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## Standard Specification for Design and Performance of a Light Sport Airplane<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers airworthiness requirements for the design of powered fixed wing light sport aircraft, an “airplane.”

1.2 This specification is applicable to the design of a light sport aircraft/airplane as defined by regulations and limited to VFR flight.

1.3 *Units*—The values given in this standard are in SI units and are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to inch-pound (or other) units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents. Where it may not be clear, some equations provide the units of the result directly following the equation.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

D910 Specification for Leaded Aviation Gasolines

D4814 Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel

D7547 Specification for Hydrocarbon Unleaded Aviation Gasoline

F2316 Specification for Airframe Emergency Parachutes

F2339 Practice for Design and Manufacture of Reciprocating Spark Ignition Engines for Light Sport Aircraft

F2483 Practice for Maintenance and the Development of Maintenance Manuals for Light Sport Aircraft

F2506 Specification for Design and Testing of Light Sport Aircraft Propellers

F2538 Practice for Design and Manufacture of Reciprocating Compression Ignition Engines for Light Sport Aircraft

F2564 Specification for Design and Performance of a Light Sport Glider

F2746 Specification for Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH) for Light Sport Airplane

F2840 Practice for Design and Manufacture of Electric Propulsion Units for Light Sport Aircraft

#### 2.2 Federal Aviation Regulations and Advisory Circulars:<sup>3</sup>

14 CFR Part 33 Airworthiness Standards: Aircraft Engines

14 CFR Part 35 Airworthiness Standards: Propellers

AC 23 Powerplant Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes and Airships

AC 23.1521-2 Type Certification of Oxygenates and Oxygenated Gasoline Fuels in Part 23 Airplanes with Reciprocating Engines

#### 2.3 EASA Requirements:<sup>4</sup>

CS-22 Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes

CS-E Engines

CS-P Propellers

#### 2.4 Other Standards:

EN 228 Automotive Fuels - Unleaded Petrol - Requirements and Test Methods<sup>5</sup>

GAMA Specification No. 1 Specification for Pilot's Operating Handbook<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Available from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591, <http://www.faa.gov> or <http://www.gpo.gov>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from EASA European Aviation Safety Agency, Postfach 10 12 53, D-50452 Cologne, Germany, <http://easa.europa.eu>.

<sup>5</sup> Available from Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V. (DIN), Am DIN-Platz, Burggrafenstrasse 6, 10787 Berlin, Germany, <http://www.din.de>.

<sup>6</sup> Available from the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), 1400 K Street NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005-2485, <http://www.gama.aero/>.



### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *electric propulsion unit, EPU*—any electric motor and all associated devices used to provide thrust for an electric aircraft.

3.1.2 *energy storage device, ESD*—used to store energy as part of a Electric Propulsion Unit (EPU). Typical energy storage devices include but are not limited to batteries, fuel cells, or capacitors.

3.1.3 *flaps*—any movable high lift device.

3.1.4 *maximum empty weight,  $W_E$  (N)*—largest empty weight of the airplane, including all operational equipment that is installed in the airplane: weight of the airframe, powerplant, Energy Storage Device (ESD) as part of an Electric Propulsion Unit (EPU), required equipment, optional and specific equipment, fixed ballast, full engine coolant and oil, hydraulic fluid, and the unusable fuel. Hence, the maximum empty weight equals maximum takeoff weight minus minimum useful load:  $W_E = W - W_U$ .

3.1.5 *minimum useful load,  $W_U$  (N)*—where  $W_U = W - W_E$ .

3.1.6 *night*—hours between the end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight.

3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—Civil twilight ends in the evening when the center of the sun's disc is 6° below the horizon, and begins in the morning when the center of the sun's disc is 6° below the horizon.

3.1.7 The terms “engine,” referring to internal combustion engines, and “motor,” referring to electric motors for propulsion, are used interchangeably within this specification.

3.1.8 The term “engine idle,” when in reference to electric propulsion units, shall mean the minimum power or propeller rotational speed condition for the electric motor, as defined without electronic braking of the propeller rotational speed.

3.1.9 The term “vapor lock,” when used in reference to liquid fuel systems, shall mean that the liquid fuel, while still in the fuel delivery system, changes state from liquid to gas (that is, vaporizes), that either causes fuel feed pressure to the propulsion unit to decrease below manufacturers' specifications, transient loss of power, or complete stalling of the propulsion unit.

#### 3.2 Abbreviations:

3.2.1 *AR*—aspect ratio =  $\frac{b^2}{S}$

3.2.2 *b*—wing span (m)

3.2.3 *c*—chord (m)

3.2.4 *CAS*—calibrated air speed (m/s, kts)

3.2.5  *$C_L$* —lift coefficient of the airplane

3.2.6  *$C_D$* —drag coefficient of the airplane

3.2.7 *CG*—center of gravity

3.2.8  *$C_m$* —moment coefficient ( $C_m$  is with respect to  $c/4$  point, positive nose up)

3.2.9  *$C_{MO}$* —zero lift moment coefficient

3.2.10  *$C_n$* —normal coefficient

3.2.11 *g*—acceleration as a result of gravity = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

3.2.12 *IAS*—indicated air speed (m/s, kts)

3.2.13 *ICAO*—International Civil Aviation Organization

3.2.14 *LSA*—Light Sport Aircraft

3.2.15 *MAC*—mean aerodynamic chord (m)

3.2.16 *n*—load factor

3.2.17  *$n_1$* —airplane positive maneuvering limit load factor

3.2.18  *$n_2$* —airplane negative maneuvering limit load factor

3.2.19  *$n_3$* —load factor on wheels

3.2.20 *P*—power, (kW)

3.2.21  *$\rho$* —air density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>) = 1.225 at sea level standard conditions

3.2.22 *POH*—Pilot Operating Handbook

3.2.23 *q*—dynamic pressure (N/m<sup>2</sup>) =  $\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$

3.2.24 *RC*—climb rate (m/s)

3.2.25 *S*—wing area (m<sup>2</sup>)

3.2.26 *V*—airspeed (m/s)

3.2.26.1  *$V_A$* —design maneuvering speed

3.2.26.2  *$V_C$* —design cruising speed

3.2.26.3  *$V_D$* —design diving speed

3.2.26.4  *$V_{DF}$* —demonstrated flight diving speed

3.2.26.5  *$V_F$* —design flap speed

3.2.26.6  *$V_{FE}$* —maximum flap extended speed

3.2.26.7  *$V_H$* —maximum speed in level flight with maximum continuous power (corrected for sea level standard conditions)

3.2.26.8  *$V_{NE}$* —never exceed speed

3.2.26.9  *$V_O$* —operating maneuvering speed

3.2.26.10  *$V_S$* —stalling speed or minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable (flaps retracted)

3.2.26.11  *$V_{SI}$* —stalling speed or minimum steady flight speed at which the aircraft is controllable in a specific configuration

3.2.26.12  *$V_{SO}$* —stalling speed or minimum steady flight speed at which the aircraft is controllable in the landing configuration

3.2.26.13  *$V_R$* —ground gust speed

3.2.26.14  *$V_X$* —speed for best angle of climb

3.2.26.15  *$V_Y$* —speed for best rate of climb

3.2.27 *w*—average design surface load (N/m<sup>2</sup>)

3.2.28 *W*—maximum takeoff or maximum design weight (N)

3.2.29  *$W_E$* —maximum empty airplane weight (N)

3.2.30  *$W_U$* —minimum useful load (N)

3.2.31  *$W_{ZWF}$* —maximum zero wing fuel weight (N)

### 4. Flight

#### 4.1 Proof of Compliance:

4.1.1 Each of the following requirements shall be met at the most critical weight and CG configuration. Unless otherwise



specified, the speed range from stall to  $V_{DF}$  or the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated shall be considered.

4.1.1.1  $V_{DF}$  may be less than or equal to  $V_D$ .

4.1.1.2  $V_{NE}$  must be less than or equal to  $0.9V_{DF}$  and greater than or equal to  $1.1V_C$ . In addition,  $V_{NE}$  must be greater than or equal to  $V_H$ .

4.1.2 The following tolerances are acceptable during flight testing:

Weight	+5 %, –10 %
Weight, when critical	+5 %, –1 %
CG	±7 % of total travel

## 4.2 Load Distribution Limits:

4.2.1 The minimum useful load,  $W_U$ , shall be equal to or greater than the sum of:

4.2.1.1 An occupant weight of 845 N (190 lbf) for each occupant seat in aircraft, plus

4.2.1.2 The weight of consumable substances, such as fuel, as required for a 1 h flight at  $V_H$ . Consumption rates must be based on test results for the specific application.

4.2.2 The minimum flying weight shall be determined.

4.2.3 Empty CG, most forward, and most rearward CG shall be determined.

4.2.4 Fixed or removable ballast, or both, may be used if properly installed and placarded.

4.2.5 Multiple ESDs may be used if properly installed and placarded.

4.3 *Propeller Speed and Pitch Limits*—Propeller configuration shall not allow the engine to exceed safe operating limits established by the engine manufacturer under normal conditions.

4.3.1 Maximum RPM shall not be exceeded with full throttle during takeoff, climb, or flight at  $0.9V_H$ , and 110 % maximum continuous RPM shall not be exceeded during a glide at  $V_{NE}$  with throttle closed.

4.4 *Performance, General*—All performance requirements apply in standard ICAO atmosphere in still air conditions and at sea level. Speeds shall be given in indicated (IAS) and calibrated (CAS) airspeeds.

4.4.1 *Stalling Speeds*—Wing level stalling speeds  $V_{SO}$  and  $V_S$  shall be determined by flight test at a rate of speed decrease of  $0.5 \text{ m/s}^2$  ( $\text{m/s}$  per second) (1 kt/s) or less, throttle closed, with maximum takeoff weight, and most unfavorable CG.

4.4.2 *Takeoff*—With the airplane at maximum takeoff weight, full throttle, the following shall be measured using normal takeoff procedures:

NOTE 1—The procedure used for normal takeoff, including flap position, shall be specified within the POH.

4.4.2.1 Ground roll distance to takeoff on a runway with minimal grade.

4.4.2.2 Distance to clear a 15 m (50 ft) obstacle at a climb speed of at least  $1.3V_{SI}$ .

4.4.3 *Climb*—At maximum takeoff weight, flaps in the position specified for climb within the POH, and full throttle:

4.4.3.1 Rate of climb at  $V_Y$  shall exceed 1.6 m/s (315 ft/min).

4.4.3.2 Climb gradient at  $V_X$  shall exceed  $1/12$ .

**TABLE 1 Pilot Force**

Pilot force as applied to the controls	Pitch, N (lbf)	Roll, N (lbf)	Yaw, N (lbf)
For temporary application (less than 2 min):			
Stick	200 (45)	100 (22.5)	...
Wheel (applied to rim)	200 (45)	100 (22.5)	...
Rudder pedal	...	...	400 (90)
For prolonged application:	23 (5.2)	23 (5.2)	110 (24.7)

4.4.4 *Landing*—For landing with throttle closed and flaps extended, the following shall be determined:

4.4.4.1 Landing distance from 15 m (50 ft) above ground when speed at 15 m (50 ft) is  $1.3V_{SO}$ .

4.4.4.2 Ground roll distance with reasonable braking if so equipped.

4.4.5 *Balked Landing*—The airplane shall demonstrate a full-throttle climb gradient at  $1.3 V_{SO}$  which shall exceed  $1/30$  within 5 s of power application from aborted landing. If the flaps may be promptly and safely retracted without loss of altitude and without sudden changes in attitude, they may be retracted.

4.4.5.1 *Airplanes with EPU*—Balked landing performance shall be demonstrated considering minimum remaining available ESD power.

## 4.5 Controllability and Maneuverability:

### 4.5.1 General:

4.5.1.1 The airplane shall be safely controllable and maneuverable during takeoff, climb, level flight (cruise), dive to  $V_{DF}$  or the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated, approach, and landing (power off and on, flaps retracted and extended) through the normal use of primary controls.

4.5.1.2 Smooth transition between all flight conditions shall be possible without exceeding pilot force as shown in **Table 1**.

4.5.1.3 Full control shall be maintained when retracting and extending flaps within their normal operating speed range ( $V_{SO}$  to  $V_{FE}$ ).

4.5.1.4 Lateral, directional, and longitudinal control shall be possible down to  $V_{SO}$ .

### 4.5.2 Longitudinal Control:

4.5.2.1 With the airplane trimmed as closely as possible for steady flight at  $1.3V_{SI}$ , it must be possible at any speed between  $1.1V_{SI}$  and  $1.3V_{SI}$  to pitch the nose downward so that a speed not less than  $1.3V_{SI}$  can be reached promptly. This must be shown with the airplane in all possible configurations, with simultaneous application of full power and nose down pitch control, and with power at idle.

4.5.2.2 Longitudinal control forces shall increase with increasing load factor.

4.5.2.3 The control force to achieve the positive limit maneuvering load factor ( $n_1$ ) shall not be less than 70 N in the clean configuration at the aft center of gravity limit. The control force increase is to be measured in flight from an initial  $n=1$  trimmed flight condition at a minimum airspeed of two times the calibrated maximum flaps up stall speed.

