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# Introduction

Even though ways to look up mechanics reference information via the internet are widely available today, there is still significant benefit to keeping a printed “quick reference” guide handy in a toolbox or workbench drawer. Your time as an aviation mechanic is too valuable to be spent looking through stacks and pages of reference books to find a particular chart, formula or diagram you need on a particular job. The editorial staff at ASA has done this job for you and compiled this *Aviation Mechanic Handbook* to be a handy toolbox source of useful information.

For your convenience, this handbook is arranged in 18 sections with a table of contents at the beginning of each section, as well as complete contents at the front of the book and index at the back.

This information has been compiled from a large number of industry and government publications, and every effort has been made to ensure its applicability and accuracy.

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# 1.1 Fraction, Decimal, and Metric Equivalents

Fraction	Decimal	MM	Fraction	Decimal	MM
1/64	0.0156	0.397	33/64	0.5156	13.097
1/32	0.0313	0.794	17/32	0.5313	13.494
3/64	0.0469	1.191	35/64	0.5469	13.891
1/16	0.0625	1.588	9/16	0.5625	14.287
5/64	0.0781	1.984	37/64	0.5781	14.684
3/32	0.0938	2.381	19/32	0.5938	15.081
7/64	0.1094	2.778	39/64	0.6094	15.478
<b>1/8</b>	<b>0.1250</b>	<b>3.175</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>0.6250</b>	<b>15.875</b>
9/64	0.1406	3.572	41/64	0.6406	16.272
5/32	0.1563	3.969	21/32	0.6563	16.669
11/64	0.1719	4.366	43/64	0.6719	17.066
3/16	0.1875	4.762	11/16	0.6875	17.463
13/64	0.2031	5.159	45/64	0.7031	17.860
7/32	0.2188	5.556	23/32	0.7188	18.256
15/64	0.2344	5.953	47/64	0.7344	18.653
<b>1/4</b>	<b>0.2500</b>	<b>6.350</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>0.7500</b>	<b>19.049</b>
17/64	0.2656	6.747	49/64	0.7656	19.447
9/32	0.2813	7.144	25/32	0.7813	19.844
19/64	0.2969	7.541	51/64	0.7968	20.239
5/16	0.3125	7.937	13/16	0.8125	20.638
21/64	0.3281	8.334	53/64	0.8281	21.034
11/32	0.3438	8.731	27/32	0.8438	21.431
23/64	0.3594	9.128	55/64	0.8594	21.828
<b>3/8</b>	<b>0.3750</b>	<b>9.525</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>0.8750</b>	<b>22.225</b>
25/64	0.3906	9.922	57/64	0.8906	22.622
13/32	0.4063	10.319	29/32	0.9063	23.018
27/64	0.4219	10.716	59/64	0.9219	23.416
7/16	0.4375	11.112	15/16	0.9375	23.812
29/64	0.4531	11.509	61/64	0.9531	24.209
15/32	0.4688	11.906	31/32	0.9688	24.606
31/64	0.4844	12.303	63/64	0.9844	25.003
<b>1/2</b>	<b>0.5000</b>	<b>12.700</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>25.400</b>

## 1.2 Conversions

Multiply	By	To Get
acres.....	43,560 .....	square feet
acres.....	4,047 .....	square meters
acre feet.....	$3.259 \times 10^5$ .....	gallons
amperes / sq. cm.....	6.452 .....	amperes / sq. inch
amperes / sq. inch .....	0.1550 .....	amperes / sq. cm.
ampere hours .....	3,600 .....	coulombs
ampere hours .....	0.03731 .....	faradays
ampere turns .....	1.257 .....	gilberts
ampere turns / cm.....	2.540 .....	ampere turns / inch
ampere turns / cm.....	1.257 .....	gilberts / cm.
ampere turns / inch.....	0.4950 .....	gilberts / centimeter
ampere turns / meter.....	0.01257 .....	gilberts / centimeter
atmospheres.....	76.0 .....	centimeters of mercury
atmospheres.....	33.9 .....	feet of water
atmospheres.....	29.92 .....	inches of mercury
atmospheres.....	10,332 .....	kilograms / sq. meter
atmospheres.....	14.69 .....	pounds / sq. inch
barrels of oil.....	42 .....	gallons
bars.....	0.9869 .....	atmospheres
bars.....	106 .....	dynes / sq. centimeter
bars.....	14.50 .....	pounds / sq. inch
Btu .....	$1.0550 \times 10^{10}$ .....	ergs
Btu .....	778.3 .....	foot-pounds
Btu .....	252.0 .....	gram-calories
Btu .....	1,054.8 .....	joules
Btu .....	107.5 .....	kilogram-meters
Btu .....	$2.928 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	kilowatt-hours
Btu / hour.....	0.2162 .....	foot-pounds / second
Btu / hour.....	$3.929 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	horsepower-hours
Btu / hour.....	0.2931 .....	watts
Btu / minute .....	12.96 .....	foot-pounds / second
Btu / minute .....	0.02356 .....	horsepower
Btu / minute .....	17.57 .....	watts
bushels .....	1.2445 .....	cubic feet
bushels .....	2,150.4 .....	cubic inches
bushels .....	35.24 .....	liters
bushels .....	4 .....	pecks
bushels .....	64 .....	pints (dry)

