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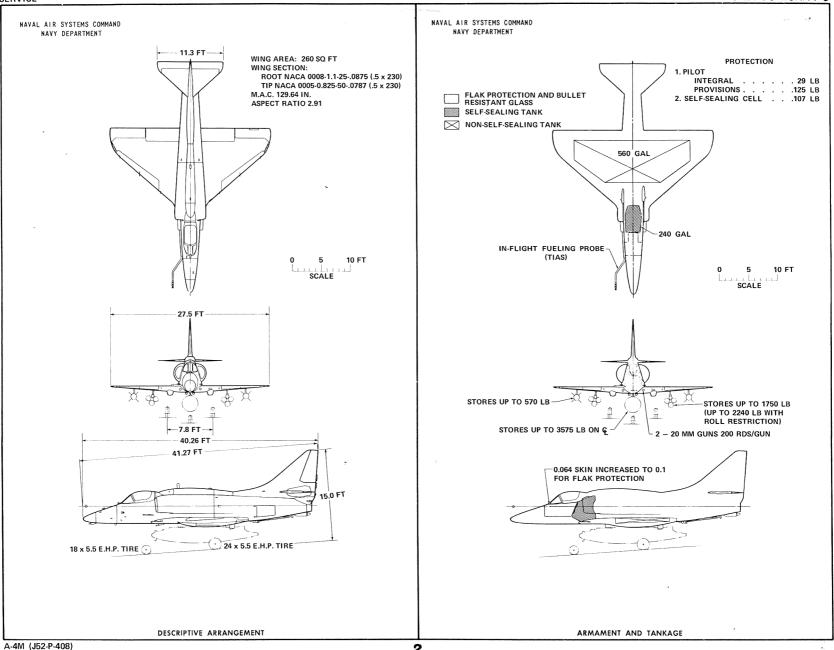




STANDARD AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS A-4M SKYHAWK MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

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POWER PLANT	MISSION AND DESCRIPTION
No. and Model (1) J52-P-408 Axial-Flow Twin-Spool Turbojet without Afterburner	The Model A-4M is a single-place, carrier-based, light-attack or close airplane. It is an improved version of the Model A-4F. A more rengine, the J52-P-408, has been installed in lieu of the J52-P-8A,
MFR. – P&W Aircraft Spec. No. N-6128	engine tailpipe has been vectored to improve nosewheel liftoff clistics. Other changes which have been incorporated are the TIA

RATINGS

Intermediate 12,010 RPM 11,187 lb Maximum Continuous 11,670 RPM 9,900 lb

ELECTRONICS

Function
Auxiliary UHF Receiver A RR-69 Direction Finding A RA-50 UHF Communications Radio A RC-51A TACAN A RN-52 Bearing-Distance-Heading Indicator ID-663C/U
AIMS All Attitude and LABS
Autopilot AFCS Approach Power Compensator ASN-54 Air Data Computer AXC-666 Angle of Attack AOA Weapon Accelerometer ABU-13/A Walleye Indicator IP-936/A GCBS Beacon APN-154 GCBS Receiver ARW-67 Electric Fuzing AWW-4 Universal Weapon Release AWE-1 Weapon Release Computer CP-741 Shrike Signal Conditioner AGM-45A
Provisions for: Radar

The Model A-4M is a single-place, carrier-based, light-attack or close-support airplane. It is an improved version of the Model A-4F. A more powerful engine, the J52-P-408, has been installed in lieu of the J52-P-8A, and the engine tailpipe has been vectored to improve nosewheel liftoff characteristics. Other changes which have been incorporated are the TIAS probe, enlarged canopy to provide improved visibility, increased ammunition capacity, and drag chute for improved field landing capability. The A-4M can operate from all types of carriers, carrying a wide variety of conventional and special weapons. It is capable of in-flight fueling (tanker or receiver).

The arrangement is conventional with all-metal semi-monocoque structure and three-spar low-aspect-ratio wing. Landing gear, flaps and speed brakes are hydraulically operated. An electrically operated, fully adjustable stabilizer is used to trim throughout the normal flight range. The aileron, elevator, and rudder systems are hydraulic-power operated. Manual control is provided for energencies. An automatic flight control system is provided for relief of pilot fatigue.