4.5.2.4 If flight tests are unable to demonstrate a maneuvering load factor of  $n_1$ , then the minimum control force shall be proportional to the maximum demonstrated load factor,  $n_{1D}$ , as follows:



$$f_{min} \geq 70N \left( \frac{n_{1D} - 1}{n_1 - 1} \right)$$

#### 4.5.3 Directional and Lateral Control:

4.5.3.1 It must be possible to reverse a steady 30° banked coordinated turn through an angle of 60°, from both directions: (1) within 5 s from initiation of roll reversal, with the airplane trimmed as closely as possible to 1.3  $V_{SI}$ , flaps in the takeoff position, and maximum takeoff power; and (2) within 4 s from initiation of roll reversal, with the airplane trimmed as closely as possible to 1.3  $V_{SO}$ , flaps fully extended, and engine at idle.

4.5.3.2 With and without flaps deployed, rapid entry into, or recovery from, a maximum cross-controlled slip shall not result in uncontrollable flight characteristics.

4.5.3.3 Lateral and directional control forces shall not reverse with increased deflection.

#### 4.5.4 Static Longitudinal Stability:

4.5.4.1 The airplane shall demonstrate the ability to trim for steady flight at speeds appropriate to the climb, cruise, and landing approach configurations; at minimum and maximum weight; and forward and aft CG limits.

4.5.4.2 The airplane shall exhibit positive longitudinal stability characteristics at any speed above 1.1  $V_{SI}$ , up to the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated, and at the most critical power setting and CG combination.

4.5.4.3 Stability shall be shown by a tendency for the airplane to return toward trimmed steady flight after: (1) a “push” from trimmed flight that results in a speed increase, followed by a non-abrupt release of the pitch control; and (2) a “pull” from trimmed flight that results in a speed decrease, followed by a non-abrupt release of the pitch control.

4.5.4.4 The airplane shall demonstrate compliance with this section while in trimmed steady flight for each flap and power setting appropriate to the following configurations: (1) climb (flaps set as appropriate and maximum continuous power); (2) cruise (flaps retracted and 75 % maximum continuous power); and (3) approach to landing (flaps fully extended and engine at idle).

4.5.4.5 While returning toward trimmed steady flight, the airplane shall: (1) not decelerate below stalling speed  $V_{SI}$ ; (2) not exceed  $V_{NE}$  or the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated; and (3) exhibit decreasing amplitude for any long-period oscillations.

#### 4.5.5 Static Directional and Lateral Stability:

4.5.5.1 The airplane must maintain a trimmed condition around the roll and yaw axis with respective controls fixed.

4.5.5.2 The airplane shall exhibit positive directional and lateral stability characteristics at any speed above 1.2  $V_{SI}$ , up to the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated, and at the most critical power setting and CG combination.

4.5.5.3 Directional stability shall be shown by a tendency for the airplane to recover from a skid condition after release of the yaw control.

4.5.5.4 Lateral stability shall be shown by a tendency for the airplane to return toward a level-wing attitude after release of the roll control from a slip condition.

4.5.5.5 The airplane shall demonstrate compliance with this section while in trimmed steady flight for each flap and power setting appropriate to the following configurations: (1) climb (flaps as appropriate and maximum continuous power); (2) cruise (flaps retracted and 75 % maximum continuous power); and (3) approach to landing (flaps fully extended and engine at idle).

4.5.6 Dynamic Stability—Any oscillations shall exhibit decreasing amplitude within the appropriate speed range (1.1  $V_{SI}$  to maximum allowable speed specified in the POH, both as appropriate to the configuration).

4.5.7 Wings Level Stall—It shall be possible to prevent more than 20° of roll or yaw by normal use of the controls during the stall and the recovery at all weight and CG combinations.

#### 4.5.8 Turning Flight and Accelerated Turning Stalls:

4.5.8.1 With the airplane initially trimmed for 1.5  $V_S$ , turning flight and accelerated turning stalls shall be performed in both directions as follows: While maintaining a 30° coordinated turn, apply sufficient pitch control to maintain the required rate of speed reduction until the stall is achieved. After the stall, level flight shall be regained without exceeding 60° of additional roll in either direction. No excessive loss of altitude nor tendency to spin shall be associated with the recovery. The rate of speed reduction must be nearly constant and shall not exceed 0.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> (m/s per second) (1 kt/s) for turning flight stalls and shall be 1.5 to 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> (m/s per second) (3 to 5 kt/s) for accelerated turning stalls. The rate of speed reduction in both cases is controlled by the pitch control.

4.5.8.2 Both turning flight and accelerated turning stalls shall be performed: (1) with flaps retracted, at 75 % maximum continuous power and at idle; and (2) with flaps extended, at 75 % maximum continuous power and at idle (speed not to exceed  $V_{FE}$ ).

(1) Flaps extended conditions include fully extended and each intermediate normal operating position.

(2) If 75 % of maximum continuous power results in pitch attitudes greater than 30° for non-aerobatic aircraft, the power setting may be reduced as necessary as follows, but in no case be less than 50 % of maximum continuous power.

(a) For flaps retracted, the power setting may be reduced as necessary to not exceed 30° pitch attitude.

(b) For any flap extended condition, the test may be carried out with the power required for level flight in the respective configuration at maximum landing weight and a speed of 1.4  $V_{S1}$ .

NOTE 2—If the power setting was reduced to prevent exceeding 30° pitch attitude, then the POH or Flight Training Supplement must note that the aircraft is not approved for pitch attitudes greater than 30°.

#### 4.5.9 Spinning:

4.5.9.1 For airplanes placarded “no intentional spins,” the airplane must be able to recover from a one-turn spin or a 3-s spin, whichever takes longer, in not more than one additional turn, with the controls used in the manner normally used for recovery.

4.5.9.2 For airplanes in which intentional spinning is allowed, the airplane must be able to recover from a three-turn spin in not more than one and one-half additional turn.

4.5.9.3 In addition, for either 4.5.9.1 or 4.5.9.2:



(1) For both the flaps-retracted and flaps-extended conditions, the applicable airspeed limit and limit maneuvering load factor may not be exceeded.

(2) There may be no excessive control forces during the spin or recovery.

(3) It must be impossible to obtain uncontrollable spins with any use of the controls.

(4) For the flaps-extended condition, the flaps may be retracted during recovery.

4.5.9.4 For those airplanes of which the design is inherently spin resistant, such resistance must be proven by test and documented. If proven spin resistant, the airplane must be placarded “no intentional spins” but need not comply with 4.5.9.1 – 4.5.9.3.

4.6 *Vibrations*—Flight testing shall not reveal, by pilot observation, heavy buffeting (except as associated with a stall), excessive airframe or control vibrations, flutter (with proper attempts to induce it), or control divergence, at any speed from  $V_{SO}$  to  $V_{DF}$ .

#### 4.7 *Ground and Water Control and Stability:*

4.7.1 It must be possible to taxi, takeoff, and land while maintaining control of the airplane, up to the maximum crosswind component specified within the POH.

4.7.2 Wheel brakes must operate so as not to cause unpredictable airplane response or control difficulties.

4.7.3 A seaplane or amphibian may not have dangerous or uncontrollable porpoising characteristics at any normal operating speed on the water.

4.8 *Spray Characteristics*—Spray may not dangerously obscure the vision of the pilots or damage the propeller or other critical parts of a seaplane or amphibian at any time during taxiing, take-off, and landing.

## 5. Structure

### 5.1 *General:*

#### 5.1.1 *Loads:*

5.1.1.1 Strength requirements are specified in terms of limit loads (the maximum loads to be expected in service) and ultimate loads (limit loads multiplied by prescribed factors of safety). Unless otherwise provided, prescribed loads are limit loads.

5.1.1.2 Unless otherwise provided, the air, ground, and water loads must be placed in equilibrium with inertia forces, considering each item of mass in the airplane. These loads must be distributed to conservatively approximate or closely represent actual conditions.

5.1.1.3 If deflections under load would significantly change the distribution of external or internal loads, this redistribution must be taken into account.

5.1.1.4 **Appendix X1 – Appendix X5** provide, within the limitations specified within the appendix, a simplified means of compliance with several of the requirements set forth in 5.2.1 to 5.7.3 that can be applied as one (but not the only) means to comply.

#### 5.1.2 *Factor of Safety:*

5.1.2.1 Unless otherwise provided in 5.1.2.2, an ultimate load factor of safety of 1.5 must be used.

5.1.2.2 Special ultimate load factors of safety shall be applied to the following:

$2.0 \times 1.5 = 3.0$	on castings
$1.2 \times 1.5 = 1.8$	on fittings
$2.0 \times 1.5 = 3.0$	on bearings at bolted or pinned joints subject to rotation
$4.45 \times 1.5 = 6.67$	on control surface hinge-bearing loads except ball and roller bearing hinges
$2.2 \times 1.5 = 3.3$	on push-pull control system joints
$1.33 \times 1.5 = 2$	on cable control system joints, lap belt/shoulder harness fittings (including the seat if belt/harness is attached to it)

### 5.1.3 *Strength and Deformation:*

5.1.3.1 The structure must be able to support limit loads without detrimental, permanent deformation. At any load up to limit loads, the deformation shall not interfere with safe operation.

5.1.3.2 The structure must be able to support ultimate loads without failure for at least 3 s. However, when proof of strength is shown by dynamic tests simulating actual load conditions, the 3-s limit does not apply.

5.1.4 *Proof of Structure*—Each design requirement must be verified by means of conservative analysis or test (static, component, or flight), or both.

5.1.4.1 Compliance with the strength and deformation requirements of 5.1.3 must be shown for each critical load condition. Structural analysis may be used only if the structure conforms to those for which experience has shown this method to be reliable. In other cases, substantiating load tests must be made. Dynamic tests, including structural flight tests, are acceptable if the design load conditions have been simulated. Substantiating load tests should normally be taken to ultimate design load.

5.1.4.2 Certain parts of the structure must be tested as specified in 6.9.

## 5.2 *Flight Loads:*

### 5.2.1 *General:*

5.2.1.1 Flight load factors,  $n$ , represent the ratio of the aerodynamic force component (acting normal to the assumed longitudinal axis of the airplane) to the weight of the airplane. A positive flight load factor is one in which the aerodynamic force acts upward, with respect to the airplane.

5.2.1.2 Compliance with the flight load requirements of this section must be shown at each critical weight distribution within the operating limitations specified in the POH.

5.2.1.3 *Maximum Zero Wing Fuel Weight,  $W_{ZWF}$* —The maximum allowable weight of the airplane without any fuel in the wing tank(s) must be established if it is less than maximum design weight,  $W$ .

### 5.2.2 *Symmetrical Flight Conditions:*

5.2.2.1 The appropriate balancing horizontal tail loads must be accounted for in a rational or conservative manner when determining the wing loads and linear inertia loads corresponding to any of the symmetrical flight conditions specified in 5.2.2 to 5.2.6.

5.2.2.2 The incremental horizontal tail loads due to maneuvering and gusts must be reacted by the angular inertia of the airplane in a rational or conservative manner.

5.2.2.3 In computing the loads arising in the conditions prescribed above, the angle of attack is assumed to be changed



suddenly without loss of air speed until the prescribed load factor is attained. Angular accelerations may be disregarded.

5.2.2.4 The aerodynamic data required for establishing the loading conditions must be verified by tests, calculations, or by conservative estimation. In the absence of better information, the maximum negative lift coefficient for rigid lifting surfaces may be assumed to be equal to  $-0.80$ . If the pitching moment coefficient,  $C_{mo}$ , is less than  $\pm 0.025$ , a coefficient of at least  $\pm 0.025$  must be used.

5.2.3 *Flight Loads Envelope (V-n Diagram)*—Compliance shall be shown at any combination of airspeed and load factor on the boundaries of the flight loads envelope. The flight loads envelope represents the envelope of the flight loading conditions specified by the criteria of 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 (see Fig. 1).

5.2.3.1 *General*—Compliance with the strength requirements of this subpart must be shown at any combination of airspeed and load factor on and within the boundaries of a flight loads envelope similar to the one in Fig. 1 that represents the envelope of the flight loading conditions specified by the maneuvering and gust criteria of 5.2.5 and 5.2.6 respectively.

5.2.3.2 *Maneuvering Envelope*—Except where limited by maximum (static) lift coefficients, the airplane is assumed to be subjected to symmetrical maneuvers resulting in the following limit load factors: (1) the positive maneuvering load factor specified in 5.2.5.1 at speeds up to  $V_D$ ; and (2) the negative maneuvering load factor specified in 5.2.5.2 at speeds up to  $V_D$ .

5.2.3.3 *Gust Envelope*—The airplane is assumed to be subjected to symmetrical vertical gusts in level flight. The resulting limit load factors must correspond to the conditions determined as follows: (1) positive (up) and negative (down) gusts of 15 m/s (49.2 ft/s) at  $V_C$ ; and (2) positive and negative gusts of 7.5 m/s (24.6 ft/s) at  $V_D$  (see Fig. 1).

5.2.4 *Design Airspeeds:*

5.2.4.1 *Design Maneuvering Speed,  $V_A$ :*

$$V_A = V_S \cdot \sqrt{n_1}$$

$$V_S = \sqrt{\frac{W}{\frac{1}{2} \rho C_{LMAX} S}}, (m/s)$$

where:

$V_S$  = computed stalling speed at the design maximum weight with the flaps retracted, and

$n_1$  = positive limit maneuvering load factor used in design.

5.2.4.2 *Design Flap Speed,  $V_F$* —For each landing setting,  $V_F$  must not be less than the greater of: (1)  $1.4 V_S$ , where  $V_S$  is the computed stalling speed with the wing flaps retracted at the maximum weight; and (2)  $2.0 V_{SO}$ , where  $V_{SO}$  is the computed stalling speed with wing flaps fully extended at the maximum weight.