Multiply	By	To Get
centimeters .....	$3.281 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	feet
centimeters .....	0.3937 .....	inches
centimeter-dynes .....	$1.020 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	centimeter-grams
centimeter-dynes .....	$7.376 \times 10^{-8}$ .....	pound-feet
centimeter-grams .....	980.7 .....	centimeter-dynes
centimeter-grams .....	$7.233 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	pound-feet
cm of mercury .....	0.01316 .....	atmospheres
cm of mercury .....	0.4461 .....	feet of water
cm of mercury .....	136.0 .....	kilograms / sq. meter
cm of mercury .....	27.85 .....	pounds / sq. foot
cm of mercury .....	0.1934 .....	pounds / sq. inch
cm / second .....	1.9685 .....	feet / minute
cm / second .....	0.03281 .....	feet / second
cm / second .....	0.036 .....	kilometers / hour
cm / second .....	0.0194 .....	nautical miles
cm / second / second .....	0.03281 .....	feet / second / second
cm / second / second .....	0.02237 .....	miles / hour / second
circular mils .....	$5.067 \times 10^{-6}$ .....	square centimeters
circular mils .....	0.7854 .....	square mils
circular mils .....	$7.854 \times 10^{-7}$ .....	square inches
coulombs .....	$1.036 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	faradays
cubic centimeters .....	$3.531 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	cubic feet
cubic centimeters .....	0.06102 .....	cubic inches
cubic centimeters .....	$10^{-6}$ .....	cubic meters
cubic centimeters .....	$1.308 \times 10^{-6}$ .....	cubic yards
cubic centimeters .....	$2.642 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	gallons (U.S.)
cubic centimeters .....	0.001 .....	liters
cubic centimeters .....	$2.113 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	pints (U.S.)
cubic feet .....	0.8036 .....	bushels
cubic feet .....	28,320 .....	cubic centimeters
cubic feet .....	1,728 .....	cubic inches
cubic feet .....	0.02832 .....	cubic meters
cubic feet .....	7.48052 .....	gallons (U.S.)
cubic feet .....	28.32 .....	liters
cubic feet / minute .....	0.1247 .....	gallons / second
cubic feet / minute .....	0.4720 .....	liters / second
cubic feet / second .....	448.831 .....	gallons / minute
cubic inches .....	16.39 .....	cubic centimeters
cubic inches .....	$5.787 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	cubic feet
cubic inches .....	$1.639 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	cubic meters
cubic inches .....	$2.143 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	cubic yards
cubic inches .....	$4.329 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	gallons (U.S.)

Multiply	By	To Get
cubic inches.....	0.01639 .....	liters
cubic meters.....	28.38 .....	bushels
cubic meters.....	35.31 .....	cubic feet
cubic meters.....	61,023 .....	cubic inches
cubic meters.....	1.308 .....	cubic yards
cubic meters.....	264.2 .....	gallons (U.S.)
cubic yards .....	27 .....	cubic feet
cubic yards .....	46,656 .....	cubic inches
cubic yards .....	0.7646 .....	cubic meters
cubic yards .....	202 .....	gallons (U.S.)
cubic yards .....	764.6 .....	liters
cubic yards / minute.....	3.367 .....	gallons / second
cubic yards / minute.....	12.74 .....	liters / second
days .....	24 .....	hours
days .....	1,440 .....	minutes
days .....	86,400 .....	seconds
degrees (angular) .....	60 .....	minutes
degrees (angular) .....	0.01111 .....	quadrants
degrees (angular) .....	0.01745 .....	radians
degrees (angular) .....	3,600 .....	seconds
degrees / second.....	0.01745 .....	radians / second
degrees / second.....	0.1667 .....	revolutions / minute
degrees / second.....	$2.778 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	revolutions / second
drams.....	1.7718 .....	grams
drams.....	0.0625 .....	ounces
dynes.....	$1.020 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	grams
dynes.....	$10^{-7}$ .....	joules / centimeter
dynes.....	$10^{-5}$ .....	joules / meter (newtons)
dynes.....	$7.233 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	poundals
dynes.....	$2.248 \times 10^{-6}$ .....	pounds
dynes / sq. centimeter.....	$10^{-6}$ .....	bars
ergs.....	$9.480 \times 10^{-11}$ .....	Btu
ergs.....	1.0 .....	dyne-centimeters
ergs.....	$7.367 \times 10^{-8}$ .....	foot-pounds
ergs.....	$0.2389 \times 10^{-7}$ .....	gram-calories
ergs.....	$3.7250 \times 10^{-14}$ .....	horsepower-hours
ergs.....	$10^{-7}$ .....	joules
ergs.....	$0.2778 \times 10^{-13}$ .....	kilowatt-hours
ergs / second.....	$5.688 \times 10^{-9}$ .....	Btu / minute