The small size of the airplane precludes the need for folding wings. The aft fuselage is readily removable to permit quick engine change.

Spotting: A total of 175 airplanes can be accommodated in a landing spot on the flight and hangar decks of a CVA-59 class carrier.

DEVELOPMENT

Authority to Proceed									May 1969
First Flight									
Scheduled First Fleet Delivery									January 1971

DIMENSIONS

Span																	27.5	ft
Length																		
Height																		
Max. Tread																		
Turning Radius																		
Wing Area	٠	•	٠	٠	•	•				•						26	30 sq	ft

WE	IGHTS	
LOADINGS	POUNDS	L.F.
Empty Basic	10,418 11,219	
Flight Design	12,504	7.0
Combat	17,657	5.0
Max. Takeoff Max. Landing	24,500	3.6
Arrest	14,500	6.0
Airfield	16,000	5.5

FUEL	AND	OIL
No. T	anks	

560	1	Wing
240	1	Fuselage

In-flight fueling is installed.

Gal

Fuel Spec MIL-J-5624 (Latest Issue)

OIL

ORDNANCE

No.	Location	Loading
1	Fuselage Centerline	Up to 3575 lb
2	Inboard Wing	* Up to 1750 lb
2	Outboard Wing	Up to 570 lb

*No roll Restriction. Up to 2240 lb with Roll Restriction.

GUNS

2	Lower Wing Outboard of Fuselage	MK-12 20mm gun with 200 rounds
		per gun





Location



SERVICE		PERF	ORMANCE SUMA	1ARY		
TAKE-OFF LOADING CONDITION		(1) Hi-Hi-Hi Clean Airplane	(3) S.L. Store Delivery 1-MK 28 Store	(5) Close Support 1-300 Gal Tank 12-MK 81 Snakeyes	(7) Close Support 3-AGM 12B (Bullpup A) 2-300 Gal Tanks	(9) Ferry 3-300 Gal Tanks
TAKE-OFF WEIGHT	lb.	16,876	19,833	24,045	24,282	24,472
Fuel internal/external (JP-5)	lb./lb.	5440/NONE	5440/NONE	5440/2040	5440/4080	5440/6120
Payload	lb.	NONE	2040	3600	1710	NONE
Wing loading	lb./sq. ft.	64.9	76.3	92.5	93.4	94.1
Stall speed—power-off	kn.	117	126	143	142	143
Take-off run at S.L.— calm (A)	ft.	1515	2195	3440	3520	3590
Take-off run at S.L.— 25 kn. wind (A)	ft.	1010	1520	2500	2565	2620
Take-off to clear 50 ft.— calm (A)	ft.	2370	3255	4860	4975	5065
Max. speed/altitude (A)	kn./ft.	597/5,000	578/11,500	525/10,000	519/7,500	556/9,500
Rate of climb at S.L. (A)	fpm.	13,500	10,500	6450	7250	7600
Time: S.L. to 20,000 ft. (A)	min.	1.8	2.7	4.9	4.2	3.8
Time: S.L. to 30,000 ft. (A)	min.	3.1	5.1	11.4	9.0	7.6
Service ceiling (100 fpm) (A)	ft.	44,300	39,100	32,000	33,300	34,400
Combat range (tanks and stores retained)	n.mi.	955	680	635	1080	1615 (C)
Average cruising speed	kn.	429	417	385	401	412
Cruising altitude(s)	ft.	37,600 - 42,200	33,500 - 37,100	26,900 - 31,900	27,800 — 35,100	28,200 38,100
Combat radius/mission time	n.mi./hr.	440/2.1	105/0.5 (B)	150/1.8	360/2.8	pare 1000
Average cruising speed	kn.	429	420	396	408	
COMBAT LOADING CONDITION		(2)	(4) Store Retained	(6) Tank Dropped Stores Retained	(8) Tanks Dropped Missiles Retained	(10) Tanks Retained
COMBAT WEIGHT	lb.	14,700	17,657	21,822	19,805	18,352
Engine power		INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE
Fuel	lb.	3264	3264	5440	5440	5440
Combat speed/combat altitude	kn./ft.	537/38,850	569/S.L.	523/5,000	526/5,000	550/S.L.
Rate of climb/combat altitude	fpm/ft.	3600/38,850	12,000/S.L.	6450/5,000	8350/5,000	10,750/S.L.
Combat ceiling (500 fpm)	ft.	46,400	40,600	33,250	37,300	39,600
Rate of climb at S.L.	fpm.	15,650	12,000	7,650	9,650	10,750
Max. speed at S.L.	kn.	595	569	504	519	550
Max. speed/altitude	kn./ft.	597/5,000	579/12,000	537/10,500	531/9,000	558/10,000
LANDING WEIGHT	lb.	12,368	13,336	13,914	13,871	14,258
Fuel	lb.	932	983	1132	1216	1346
Stall speed—power-off/approach power	kn./kn.	100/96	104/99	106/102	106/101	109/105
Landing roll — spoilers/spoilers + chute	ft./ft.	3390/2365	3570/2500	3680/2580	3670/2570	3750/2620