5.2.4.3 *Design Cruising Speed,  $V_C$* —(1)  $V_C$  may not be less than  $2.45 \sqrt{W/S}$ ; and (2)  $V_C$  need not be greater than  $0.9 V_H$  at sea level.

5.2.4.4 *Design Dive Speed,  $V_D$ :*

$$V_D = 1.4 \times V_{Cmin}$$

where:

$V_{Cmin}$  = required minimum cruising speed.

5.2.5 *Limit Maneuvering Load Factors:*

5.2.5.1 The positive limit maneuvering load factor  $n_1$  may not be less than 4.0.

5.2.5.2 The negative limit maneuvering load factor  $n_2$  may not be greater than  $-2.0$ .

5.2.5.3 Loads with wing flaps extended: (1) if flaps or other similar high lift devices are used, the airplane must be designed for  $n_1 = 2.0$  with the flaps in any position up to  $V_F$ ; and (2)  $n_2 = 0$ .

5.2.5.4 Loads with speed control devices: (1) if speed control devices such as speed brakes or spoilers are used, the airplane must be designed for a positive limit load factor of 3.0

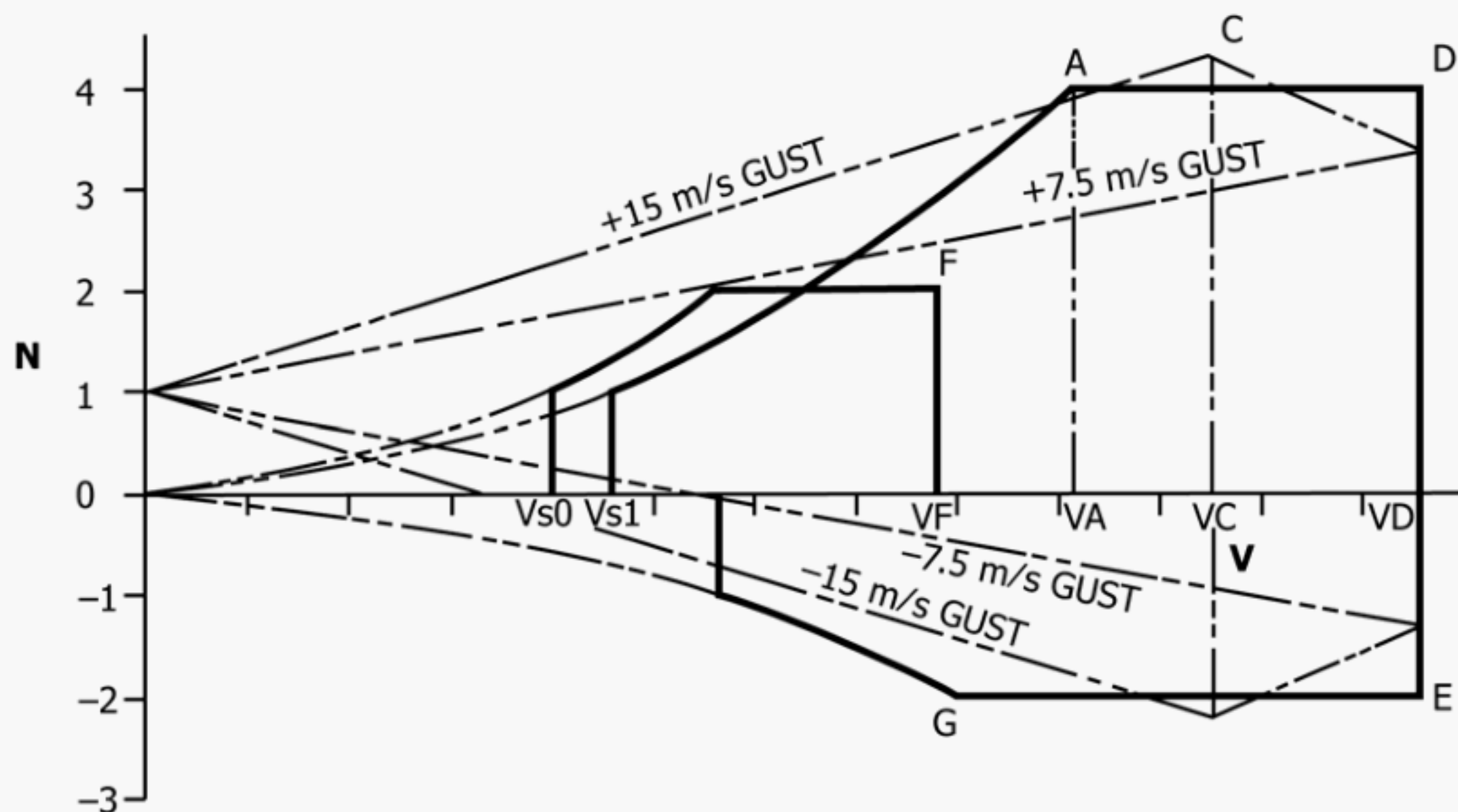


FIG. 1 Flight Loads Envelope (V-n Diagram)



with the devices extended in any position up to the placard device extended speed; and (2) maneuvering load factors lower than those specified in 5.2.5 may be used if the airplane has design features that make it impossible to exceed these in flight.

**5.2.6 Gust Load Factors**—The airplane must be designed for the loads resulting from:

**5.2.6.1** The gust velocities specified in 5.2.3.3 with flaps retracted, and

**5.2.6.2** Positive and negative gusts of 7.5 m/s (24.6 ft/s) nominal intensity at  $V_F$  with the flaps fully extended.

**NOTE 3**—In the absence of a more rational analysis, the gust load factors may be computed by the method of Appendix X4.

**5.2.7 Unsymmetrical Flight Conditions**—The airplane is assumed to be subjected to the unsymmetrical flight conditions of 5.2.7.1 and 5.2.7.2. Unbalanced aerodynamic moments about the center of gravity must be reacted in a rational or conservative manner considering the principal masses furnishing the reacting inertia forces.

**5.2.7.1 Rolling Conditions**—The airplane shall be designed for the loads resulting from the roll control deflections and speeds specified in 5.7.1 in combination with a load factor of at least two thirds of the positive maneuvering load factor prescribed in 5.2.5.1. The rolling accelerations may be obtained by the methods given in X3.4. The effect of the roll control displacement on the wing torsion may be accounted for by the method of X3.4.2 and X3.4.3.

**5.2.7.2 Yawing Conditions**—The airplane must be designed for the yawing loads resulting from the vertical surface loads specified in 5.5.

**5.2.8 Special Conditions for Rear Lift Truss:**

**5.2.8.1** If a rear lift truss is used, it must be designed for conditions of reversed air flow at a design speed of:

$$V = 0.65 \sqrt{\frac{W}{S}} + 4.5$$

where:

$W/S$  = wing loading, N/m<sup>2</sup>.

**5.2.8.2** Either aerodynamic data for the particular wing section used, or a value of  $C_L$  equaling  $-0.8$  with a chord-wise distribution that is triangular between a peak at the trailing edge and zero at the leading edge, must be used.

**5.2.9 Engine Torque**—The engine mount and its supporting structure must be designed for the effects of:

**5.2.9.1** The limit torque corresponding to takeoff power and propeller speed acting simultaneously with 75 % of the limit loads from flight condition of 5.2.5.1.

**5.2.9.2** The limit torque corresponding to maximum continuous power and propeller speed acting simultaneously with the limit loads from flight condition of 5.2.5.1.

**5.2.9.3** For conventional reciprocating engines with positive drive to the propeller, the limit torque to be accounted for in 5.2.9.1 and 5.2.9.2 is obtained by multiplying the mean torque by one of the following factors:

For four-stroke engines:

(1) 1.33 for engines with five or more cylinders; or

(2) 2, 3, 4, or 8 for engines with four, three, two, or one cylinders, respectively.

For two-stroke engines:

(1) 2 for engines with three or more cylinders; or

(2) 3 or 6, for engines with two or one cylinders, respectively.

**5.2.9.4** For conventional electric motors with positive drive to the propeller, the limit torque to be accounted for in 5.2.9.1 and 5.2.9.2 is obtained by multiplying the mean torque by 1.33.

**5.2.10 Side Load on Engine Mount:**

**5.2.10.1** The engine mount and its supporting structure must be designed for a limit load factor in a lateral direction, for the side load on the engine mount, of not less than 1.5.

**5.2.10.2** The side load prescribed in 5.2.10.1 may be assumed to be independent other flight conditions.

**5.2.10.3** If applicable, the nose wheel loads of 5.8.1.7 must also be considered.

**5.3 Control Surface and System Loads:**

**5.3.1 Control Surface Loads**—The control surface loads specified in 5.3.3 through 5.7.3 are assumed to occur in the conditions described in 5.2.2 through 5.2.6.

**5.3.2 Control System Loads**—Each part of the primary control system situated between the stops and the control surfaces must be designed for the loads corresponding to at least 125 % of the computed hinge moments of the movable control surfaces resulting from the loads in the conditions prescribed in 5.3.1 through 5.7.3. In computing the hinge moments, reliable aerodynamic data must be used. In no case may the load in any part of the system be less than those resulting from the application of 60 % of the pilot forces described in 5.3.3. In addition, the system limit loads need not exceed the loads that can be produced by the pilot. Pilot forces used for design need not exceed the maximum pilot forces prescribed in 5.3.3.

**5.3.3 Loads Resulting from Limit Pilot Forces**—The main control systems for the direct control of the airplane about its longitudinal, lateral, or yaw axis, including the supporting points and stops, must be designed for the limit loads resulting from the limit pilot forces as follows:

**5.3.3.1 Pitch**—445 N (100 lbf) at the grips of the stick or wheel.

**5.3.3.2 Roll**—180 N (40.5 lbf) at the grip(s) of the stick or wheel.

**5.3.3.3 Yaw**—580 N (130 lbf) acting forward on one rudder pedal.

**5.3.3.4** The rudder control system must be designed to a load of 580 N (130 lbf) per pedal acting simultaneously on both pedals in the forward direction.

**5.3.4 Dual-Control Systems**—Dual-control systems must be designed for the loads resulting from each pilot applying 0.75 times the load specified in 5.3.3 with the pilots acting in opposition.

**5.3.5 Secondary Control Systems**—Secondary control systems, such as those for flaps and trim control must be designed for the maximum forces that a pilot is likely to apply.

**5.3.6 Control System Stiffness and Stretch**—The amount of control surface or tab movement available to the pilot shall not



be dangerously reduced by elastic stretch or shortening of the system in any condition.

**5.3.7 Ground Gust Conditions**—The control system from the control surfaces to the stops or control locks, when installed, must be designed for limit loads due to gusts corresponding to the following hinge moments:

$$M_S = k \cdot C_S \cdot S_S \cdot q \quad (1)$$

where:

- $M_S$  = limit hinge moment,
- $C_S$  = mean chord of the control surface aft of the hinge line,
- $S_S$  = area of the control surface aft of the hinge line,
- $q$  = dynamic pressure corresponding to an airspeed of 20 m/s (38 kts), and
- $k$  = limit hinge moment coefficient due to ground gust = 0.75.

**5.3.8 Control Surface Mass Balance Weights**—If applicable shall be designed for:

5.3.8.1 The  $n = 16$  limit load normal to the surface, and

5.3.8.2 The  $n = 8$  limit load fore and aft and parallel to the hinge line.

**5.3.9** The motion of wing flaps on opposite sides of the plane of symmetry must be synchronized by a mechanical interconnection unless the airplane has safe flight characteristics with the wing flaps retracted on one side and extended on the other.

**5.3.10** All primary controls shall have stops within the system to withstand the greater of pilot force, 125 % of surface loads, or ground gust loads (see 5.3.7).

#### 5.4 Horizontal Stabilizing and Balancing Surfaces:

##### 5.4.1 Balancing Loads:

5.4.1.1 A horizontal stabilizing surface balancing load is the load necessary to maintain equilibrium in any specified flight condition with no pitching acceleration.

5.4.1.2 Horizontal stabilizing surfaces must be designed for the balancing loads occurring at any point on the limit maneuvering envelope and in the air-brake and wing-flap positions specified in 5.2.5.3.

**5.4.2 Maneuvering Loads**—Horizontal stabilizing surfaces must be designed for pilot-induced pitching maneuvers imposed by the following conditions:

5.4.2.1 At speed  $V_A$ , maximum upward deflection of pitch control surface,

5.4.2.2 At speed  $V_A$ , maximum downward deflection of pitch control surface,

5.4.2.3 At speed  $V_D$ , one-third maximum upward deflection of pitch control surface, and

5.4.2.4 At speed  $V_D$ , one-third maximum downward deflection of pitch control surface.

**NOTE 4**—In 5.4.2, the following assumptions should be made: the airplane is initially in level flight, and its altitude and airspeed do not change. The loads are balanced by inertia forces.

**5.4.3 Gust Loads**—The horizontal stabilizing surfaces must be designed for the loads resulting from:

5.4.3.1 The gust velocities specified in 5.2.3.3 with flaps retracted, and

5.4.3.2 Positive and negative gusts of 7.5 m/s (24.6 ft/s) nominal intensity at  $V_F$  with the flaps fully extended.

**NOTE 5**—In the absence of a more rational analysis, the horizontal surfaces gust loads may be computed by the method of Appendix X5.

