckling: Effect of more to one force

Strain:

Deformation due to stress, expressed as a % change of dimension of original dimension

Elastic deformation

Tendency of material to return to its original state

Temporary and reversible when load is removed

Corrosion Incorrect metal bonding → for example Potassium hydroxide or hydraulic fluid

Stress: continuous tensile load + corrosion

Intergranular: Grain boundaries inside metal

Fatigue: Material is continually loaded and unloaded and will eventually break even though load is the same

Aircraft flies beyond certified load factor: Subject to permanent deformation

	No effect	Minor	Major	Hazardous	Catastrophic
Qualitative	/	Probable	Remote	Extremely remote	Extremely improbable
Quantitative	/	10^3	10^{-5}	10^{-7}	10^{-9}
Flight crew	/	Slight workload	Physical discomfort	Physical distress	Fatality/Incapacitation
Airplane margin	/	slight reduction	Significant reduction	Large reduction	Hull loss
PAX	Inconvenience	Physical discomfort	Physical distress	Serious/fatal injury	Multiple fatalities

Load:

- Static loads
- Dynamic loads
- Cyclic loads: dynamic irreversible loads

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Engine compartment decking and firewall: Stainless steel/titanium sheet

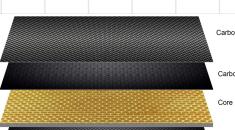
Sandwich structure:

Two thin sheets separated with light core material

- Low mass, high stiffness
- Stabilizes covering sheets
- Unsuitable for absorbing concentrated loads
- Does not use resin

Composite structure:

- Consists of matrix and fibers
- Components strength can be tailored to the direction of load, not the same in all directions
- Higher strength to weight ratio compared to other metal



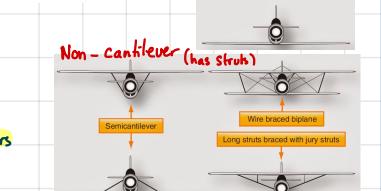
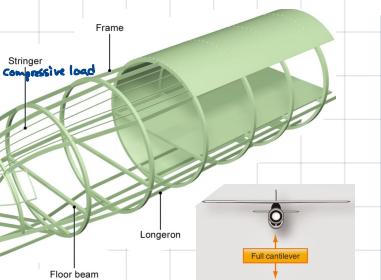
Truss type: small light aircraft/training plane

Monocoque:

- Takes all the load on a stressed skin
- Normally made of aluminum alloy

Semi-monocoque:

- Fuselage of transport airplanes
- Consists of skin, frames and stringers



Cantilever:

- Attached to the aircraft at the wing root only (no struts/braces/wires)
- Vertical loads/bending moments highest at wing root

Wings:

- Torsion box: Consists of spars, ribs, wing skin reinforced by stringers
- Ribs
 - Maintain aerodynamic shape
- Stringers
 - Assists skin to absorb longitudinal compressive loads
- Wing skin
 - When unable to bear load, it transfers them to the spar via ribs and stringers
 - Bear cylindrical load during pressurization (Tension)
- Spar
 - Bear most of the load
 - Consists of web and girders (I-beam)
 - Take up the vertical bending moment



In the air:

- Lift loads carried upper/lower skin surfaces and spars
- Tension in lower surface and compression on upper surface



On the ground:

- Tension in upper surface and compression on lower surface



Wing bending moments:

- Reduced by installing "uplift" ailerons, using fuselage fuel first while maintaining fuel in wings as long as possible
- Torsion: effect of aileron deflection or positive sweep (as the surface hit the air at non-uniform levels a twisting motion is induced)
- From wing root to the tip: First compression then tension.

Aerodynamic flutter:

- Caused by torsion and bending, COP ahead of CG
- Avoided by ensuring correct mass distribution within the control surface during design
- Wing bends downwards: Flutter may occur if the aileron is deflected upwards as aileron CG is behind hinge line
- Wing bends upwards: Flutter may occur if the aileron is deflected downwards as aileron CG is behind hinge line



T-tail aircraft:

- Vertical stabilizer is not affected by influence of wing turbulence

Fuselage:

- Consists of skin, frames and stringer (No spar, girder)
- Pressurization load = tension
- Shell structures transmit: Normal bending, tangent bending, tension and torsional stresses (NO SHEAR)
- Torque links: Most stress when making tight turns during testing, turning at a small radius
- Floor proximity emergency escape lights: gives additional guidance during evacuation in reduced visibility

Cockpit window:

- De-icing provided by electrical heating
- Some aircraft have speed restrictions related to bird impact when window heating inoperative
- Window heating improves strength of cockpit windows
- Cockpit side not prained with de-icing, only defoggers
- Made of: glass and inner surface made of soft polycarbonate laminate
- Green system "on" information light and an amber failure warning light

Airplanes designed for long haul cannot be used for short haul as lifetime of fatigue sensitive parts have been determined on a load spectrum

MZFM: Maximum zero fuel mass - Total maximum permissible mass of aircraft without usable fuel

03 Hydraulics 5 - 6.25%

Pascal's law:

- Incompressible fluid
- Pressure on fluid in enclosed space ⇒ pressure equal everywhere
- Act at right angle to wall Force/area

Area_A · distance_A = Area_B · distance_B

Most common:

- Phosphate ester based (Skydrol) is purple
- Synthetic oil (Maybe mineral). Synthetic = highest resistance against cavitation
- Operated at 3000 psi

Hydraulic power is a function of system pressure and volume flow

Monitoring parameters: Pressure, fluid temperature and quantity

Flight deck indicator for hydraulic pressure: Transducer connected to an indirect indicator

Max power output and low mass: achieved by having high pressure system and low volume flow

Hydraulic circuits

- Open center: has capability for idle flow
- Constant low pressure
- Closed system: pressure maintained ⇒ selector valve

Hydraulic braking system:

- uses nitrogen

Valves:

Shuttle valve: (Switches between 2 sources of pressure)

- Switch hydraulically operated to the most appropriate pressure supply
- Enables an alternate supply to an actuator

Selector valve: Direct system pressure to either side of the piston of an actuator

Check/non-return valve: Works the same as electronic diode, allowing fluid in one-direction only

Pressure relief valves: protect against excessive system pressure

High pressure relief valve: failure of normal method of pressure limiting control system

Relief valve: Make sure the pressure does not exceed permitted pressure in the system

Cut-out valve: Used in a fixed volume pressure control hydraulic system

Actuator/jack:

Converts hydraulic pressure into linear motion

Hydraulic lock is when no movement of piston take place

Single actuator: is powered in one direction only by hydraulic power, the return movement is another force (Spring)

Internal leaks will cause fluid temperature increase (As piston/accumulator have to work more ⇒ become hotter)

Pumps

↳ Risk of fire

Variable displacement vs. constant pump:

↳ variable adjusts the fluid pumped to the fluid required, moves fluid only when necessary

Separate pressure regulator: used in hydraulic system in conjunction with constant delivery type pump

Hand pumps: connected to the bottom of the reservoir

Axial piston pumps: Produces high pressure when required but can be off loaded to reduce power consumption