Multiply	By	To Get
ergs / second .....	$1.341 \times 10^{-10}$ .....	horsepower
ergs / second .....	$10^{-10}$ .....	kilowatts
faradays .....	26.8 .....	ampere-hours
faradays .....	$9.649 \times 10^4$ .....	coulombs
fathoms .....	6 .....	feet
feet .....	30.48 .....	centimeters
feet .....	0.3048 .....	meters
feet .....	$1.645 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	miles (nautical)
feet .....	$1.894 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	miles (statute)
feet of water .....	0.02950 .....	atmospheres
feet of water .....	0.8826 .....	inches of mercury
feet of water .....	62.43 .....	pounds / square foot
feet / minute .....	0.5080 .....	centimeters / second
feet / minute .....	0.01667 .....	feet / second
feet / second .....	1.097 .....	kilometers / hour
feet / second .....	0.5921 .....	knots
feet / second .....	0.6818 .....	miles / hour
feet / second / second .....	0.6818 .....	miles / hour / second
foot-pounds .....	$1.286 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	Btu
foot-pounds .....	1.356 .....	joules
foot-pounds .....	$3.24 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	kilogram-calories
foot-pounds .....	0.1383 .....	kilogram-meters
foot-pounds / minute .....	$3.030 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	horsepower
foot-pounds / minute .....	$2.260 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	kilowatts
furlongs .....	660 .....	feet
gallons .....	3,785 .....	cubic centimeters
gallons .....	0.1337 .....	cubic feet
gallons .....	231 .....	cubic inches
gallons .....	3.785 .....	liters
gallons (Imperial) .....	1.20095 .....	gallons (U.S.)
gallons (U.S.) .....	0.83267 .....	gallons (Imperial)
gallons / minute .....	$2.228 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	cubic feet / second
gausses .....	6,452 .....	lines of flux / sq. inch
gausses .....	$10^{-8}$ .....	webers / sq. centimeter
gilberts .....	0.7958 .....	ampere-turns
gilberts / centimeter .....	2.021 .....	ampere-turns / inch
gills .....	0.1183 .....	liters
grains (troy) .....	0.06480 .....	grams
grains (troy) .....	$2.0833 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	ounces (avoir.)
grams .....	980.7 .....	dynes

Multiply	By	To Get
grams.....	$9.807 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	joules / centimeter
grams.....	0.03527 .....	ounces (avoir.)
grams.....	0.07093 .....	poundals
grams.....	$2.205 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	pounds
grams / cubic cm.....	62.43 .....	pounds / cubic foot
grams / square cm.....	2.0481 .....	pounds / square foot
gram-calories.....	$3.9683 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	Btu
gram-calories.....	$4.1868 \times 10^7$ .....	ergs
gram-calories.....	3.0880 .....	foot-pounds
gram-calories.....	$1.1630 \times 10^{-6}$ .....	kilowatt-hours
gram-centimeters.....	$9.297 \times 10^{-8}$ .....	Btu
gram-centimeters.....	980.7 .....	ergs
gram-centimeters.....	$9.807 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	joules
hectares.....	2.471 .....	acres
horsepower.....	42.44 .....	Btu / minute
horsepower.....	33,000 .....	foot-pounds / minute
horsepower.....	550 .....	foot-pounds / second
horsepower (metric).....	542.5 .....	foot-pounds / second
horsepower (metric).....	0.9863 .....	horsepower
horsepower.....	10.68 .....	kilogram-calories / min.
horsepower.....	745.7 .....	watts
hours.....	3,600 .....	seconds
inches .....	2.540 .....	centimeters
inches .....	$8.333 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	feet
inches .....	$2.540 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	meters
inches .....	25.40 .....	millimeters
inches .....	1,000 .....	mils
inches of mercury .....	$3.342 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	atmospheres
inches of mercury .....	1.133 .....	feet of water
inches of mercury .....	345.3 .....	kilograms / sq. meter
inches of mercury .....	0.4912 .....	pounds / sq. inch
inches of mercury .....	33.864 .....	millibars
inches of water .....	$7.355 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	inches of mercury
inches of water .....	$3.613 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	pounds / sq. inch
joules .....	$9.480 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	Btu
joules .....	$10^7$ .....	ergs
joules .....	0.7376 .....	foot-pounds
joules .....	$2.389 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	kilogram-calories
joules .....	0.1020 .....	kilogram-meters