#### 5.5 Vertical Stabilizing Surfaces:

**5.5.1 Maneuvering Loads**—The vertical stabilizing surfaces must be designed for maneuvering loads imposed by the following conditions:

5.5.1.1 At speed  $V_A$ , full deflection of the yaw control in both directions.

5.5.1.2 At speed  $V_D$ , one-third full deflection of the yaw control in both directions.

##### 5.5.2 Gust Loads:

5.5.2.1 The vertical stabilizing surfaces must be designed to withstand lateral gusts of the values prescribed in 5.2.3.3.

**NOTE 6**—In the absence of a more rational analysis, the vertical surfaces gust loads may be computed by the method in Appendix X5.2.

#### 5.5.3 Outboard Fins or Winglets:

5.5.3.1 If outboard fins or winglets are on the horizontal surfaces or wings, the horizontal surfaces or wings must be designed for their maximum load in combination with loads induced by the fins or winglets and moments or forces exerted on the horizontal surfaces or wings by the fins or winglets.

5.5.3.2 If outboard fins or winglets extend above and below the horizontal surface, the critical vertical surface loading (the load per unit area determined in accordance with 5.5.1 and 5.5.2) must be applied to:

(1) The part of the vertical surface above the horizontal surface with 80 % of that loading applied to the part below the horizontal surface or wing, and

(2) The part of the vertical surface below the horizontal surface or wing with 80 % of that loading applied to the part above the horizontal surface or wing.

5.5.3.3 The end plate effects of outboard fins or winglets must be taken into account in applying the yawing conditions of 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 to the vertical surfaces in 5.5.3.2.

5.5.3.4 When rational methods are used for computing loads, the maneuvering loads of 5.5.1 on the vertical surfaces and the  $n = 1$  horizontal surface or wing load, including induced loads on the horizontal surface or wing and moments or forces exerted on the horizontal surfaces or wing, must be applied simultaneously for the structural loading condition.

#### 5.6 Supplementary Conditions for Stabilizing Surfaces:

##### 5.6.1 Combined Loads on Stabilizing Surfaces:

5.6.1.1 With the airplane in a loading condition corresponding to A or D in Fig. 1 (whichever condition leads to the higher balance load) the loads on the horizontal surface must be combined with those on the vertical surface as specified in 5.5.1. It must be assumed that 75 % of the loads according to 5.4.2 for the horizontal stabilizing surface and 5.5.1 for the vertical stabilizing surface are acting simultaneously.

5.6.1.2 The stabilizing surfaces and fuselage must be designed for asymmetric loads on the stabilizing surfaces which would result from application of the highest symmetric maneuver loads of 5.4.2 so that 100 % of the horizontal stabilizer surface loading is applied to one side of the plane symmetry and 70 % on the opposite side.

**5.6.2 Additional Loads Applying to V-Tails**—An airplane with a V-tail must be designed for a gust acting perpendicular



to one of the surfaces at speed  $V_C$ . This condition is supplemental to the equivalent horizontal and vertical cases previously specified.

### 5.7 Ailerons, Wing Flaps, and Special Devices:

5.7.1 *Ailerons*—The ailerons must be designed for control loads corresponding to the following conditions:

5.7.1.1 At speed  $V_A$ , the full deflection of the roll control.

5.7.1.2 At speed  $V_D$ , one-third of the full deflection of the roll control.

5.7.2 *Flaps*—Wing flaps, their operating mechanisms, and supporting structure must be designed for the critical loads occurring in the flaps-extended operating range with the flaps in any position. The effects of propeller slipstream, corresponding to takeoff power, must be taken into account at an airspeed of not less than  $1.4 V_S$ , where  $V_S$  is the computed stalling speed with flaps fully retracted at the design weight. For investigating the slipstream effects, the load factor may be assumed to be 1.0.

5.7.3 *Special Devices*—The loadings for special devices using aerodynamic surfaces, such as slots and spoilers, must be determined from test data or reliable aerodynamic data that allows close estimates.

### 5.8 Ground Load Conditions:

5.8.1 *Basic Landing Conditions*—The requirements for the basic landing conditions are given in 5.8.1.1 to 5.8.1.3, Table 2, and Fig. 2.

5.8.1.1 The load factor on the wheels,  $n_j$ , may be computed as follows:

$$n_j = \frac{h + \frac{d}{3}}{ef \times d}$$

where:

$h$  = drop height,  $m = 0.0132 \sqrt{W/S}$  with  $W/S$  in  $N/m^2$ , but  $h$  larger than 0.23 m (9.1 in.),

$d$  = total shock absorber travel,  $m = d_{tire} + d_{shock}$ ,

$ef$  = shock efficiency, and

$ef \times d$  =  $0.5 \times d$  for tire and rubber or spring shocks, or  
=  $0.5 \times d_{tire} + 0.65 \times d_{shock}$  for hydraulic shock absorbers.

5.8.1.2 If  $n_j$  is larger than 3.33, all concentrated masses (engine, fuel tanks, occupant seats, ballast, etc.) must be substantiated for a limit landing load factor of  $n_j + 0.67 = n$  which is greater than 4.

5.8.1.3 The usual ultimate factor of safety of 1.5 applies to these conditions, unless a drop test from the reserve energy height,  $hr = 1.44h$ , shows that a lower factor may be used. If the shock absorber is of a fast energy absorbing type, the ultimate loads are the limit load multiplied by the conservative reserve energy factor of 1.2.

5.8.1.4 *Side Load Conditions*—The requirements for the side load conditions on the main wheels in a level attitude are given in Fig. 3.

5.8.1.5 *Braked Roll Conditions*—The requirements for the braked roll conditions on the main wheels in a level attitude are given in Fig. 4.

5.8.1.6 *Supplementary Conditions for Tail Wheel*—The requirements for the tail wheel conditions in a tail down attitude are given in Fig. 5.

5.8.1.7 *Supplementary Conditions for Nose Wheel*—The requirements for supplementary conditions for nose wheels are given in Fig. 6 (the static load is at the combination of weight and CG that gives the maximum loads).

**TABLE 2 Basic Landing Conditions**

NOTE 1—

$K = 0.25$

$L = \frac{2}{3}$  = ratio of the assumed wing lift to the airplane weight

$n = n_j + \frac{2}{3}$  = load factor

$n_j$  = load factor on wheels in accordance with 5.8.1

NOTE 2—See Fig. 2 for the airplane landing conditions.

Condition	Tail Wheel Type			Nose Wheel Type	
	Level Landing	Tail-down Landing	Level Landing with Inclined Reactions	Level Landing with Nose Wheel Just Clear of Ground	Tail-Down Landing
Vertical component at CG	nW	nW	nW	nW	nW
Fore and aft component at CG	KnW	0	KnW	KnW	0
Lateral component in either direction at CG	0	0	0	0	0
Shock absorber deflection (rubber or spring shock absorber), %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Tire deflection	Static	Static	Static	Static	Static
Main wheel loads ( $V_r$ )	(n-L)W	(n-L)Wb/d	(n-L)Wa'/d'	(n-L)W	(n-L)W
(both wheels) ( $D_r$ )	KnW	0	KnWa'/d'	KnW	0
Tail (nose) wheels ( $V_r$ )	0	(n-L)Wa/d	(n-L)Wb'/d'	0	0
Loads ( $D_r$ )	0	0	KnWb'/d'	0	0



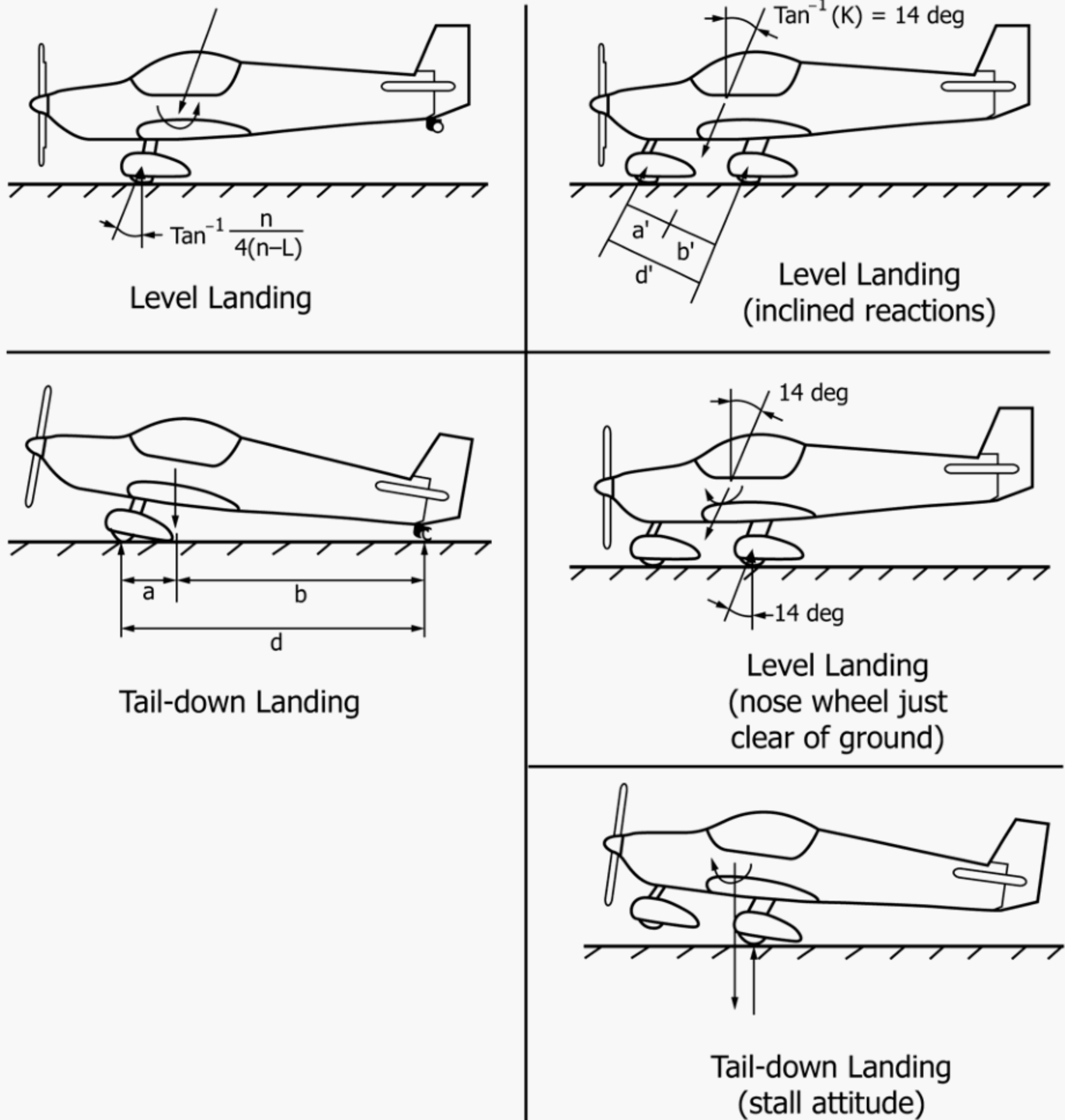


FIG. 2 Basic Landing Conditions

5.8.1.8 For the conditions in 5.8.1.4 to 5.8.1.7, the shock absorbers and tires are assumed to be in their static position.

#### 5.9 Water Load Conditions:

5.9.1 The structure of seaplanes and amphibians must be designed for water loads developed during takeoff and landing with the airplane in any attitude likely to occur in normal operations at appropriate forward and sinking velocities under the most severe sea conditions likely to be encountered. Unless sufficient satisfactory service experience is available, a rational analysis of the water loads, or the methods specified in Appendix X6 may be used.

#### 5.10 Emergency Landing Conditions:

5.10.1 The structure must be designed to protect each occupant during emergency landing conditions when occupants (through a lap belt and at least one shoulder harness) as well as any concentrated weight located behind or above the occupant (such as engine, baggage, fuel, ESD, ballast, and so forth), experience the static inertia loads corresponding to the following ultimate load factors (these are three independent conditions):

5.10.1.1  $n = 3$  up,

5.10.1.2  $n = 9$  ( $n = 10$  for engines and ESD(s)) forward, and

5.10.1.3  $n = 1.5$  lateral.