Over heat detector: installed at the pumps

Low pressure alert: located at pump outlet, indicates insufficient pump output

Pump failure: Quill drive will shear to offload and protect gearbox

Filters

In both pressure and return lines

Pop-out indicators: Warn of impending clogging/by-pass

Reservoir

When powering up, fluid in reservoir will decrease slightly

Discarding leaks, it fluctuates with jack displacement and accumulator pressure

Pressurized to prevent cavitation in the pump inlet to EDP, using bleed air

Pressurized to ensure inlet is provided with continuous supply of fluid free from foaming

Hydraulic fluid temperature measured here

Accumulator

Store fluid under pressure (energy storage)

Provide a limited alternate supply of pressure in an emergency

Dampen out fluid pressure fluctuations/variations

Allow for thermal expansion

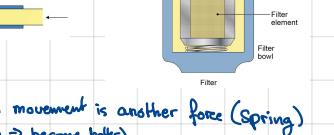
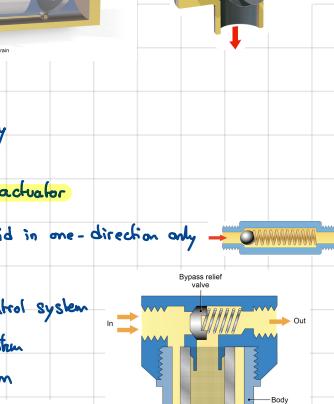
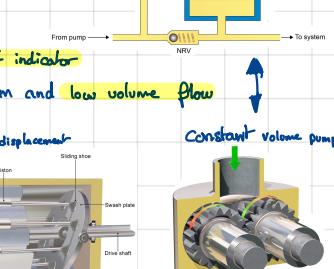
Cater for small internal leaks

Hydraulic fluid found in gas container = an internal leak in accumulator

Yellow and black tank oil hydraulic

Hydraulic fluid properties:

- Thermal stability
- Low emulsifying characteristics
- Corrosive
- High flash point
- Irritating to eyes and skin
- Incompatible
- Ideally low viscosity to minimize power consumption and resistance to flow



Divergent ↲

↳ V ↴ P ↑

Scavenge pump → engine sump

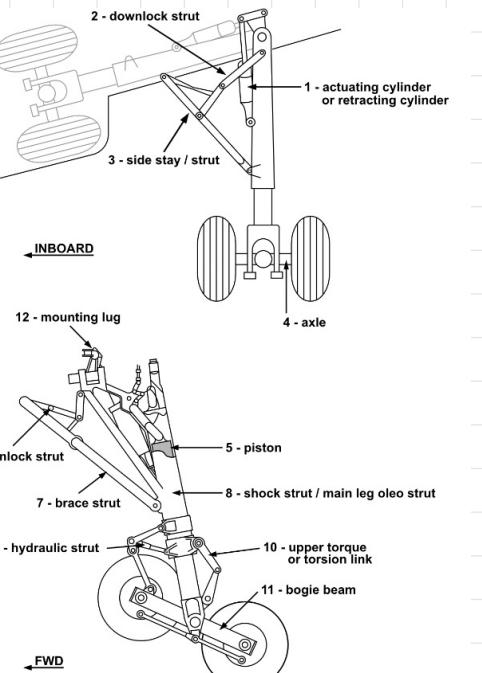
- Filters
- Pressure relief valve
- By-pass valve
- Fire shut-off valves
- Hydraulic fuses prevent total system loss in the event of hydraulic leak
- Quill drive
- RAT → for flight controls
- Shack(stand) pipe: in hydraulic reservoir provides emergency supply, supplies main line

04 Landing Gear, Wheels, Tyres, Brakes

5 - 6.25%

Landing gear

- Emergency extension methods:
 - Compressed nitrogen bottle: used in emergency to lower landing gear and keep door open
 - Auxiliary hydraulics
 - Gravity extension



Damping element: Hydraulic fluid/oil

Spring element: Nitrogen

V_{Lo} : Speed at which landing gear can be operated

V_{LE} : Speed with landing gear extended

Amber light: at least one wheel is in the travelling/unlocked condition

Green light: landing gear is locked

Over-center mechanism principle: locks landing gear in the up/down position

Tension links/scissor: avoids rotation of the piston rod relative to the gear duo strut

Retraction on the ground prevented by:

- Electrical control system being routed through weight on wheels switch
- Anti-retract latch: can be overridden under specific condition
- Latch located in landing gear lever
- Locking pins with flags



Shimmy

- Damaging vibration of nose wheel while on the ground
- Tendency of sinusoidal motion on the ground
- Overcome by using accumulator associated with the steering cylinder

Steering is achieved by mechanical rods connected to rudder pedal (for light aircraft)

Anti-skid

- speed sensor
- Control unit/computer: Inputs - ① Idle and braked wheel speed
- desired idle wheel train slipping rate

Control valve

IS available when using autobrake

Activates when main wheel spin up has been detected

Brake pressure decreased on slower spinning wheels

Parking brake system: Fitted together with its own accumulator and system component

Autobrake system:

- Disconnects by pressing pedals/pilot action after landing
- Low level: Auto-brakes works with delay
- Works during thrust reversal
- Works above pre-set minimum speed
- Can not be used if antiskid is inoperative
- RTO is not constant deceleration

Accumulator: supplies a limited amount of brake energy in case of hydraulic loss

Brake units for transport category aircraft: multiple disks

Brake life:

Steel breaks = many small application



Carbon breaks = few long application



Hydroplaning when friction coefficient = 0

RTO (Rejected Take-off mode)

- Activates maximum braking with anti-skid above a certain speed, as soon as take-off rejected and throttles moved to idle position
- Armed at low speeds/taxi
- Maximum CONTINUOUS deceleration

Under-inflated tires: more wear at the shoulder

Tubeless tire:

- Lower risk of bursting
- Better adjustment to wheels
- Requires solid/branched wheels
- Eliminates internal friction between tube and tire
- No built-in air tube
- At radial side casing



Tire-creep:

- Circumferential movement of tire in relation to wheel flange
- Tire marks align with rim marks
- A normal problem

Type of breaks:

- Carbon breaks: fewer long application
- Steel breaks: many small application

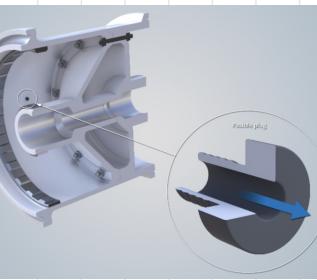
Ply rating: Parameter indicating tire relative strength

Overheat protection: Due to prolonged braking, a hollow bolt is screwed into the wheel rim which melts at a given temperature (Thermal fuse) and deflates the tire to prevent explosion/bursting

Worn tires can be repaired several times

Back-up system of extending the landing gear via free-fall

- Up-lock mechanisms has to be unlocked by opening a cut-out valve to depressurize system (wheels locked by hydraulic pressure)