Multiply	By	To Get
joules .....	$2.778 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	watt-hours
joules / centimeter .....	$10^7$ .....	dynes
joules / centimeter .....	723.3 .....	poundals
joules / centimeter .....	22.48 .....	pounds
 kilograms .....	980,665 .....	dynes
kilograms .....	9.807 .....	joules / meter (newtons)
kilograms .....	70.93 .....	poundals
kilograms .....	2.205 .....	pounds
kilograms .....	$9.842 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	tons (long)
kilograms .....	$1.102 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	tons (short)
kilograms / cubic meter.....	0.06243 .....	pounds / cubic foot
kilograms / sq. meter .....	$9.687 \times 10^{-5}$ .....	atmospheres
kilograms / sq. meter .....	0.2048 .....	pounds / square foot
kilogram-calories .....	3.968 .....	Btu
kilogram-calories .....	3,088 .....	foot-pounds
kilogram-calories .....	4,186 .....	joules
kilogram-meters.....	$9.294 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	Btu
kilogram-meters.....	7,233 .....	foot-pounds
kilometers .....	3,281 .....	feet
kilometers .....	0.6214 .....	miles
kilometers / hour.....	0.9113 .....	feet / second
kilometers / hour.....	0.5396 .....	knots
kilometers / hour.....	0.6214 .....	miles / hour
kilowatts.....	56.92 .....	Btu / minute
kilowatts.....	$4.426 \times 10^4$ .....	foot-pounds / minute
kilowatts.....	1,341 .....	horsepower
kilowatt-hours .....	3,413 .....	Btu
kilowatt-hours .....	$2.655 \times 10^6$ .....	foot-pounds
kilowatt-hours .....	$3.6 \times 10^6$ .....	joules
knots .....	6,080 .....	feet / hour
knots .....	1.8532 .....	kilometers / hour
knots .....	1.151 .....	miles (statute) / hour
knots .....	1,689 .....	feet / second
 leagues .....	3.0 .....	miles
lines of flux / sq. cm. ....	1.0 .....	gausses
lines of flux / sq. inch .....	0.1550 .....	gausses
lines of flux / sq. inch .....	$1.550 \times 10^{-9}$ .....	webers / sq. centimeter
liters .....	1,000 .....	cubic centimeters
liters .....	61.02 .....	cubic inches
liters .....	0.2642 .....	gallons (U.S.)
liters / minute .....	$5.886 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	cubic feet / second

Multiply	By	To Get
lumens / sq. foot .....	1.0 .....	foot-candles
lux .....	0.0929 .....	foot-candles
maxwells.....	$10^{-8}$ .....	webers
meters.....	3.281 .....	feet
meters.....	39.37 .....	inches
meters.....	$5.396 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	miles (nautical)
meters.....	$6.214 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	miles (statute)
meters.....	1.094 .....	yards
meters / second .....	3.6 .....	kilometers / hour
meters / second .....	2.237 .....	miles / hour
meter-kilograms.....	$9.807 \times 10^7$ .....	centimeter-dynes
meter-kilograms.....	7.233 .....	pound-feet
miles (nautical) .....	6,076.103 .....	feet
miles (nautical) .....	1.852 .....	kilometers
miles (nautical) .....	1.1508 .....	miles (statute)
miles (statute).....	5,280 .....	feet
miles (statute).....	1.609 .....	kilometers
miles (statute).....	0.8689 .....	miles (nautical)
miles (statute).....	1,760 .....	yards
miles / hour .....	1.467 .....	feet / second
miles / hour .....	1.609 .....	kilometers / hour
miles / hour .....	0.8684 .....	knots
millimeters .....	$3.281 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	feet
millimeters .....	0.03937 .....	inches
mils .....	$2.54 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	centimeters
mils .....	0.001 .....	inches
minutes (angular).....	0.01667 .....	degrees
minutes (angular).....	$1.852 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	quadrants
minutes (angular).....	$2.909 \times 10^{-4}$ .....	radians
ounces .....	16.0 .....	drams
ounces .....	437.5 .....	grains
ounces .....	28.3495 .....	grams
ounces .....	0.0625 .....	pounds
ounces (fluid).....	1.805 .....	cubic inches
ounces (fluid).....	0.02957 .....	liters
ounces (troy).....	1.09714 .....	ounces (avoir.)
pint (dry) .....	33.60 .....	cubic inches
pint (liquid) .....	0.4732 .....	liters
poundals.....	13,826 .....	dynes
poundals.....	14.10 .....	grams

Multiply	By	To Get
poundals .....	0.1383 .....	joules / meter (newtons)
poundals .....	0.01410 .....	kilograms
poundals .....	0.03108 .....	pounds
pounds.....	453.5924 .....	grams
pounds.....	4.448 .....	joules / meter (newtons)
pounds.....	0.4536 .....	kilograms
pounds.....	16 .....	ounces
pounds.....	32.17 .....	poundals
pounds.....	0.0005 .....	tons (short)
pounds of water.....	0.1198 .....	gallons
pounds / cubic foot .....	16.02 .....	kilograms / cubic meter
pounds / cubic inch.....	27.68 .....	grams / cubic centimeter
pounds / square inch .....	0.06804 .....	atmospheres
pounds / square inch .....	2.307 .....	feet of water
pounds / square inch .....	2.036 .....	inches of mercury
quadrants (angular) .....	90 .....	degrees
quadrants (angular) .....	5,400 .....	minutes
quadrants (angular) .....	1.571 .....	radians
quarts (liquid).....	57.75 .....	cubic inches
quarts (liquid).....	0.9463 .....	liters
radians.....	57.30 .....	degrees
radians.....	3,438 .....	minutes
radians.....	0.6366 .....	quadrants
radians / second .....	9.549 .....	revolutions / minute
revolutions / minute.....	6.0 .....	degrees / second
revolutions / minute.....	0.1047 .....	radians / second
rods.....	16.5 .....	feet
square centimeters .....	$1.973 \times 10^5$ .....	circular mils
square centimeters .....	0.1550 .....	square inches
square inches .....	$1.273 \times 10^6$ .....	circular mils
square inches .....	6,452 .....	square centimeters
square meters.....	10.76 .....	square feet
square meters.....	1.196 .....	square yards
square miles .....	640 .....	acres
square millimeters .....	1,973 .....	circular mils
square mils .....	1.273 .....	circular mils
tons (long).....	1,016 .....	kilograms
tons (long).....	2,240 .....	pounds
tons (metric).....	1,000 .....	kilograms
tons (metric).....	2,205 .....	pounds