NOTE: All loadings except clean airplane include guns, ammunition, and pylons on all stations.

Performance Basis: NATC and DAC flight tests of the Models A-4F and TA-4F; Pratt and Whitney Engine Specification No. N-6128 dated 15 November 1968.



⁽A) Intermediate Thrust, takeoff weight, stores and tanks retained.
(B) With 2-300 gallon tanks, the combat radius is 455 n mi.
(C) Ferry range is 1740 n mi if tanks are dropped when empty.

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(A & B)			LOITER DO FT.	•	VEL 100 N.MI.	S' M INTERMEI (BEST CR	NINUTES @ DIATE THRUST UISE ALTITUDE)		ATE THRUST AT S.L.	5 MINUTES AT	S.L.
EXTERNAL STORE LOADING	T.O.G.W.	COMBAT RADIUS n. mi.	MISSION TIME hr.	COMBAT RADIUS .n. mi,	MISSION TIME hr.	COMBAT RADIUS n. mi,	MISSION TIME hr.	COMBAT RADIUS n. mi,	MISSION TIME hr.	COMBAT RADIUS n mi	MISSION TIME hr
3) (1) MK 28 STORE	19,833 🖎	85 ^(C)	1.4	145 ^(C)	1.0	340	1.7	140	1.0	245	1.3
(1) MK 28 STORE (2) 300 GAL DROP TANKS	24,310	410	3.0	465	2.5	660	3.2	310	2.1	575	2.8
(6) MK 81 SNAKEYES	19,797	65 ^(C)	1.4	130 ^(C)	1.0	300	1.6	130	1.0	215	1.1
(6) MK 81 SNAKEYES (2) 300 GAL DROP TANKS	24,274	355	2.7	410	2.3	590	3.0	285	2.0	515	2.6
(6) MK 82 SNAKEYES	21,387	50 ^(C)	1.3	130 ^(C)	1.0	280	1.5	130	1.0	200	1.1
(6) MK 82 SNAKEYES (2) 300 GAL DROP TANKS	(D) (E) 25,500	290	2.4	360	2.0	535	2.7	265	1.9	460	2.3
(6) MK 82 SNAKEYES (12) MK 81 SNAKEYES	25,437			105 ^(C)	0.8	195	1.1	105	0.8	135 ^(C)	0.8
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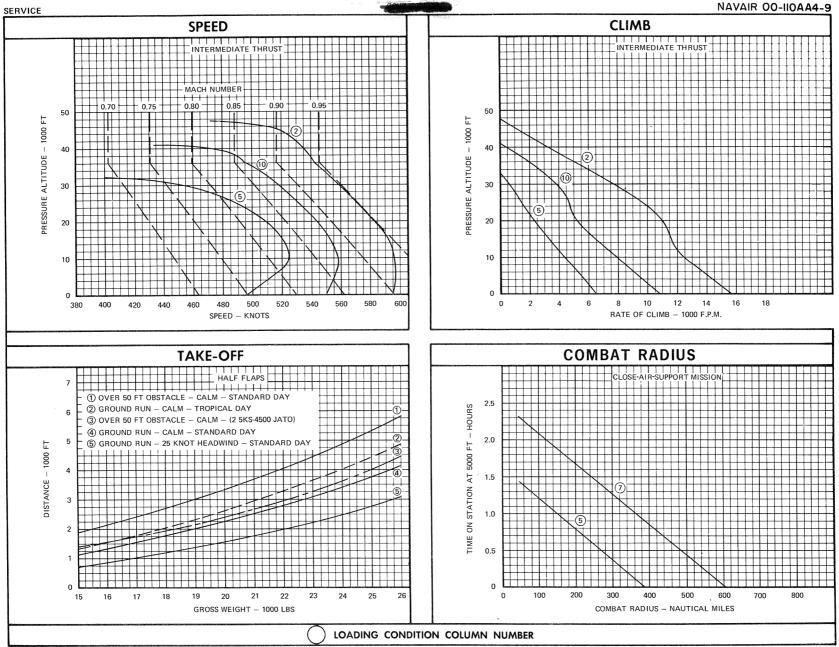
⁽A) All loadings include guns, ammunition and five pylons.