Thermal plugs in wheel rim

Artificial/Q feel unit

- Connected in parallel with the primary controls
- Functions in parallel with an irreversible hydraulic actuator
- Fitted to prevent over-stressing of the aircraft and provides increased forces as the speed increases

Control surface range of movement restricted/limited by primary stops at the surface

Control jamming protection: Disconnect part of control system that become blocked

Control column/wheel: (inversible)

- Zero force position does not change when using pitch
- Zero force position changes when using aileron trim

Over tensioned cables: Excessive friction in cables

Hydraulic valves: Acts on the actuator of the control surface

V-tail aircraft controls that act together: Stick in one-axis and rudder pedals

Large aircraft without trim tabs: Trimming is possible by adjusting the neutral point of the artificial feel mechanism with trim switch

Secondary flight controls

Speed-brakes, flaps, slats, trimmable stabilizer (Moved by hydraulically actuated jacks)

Trim tabs: reduces hinge moments but reduce control surface efficiency

Auto slat system extends the slats automatically when AOA value reached (signal from stall warning system)

Flap load relief system: protects flaps at various positions from excessive loads

Elevator trim: double switch used to reduce possibility of trim runaway

Spoilers

- Located symmetrically on the wing surface
- Ground spoiler extension activated when main wheel spin up

Trailing edge

- Fowler: moves aft then turns down
- hydraulic with electric back up

Leading edge:

- Krueger: close to the root

Fly-by-wire FBW

- Most basic mode: Direct
- System based on electrical (analogue) signals to control valves from a computer sent to hydraulic actuators for the flight control surfaces

Hinges

- Normal
- Alternate: Loses Automatic pitch protection
- Direct and mechanical

Advantages

- Direct and indirect weight saving through simplification of systems
- Improvement of piloting quality throughout flight envelope

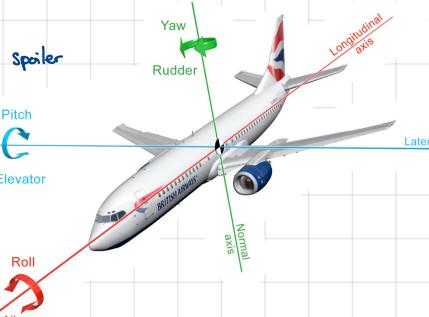
Pitch trim move all horizontal tail without trim control input but computer calculations to relief continuous pilot pitch



05 Flight controls

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Primary flight controls: Ailerons, elevators, rudder and roll spoiler



Manual flight control (cable-reversible) - Cessna 172

- Require gust lock
- There is feedback to the pilot's controls of the aerodynamic forces acting on the control surfaces
- Are less complex
- Does not require artificial feel

Powered assisted control (hydraulic reversible)

→ doesn't require Q-feel

Powered control (irreversible)

- uses hydraulic pressure and servo-motors
- require Q-feel (artificial feel)
- Does not require gust lock
- If one hydraulic system is lost → remaining will take over
- No feedback to the pilot's control of the aerodynamic forces
- Trimming achieved by adjusting the "zero point force"
- Aircraft powered down: rudder deflected but pedals centered

Pitch trim = moving the tab

- Roll trim and yaw trim = moving the controls (yoke or pedals)
- = moving the neutral point/zero force point of the Q-feel

External gust lock

- Prevent movement of the control column if controls not fitted with servos tabs
- When ON, provisions to prevent take-off

Rudder limiters:

- Restricts rudder deflection during high IAS
- Rudder Ratio changer: Reduces rudder deflection for a given rudder pedal deflection as IAS increases
- Variable Stop system: Limits both rudder and rudder pedal deflection as IAS increases

Rudder trim

- Actuation on the ground with engine running → Rudder move → Rudder pedal move in corresponding direction
- An adjustment of the zero force rudder position
- In fully powered (irreversible) systems by altering the neutral position of the artificial feel unit zero force point

06 Pneumatics

5 - 6.25%

Pneumatics / bleed-air supply

Differential pressure = 7-9 PSI

Bleed air

- Used for cabin pressure
- Usually taken from the HP compressor only
- Usually taken from low pressure stage/bleed air valve of the high stage compressor
- Low pressure stage from high pressure compressor if necessary
- Engine bleed air is not considered to be high pressure, it only takes air from high pressure compressor
- bleed air gauge measure air pressure relative to atmospheric pressure

Piston engine aircraft

- Air source = Ram air
- Pneumatic source = supercharger

Aeroplane: pressurisation and air-conditioning system

Pressurization

Required > 10'000 ft

Flight level/ambient pressure = Cabin altitude pressure - differential pressure

Capability to maintain cabin pressure higher than ambient pressure

Positive pressure: Cabin pressure higher than ambient

Negative pressure: Cabin pressure lower than ambient, negative pressure relief valves open

Cabin altitude decreasing = pressure inside cabin increasing, cabin rate of climb decreasing

Percentage of oxygen remains constant regardless of cabin air compression or pressurization

Limitation of pressurized cabin: Due to max positive cabin pressure at max cabin altitude

manual mode: uses separate circuit to open outflow valve

Cabin pressure controller

- Control cabin altitude, rate of change and limit differential pressure.
- Control by delivering a substantially constant flow of air into the cabin and controlling the outflow.
- Maintain cabin altitude via position of outflow valve (Cabin pressure is regulated by airflow leaving the cabin)
- Outflow valves remain partially open in level flight.
- Ditching controls: Close outflow valves when landing in water.
- Flight altitude and differential pressure remains constant = mass air flow through cabin is constant.
- Cabin pressure decreases more slowly than atmospheric pressure.
- 2 modes:
 - Constant differential pressure: changing differential pressure slowly during climb/descent
 - Isobaric: Maintain same cabin pressure during climb/descents
- Excessive cabin altitude warning: Activates at 10'000 ft
- Cabin pressure altitude not allowed to exceed 8'000ft
- Cabin altitude rate of change selector: Controls cabin altitude rate of change.
- Depressurization in case of emergency:

Cabin altitude and cabin vertical speed increase until differential is zero, then cabin VSI shows descent equal to aircraft VSI.

- Differential pressure will rise to its maximum value, thus causing safety relief valves to open.
- In level flight, if the outflow valves are locked, the cabin pressure will rise, indicating a descent on the cabin altitude indicator.
- Pressure relief valve: Acts in case of pressure reducing valve malfunctions.

Air conditioning: Air that has been controlled in respect to temperature and pressure.

Air conditioning automatic control failure: Pilot can revert to manual control and set the valve to the required setting.

Pack cooling fans: Supplies heat exchanger with cooling air during slow flight and ground operations.

Pack inlet inflow valves: Used to maintain a constant and sufficient air mass flow to ventilate the cabin.

Bootstrap/turbo compressor:

- Air supply / first heat exchanger
- Compressor
- Heat exchanger (secondary)
- Expansion turbine - Cooling (water separation after this stage)

Refers to cold air unit/air cycle machine arrangement for mainly turboprop, primary function is to cool bleed air.

Air machine/air conditioning pack: Causes a pressure and temperature drop in bleed air.