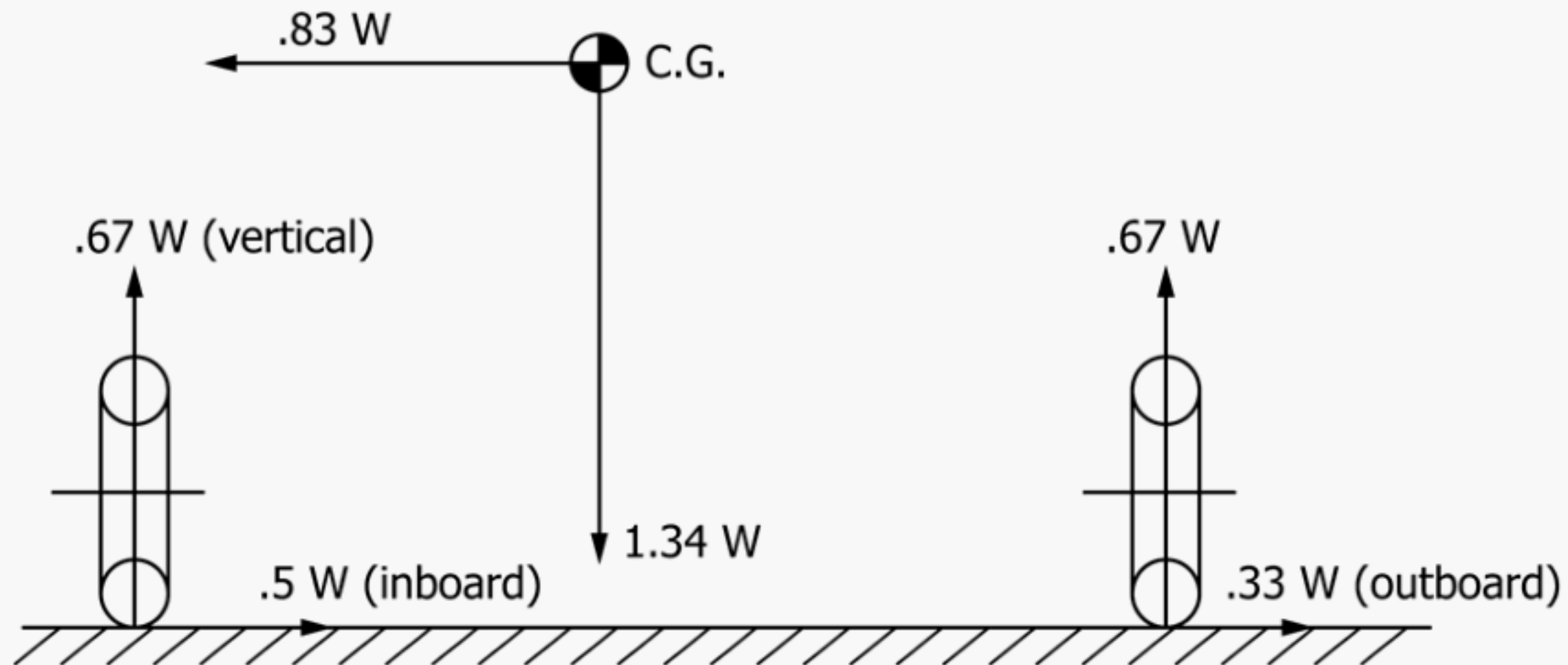


FIG. 3 Side Load Conditions

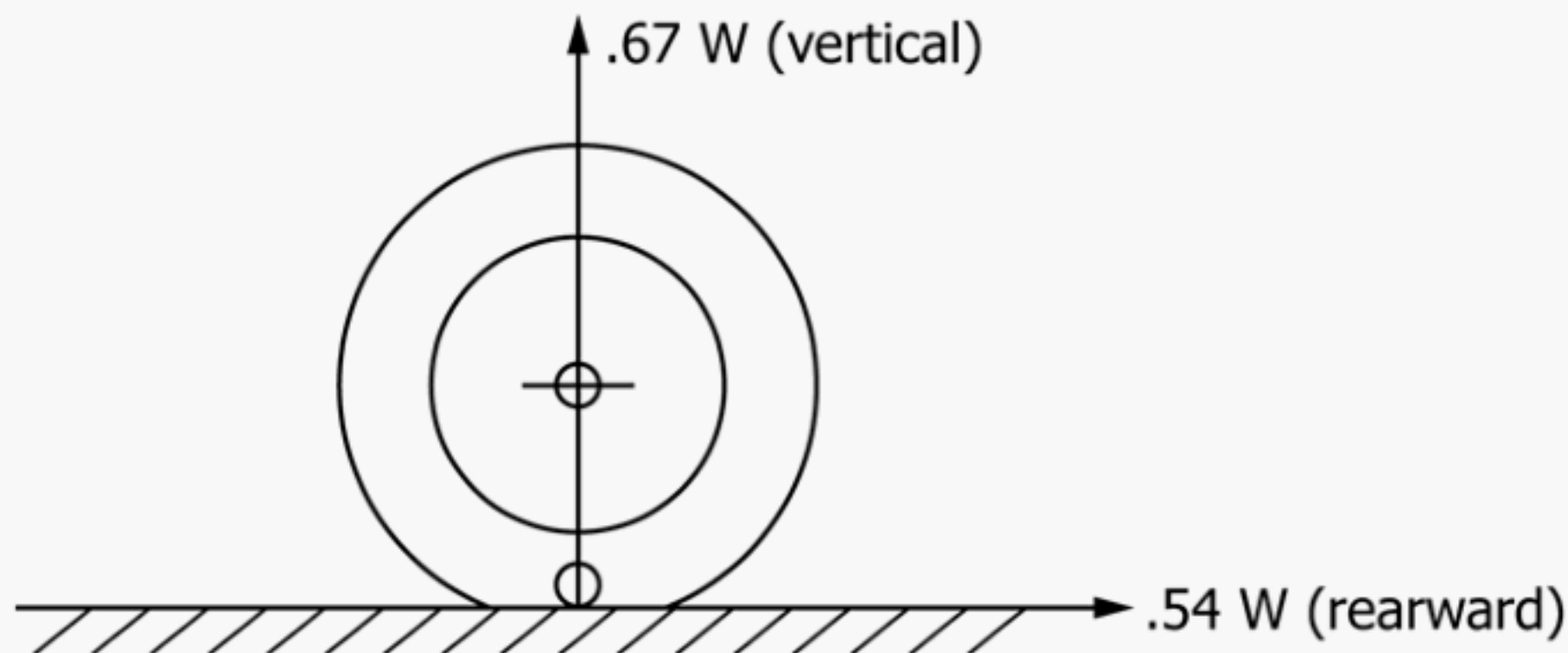


FIG. 4 Braked Roll Conditions

#### 5.11 Other Loads:

5.11.1 *Tie-Down Points*—Tie-down points shall be designed for the maximum wind at which the airplane may be tied down in the open.  $V_R = 20$  m/s (38 kts) minimum as given in 5.3.7 may be used.

5.11.2 *Parachute System Loads*—If the aircraft is to be equipped with an emergency parachute system (Ballistic Recovery System), the attachment point(s) to the airframe must be designed in accordance with Specification F2316.

5.11.3 *Loads from Single Masses*—The attachment means for all single masses which are part of the equipment for the airplane must be designed to withstand loads corresponding to the maximum design load factors to be expected from the established flight and ground loads.

### 6. Design and Construction

6.1 *General*—The integrity of any novel or unusual design feature having an important bearing on safety shall be established by test.

6.2 *Materials*—Materials shall be suitable and durable for the intended use. Design values (strength) must be chosen so

that no structural part is under strength as a result of material variations or load concentration, or both.

6.3 *Fabrication Methods*—Manufactured parts, assemblies, and completed airplanes shall be produced in accordance with the manufacturer's quality assurance and production acceptance test procedures.

6.4 *Self-Locking Nuts*—No self-locking nut shall be used on any bolt subject to rotation in operation unless a nonfriction locking device is used in addition to the self-locking device.

6.5 *Protection of Structure*—Protection of the structure against weathering, corrosion, and wear, as well as suitable ventilation and drainage, shall be provided as required.

6.6 *Accessibility*—Accessibility for critical structural elements and control system inspection, adjustment, maintenance, and repair shall be provided.

6.7 *Rigging*—Unless specified otherwise, rigging and de-rigging must be able to be performed by persons having no more than average skill. It must be possible to inspect the airplane easily for correct rigging and safe-tying.



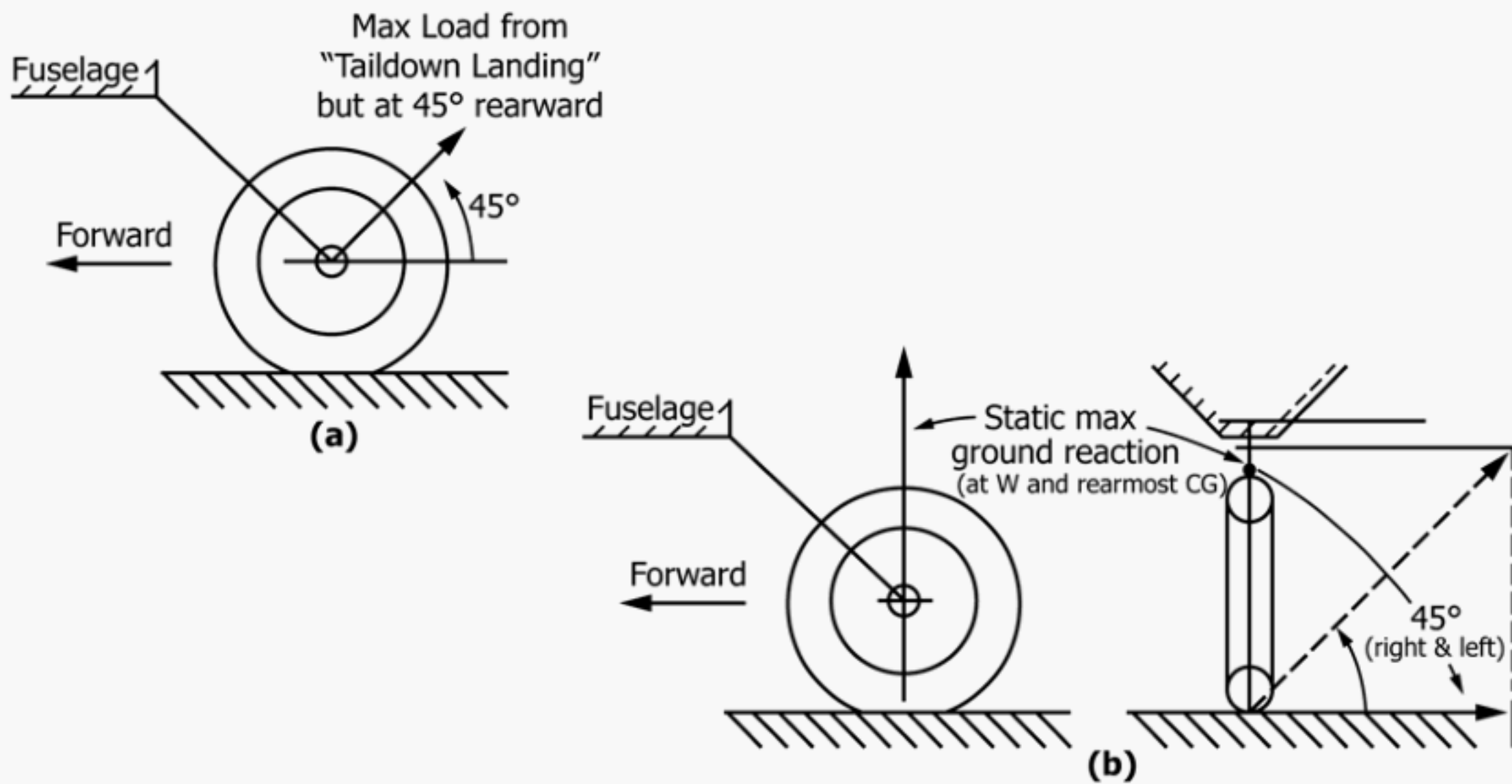


FIG. 5 Supplementary Conditions for Tail Wheel

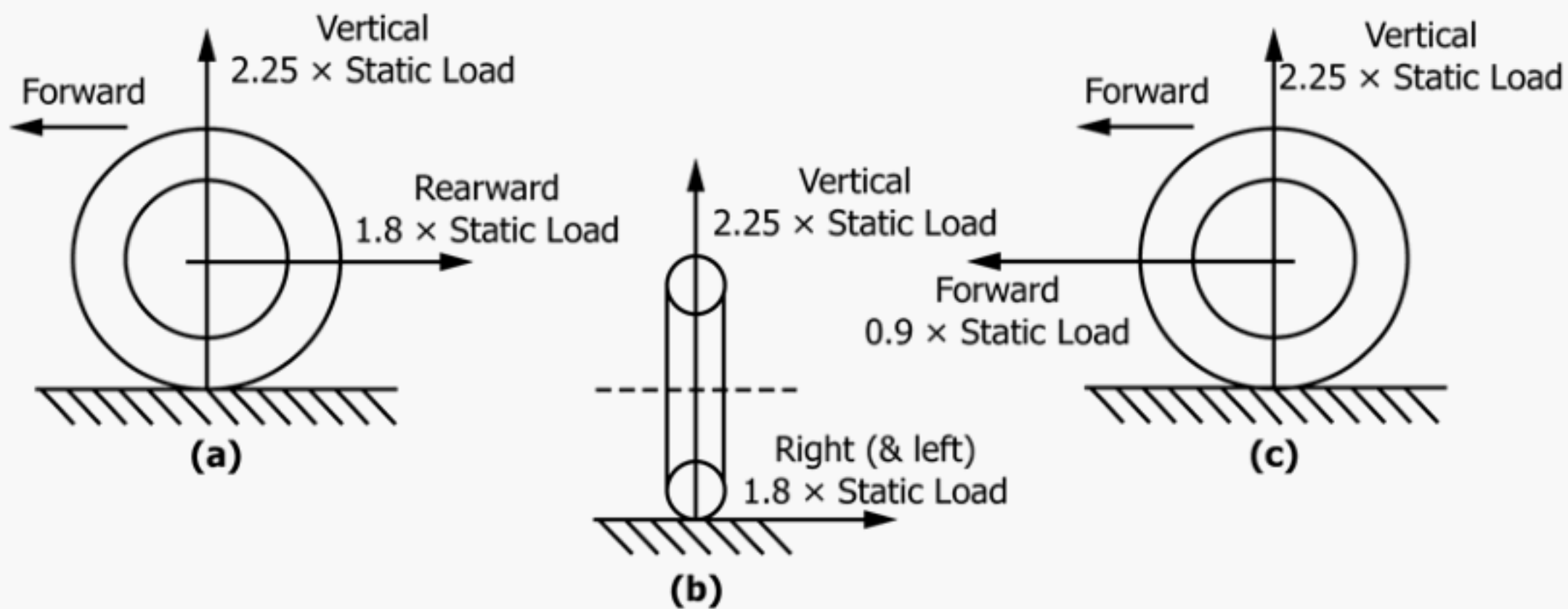


FIG. 6 Supplementary Conditions for Nose Wheel

6.8 *Proof of Design*—Fulfillment of the design requirements for the airplane shall be determined by conservative analysis, or tests, or a combination of both. Structural analysis alone may be used for validation of the structural requirements only if the structure conforms to those for which experience has shown this method to be reliable. Flight tests to limit load factors at maximum takeoff weight and at speeds from  $V_A$  to the maximum allowable speed for the configuration being investigated are an acceptable proof (see 5.1.3 and 5.1.4).