- Maximum takeoff weight limit increased in anticipation of demonstrating 25,500 pound takeoff capability.
- (E) 364 lb fuel offloaded to meet maximum takeoff weight limit.
- (F) Data Basis: NATC and DAC flight tests of the Models A-4F and TA-4F; Pratt and Whitney Engine Specification N-6128, dated 11-15-68

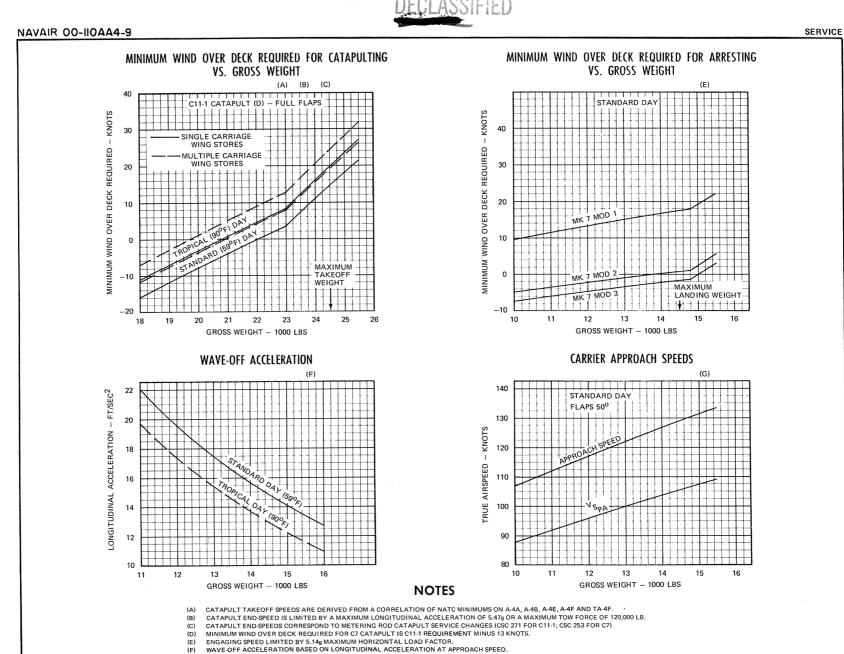
⁽B) Mission time does not include times for warm-up and takeoff, or 20 minutes loiter at sea level.

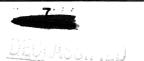
⁽C) Based on cruise at intermediate altitude instead of optimum cruise altitude to obtain maximum climb plus cruise distance.

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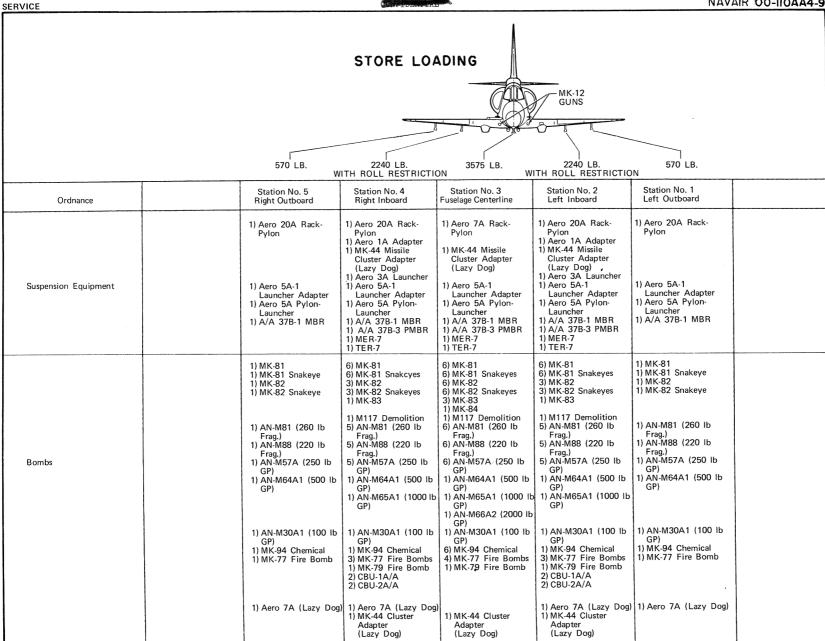