- Turbine drives the compressor (and creates a temperature drop in the conditioned air).
- Compressor increases temperature of the air and makes heat exchanger more efficient.
- Expansion turbine reduces air temperature and pressure.
- Heat exchangers cool bleed air in front and behind the compressor of the air cycle machine.
- Primary heat exchanger: pre-cools engine bleed air.
- Secondary heat exchanger: cools air behind the pack's compressor.

Combustion heater:

- Is separate to prevent exhaust gas from contaminating cabin air (CO poisoning in HEPA).
- Powered by fuel from aircraft fuel system.
- Short-haul turbojet aircraft cabin air humidity not controlled.
- Electrically driven air-conditioning system is better than bleed-air system because it reduces take-off distance and increases climb performance due to more thrust available.
- Source of air to pressurize the hydraulic reservoir is pneumatic system (bleed air).

Anti-icing and De-icing Systems 2-2.5%.

Types, operation, indications

Components to be protected:

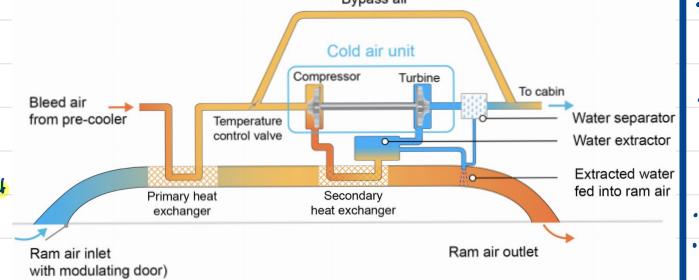
- Engine air intake and pod
- Front glass shield
- Pitot tube always heated, static may be
- Wash water mast
- Leading edge of the wings: Leading edges of slats partially/completely
- A part of the whole leading edge

Bleed air/thermal/hot air-icing:

- Most commonly used by large jet
- Bleed air from HP compressor
- An over temperature indicated by warning lights
- Reduces max thrust but does not affect aerodynamic performance

Turbo-prop:

- Anti-icing: at engine inlets, pitot and static ports
- De-icing: wings
- Propeller: electrically



Pneumatic inflatable boots:

- For wings
- For large turboprops
- Only for de-icing
- Operated when 1.5cm of visible ice on leading edges
- Inflates each pneumatic boots for a few seconds

Prop de-icing with slinger rings

Electrical ice protection:

- Pitots
- Static ports
- Windshield

Flight deck window:

- Electrical heating
- use continual bias that reduces thermal gradients
- Supplied by 3 phases AC
- Heating cycles ON/OFF to maintain 18-35°C

Inlet: constant flow
Outlet: variable flow

Ice detectors

- Hot rod ice detector:**
 - Accumulates ice and is invisible from cockpit
 - A heated probe and built-in floodlight
- Rotor ice detector:**
 - Measures torque
- Pressure differential / Smith's ice accretion detector:**
 - Small holes freeze first, they are heated first
 - Activates by a decrease in dynamic pressure
- Rosemount vibrating ice detector:**
 - Light in cockpit alerts crew of aircraft icing
 - Principle of vibration
 - Can be heated

(manually)
Advisory ice protection system: Flight crew activates ice protection systems based on AFM criteria of total temperature and sighting of moisture. Ice signal detectors are back-up.

Automatic ice protection:

- Primary manual ice detection system: Crew activates ice protections based on ice detector signals
- Thin wing freeze more easily than thick wing

08 Fuel System 5 - 6.25%.

Piston engine

Flash point:

- Lowest temperature of vapor at which ignition occurs at flame contact
- Vapor ignites in contact with flame and extinguishes immediately
- AVGAS usually used for reciprocating piston engines
 - AVGAS 100 Green
 - AVGAS 100LL Blue
 - AVGAS 80 Red
- MOGAS: increased risk of carburetor icing
- Transport aircraft using tanks:
 - Integral, built internally into the aircraft structure, saves weight and space
- Small aircraft:
 - Fuel stored in wing
 - Incorporates volumetric top off valve float switches
 - Typically measured by level of the fuel tank (not volume)
- Usable fuel: Total amount of fuel that can be supplied to the engine
- Unusable fuel: is sometimes minimized by the incorporation of tank sump pads
- Prevent moisture accumulation by keeping tanks full when not in use
- Ice traps: Filled in the fuel delivery line between fuel tank and engine
- Presence of water indicated by fluid forming at bottom of the strainer as water is heavier than fuel
- Additives added to fuel to prevent ice crystals from forming/waxing

Fuel systems:

- Fuel pressure measured: Line between booster pump and the engine or at the outlet of the high pressure filter
- Fuel quantity measured with dielectric change between fuel and air $C = \frac{e}{d}$ | Compensated capacitance change in fuel density with temp
- Solenoid valve: Electrically operated/activated

Cross-feed valve

- Ensures all fuel on board is available to any engine
- Adjusts fuel distribution

Fuel control unit FCU

- Protected from debris by the fine filter located between the high pressure fuel pump and gaseous unit
- Fuel heater
- Located at the engine
- Prevent risk of ice formation from water contained in the fuel at low temperatures
- LP booster pump:
 - Avoid vapor locking and prevent cavitation/bubble accumulation of the HP fuel pump
 - Electrically driven centrifugal pumps + 20-100 PSI
 - Direct feed lines to engine at positive pressure
- HP booster pump
 - Driven by engine
 - DC fuel pump: can only feed the APU

Fuel tanks

- Ventilation: Prevent low pressure or excessive overpressure in the tank
 - Ventilates through air intake on underside of the wing

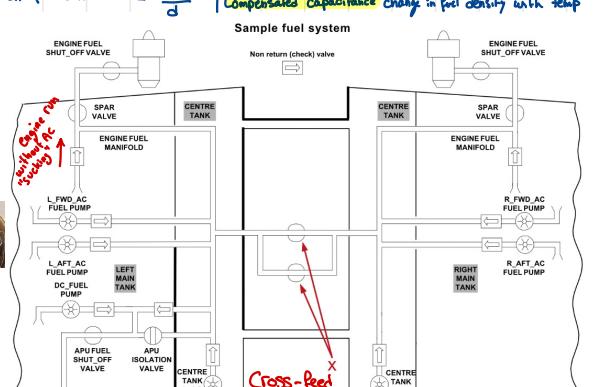
Pressure kept ambient

- 2% of total tank space in each individual tank vent space

Baffles

- clamp out movement of the fuel in the tank

Baffle check valve: prevent movement to wing tip



Feed box → increase fuel level at boost pump and prevents cavitation



Refuelling

Pressure refuelling

- Automatic fueling shut off valve switches off fuel supply system when the fuel has reached a predetermined value or mass
- Magnetic dip stick: Measurement done with the indicator and using documentation
- Automatic fueling shut off valve stops fueling as soon as a certain fuel level is reached
- Bonding to earth should be made before filler cap removed
- Via unique point, underwing refuelling center