6.9 *Control System-Operation Test*—It must be shown by functional tests that the control system installed on the airplane is free from interference, jamming, excessive friction, and excessive deflection when the control system design loads (see 5.3) are applied to the controls and the surfaces. The control system stops must withstand those loads.

#### 6.10 Pilot Compartment:

6.10.1 Pilot comfort, appropriate visibility (instruments, placards, and outside), accessibility, ability to conduct an emergency escape, and ability to reach all controls for smooth and positive operation shall be provided.

6.10.2 Occupant lap belts, harnesses, and baggage restraints, and their attachments to the structure shall be designed for the maximum load factors corresponding to the specified ground and flight conditions including the emergency landing conditions prescribed in 5.10 and the special factors of safety in 5.1.2.2. A straight pull test of each assembly (lap belt as one assembly and shoulder harness as a separate assembly, if not continuous) of at least 7600 N (1710 lbf) for at least 3 s without failure is considered sufficient for demonstrating compliance of the belt and harness materials and associated stitching to the requirements of 6.10.2. The use of any one of the following approved safety belts shall be acceptable without further testing:

6.10.2.1 Technical Standard Order TSO-C22f, Safety Belts.

6.10.2.2 Technical Standard Order TSO-C22g, Safety Belts.

6.10.2.3 SAE Aerospace Standards AS8043B, Restraint Systems for Civil Aircraft.

6.10.2.4 SAE Aerospace Standards AS8049, Performance Standards for Seats in Civil Rotorcraft, Transport Aircraft, and General Aviation Aircraft.



6.10.2.5 Safety belts that meet 49 CFR Part 571.209.

6.10.2.6 Technical Standard Order TSO-C114, Torso Restraint Systems.

#### 6.11 *Airspeed Indication System:*

6.11.1 The airspeed indication system must be calibrated in flight to determine the system error from  $V_{S0}$  to  $V_H$ .

6.11.2 The airspeed indication system error, including position error, but excluding the airspeed indicator instrument calibration error, may not exceed 5 kts or 5 %, whichever is greater, throughout the following speed ranges:

6.11.2.1 1.3  $V_{S0}$  to  $V_H$  with flaps retracted.

6.11.2.2 1.3  $V_{S0}$  to  $V_{FE}$  with flaps extended.

NOTE 7—For the purposes of determining IAS, error values in the range from  $V_H$  to  $V_{NE}$  may be extrapolated.

6.12 *Angle of Attack (AOA) System*—If installed, angle of attack systems shall meet the following requirements:

6.12.1 The system shall clearly and intuitively indicate the approach, or trend, to critical AOA.

6.12.2 The AOA must not provide information that is misleading or that is in conflict with other aircraft systems or equipment.

6.12.3 The proper function of the AOA system must be verified by flight test.

#### 6.13 *Airplanes with EPU:*

6.13.1 Potential risk of local or overall high temperature, toxic or chemically aggressive emission or other likely threat resulting from the ESD installation and operation must be identified.

6.13.2 Potentially affected structure, systems, other components of the aircraft or occupant(s) shall be identified. Protection against the identified risks shall be provided. This may include, but is not limited to firewalls, heat shielding, electrical isolation, ventilation or drainage.

6.13.3 Adequacy of firewalls as defined in 7.6 used to shield ESD must be considered for the individual risk case.

6.13.4 To supplement isolation barriers or firewalls, fire suppression-abatement methods may be considered and utilized if demonstrated by actual testing, or, fire proof vents may be incorporated into the design to discharge combustion products clear of the aircraft.

#### 6.14 *Floats and Hulls:*

6.14.1 *Floats*—Each main float must have:

6.14.1.1 A buoyancy of at least 1.8 times the portion of the maximum static weight which that float is expected to carry in fresh water; and

6.14.1.2 Enough watertight compartments to provide reasonable assurance that the seaplane or amphibian will stay afloat without capsizing if any two compartments of the main floats are flooded.

6.14.2 *Hulls*—Hulls must be designed and arranged so that the hull, auxiliary floats and tires (if used), will keep the airplane afloat without capsizing in fresh water.

6.14.3 *Auxiliary Floats*—Auxiliary floats must be arranged so that when completely submerged in fresh water, they provide a righting moment of at least 1.5 times the upsetting moment caused by the seaplane or amphibian being tilted.

## 7. Powerplant

### 7.1 *Installation:*

7.1.1 The powerplant installation shall be easily accessible for inspection and maintenance.

7.1.2 The powerplant attachment to the airframe is part of the structure and shall withstand the applicable load factors.

7.1.3 *Propeller-Engine-Airframe Interactions*—In the absence of a more rigorous approach, powerplant installations must be shown to have satisfactory endurance in accordance with the requirements described in 7.1.3.1 – 7.1.3.3 without failure, malfunction, excessive wear, or other anomalies.

7.1.3.1 One hundred hours (100 h) of flight operations for any approved propeller, engine, and engine mount combination. The testing must be completed on a single set of hardware, inclusive of engine, propeller, and engine mount.

7.1.3.2 A modification to an existing installation that complies with the requirement described in 7.1.3.1 involving only a propeller or engine mount change shall complete 25 h of flight operations. For the purposes of this requirement, propeller pitch changes to an otherwise approved installation are not considered to be a propeller change.

7.1.3.3 Aircraft performance, controllability, maneuverability, and structural flight testing may be counted toward the requirements of this section.

NOTE 8—Compliance with 7.1.3 is considered an acceptable demonstration that the engine, propeller, airframe interaction does not exhibit vibration or other operational anomalies.

### 7.2 *Engines and Propellers:*

7.2.1 Installed engines shall conform to Practice F2339, Practice F2538, or Practice F2840, or shall be type certificated or otherwise approved under 14 CFR Part 33, CS-E, or CS-22 Subpart H standards.

7.2.2 Installed propellers shall conform to Specification F2506 or shall be type certificated or otherwise approved under 14 CFR Part 35, CS-P, or CS-22 Subpart J standards.

NOTE 9—Type certified items may be subject to additional regulatory maintenance requirements.

7.3 *Fuel System*—If the airplane is provided with a fuel system then:

7.3.1 The fuel system must be free from vapor lock when using aircraft manufacturer approved fuels at critical temperature<sup>7</sup> in all approved operating conditions including departures with a heat-soaked engine.

NOTE 10—It is common for a cowled engine to be heat-soaked after a minimum 30 min flight, a 20 to 40 min ground stop followed by another flight with a minimum ambient ground temperature of 27 °C (80 °F).

7.3.1.1 If the airplane is to be approved for use with automotive gasoline (autogas or mogas), either containing ethanol or ethanol-free, or an ASTM-approved avgas specification, either leaded (for example, Specification D910) or unleaded (for example, Specification D7547), the aircraft

<sup>7</sup> The limits listed are the maximum limit for vapor pressure of each of their respective standards.



fuel system must demonstrate successful operation free from vapor lock while using either:<sup>8,9</sup>

(1) Class E-6 blend autogas in accordance with Specification **D4814**, with a vapor pressure minimum of 103 kPa (15.0 psi).

(2) Class F blend in accordance with EN 228, with a minimum vapor pressure of 100 kPa (14.5 psi).

NOTE 11—If successful compliance to **7.3.1.1** is shown, autogas or avgas (either leaded or unleaded) may be added to the aircraft's approved fuels.

NOTE 12—Learning documents (for reference only; not mandatory): FAA AC 23-16A, Section 23.961 and AC 23.1521-2.

7.3.1.2 If the airplane is intended to be approved solely for use with an ASTM-approved avgas specification, either leaded (for example, Specification **D910**) or unleaded (for example, Specification **D7547**), compliance with this section may be shown when the aircraft fuel system can demonstrate successful operation free from vapor lock while using a blend with a vapor pressure minimum of 49.0 kPa (7.1 psi). If successful compliance is shown, avgas (either leaded or unleaded) may be added to the aircraft's approved fuels.

7.3.1.3 Critical temperature ranges to use for various fuel types include:

(1) Aviation gasoline and turbine fuel, 43 °C to 46 °C (110 °F to 115 °F).

(2) Autogas containing alcohol, 35 °C to 38 °C (95 °F to 100 °F).

(3) Autogas not containing alcohol, 29 °C to 32 °C (85 °F to 90 °F).

(4) Fuels that consist primarily of one constituent (for example, MTBE or methanol), 52 °C to 55 °C (125 °F to 131 °F).

7.3.2 The unusable fuel quantity for each tank must be established by tests and shall not be less than the quantity at which the first evidence of engine fuel starvation occurs under each intended flight operation and maneuver.

7.3.3 Tanks must be protected against wear from vibrations and their installation shall be able to withstand the applicable inertia loads.

7.3.4 Fuel tanks shall be designed to withstand a positive pressure of 24.5 kPa (3.55 psi) (2.5 m (8.2 ft) water column).

7.3.5 The filler must be located outside the passenger compartment and spilled fuel must be prevented from entering or accumulating in any enclosed part of the airplane.

7.3.6 Each tank must be vented. The vent must discharge clear of the airplane.

7.3.7 There must be at least one drain to allow safe drainage. A drainable sediment bowl located at the lowest point in the fuel system may be used instead of the drainable sump in the fuel tank.

7.3.8 A fuel strainer and filter accessible for inspection, cleaning, or replacement must be included in the system.

7.3.8.1 There must be a fuel filter between the tank outlet and the engine. A filter screen installed to a sediment bowl (gascolator) or a separate filter are acceptable.

7.3.8.2 There must be one or more strainers inside each fuel tank that protect each tank outlet (excluding drains and vents) by reducing the risk of foreign objects or contamination in the fuel tank restricting the fuel supply to the engine. Use of a cylindrical strainer with 3 to 7 openings per centimetre, a minimum diameter matching at least the flow diameter of the outlet, and an effective filtration length of at least twice its diameter is acceptable.

7.3.9 The fuel lines must be properly supported and protected from vibrations and wear.

7.3.10 Fuel lines located in an area subject to high heat (engine compartment) must be fire resistant or protected with a fire-resistant covering.

7.3.11 There must be a fuel shutoff valve accessible to the pilot while wearing a seat belt or harness.

7.4 *Oil System*—If an engine is provided with an oil system, it must be:

7.4.1 Capable of supplying the engine with an adequate quantity of oil at a temperature not exceeding the maximum established by the engine manufacturer, and

7.4.2 The oil tank or radiator, or both, must be installed to withstand the applicable inertia loads and vibrations, and the oil breather (vent) must be resistant to blockage caused by icing. Oil foam from the breather shall not constitute a hazard.

7.5 *Induction System*—If the airplane is provided with an induction system, the system shall be designed to minimize the potential of carburetor icing.

7.6 *Fire Prevention*—The engine, if enclosed, must be isolated from the rest of the airplane by a firewall or shroud. It must be constructed as far as practical to prevent liquid, gas, or flames, or a combination thereof, from entering the airplane. The use of any one of the following materials shall be acceptable without further testing:

7.6.1 Stainless steel, not less than 0.38 mm (0.015 in.) thick,

7.6.2 Mild steel (corrosion-protected), not less than 0.46 mm (0.018 in.) thick, or

7.6.3 Alternative materials that provide protection equivalent to **7.6.1** or **7.6.2**.

7.7 *EPU Wiring*—If the aircraft is provided with a EPU then:

7.7.1 Wiring must be properly supported to prevent excessive vibration and withstand loads due to inertial forces during flight.

7.7.2 Wiring carrying the power consumed by the electric motor must be supported such that any possibility for wire chafing, shorting, or adverse contact with the airframe is eliminated.

7.7.3 Wiring connected to components of the airplane, between which relative motion could exist, must have provisions for flexibility.

<sup>8</sup> The sole source of supply of Class E-6 blend autogas and Class F blend known to the committee at this time is Swift Fuels LLC, 1435 Win Henschel Blvd, Ste 205, West Lafayette, IN 47906. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

<sup>9</sup> Autogas is governed by Specification **D4814** in the US and by EN 228 throughout Europe and other parts of the world.



## 8. Required Equipment

8.1 The aircraft shall be designed with the following minimum instrumentation and equipment:

### 8.2 *Flight and Navigation Instruments:*

8.2.1 Airspeed indicator, and

8.2.2 Altimeter.

### 8.3 *Powerplant Instruments:*

8.3.1 Fuel quantity indicator (or equivalent for EPU),

8.3.2 Tachometer (RPM),

8.3.3 Engine “kill” switch (or equivalent for EPU), and

8.3.4 Engine instruments as required by the engine manufacturer.

### 8.4 *Miscellaneous Equipment—Other Than EPU:*

8.4.1 If installed, an electrical system shall include a master switch and overload protection devices (fuses or circuit breakers).