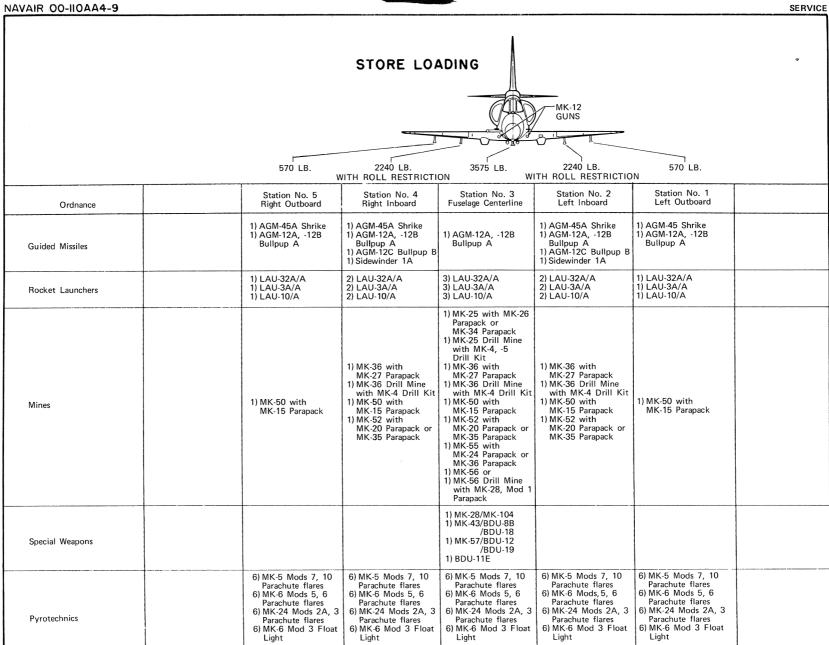
APPROACH SPEEDS BASED ON FLEET OPERATIONAL SPEEDS AND CORRESPOND TO A 4° GLIDE SLOPE AT 17-1/2 UNITS ON THE PILOT'S ANGLE-OF-ATTACK INDICATORS