Fuel dumping

- Required on aircraft where MTOW > MLW
- Fuel dumping to a predetermined safe valve
- Special fuel consumption schedules: Minimize wing G-load and preserve main tanks for landing

Jet fuel

- Transparent
- Density ~ 0.8 kg/L
- Freezing and flash point JET B < JET A1 < JET A

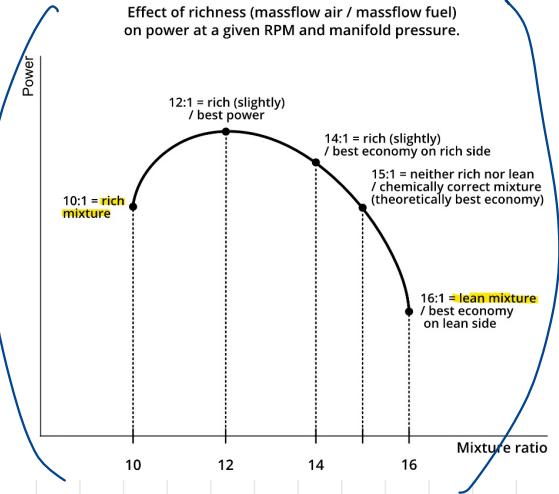
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Freezing point	-60	-47	-40
Flash point	-20	28	38
Density (kg/L) at 15°C	0.75 - 0.8	0.78 - 0.83	0.78 - 0.83

Total centre tank fuel pump failure might lead to all or part of centre tank to be unusable

Drum

- Heavy container
- Bladder
 - Flexible reservoir
- Integral
 - Inside of the wing (out wing)

Effect of richness (massflow air / massflow fuel) on power at a given RPM and manifold pressure.



09 Electrics 15 - 18.75%.

General, definitions, basic application: circuit breakers, logic circuit

Power: $P = V \cdot I$ [W] rate of doing work

$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$

115V 400Hz

$U = R \cdot I$

Relay: Electromagnetically operated switch

Circuit breakers (resettable):

- Are used in both AC and DC

Trip free: Doesn't allow contacts to be held until fault is rectified

Magnetic: Fast Quick tripping response

Thermal: Slow Protects the system in the event of overload/heating OR prolonged (transient) overcurrent

Fuses (not resettable):

Current limiter: Allow a short term overload before rupturing

Rating in amperes

Higher rating = in a healthy system OK

Logic gates:

OR gate: any or all

AND gate: all or nothing

Separate shielding of electrical wire within a cable bundle (wire harness)

→ eliminates electromagnetic induction from other wires in the bundle

Electrical bonding:

- Safe distribution of current
- Protect against lightning
- Reduce radio interference
- Provide a single earth for electrical devices
- Set aircraft to a single potential
- No such thing as electrostatic potential

Static discharger

- Wicks safely dissipate static charge
- On wing and tail tips
- Reduce radio interference
- Limits risk of transfer of electrical charges between aircraft and electrified clouds

Batteries + 2A means being charged

Capacity = Ampere hour (5 Ah = 5amps during 1hour)
↳ not dependent on voltage

NiCad

- Weighs less than lead-acid batteries
- Higher risk of thermal runaway
- Electrolyte = Potassium hydroxide
- Monitored for excessive temperature caused by decreasing voltage
- Reduced charging time +
- Constant output voltage +
- Good storage capability +

When battery discharged, voltage decreases under load

Generators

- AC → DC : TRU / Rectifier
- DC → AC : Inverter

$$RPM = \text{Frequency} \cdot 2 \cdot 60$$

Frequency of alternator current depends on its rotation speed

AC alternators have fixed induced windings (stator), dynamos have fixed inductor (field) coil and moving rotor

Frequency "wild": Output frequency varies with engine speed

Starter warning light: doesn't mean it's turning (only energized)

Star-connected

- Line voltage = $\sqrt{3}$ phase voltage
- Line current = Phase current

Generator Control Unit (GCU)

- permanent indication to record failure
- all commands from control panel applied via GCU except dog clutch release

Distribution

Loads sharing on aircraft busbar connected in parallel

Both real and reactive loads must be matched

Voltage almost equal

Aircraft structure as return path to earth

- Single pole circuit
- Weight saving
- Easy fault detection
- Reduction of short-circuit risks

Gen Control Breaker GCB and Generator Control Relay GCR

Over excitation / over voltage / under excitation / Gen fault / Fire shut-off
→ Exciter breaker and generator breaker open

Underspeed: only generator breaker open

Paralleled generators

- (generators connected on same bus bar)
- Equal Voltage
- Equal frequency
- Same phase rotation
- Voltage of same phase
- One generator at a time supplying individual parts of the split bus bar

Electrical motors

- DC starter motor: Series wound
- Reverse direction of rotation by reversing polarity of stator or rotor
- DC generator armature runaway → current ↗ torque ↗
- If rotor of motor seize → current stator ↑ current rotor ↑ torque ↑

- Alternator rotor coil: DC
- Alternator stator coil: AC

Thermal runaway

↳ inhibited by metal box

Lithium ion

- Laptop fire → use appropriate hand extinguisher
- Considered unsafe when internal short circuit
- Overheating during charging → self ignition
- Dangerous when extreme internal pressure

Lead acid battery

- 1 cell output: 2-2.2V
- Any cell breaks → whole battery unserviceable

Constant speed drive (CSD):

- Drives generator at a constant speed
- Ensures electric generator maintains a constant frequency
- Can be disconnected from drive shaft
↳ in case of overheated / low oil pressure
- Requires voltage controller / regulator to maintain constant voltage under variable load
- Can only be reset on the ground
- CSD only needs to be disconnected if engine running

Voltage regulator

- Controls current
- Controls output voltage at varying loads and speed
- Controls power required for field excitation of main rotor
- Increase excitation current when load increases

AC

- Advantages:
 - Flexibility in use
 - Lighter weight of equipment
 - Easy to convert to DC
 - Easy maintenance of machines
- HOT BUSSES and DIRECT BUSSES: Directly connected to battery
- Measured power: KVA and KVAR

DC

- DC generators connected in parallel to produce maximum power

10 Piston engines 6 - 7.5°

General

$$\text{Compression ratio} = \frac{\text{Total volume}}{\text{Clearance volume}}$$

piston BDC

Clearance volume TDC

$$\text{Engine capacity} = \frac{\text{Piston area} \cdot \text{piston stroke} \cdot \text{no. cylinders}}{\text{Total displacement}}$$

= $\frac{\text{Swept volume}}{\text{no. cylinders}}$

$$\text{Power} = \text{Torque} \cdot \text{RPM}$$

Piston engines

- Thermal efficiency ≈ 20%
- Power measured by friction brake: Brake horse power
- Crank assembly: Crankshaft, pistons and connecting rods
 - Transforms reciprocating movement into rotary motion,
 - ↳ twice speed of camshaft.
- Camshaft: rotates at half the speed of crankshaft
 - Memo: Cam-shaft rotates slower
- Torque measured at the gear box located between engine and propeller
- Specific fuel consumption: Mass of fuel required to produce $\frac{\text{unit power}}{\text{unit time}}$