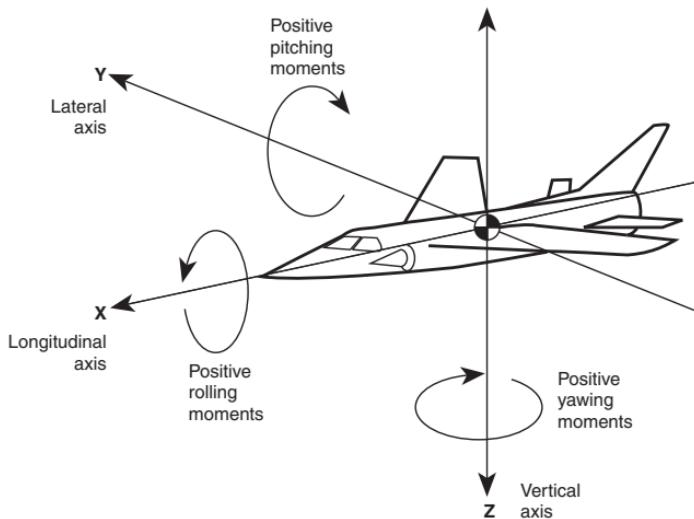
<b>Multiply</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To Get</b>
tons (short) .....	907.185 .....	kilograms
tons (short) .....	2,000 .....	pounds
watts .....	3.413 .....	Btu / hour
watts .....	$10^7$ .....	ergs / second
watts .....	44.27 .....	foot-pounds / minute
watts .....	$1.341 \times 10^{-3}$ .....	horsepower
watt-hours.....	3.413 .....	Btu
watt-hours.....	2,656 .....	foot-pounds
watt-hours.....	367.2 .....	kilogram-meters
webers .....	$10^8$ .....	maxwells
webers / sq. inch.....	$1.55 \times 10^7$ .....	gausses
yards.....	36 .....	inches
yards.....	0.9144 .....	meters

## **Notes**

## 1.3 Aircraft Nomenclature

### Axes of an Airplane

An airplane in flight is free to rotate about three axes: horizontal, longitudinal and vertical. Each axis is perpendicular to the others and each passes through the center of gravity.

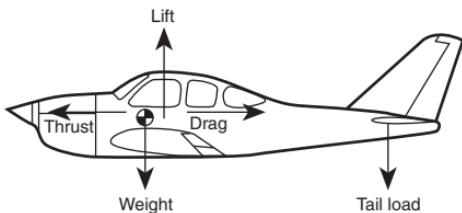


*The three axes of an aircraft are mutually perpendicular, and all pass through the center of gravity of the aircraft.*

### Forces Acting on an Aircraft in Flight

In straight-and-level, unaccelerated flight the forces about the aircraft center of gravity are balanced. Lift acts upward and is opposed by weight and the aerodynamic tail load which act downward. Thrust acting forward is opposed by drag which acts rearward.

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*In straight-and-level, unaccelerated flight, the forces about the center of gravity are balanced.*

## **Types of Aircraft Structure**

### **Truss**

A type of structure made up of longitudinal beams and cross braces. Compression loads between the main beams are carried by rigid cross braces called compression struts. Tension loads are carried by stays, or wires, that go from one main beam to the other and cross between the compression struts.

Most fabric-covered wings are constructed with a Pratt truss. The spars are the main beams and the cross braces are the compression struts or compression ribs. The stays are the drag and antidrag wires. The drag wires run from the front spar inboard to the rear spar outboard, and oppose the drag forces that try to move the wing tips backward. The antidrag wires run from the rear spar inboard to the front spar outboard. They oppose the aerodynamic forces that try to move the wing tips forward.

The Warren truss is used for the fuselage of most steel tube and fabric aircraft. The main beams are the longerons and the cross braces are steel tube diagonals which carry both compression and tension loads.

### **Monocoque**

A single-shell that carries all of the flight loads in its outer surface. A chicken egg is a perfect example of a natural monocoque structure.

Metal monocoque aircraft fuselages have a minimum of internal structure, usually with just formers to provide the shape. Thin sheets of metal (called skins) riveted to the formers provide a rigid, strong, streamlined structure. Dents in the skins destroy the integrity of a monocoque structure.

Wooden monocoque aircraft structures are similar to those of metal. Thin sheets of aircraft plywood are glued to the formers to provide a strong, lightweight structure.

Modern composite structures are made of resins reinforced with special fabrics and formed in molds or over patterns; these provide a shell sufficiently strong to carry all the flight loads.

### **Semimonocoque**

Most larger metal aircraft have a semimonocoque structure. This differs from the monocoque by having a series of longerons and stringers between the formers to support the skins and provide additional strength.

