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ISO 1151, *Flight dynamics — Concepts, quantities and symbols*, comprises, at present, seven parts:

Part 1 : Aircraft motion relative to the air.

Part 2 : Motions of the aircraft and the atmosphere relative to the Earth.

Part 3 : Derivatives of forces, moments and their coefficients.

Part 4 : Parameters used in the study of aircraft stability and control.

Part 5 : Quantities used in measurements.

Part 6 : Aircraft geometry.

Part 7 : Flight points and flight envelopes.

ISO 1151 is intended to introduce the main concepts, to include the more important terms used in theoretical and experimental studies and, as far as possible, to give corresponding symbols.

In all the parts comprising ISO 1151, the term "aircraft" denotes a vehicle intended for atmosphere or space flight. Usually, it has an essentially port and starboard symmetry with respect to a plane. That plane is determined by the geometric characteristics of the aircraft. In that plane, two orthogonal directions are defined: fore-and-aft and dorsal-ventral. The transverse direction, on the perpendicular to that plane, follows.

When there is more than one plane of symmetry, or when there is none, it is necessary to introduce a reference plane. In the former case, the reference plane is one of the planes of symmetry. In the latter case, the reference plane is arbitrary. In all cases, it is necessary to specify the choice made.

Angles of rotation, angular velocities and moments about any axis are positive clockwise when viewed in the positive direction of that axis.

All the axis systems used are three-dimensional, orthogonal and right-handed, which implies that a positive rotation through $\pi/2$ around the x-axis brings the y-axis into the position previously occupied by the z-axis.

Numbering of sections and clauses

With the aim of easing the indication of references from a section or a clause, a decimal numbering system has been adopted such that the first figure is the number of the part of ISO 1151 considered.

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Flight dynamics — Concepts, quantities and symbols — Part 2: Motions of the aircraft and the atmosphere relative to the Earth

2.0 Introduction

This part of ISO 1151 gives basic definitions and deals with the motions of the aircraft and the atmosphere relative to the Earth.

The atmosphere is assumed to be at rest or in translational motion at constant velocity relative to the Earth.[1)]

The aircraft is assumed to be rigid. However, most of the definitions can be applied to the case of a flexible aircraft.

When account is taken of the variations at the Earth's surface in the direction of the vertical (local direction of acceleration due to gravity), the term given in the sub-clauses and figures in question is qualified by the term "local".

2.1 Axis system

No.	Term	Definition	Symbol
2.1.1	Flight-path axis system	A system with the origin fixed in the aircraft (usually the centre of gravity) and in which the x_k-axis is in the direction of the flight-path velocity (2.2.1). The two other axes are chosen as appropriate.	$x_k y_k z_k$

2.2 Velocities

No.	Term	Definition	Symbol
2.2.1	Flight-path velocity	The velocity of the origin of the flight-path axis system (2.1.1) relative to the Earth.	$\vec{V}_K$
	Flight-path speed	The magnitude of the flight-path velocity.	V_K
	Ground speed	The projection of the flight-path velocity on the horizontal plane.	—

1) The motions of the atmosphere for which this assumption does not hold true will be examined in another part of ISO 1151.