Piston engine terminology

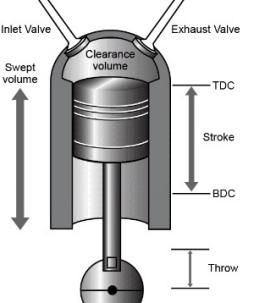
Swept volume: Volume displaced by piston in single stroke

→ length stroke · piston crown area

Total volume: Swept volume + clearance volume

· TDC Top Dead Center

· BDC Bottom Dead Center



Diesel engine

- higher compression ratio than petrol engines
 - ↳ higher thermal efficiency
- less flammable than petrol
- No mixture control
- Power set/determined by fuel flow only
- No throttle valve
- intake system never heated because it's injection
- Soot: fuel droplet from atomizer do not burn completely
- Produces less maximum power output (no turbocharger) than petrol engines

Fuel

Octane rating

- Characterizes the resistance to detonation
- You can use a higher rating (not lower otherwise detonation)
- Higher compression ratio = higher octane required

Vapor lock

- Limitation on maximum operating altitude
- Vaporizing of fuel prior to reaching the engines
- Blockage of fuel line by fuel vapour bubble
- heat produces vapor bubbles that block

Fuel check

- Before first flight of the day

Engine fuel pumps

- Used during:
 - Take-off
 - Landing
 - Emergency
 - Suspected vapor lock
 - Failure of engine fuel pump

Carburetor/injection system

- Function: Supply correct air-fuel mixture at all speeds
- Float type carburetor based on difference air pressure at venturi throat and air inlet
 - ↳ creates suction for fuel flow
- Mixture controller varies fuel supply only (not air)
- Fuel strainer is positioned upstream of needle valve

Primer pump

- Provides additional fuel for engine start
- Safe priming is injection of fuel in cylinder intake ports
- Excessive priming to be avoided because:
 - Risk of engine: fire
 - flooding
 - Fouls the spark plugs
 - Washes off the lubricant from cylinder walls

Diffuser/compensating jet

- Maintain constant mixture at low and high power settings

Cooling system

Air cooled engines: Use Ram air

fins increase cylinder and head surface area

- Cool flaps: Cools CHT CHT: measures temperature of hottest cylinder using thermocouple
 - ↳ increases performance

Lubrication systems

Used to:

- Reduce internal friction and provide cooling
- Lubrication, cooling, cleaning, engine protection, hydraulic operation

NRV non-return valve = check valve

Temperature sensor: Detects temperature after oil cooler

Dry sump:

- Stack pipes, both at bottom of tank
 - ↳ Shorter stack pipe supplies an emergency supply (feathering system)

- Oil cooler fitted in return line after scavenging pump

Ignition system

- Small aircraft use high tension system
- Magnetic ignition: low tension booster coil supplies low voltage current to primary circuit
- Dual ignition: Improves reliability, combustion efficiency and reduce detonation
- Distributor: distributes secondary current to the sparking plugs

Magneto

- Principle: Breaking primary circuit to induce low amp, high voltage current → distributed to spark plugs
- Primary current from self contained electromagnetic induction system
- Receive electrical energy from rotating permanent magnets

Magneto selector OFF

- Grounds primary (more important) and secondary circuit
- If disconnected ground wire
 - ↳ can not shut down engine with ignition to off
 - ↳ Cut-off fuel supply

Contact breaker

- Control primary circuit of magneto
- Spark plugs produce spark when contact breaker open
- Contact breaker opening → rapid magnetic flux change in primary coil

Mixture

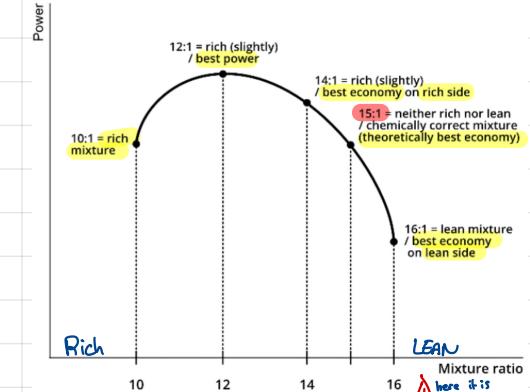
fuel air

Chemically correct ratio 1:15, MAX EGT

Fuel/air ratio or mixture = $\frac{\text{Mass fuel}}{\text{Mass air}}$

Richness ratio = $\frac{\text{Real mixture}}{\text{Theoretical mixture}}$

Effect of richness (massflow air / massflow fuel) on power at a given RPM and manifold pressure.



Icing conditions

- Most likely at venturi and throttle valve
- May form at CAT > 10°C
- First indication in constant speed propeller is decrease of manifold pressure

Carburetor heat

↳

reduction RPM

↳

equipped with diffuser (compensating jet) for constant mixture if fixed pitch.

Altitude increase

Reduce fuel flow to account for air density decrease

↳ amount of fuel stays constant

Altitude reduced

Increase fuel flow

↳ makes starting possible and cools engine at idle.

Too rich causes fueling of spark plugs

↳ black smoke

Aeroplane: propellers

Constant Speed Propeller

- Operated hydraulically by engine oil

Advantage: maintains max prop. efficiency over wide range of airspeed

Engine failure, no feathering system → blades move to smallest blade angle by centrifugal twisting moment and/or spring force

Single-acting pitch control unit → oil pressure turns prop. blades towards smaller pitch angle



Blade angle increases with → increasing TAS
→ increasing MAP

Take-off is low/fine pitch and forward prop. lever position

Feathering

Blade pitch at 90°
angle between reference chord line and prop. plane of rotation



Torque

- proportional to axial load
- measured by axial forces

Propeller reduction gear

- keeps prop. rotation speed within range good performance

Unfeather by electric unfeathering pump

Manual feathering by pulling prop. lever rearward

Feathering pump: electrically driven, supplies prop. with oil under pressure when engine is shut down

high pitch → feather direct

Performance and engine handling

Cold and dry at high pressure: best power

Humidity bad: decrease piston engine power because air density decreases

Normally aspirated engine: (Not turbo or super charged)

MAP constant, power increase with increasing altitude

(increase in air density behind throttle valve, lower back pressure)

RPM constant, MAP decrease with increasing altitude, (decreasing air density)

Monitor only RPM on fixed pitch

Turbocharger

Purpose: Maintain power at altitude

monitored by MAP only

Advantage over supercharger is that it uses exhaust gas energy (which would be lost)



Advantage: power less affected by altitude

supercharger

Purpose: Maintain power at altitude

enters centrifugal compressor at eye of impeller and leaves tangent to periphery

intercooler between supercharger and inlet manifold to minimize risk of detonation

Radial compressors

Rated power:

max horsepower at specified RPM and MAP

Waste gate

- Seized: May cause MAP to exceed in descent and MAP decrease in ascent
- Completely closed: all exhaust gas is directed to turbine