# **1.4 Joint Aircraft System/Component (JASC) Code**

## **Based on ATA-100 and ATA-2200 Systems of Identification**

The Joint Aircraft System/Component (JASC) Code table is a modified version of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Specification 100 code, developed by the FAA's Regulatory Support Division (AFS-600). Over the years, the JASC Code format of the ATA-100 Specifications has gained widespread industry acceptance. In a harmonized effort, the FAA's counterparts in Australia and Canada have adopted the JASC Code with only a few exceptions. Some Canadian aircraft manufacturers have also adopted this new standard.

This table can be used as a quick reference chart, to assist in the coding and review of aircraft structures or systems data. It uses the new JASC code four (4) digit format, in which the first two digits represent the code "chapter" title. The titles have been modified in some cases to clarify the intended use of the accompanying code.

Note: The JASC Code divides the engine-related codes into two groups to separate turbine and reciprocating engines. The codes for the turbine engines are in JASC Code Chapter 72, Turbine/Turboprop Engine. The codes for the reciprocating engines are now exclusively found in Chapter 85, Reciprocating Engine.

### **11 Placards And Markings**

1100 Placards And Markings

### **12 Servicing**

1210 Fuel Servicing

1220 Oil Servicing

1230 Hydraulic Fluid Servicing

1240 Coolant Servicing

### **14 Hardware**

1400 Miscellaneous Hardware

1410 Hoses And Tubes

1420 Electrical Connectors

1430 Fasteners

1497 Miscellaneous Wiring

### **18 Helicopter Vibration**

1800 Helicopter Vib/Noise Analysis

1810 Helicopter Vibration Analysis

1820 Helicopter Noise Analysis

1897 Helicopter Vibration System Wiring

### **21 Air Conditioning**

2100 Air Conditioning System

2110 Cabin Compressor System

2120 Air Distribution System

2121 Air Distribution Fan

2130 Cabin Pressure Control System

2131 Cabin Pressure Controller

- 2132 Cabin Pressure Indicator
- 2133 Pressure Regul/Outflow Valve
- 2134 Cabin Pressure Sensor
- 2140 Heating System
- 2150 Cabin Cooling System
- 2160 Cabin Temperature Control System
- 2161 Cabin Temperature Controller
- 2162 Cabin Temperature Indicator
- 2163 Cabin Temperature Sensor
- 2170 Humidity Control System
- 2197 Air Conditioning System Wiring

## 22 Auto Flight

- 2200 Auto Flight System
- 2210 Autopilot System
- 2211 Autopilot Computer
- 2212 Altitude Controller
- 2213 Flight Controller
- 2214 Autopilot Trim Indicator
- 2215 Autopilot Main Servo
- 2216 Autopilot Trim Servo
- 2220 Speed-Attitude Correction System
- 2230 Auto Throttle System
- 2250 Aerodynamic Load Alleviating
- 2297 Autoflight System Wiring

## 23 Communications

- 2300 Communications System
- 2310 HF Communication System
- 2311 UHF Communication System
- 2312 VHF Communication System

- 2320 Data Transmission Auto Call
- 2330 Entertainment System
- 2340 Interphone/Passenger Pa System
- 2350 Audio Integrating System
- 2360 Static Discharge System
- 2370 Audio/Video Monitoring
- 2397 Communication System Wiring

## 24 Electrical Power

- 2400 Electrical Power System
- 2410 Alternator-Generator Drive
- 2420 AC Generation System
- 2421 AC Generator-Alternator
- 2422 AC Inverter
- 2423 Phase Adapter
- 2424 AC Regulator
- 2425 AC Indicating System
- 2430 DC Generating System
- 2431 Battery Overheat Warning System
- 2432 Battery/Charger System
- 2433 DC Rectifier/Converter
- 2434 DC Generator-Alternator
- 2435 Starter-Generator
- 2436 DC Regulator
- 2437 DC Indicating System
- 2440 External Power System
- 2450 AC Power Distribution System
- 2460 DC Power/Distribution System
- 2497 Electrical Power System Wiring

## 25 Equipment/Furnishings

- 2500 Cabin Equipment/ Furnishings

2510	Flight Compartment Equipment	2721	Rudder Tab Control System
2520	Passenger Compartment Equipment	2722	Rudder Actuator
2530	Buffet/Galleys	2730	Elevator Control System
2540	Lavatories	2731	Elevator Tab Control System
2550	Cargo Compartments	2740	Stabilizer Control System
2551	Agricultural Spray System	2741	Stabilizer Position Indicating
2560	Emergency Equipment	2742	Stabilizer Actuator
2561	Life Jacket	2750	TE Flap Control System
2562	Emergency Locator Beacon	2751	TE Flap Position Ind. System
2563	Parachute	2752	TE Flap Actuator
2564	Life Raft	2760	Drag Control System
2565	Escape Slide	2761	Drag Control Actuator
2570	Accessory Compartment	2770	Gust Lock/Damper System
2571	Battery Box Structure	2780	LE Slat Control System
2572	Electronic Shelf Section	2781	LE Slat Position Ind. System
2597	Equip/Furnishing System Wiring	2782	LE Slat Actuator
		2797	Flight Control System Wiring