8.4.2 The electric wiring shall be sized according to the load of each circuit.

8.4.3 The battery installation shall withstand all applicable inertia loads.

8.4.4 Battery containers shall be vented outside of the airplane (see 6.5).

8.5 *Safety Belts and Harnesses*—There must be a lap belt and at least one shoulder harness for each occupant and adequate means to restrain the baggage.

## 9. Operating Limitations and Information

### 9.1 *Markings and Placards:*

#### 9.1.1 *General:*

9.1.1.1 The airplane must contain the markings and placards specified within this section and any additional information, instrument markings, and placards required for safe operation if it has unusual design, operating, or handling characteristics.

9.1.1.2 Each marking and placard prescribed in this section must be displayed in a conspicuous place and may not be easily erased, disfigured, or obscured.

9.1.1.3 The units of measurement used on placards must be the same as those used on the corresponding equipment.

9.1.1.4 The placards and marking information in this section must be furnished in the Pilot’s Operating Handbook.

9.1.1.5 *Language and Localization*—The language used in markings and placards may be adjusted to accommodate language and localization concerns. For example, the word “aeroplane” may be substituted for the word “airplane”.

#### 9.1.2 *Instrument Markings:*

9.1.2.1 When markings are on an instrument cover, there must be means to maintain the correct alignment of the cover with the face of the instrument.

9.1.2.2 Markings must be large enough to be clearly visible to the pilot.

9.1.2.3 *Airspeed Indicator*—Each airspeed indicator must be marked at the corresponding indicated airspeed as follows:

(1) *Flap Operating Range*—A continuous white marker with the lower limit at  $V_{SO}$  established under 4.4.1 and the upper limit at  $V_{FE}$ . For airplanes without flaps, this marker is not required.

(2) *Normal Operating Range*—A continuous green marker with the lower limit at  $V_S$  established under 4.4.1 and the upper limit at  $V_C$  established under 5.2.4.3.

(3) *Caution Range*—A continuous yellow marker extending from upper limit of the green marker specified in Item 2 (above) to the  $V_{NE}$  line specified in Item 4 (below).

(4) *Never Exceed Speed,  $V_{NE}$* —A red line perpendicular to the movement direction of the indicator.

9.1.3 *Pilot Warning*—A placard that specifies the kinds of operation to which the airplane is limited or from which it is prohibited and that the airplane is to be operated according to the limitations in the Pilot’s Operating Handbook. The kinds of operation specified on the placard must be within the limits given in 9.2.

9.1.4 *Passenger Warning*—“This aircraft was manufactured in accordance with Light Sport Aircraft airworthiness standards and does not conform to standard category airworthiness requirements.”

9.1.5 *Spinning*—“NO INTENTIONAL SPINS” if applicable (see 4.5.9).

9.1.6 *Occupant Safety Restraint System*—The occupant restraint system must have a permanent and legible marking stating compliance with ASTM F2245, the working load rating (see 6.10.2), and the date of manufacture. The use of approved safety belts listed in 6.10.2.1, 6.10.2.2, 6.10.2.3, 6.10.2.4, 6.10.2.5, or 6.10.2.6 shall be deemed acceptable.

### 9.2 *Kinds of Operation:*

9.2.1 Flight operations are limited to VMC (visual meteorological conditions).

9.2.2 Flight operations in IMC (instrument meteorological conditions) are prohibited.

### 9.3 *Operating Limitations:*

9.3.1 *Operating Maneuvering Speed,  $V_O$* —Should be set to adequately protect the structure from full or abrupt single control input in pitch and is defined as the lesser of:

9.3.1.1  $V_S \sqrt{n_1}$ , where  $V_S$  is the flight-tested stall speed in CAS,

9.3.1.2 The  $V_A$  that was used in design, or

9.3.1.3 A value less than the one in 9.3.1.1 or 9.3.1.2 that meets the stated objective.

## 10. Pilot’s Operating Handbook

10.1 Each airplane shall include a Pilot’s Operating Handbook (POH) that conforms to Specification F2746 or the guidelines for format and content of GAMA Specification No. 1.

## 11. Keywords

11.1 fixed-wing aircraft; light sport airplane



**A1. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT SPORT AIRPLANES USED TO TOW GLIDERS**
**A1.1 Applicability**

A1.1.1 This annex is applicable to light sport airplanes that are to be used to tow gliders.

**A1.2 Minimum Climb Performance While Towing**

A1.2.1 The aircraft must be capable of achieving a gradient of climb while towing of at least  $\frac{1}{18}$ , while not exceeding the maximum placarded towing speed of the towing aircraft, or the maximum safe towing speed of the aircraft being towed.

A1.2.2 The aircraft must be capable of achieving a rate of climb while towing of at least 0.75 m/s (46 m/min or 152 ft/min), while not exceeding the maximum placarded towing speed of the towing aircraft, or the maximum safe towing speed of the aircraft being towed.

NOTE A1.1—Compliance with this section must take into account the performance and control capabilities of both the towing aircraft and the aircraft being towed. In order to account for varying performance and control capabilities on the part of the towed aircraft, the manufacturer of the towing aircraft may specify a maximum weight and maximum drag for the towed aircraft at each speed for which the towing aircraft is approved for tow operations, such that the required climb performances can be achieved. Compliance with this section is then shown when the towed aircraft is safely controllable under tow at a speed for which its drag and weight are within these prescribed maximum weight and drag limits.

A1.2.3 When towing gliders that are type certificated as sailplanes, powered sailplanes or that are Light Sport Gliders in compliance with Specification **F2564**, the minimum climb rate that must be achieved as required in **A1.2.2** is 1.50 m/s (90 m/min or 295 ft/min). The climb angle requirement in accordance with **A1.2.1** does not apply to this case.

**A1.3 Controllability and Maneuverability**

A1.3.1 The tow aircraft shall be safely controllable and maneuverable during all ground and flight operations applicable to normal towing operations, including both deliberate and inadvertent release of the glider being towed.

**A1.4 Stability**

A1.4.1 It shall be possible to conduct normal towing operations, including both deliberate and inadvertent release of the glider being towed, without incurring any dangerous reduction in the stability of the aircraft.

**A1.5 Structure and Strength Requirements**

A1.5.1 Strength requirements for the aircraft structure shall take into account the effects of loads arising from towing equipment that is installed on the aircraft in accordance with **A1.6**.

**A1.6 Design and Construction**
**A1.6.1 Glider Towing Equipment Installations:**

A1.6.1.1 The maximum all up takeoff weight of the glider to be towed, including pilot and all equipment, shall be selected by the manufacturer.

A1.6.1.2 The maximum glider towing speed ( $V_T$ ), shall be selected by the manufacturer. The  $V_T$  shall be at least  $1.3V_S$ , where  $V_S$  is the computed stalling speed of the aircraft in the cruise configuration without a glider in tow.

A1.6.1.3 Tow equipment attach points on the airframe shall have limit and ultimate factors of safety of not less than 1.0 and 1.5 respectively, when loads equal to 1.2 of the nominal strength of the weak link (see **A1.6.1.5**) are applied through the towing hook installation for the following conditions, simultaneously with the loads arising from the most critical normal accelerations (as defined in the normally applicable requirements for structure and strength) at the speed  $V_T$ . The applicable conditions are as follows:

(1) The speed is assumed to be at the maximum glider towing speed  $V_T$ , and

(2) The load at the towing hook installation is assumed to be acting in each of the following directions, relative to the longitudinal centerline of the aircraft: horizontally backwards; backwards and upwards at  $40^\circ$  to the horizontal; backwards and downwards at  $20^\circ$  to the horizontal; and horizontally backwards and  $25^\circ$  sideways in both directions.

A1.6.1.4 The towing hook shall be of a quick release type. It shall be established by test that when the release control is operated simultaneously with loads equal to 10 % and 180 % of the nominal strength of the weak link (see **A1.6.1.5**) applied to the towing hook in each of the directions prescribed in **A1.6.1.3(2)**: (1) the tow cable will be released; (2) the released cable will clear the aircraft structure and control surfaces at full surface travel in each of the directions prescribed in **A1.6.1.7**; and (3) the pilot effort required shall not be less than 20 N (4.5 lbf) nor greater than 100 N (22.5 lbf).

A1.6.1.5 The release control shall be located so that the pilot can operate it without having to release any other primary flight control.

A1.6.1.6 The maximum strength of any weak link that may be interposed in the towing cable shall be established. For the determination of loads to be applied for the purpose of this section, the strength of the weak link shall not be less than 900 N (202.3 lbf).

A1.6.1.7 For purposes of testing for control surface operation and structural interference between towing cable and aircraft components other than the towing hook or any other device designed to guide the towing cable under towing loads, the angles defined in **A1.6.1.3(2)** may be reduced on the basis of test results or operational experience that supports this selection to be safe and conservative for the specific aircraft, considering the complete range of gliders permitted to be towed as specified in the operating limitations in accordance with **A1.7**. In no case the angles may be reduced below  $20^\circ$  in up/down and sideways direction, including a joint up or down and sideways deflection with this angle.



## A1.7 Operating Limitations

A1.7.1 Operating limitations applicable to towing operations must be established and included in the Pilot's Operating Handbook, to include at a minimum:

A1.7.1.1 The maximum permissible towing speed ( $V_T$ ).

A1.7.1.2 The maximum weak link strength (may be specified in terms of the weight of the glider to be towed).

A1.7.1.3 The maximum permissible all up weight of the glider to be towed.

A1.7.1.4 When the performance values as required in **A1.2.3** have not been demonstrated, a limitation must be provided to exclude towing of the types of gliders as specified in **A1.2.3**.

## A2. LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT TO BE FLOWN AT NIGHT

### A2.1 Applicability

A2.1.1 This annex is applicable to light sport airplanes that are to be flown at night.

### A2.2 Flight

A2.2.1 No additional requirements for night operations.

### A2.3 Structure

A2.3.1 No additional requirements for night operations.

### A2.4 Design and Construction

A2.4.1 No additional requirements for night operations.

### A2.5 Powerplant

A2.5.1 A powerplant that has been specifically approved for night operations and complies with Section 7.

### A2.6 Required Equipment

A2.6.1 Instrument lights as specified in **A2.7.1**;

A2.6.2 Position lights as specified in **A2.7.2**;

A2.6.3 An aviation red or aviation white anti-collision light system specified in **A2.7.3**;

A2.6.4 If the aircraft is operated for hire, one electric landing light specified in **A2.7.4**;

A2.6.5 An adequate source of electrical energy for all installed electrical and radio equipment specified in **A2.9.2**;

A2.6.6 One spare set of fuses, or three spare fuses of each kind required, that are accessible to the pilot in flight if fuses are installed;

A2.6.7 One switch for each: position lights, anti-collision light system, and if installed, landing light, taxi light, and cabin light as specified in **A2.9.1**; and

A2.6.8 One attitude indicator.

### A2.7 Lighting Requirements

A2.7.1 *Instrument Lights*—The instrument lights must:

A2.7.1.1 Make each instrument and control easily readable and discernible;

A2.7.1.2 Be installed so that their direct rays and rays reflected from the windshield or other surface are shielded from the pilot's eyes;

A2.7.1.3 Have dimmer(s) capable of decreasing the intensity of all instrument, radio, and control lighting; and

A2.7.1.4 Have enough distance or insulating material between current carrying parts and the housing so that vibration in flight will not cause shorting.

A2.7.1.5 A cabin dome light is not an instrument light.

A2.7.2 *Position Lights*:

A2.7.2.1 *General*—Each part of each position light system must meet the applicable requirements of this specification and each system as a whole must meet the requirements of **A2.7.2.6 – A2.7.2.11**.

A2.7.2.2 *Left and Right Position Lights*—Left and right position lights must consist of a red and a green light spaced laterally as far apart as practicable and installed on the airplane such that, with the airplane in the normal flying position, the red light is on the left side and the green light is on the right side.

A2.7.2.3 *Rear Position Light*—The rear position light must be a white light mounted as far aft as practicable on the tail or on each wing tip.

A2.7.2.4 *Light Covers and Color Filters*—Each light cover or color filter must be at least flame-resistant and may not change color or shape or lose any appreciable light transmission during normal use.

A2.7.2.5 Position light system dihedral angles.

A2.7.2.6 *Position Light System Dihedral Angles*:

(1) Except as provided in (5) of this section, each position light must, as installed, show unbroken light within the dihedral angles described in this section.

(2) Dihedral angle L (left) is formed by two intersecting vertical planes, the first parallel to the longitudinal axis of the airplane, and the other at 110° to the left of the first, as viewed when looking forward along the longitudinal axis.

(3) Dihedral angle R (right) is formed by two intersecting vertical planes, the first parallel to the longitudinal axis of the airplane, and the other at 110° to the right of the first, as viewed when looking forward along the longitudinal axis.

(4) Dihedral angle A (aft) is formed by two intersecting vertical planes making angles of 70° to the right and to the left, respectively, to a vertical plane passing through the longitudinal axis, as viewed when looking aft along the longitudinal axis.

(5) If the rear position light, when mounted as far aft as practicable in accordance with Sec. 2.7.2(c), cannot show



unbroken light within dihedral angle  $A$  (as defined in (4) of this section), a solid angle or angles of obstructed visibility totaling not more than 0.04 steradians is allowable within that dihedral angle, if such solid angle is within a cone whose apex is at the rear position light and whose elements make an angle of  $30^\circ$  with a vertical line passing through the rear position light (see Fig. A2.1).