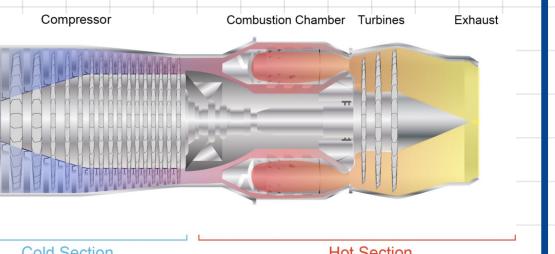
FADEC

- Automatically adjusts ignition timing when RPM varies
- Expect a crank switch
- Engine controls:
 - FADEC computer
 - Engine mode selector
 - engine master selector
 - power levers providing digital inputs
- Redundancy with two computers

for pilot power/throttle only

Intake

- Function: reduce airflow velocity
- Divergent: increase static pressure in front of fan
- Blow-in-doors: additional air at high power and low airspeeds
- Unfavorable: Max Take-off thrust, zero speed, strong cross-wind
- Divergent → increase static pressure to improve ram recovery



Variable inlet guide vanes

- VIGVs in front of HP compressor with variable stator vane (VSV) control compressor airflow
- Fewer VIGV and VSV required when using 3 spats instead of 2



Axial flow compressor

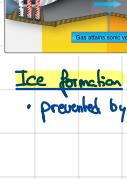
- Typical ratio 25:1, single axial stage 12:1
- Pressure ratio depends on number of stages
- Tapered design to maintain constant axial speed in cruising flight
- More expensive and vulnerable to FOD
- Each stage compresses little but overall big airflow compression



Decrease in size from LP to HP → sustain axial velocity

Centrifugal compressor

- Typical ratio 12:1, single axial stage 5:1
- Diffuser divergent, $V \downarrow P \uparrow$
- High pressure ratio by stage
- Large diameter



Decrease in size from LP to HP → sustain axial velocity

11 Turbine 19 - 23.75%

General

Gas turbine engine Expansion: pressure to mechanical

Combustion takes place continuously at constant pressure

Static thrust: Product of exhaust gas mass flow and exhaust gas velocity $T = m_{\text{gas}} \cdot V_{\text{gas}}$
is zero when plane not moving since $V = 0$

$$\text{Jet engine thrust: } T = m \cdot (V_j - V_0) + A(P_j - P_0)$$

Max gas temp limited by turbine

Specific thrust As speed increases, specific thrust lowers as ΔV diminishes

Bypass turbine engine

Single spool axial turbine: velocity greatest on exit from propelling nozzle

At subsonic → better efficiency than prop or straight engine

Noisiest part: jet efflux

Starting and igniter → ignite air-fuel mixture

Specific fuel consumption:

kg/h/shaft power

has the effect of lower specific fuel consumption: gas velocity \downarrow mass flow \uparrow

Efficiency:

chemical power transformed into propulsive power ($T \cdot V$)

Thermal efficiency increases with decrease in ambient air temperature

Ram air = increase efficiency

Constant speed propeller and free power turbine

Free turbine = turbine that does not drive compressor

- Power shaft mechanically connects to free turbine not compressor
- Depends on rotational speed of gas generator (but not connected)

$$\text{Bypass ratio} = \frac{\text{Bypass mass flow}}{\text{HP compressor mass flow}} = \frac{\text{inlet flow} - \text{HP compressor flow}}{\text{inlet mass flow} - \text{bypass mass flow}}$$

external airflow mass (cold)
internal airflow mass (hot)

inlet flow - HP compressor flow
inlet mass flow - bypass mass flow

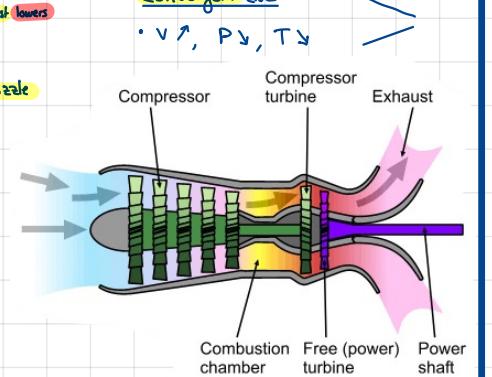
internal exhaust through width
wide = hot close = cold

Divergent duct: $V_{\text{small}} > V_{\text{large}}$
Speed and dynamic pressure \downarrow

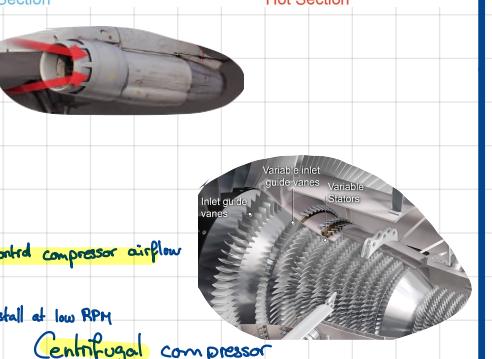
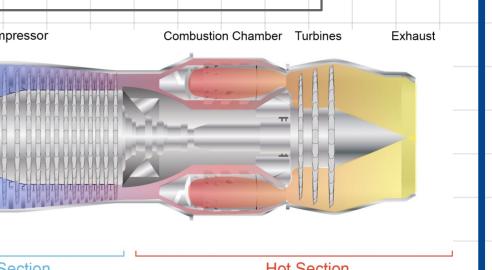
Static pressure and static temperature \uparrow
Total temperature and total pressure constant

Convergent duct

$V \uparrow, P \downarrow, T \downarrow$



- Power setting increase
 - Gas generator speed \uparrow
 - Blade angle/pitch \uparrow
 - thrust and EGT \uparrow
 - HP spool \uparrow
 - free power turbine constant
- RPM increase
 - Gas generator speed constant
 - free power turbine \uparrow



Combustion chamber

Primary air to the fuel nozzle area for combustion

Secondary air required to cool inner casing Active cooling: minimize gap with blade

Can type combustion chamber: Need only two igniters as chambers interconnected

Drain valve: removes unburned fuel from the combustion chamber

Anular type: thermal load distribution, reduced thermal stress

Swirl vanes

Reduce axial flow to stabilize flame front

Generate swirl for better mixture

Not increase air pressure

location: LP fuel filter : HP fuel pump : fuel control unit

Impulse turbine $>$ convergent, parallel

> Nozzle: $V \uparrow P \downarrow T \downarrow$

= Rotor: $V \downarrow P \uparrow T \rightarrow$

Blade

Reaction turbine $>>$ convergent, convergent

> Nozzle: $V \uparrow P \downarrow T \downarrow$

> Rotor: $V \uparrow P \downarrow T \downarrow$

rotational action caused by convergent areas

IMPULSE TURBINE

REACTION TURBINE

Stator

Rotor

Stator

Rotation

Pressure

Velocity

Pressure

Additional components and systems

Reverse thrust

- just the cold (fan) air
- warning light: reverse doors unlocked

Reverse thrust alert

- reverse doors unlocked showed with reverse lever in showed position



Ignition system

- Starter + ignition

High altitude and cold → Sparks of large intensity

- Used for ground start, in-flight relight, turbulence, heavy precipitation but not throughout or acceleration