## **26 Fire Protection**

2600	Fire Protection System
2610	Detection System
2611	Smoke Detection
2612	Fire Detection
2613	Overheat Detection
2620	Extinguishing System
2621	Fire Bottle, Fixed
2622	Fire Bottle, Portable
2697	Fire Protection System Wiring

## **27 Flight Controls**

2700	Flight Control System
2701	Control Column Section
2710	Aileron Control System
2711	Aileron Tab Control System
2720	Rudder Control System

## **28 Fuel**

2800	Aircraft Fuel System
2810	Fuel Storage
2820	Aircraft Fuel Distrib. System
2821	Aircraft Fuel Filter/Strainer
2822	Fuel Boost Pump
2823	Fuel Selector/Shut-Off Valve
2824	Fuel Transfer Valve
2830	Fuel Dump System
2840	Aircraft Fuel Indicating System
2841	Fuel Quantity Indicator
2842	Fuel Quantity Sensor
2843	Fuel Temperature Indicator
2844	Fuel Pressure Indicator
2897	Fuel System Wiring

**29 Hydraulic Power**

- 2900 Hydraulic Power System
- 2910 Hydraulic System, Main
- 2911 Hydraulic Power Accumulator, Main
- 2912 Hydraulic Filter, Main
- 2913 Hydraulic Pump, (Electric/ Engine, Main
- 2914 Hydraulic Handpump, Main
- 2915 Hydraulic Pressure Relief Valve, Main
- 2916 Hydraulic Reservoir, Main
- 2917 Hydraulic Pressure Regulator, Main
- 2920 Hydraulic System, Auxiliary
- 2921 Hydraulic Accumulator, Auxiliary
- 2922 Hydraulic Filter, Auxiliary
- 2923 Hydraulic Pump, Auxiliary
- 2925 Hydraulic Pressure Relief, Auxiliary
- 2926 Hydraulic Reservoir, Auxiliary
- 2927 Hydraulic Pressure Regulator, Auxillary
- 2930 Hydraulic Indicating System
- 2931 Hydraulic Pressure Indicator
- 2932 Hydraulic Pressure Sensor
- 2933 Hydraulic Quantity Indicator
- 2934 Hydraulic Quantity Sensor
- 2997 Hydraulic Power System Wiring

**30 Ice And Rain Protection**

- 3000 Ice/Rain Protection System
- 3010 Airfoil Anti/De-Ice System
- 3020 Air Intake Anti/De-Ice System
- 3030 Pitot/Static Anti-Ice System

- 3040 Windshield/Door Rain/Ice Removal
- 3050 Antenna/Radome Anti-Ice/ De-Ice System
- 3060 Prop/Rotor Anti-Ice/De-Ice System
- 3070 Water Line Anti-Ice System
- 3080 Ice Detection
- 3097 Ice/Rain Protection System Wiring

**31 Instruments**

- 3100 Indicating/Recording System
- 3110 Instrument Panel
- 3120 Independent Instruments (Clock, etc.)
- 3130 Data Recorders (Flt/Maint)
- 3140 Central Computers (EICAS)
- 3150 Central Warning
- 3160 Central Display
- 3170 Automatic Data
- 3197 Instrument System Wiring

**32 Landing Gear**

- 3200 Landing Gear System
- 3201 Landing Gear/Wheel Fairing
- 3210 Main Landing Gear
- 3211 Main Landing Gear Attach Section
- 3212 Emergency Flotation Section
- 3213 Main Landing Gear Strut/ Axle/Truck
- 3220 Nose/Tail Landing Gear
- 3221 Nose/Tail Landing Gear AttachSection
- 3222 Nose/Tail Landing Gear Strut/Axle

- 3230 Landing Gear Retract/  
Extend System  
3231 Landing Gear Door Retract  
Section  
3232 Landing Gear Door Actuator  
3233 Landing Gear Actuator  
3234 Landing Gear Selector  
3240 Landing Gear Brake System  
3241 Brake Anti-Skid Section  
3242 Brake  
3243 Master Cylinder/Brake Valve  
3244 Tire  
3245 Tire Tube  
3246 Wheel/Ski/Float  
3250 Landing Gear Steering  
System  
3251 Steering Unit  
3252 Shimmy Damper  
3260 Landing Gear Position And  
Warning  
3270 Auxiliary Gear (Tail Skid)  
3297 Landing Gear System  
Wiring
- 33 Lights
- 3300 Lighting System  
3310 Flight Compartment  
Lighting  
3320 Passenger Compartment  
Lighting  
3330 Cargo Compartment  
Lighting  
3340 Exterior Lighting  
3350 Emergency Lighting  
3397 Light System Wiring
- 34 Navigation
- 3400 Navigation System  
3410 Flight Environment Data
- 3411 Pitot/Static System  
3412 Outside Air Temperature  
Indicator Sensor  
3413 Rate of Climb Indicator  
3414 Airspeed/Mach Indicator  
3415 High Speed Warning  
3416 Altimeter, Barometric/  
Encoder  
3417 Air Data Computer  
3418 Stall Warning System  
3420 Attitude and Direction Data  
System  
3421 Attitude Gyro and Indicator  
System  
3422 Directional Gyro and  
Indicator System  
3423 Magnetic Compass  
3424 Turn and Bank/Rate of Turn  
Indicator  
3425 Integrated Flight Director  
System  
3430 Landing and Taxi Aids  
3431 Localizer/VOR System  
3432 Glide Slope System  
3433 Microwave Landing System  
3434 Marker Beacon System  
3435 Heads Up Display System  
3436 Wind Shear Detection  
System  
3440 Independent Position  
Determining System  
3441 Inertial Guidance System  
3442 Weather Radar System  
3443 Doppler System  
3444 Ground Proximity System  
3445 Air Collision Avoidance  
System (TCAS)  
3446 Non Radar Weather System  
3450 Dependent Position  
Determining System