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NAVAIR 00-IIOAA4-9 SERVICE STORE LOADING MK-12 **GUNS** 570 LB. 2240 LB. 3575 LB. 2240 LB. 570 LB. WITH ROLL RESTRICTION WITH ROLL RESTRICTION Station No. 5 Station No. 4 Station No. 3 Station No. 2 Station No. 1 Left Outboard Left Inboard Ordnance Right Outboard Right Inboard Fuselage Centerline 1) 150 Gal Ext Tank 1) 150 Gal Ext Tank 1) 150 Gal Ext Tank 1) 300 Gal Ext Tank 1) 300 Gal Ext Tank 1) 300 Gal Ext Tank 1) 400 Gal Ext Tank 1) 300 Gal Buddy Tank 1) MK-12 Mod 0 1) MK-12 Mod 0 Chemical Tank Chemical Tank 1) Aero 14B Spray Tank 1) ALQ-31 ECM Pod 1) ALQ-31 ECM Pod 1) ALQ-31 ECM Pod 1) ALQ-31A Pod Tanks and Pods 1) ALQ-31A Pod 1) ALQ-31A Pod 1) MX-900 Chaff 1) MX-900 Chaff 1) MX-900 Chaff Dispenser Dispenser Dispenser 1) LM-119A Film 1) LM-119A Film 1) LM-119A Film 1) LM-119A Film Delivery Delivery Delivery Delivery Container Container Container Container 1) LAU-10/A Leaflet Dispenser Dispenser Dispenser Dispenser Dispenser 1) NAVPAC 1) GTC-85 Pod-1) GTC-85 Pod-1) GTC-85 Pod-1) GTC-85 Pod-1) GTC-85 Pod-Mounted Mounted Mounted Mounted Mounted 6) MK-86 WSF 6) MK-86 WSF 6) MK-86 WSF 6) MK-87 WSF 1) MK-86 WSF 1) MK-86 WSF 1) MK-87 WSF 1) MK-87 WSF 6) MK-87 WSF 6) MK-87 WSF 1) MK-88 WSF 1) MK-88 WSF 1) MK-88 WSF 6) MK-76, Mod 4, 5 (With MK-10 Lug) 6) MK-76 Mod 4, 5 6) MK-76, Mod 4, 5 6) MK-76 Mod 4, 5 6) MK-76 Mod 4, 5 (With MK-10 Lug) (With MK-10 Lug) (With MK-10 Lug) (With MK-10 Lug) 6) MK-89 6) MK-89 6) MK-89 6) MK-89 6) MK-89 6) MK-106 Mod 3 6) MK-76 Mod 5 (With MK-14 Lug) 1) Aero 8A PBC Training Stores (MK-76, MK-89, MK-106) 1) Aero 6A-1, 6A-2 2) Aero 7D 1) Aero 7D 1) Aero 7D 2) Aero 7D 3) Aero 7D 1) FAGU Pipe Organ 1) FAGU Pipe Organ 1) FAGU Pipe Organ 1) Aero 6A, or LAU-32 and A/A37B-3 PMBR with MK-76, Mod 5 or MK-106 Mod 3 1) Banner Tow Target 1) MK-26 Mod 0 Side-1) MK-26 Mod 0 winder target Sidewinder rocket target rocket





HI-HI-HI

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

Combat: Five minutes at optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped after combat

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level

SEA LEVEL STORE DELIVERY

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff:
Five minutes at sea level
static with maximum
continuous power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

Descend: To sea level when fifty nautical miles from target (no fuel used, no distance gained)

Run in: Fifty nautical miles at sea level at maximum speed with intermediate power

Combat: Five minutes at sea level with intermediate power (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped after combat.

Run out: Fifty nautical miles at sea level at maximum speed with intermediate power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

Descend: To 5000 feet (no fuel used, no distance gained)

Loiter: One hour at maximum endurance speed at 5000 feet (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped at end of loiter

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level

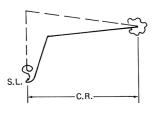
FERRY OR COMBAT RANGE

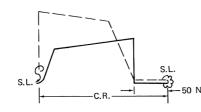
Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

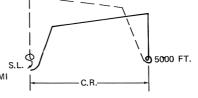
Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

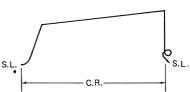
Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level











LOADING CONDITION COLUMN NUMBER





HI-LO-LO-HI

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

Descend: To sea level when 100/200 nautical miles from target (no fuel used, no distance gained)

Cruise out: At sea level at maximum range speed to target

Combat: Five minutes at sea level with intermediate power (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped after combat

Cruise back: At sea level at maximum range speed to a point 100/200 nautical miles from target

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level

LO-LO-LO

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at sea level (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

Combat: Five minutes at sea level with intermediate power (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped after combat

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at sea level

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level

HI-LO-HI

Warmup, Taxi, Takeoff: Five minutes at sea level static with maximum continuous power

Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise out: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude (drop external fuel tanks when empty)

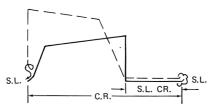
Descend: To sea level (no fuel used, no distance gained)

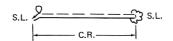
Combat: Five minutes at sea level with intermediate power (stores on, no distance gained) Stores dropped after combat

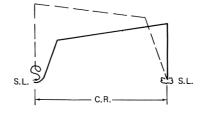
Climb: On course to optimum cruise altitude with intermediate power

Cruise back: At maximum range speed at optimum cruise altitude

Reserve: 5% of initial fuel plus 20 minutes at maximum endurance speed at sea level







LOADING CONDITION COLUMN NUMBER