Redundancy: 2 exciter units and 2 igniter plugs memo: redundancy always 2

Continuous ignition mode: Low intensity power when flameout risk

Vibrator: provide DC current to the transformer to facilitate generation of high voltage to igniter

Air starter disengaged by coupling with N_2 and centrifugal forces

Accessory gearbox units

Shear neck: to prevent engine failure in case of mechanical failure

Run by HP shaft

provides variety of services and support for engine in the airframe (APU)

lubricated by oil

Drives:

- Tacho-generator N_2
- AC generator and its CSD
- Oil pumps
- Hydraulic pumps
- HP fuel pumps

Full authority digital engine control (FADEC)

Throttle Lever Angle (TLA) provided electrically

Includes engine over-speed and EGT protections

Single fault tolerant

Power source = engines

Can't shutdown engine

Checks all input and output data

If failure → engine defaults to "safe" or "idle"

Engine oil system

Oil filter clogged: Differential pressure opens bypass valve of main oil filter

Reservoir usually at the front of engine to heat air intake

Scavenge pump volume > pressure pump to ensure engine sump remains dry

Magnetic plug collects ferrous particles

Chip detector indicates metal particles in oil, warns of impending failure

Oil to fuel heat exchangers

cools oil and heat fuel

Uses engine oil to cool from LP parts

Internal leakage: Fuel leaks into oil, causing oil level to rise

Engine fuel system

If fuel pump fail, only gravity fed so some parts may be unusable

Primary input of fuel control system: N_2 , compressor discharge pressure, compressor inlet temperature, fuel shut-off, TLA

High Pressure Shut-off Valves (HPSOV) open to deliver fuel to fuel nozzle after ignition is activated

Pressurizing and dump valve: admits fuel to nozzle only if fuel pressure is high enough for atomization

Seals

Labyrinth seals: Seals not completely tight, allowing some movement between rotating and static parts

Flat-rated

When OAT higher than flat-rated temp, thrust limited by max temperature on turbine blades

Engine operation and monitoring

EGT

Sensed between gas generator turbine and free power turbine

Turboprop

B-range

Negative/reverse braking: propeller supplies negative thrust and absorbs engine power

Turboshaft engine power measured with turning moment, proportional to horse power

Torque meter situated between engine and propeller

Alpha range

Flight range to max power

Control:

Propeller lever → prop RPM
Fuel lever → torque/turbine temperature

Abortive/Hung start

Failure to accelerate to idle speed

Cause by:

Too low pneumatic pressure

ignite fuel before starter has sufficiently accelerated the engine

No N_2 although N_2 may accelerate normally

Stabilizes lower than normal RPM and increased EGT

Procedure = Shut down engine

Starting sequence

Air (windmilling): Rotation - ignition - fuel

Rupture of LP shaft

causes LP turbine over-speed

as turbine feeds LP compressor and there will be excess power

Flight idle → ground idle for go-around

Vibration indicate spool imbalance

Pressure relief valve not sealing correctly results in low oil pressure

Prior to shutdown:

Ground idle allows core temperature to stabilize

Prevents seizure of rotor blades in their seals

Re-ignition depends on airspeed and altitude

Tailpipe fire: fuel puddle in turbine, causes visible jet flame

Gas turbine engine trending: enhances maintenance planning and detect anomalies

Performance aspects

Pressure altitude

If pressure altitude increase, thrust decreases
specific fuel decreases/remain fairly constant

EPR

Jet pipe total pressure to compressor inlet total pressure

EPR constant: Thrust decrease when altitude increases

EPR setting maintains thrust irrespective of engine wear due to ageing

Bleed air

Turbine temperature increases

EPR reduces

EGT rises

Decrease aircraft performance and power

Fuel flow increases

Engine ratings

- Max take-off thrust (TOGA)
- Max continuous thrust
- Max climb thrust

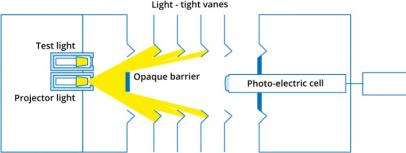
Fire handle

- Opens exciter control relay and the generator breaker
- Arms extinguisher system
- Closes LP valve of fuel system, fuel supply isolated via pilot action
- Closing of isolation and de-icing valves

12 Protection and Detection system 3 - 3.75%

Smoke detection

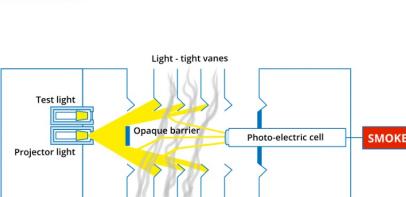
- Installed in upper cargo compartment
- photoelectric cells = Smoke detectors, detects light diffusion
- Labyrinth optical detector = light reflects towards the photosensitive cell and the labyrinth has a shielding function



Fire-protection system

Fire extinguishers

- Halon (most common)
 - ↳ interrupt combustion
 - flame inhibitor
 - not corrosive
- Power plant / engine → operated by electrically fired cartridge (squib) rupturing a seal in the bottle head



Fire detection type:

- Continuous loop firewire (resistance and capacitance type)
 - if inner core contacts outer casing (short circuit) → alarm triggered
 - ↳ resistance decreases
 - ↳ leakage current increases
 - low resistance and low capacitance = faulty loop
 - Testing: wiring and warning are tested

2) Bimetal strip detector

- includes delay in the event of false alarm due to vibration closing the contacts
- arranged in parallel and are closed during a fire

3) Gaseous fire detection system

- A closed tube filled with gas that expands when heated
- Decrease in loop pressure can cause a fault

Rain protection system

Rain repellent + wipers

- Uses hydrophobic chemicals preventing droplets from adhering to window surface
- Should be sprayed only with heavy rainfall
- Bleed air not used here

Coating applied by manufacturer

13 Oxygen system 3 - 3.25%

Cockpit, portable and chemical oxygen system

- Never use with **grease!** → catch fire in presence of oxygen
- Automatically presented at **15'000ft** to crew and Pass.

Chemical oxygen generators for cabin (electric door)

- 12-20 minutes
- incorporates a heat shield
- Advantages:**
 - Easier maintenance
 - Less explosions
- Disadvantages:**
 - Flow can't be modulated
 - Less capacity
 - Poor autonomy

Gaseous oxygen source for cabin (pneumatic door)

Protective breathing equipment

- 100% oxygen supplied above **32'000ft** or manually
- Protects crew members against fumes and noxious gases

Smoke hood

- Covers whole head with continuous oxygen

Smoke mask

- Covers whole face with on demand oxygen

Cockpit / flight deck oxygen system

- uses a **separate bottle**

- Regulator in normal/dilute:
 - Mixture of cabin air and oxygen
 - Shouldn't be used when smoke in cockpit
 - above a certain altitude, will provide 100% oxygen
- Emergency = 100%:**
 - continuous flow