- 3451 DME/TACAN System
- 3452 ATC Transponder System
- 3453 LORAN System
- 3454 VOR System
- 3455 ADF System
- 3456 Omega Navigation System
- 3457 Global Positioning System
- 3460 Fit Management Computing Hardware System
- 3461 Flight Manage. Computing Software System
- 3497 Navigation System Wiring

### **35 Oxygen**

- 3500 Oxygen System
- 3510 Crew Oxygen System
- 3520 Passenger Oxygen System
- 3530 Portable Oxygen System
- 3597 Oxygen System Wiring

### **36 Pneumatic**

- 3600 Pneumatic System
- 3610 Pneumatic Distribution System
- 3620 Pneumatic Indicating System
- 3697 Pneumatic System Wiring

### **37 Vacuum**

- 3700 Vacuum System
- 3710 Vacuum Distribution System
- 3720 Vacuum Indicating System
- 3797 Vacuum System Wiring

### **38 Water/Waste**

- 3800 Water And Waste System
- 3810 Potable Water System

- 3820 Wash Water System
- 3830 Waste Disposal System
- 3840 Air Supply (Water Press. System)
- 3897 Water/Waste System Wiring

### **45 Central Maint. System**

- 4500 Central Maint. Computer
- 4597 Central Maint. System Wiring

### **49 Airborne Auxiliary Power**

- 4900 Airborne APU System
- 4910 APU Cowling/Containment
- 4920 APU Core Engine
- 4930 APU Engine Fuel and Control
- 4940 APU Start/Ignition System
- 4950 APU Bleed Air System
- 4960 APU Controls
- 4970 APU Indicating System
- 4980 APU Exhaust System
- 4990 APU Oil System
- 4997 APU System Wiring

### **51 Standard Practices/ Structures**

- 5100 Standard Practices/ Structures
- 5101 Aircraft Structures
- 5102 Balloon Reports

### **52 Doors**

- 5200 Doors
- 5210 Passenger/Crew Doors
- 5220 Emergency Exits
- 5230 Cargo/Baggage Doors

5240	Service Doors
5241	Galley Doors
5242	E/E Compartment Doors
5243	Hydraulic Compartment Doors
5244	Accessory Compartment Doors
5245	Air Conditioning Compart. Doors
5246	Fluid Service Doors
5247	APU Doors
5248	Tail Cone Doors
5250	Fixed Inner Doors
5260	Entrance Stairs
5270	Door Warning System
5280	Landing Gear Doors
5297	Door System Wiring
 <b>53 Fuselage</b>	
5300	Fuselage Structure (General)
5301	Aerial Tow Equipment
5302	Rotorcraft Tail Boom
5310	Fuselage Main, Structure
5311	Fuselage Main, Frame
5312	Fuselage Main, Bulkhead
5313	Fuselage Main, Longeron/ Stringer
5314	Fuselage Main, Keel
5315	Fuselage Main, Floor Beam
5320	Fuselage Miscellaneous Structure
5321	Fuselage Floor Panel
5322	Fuselage Internal Mount Structure
5323	Fuselage Internal Stairs
5324	Fuselage Fixed Partitions
5330	Fuselage Main, Plate/Skin
5340	Fuselage Main, Attach Fittings
5341	Fuselage, Wing Attach Fittings
5342	Fuselage, Stabilizer Attach Fittings
5343	Landing Gear Attach Fittings
5344	Fuselage Door Hinges
5345	Fuselage Equipment Attach Fittings
5346	Powerplant Attach Fittings
5347	Seat/Cargo Attach Fittings
5350	Aerodynamic Fairings
5397	Fuselage Wiring

## **54 Nacelles/Pylons**

5400	Nacelle/Pylon Structure
5410	Nacelle/Pylon, Main Frame
5411	Nacelle/Pylon, Frame/Spar/ Rib
5412	Nacelle/Pylon, Bulkhead/ Firewall
5413	Nacelle/Pylon, Longeron/ Stringer
5414	Nacelle/Pylon, Plate Skin
5415	Nacelle/Pylon, Attach Fittings
5420	Nacelle/Pylon Miscellaneous Structure
5497	Nacelle/Pylon System Wiring

## **55 Stabilizers**

5500	Empennage Structure
5510	Horizontal Stabilizer Structure
5511	Horizontal Stabilizer, Spar/ Rib