#### A2.7.2.7 Position Light Distribution and Intensities:

(1) *General*—The intensities prescribed in this section must be provided by new equipment with each light cover and color filter in place. Intensities must be determined with the light source operating at a steady value equal to the average luminous output of the source at the normal operating voltage of the airplane. The light distribution and intensity of each position light must meet the requirements of the section on position lights.

(2) *Position Lights*—The light distribution and intensities of position lights must be expressed in terms of minimum intensities in any vertical plane, and maximum intensities in overlapping beams, with dihedral angles  $L$ ,  $R$ , and  $A$ , and must meet the following requirements:

(a) *Intensities in the horizontal plane*—Each intensity in the horizontal plane (the plane containing the longitudinal axis of the airplane and perpendicular to the plane of symmetry of the airplane) must equal or exceed the values in A2.7.2.8.

(b) *Intensities in any vertical plane*—Each intensity in any vertical plane (the plane perpendicular to the horizontal plane) must equal or exceed the appropriate value in A2.7.2.9, where  $I$  is the minimum intensity prescribed in A2.7.2.8 for the corresponding angles in the horizontal plane.

(c) *Intensities in overlaps between adjacent signals*—No intensity in any overlap between adjacent signals may exceed the values in A2.7.2.10, except that higher intensities in overlaps may be used with main beam intensities substantially greater than the minima specified in A2.7.2.8 and A2.7.2.9, if the overlap intensities in relation to the main beam intensities do not adversely affect signal clarity. When the peak intensity of the left and right position lights is more than 100 candles, the maximum overlap intensities between them may exceed the values in A2.7.2.10 if the overlap intensity in Area A is not more than 10 % of peak position light intensity and the overlap intensity in Area B is not more than 2.5 % of peak position light intensity.

(3) *Rear position light installation*—A single rear position light may be installed in a position displaced laterally from the plane of symmetry of an airplane if: (1) the axis of the maximum cone of illumination is parallel to the flight path in level flight; and (2) there is no obstruction aft of the light and between planes  $70^\circ$  to the right and left of the axis of maximum illumination.

A2.7.2.8 *Minimum Intensities in the Horizontal Plane of Position Lights*—Each position light intensity must equal or exceed the applicable values in the following table:

Dihedral Angle (Light Included)	Angle from Right or Left of Longitudinal Axis, Measured from Dead Ahead	Intensity (Candles)
$L$ and $R$ (red and green)	$0^\circ$ to $10^\circ$ -----	40
	$10^\circ$ to $20^\circ$ -----	30
	$20^\circ$ to $110^\circ$ -----	5
$A$ (rear white)-----	$110^\circ$ to $180^\circ$ -----	20

A2.7.2.9 *Minimum Intensities in any Vertical Plane of Position Lights*—Each position light intensity must equal or exceed the applicable values in the following table:

Angle above or below the horizontal plane	Intensity
$0^\circ$ -----	1.00 $I$ .
$0^\circ$ to $5^\circ$ -----	0.90 $I$ .
$5^\circ$ to $10^\circ$ -----	0.80 $I$ .
$10^\circ$ to $15^\circ$ -----	0.70 $I$ .
$15^\circ$ to $20^\circ$ -----	0.50 $I$ .
$20^\circ$ to $30^\circ$ -----	0.30 $I$ .
$30^\circ$ to $40^\circ$ -----	0.10 $I$ .
$40^\circ$ to $90^\circ$ -----	0.05 $I$ .

A2.7.2.10 *Maximum Intensities in Overlapping Beams of Position Lights*—No position light intensity may exceed the applicable values in the following table, except as provided in A2.7.2.7 (2)(c):

Overlaps	Maximum Intensity	
	Area A (candles)	Area B (candles)
Green in dihedral angle $L$ -----	10	1
Red in dihedral angle $R$ -----	10	1
Green in dihedral angle $A$ -----	5	1
Red in dihedral angle $A$ -----	5	1
Rear white in dihedral angle $L$ -----	5	1
Rear white in dihedral angle $R$ -----	5	1

where:

*Area A* = all directions in the adjacent dihedral angle that pass through the light source and intersect the common boundary plane at more than  $10^\circ$  but less than  $20^\circ$ , and

*Area B* = all directions in the adjacent dihedral angle that pass through the light source and intersect the common boundary plane at more than  $20^\circ$ .

A2.7.2.11 *Color Specifications*—Each position light color must have the applicable International Commission on Illumination chromaticity coordinates as follows:

(1) *Aviation Red*— $y$  is not greater than 0.335; and  $z$  is not greater than 0.002.

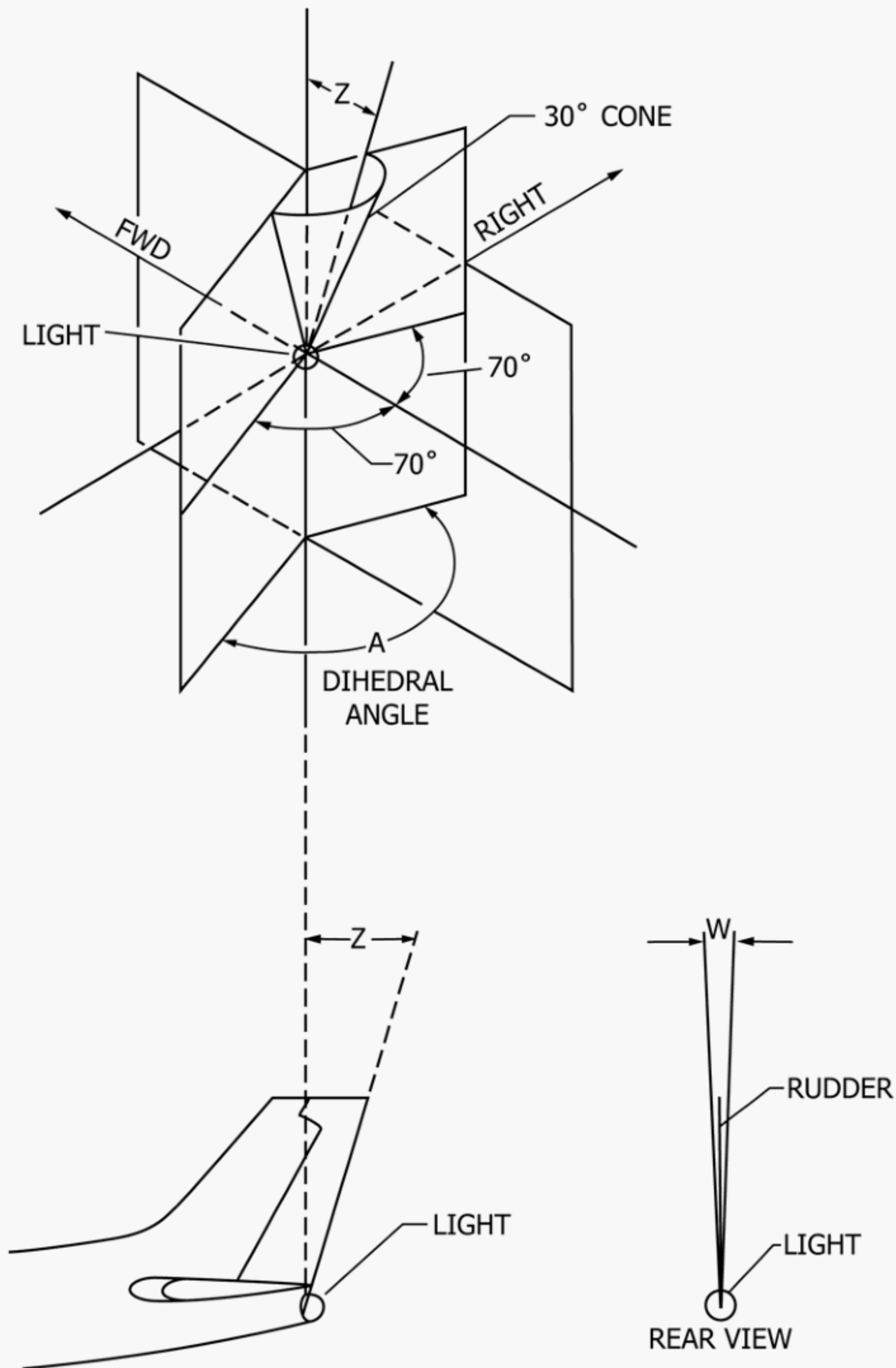
(2) *Aviation Green*— $x$  is not greater than  $0.440 - 0.320 y$ ;  $x$  is not greater than  $y - 0.170$ ; and  $y$  is not less than  $0.390 - 0.170 x$ .

(3) *Aviation White*— $x$  is not less than 0.300 and not greater than 0.540;  $y$  is not less than " $x - 0.040$ " or " $y_0 - 0.010$ ", whichever is the smaller; and  $y$  is not greater than " $x + 0.020$ " nor " $0.636 - 0.400x$ "; where  $y_0$  is the  $y$  coordinate of the Planckian radiator for the value of  $x$  considered.

#### A2.7.3 Anticollision Light System:

A2.7.3.1 *General*—The airplane must have an anti-collision light system that: (1) consists of one or more anti-collision lights located so that their light will not impair the flight





NOTE 1—On the side view drawing, draw a line through the light center perpendicular to the aircraft longitudinal axis. Draw a second line upward through the light center to the most aft point on the vertical stabilizer. The angle Z between the two lines is limited by the airworthiness rules to 30°. Fig. A2.1 shows an example of angle Z.

NOTE 2—On the rear view drawing, draw angle W, which is formed by two lines drawn upward from the light center to the maximum right and left obstructions with angle Z. When a protrusion causes a very small zone of obstruction, it may be discounted, unless total obstructions are near the regulatory limit. When a rear view drawing is not available, a combination of other drawings or measurements on the actual aircraft can be used to determine angle W.

NOTE 3—Multiple angle Z degrees by angle W degrees to obtain the amount of obstruction in square degrees. The method is conservative, as obstructions as wide as angle W may not exist throughout angle Z. Convert the measurement to steradians by dividing the square degree value by 3284. The number 3284 is a conversion factor to obtain steradians from square degrees.

FIG. A2.1 Rear Position Light Obstructions



crewmembers' vision or detract from the conspicuity of the position lights; and (2) meets the requirements of A2.7.3.2 through A2.7.3.6.

**A2.7.3.2 Field of Coverage**—The system must consist of enough lights to illuminate the vital areas around the airplane, considering the physical configuration and flight characteristics of the airplane. The field of coverage must extend in each direction within at least 75° above and 75° below the horizontal plane of the airplane, except that there may be solid angles of obstructed visibility totaling not more than 0.5 steradians.

**A2.7.3.3 Flashing Characteristics**—The arrangement of the system, that is, the number of light sources, beam width, speed of rotation, and other characteristics, must give an effective flash frequency of not less than 40, nor more than 100, cycles per minute. The effective flash frequency is the frequency at which the airplane's complete anti-collision light system is observed from a distance, and applies to each sector of light, including any overlaps that exist when the system consists of more than one light source. In overlaps, flash frequencies may exceed 100, but not 180, cycles per minute.

**A2.7.3.4 Color**—Each anti-collision light must be either aviation red or aviation white and must meet the applicable requirements of A2.7.2.11.

**A2.7.3.5 Light Intensity**—The minimum light intensities in any vertical plane, measured with the red filter (if used) and expressed in terms of "effective" intensities, must meet the requirements of A2.7.3.6. The following relation must be assumed:

$$I_e = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} I(t) dt}{0.2 + (t_2 - t_1)} \quad (\text{A2.1})$$

where:

$I_e$  = effective intensity (candles),  
 $I(t)$  = instantaneous intensity as a function of time, and  
 $t_2 - t_1$  = flash time interval.

Normally, the maximum value of effective intensity is obtained when  $t_2$  and  $t_1$  are chosen so that the effective intensity is equal to the instantaneous intensity at  $t_2$  and  $t_1$ .

**A2.7.3.6 Minimum Effective Intensities for Anti-collision Lights**—Each anti-collision light effective intensity must equal or exceed the applicable values in the following table.

Angle above or below the horizontal plane	Effective intensity (candles)
0° to 5°-----	400
5° to 10°-----	240
10° to 20°-----	80
20° to 30°-----	40
30° to 75°-----	20

**A2.7.4 Taxi and Landing Lights**—Each taxi and landing light must be designed and installed so that:

- A2.7.4.1 No dangerous glare is visible to the pilots,
- A2.7.4.2 The pilot is not seriously affected by halation,
- A2.7.4.3 It provides enough light for night operations, and
- A2.7.4.4 It does not cause a fire hazard in any configuration.

**A2.8 Avionics**—Must be illuminated in accordance with A2.7.1.

## A2.9 Electrical Requirements

**A2.9.1 Switches**—Each switch must be:

- A2.9.1.1 Rated by the switch manufacturer to carry its circuit's current;
- A2.9.1.2 For circuits containing incandescent lamps, have a minimum in-rush rating of 15 times the lamp's continuous current;
- A2.9.1.3 Constructed with enough distance or insulating material between current carrying parts and the housing so that vibration in flight will not cause shorting;
- A2.9.1.4 Accessible to the pilot;
- A2.9.1.5 Labeled as to operation and the circuit controlled; and
- A2.9.1.6 Illuminated in accordance with A2.7.1.

**A2.9.2 Circuit Protection Requirements**—Circuit overload protection (fuses or circuit breakers) must:

- A2.9.2.1 Be installed on each circuit containing wiring, equipment, or other components rated for less than the maximum output of the battery and alternator or generator;
- A2.9.2.2 Be appropriately rated for each component installed on the protected circuit;
- A2.9.2.3 Be accessible to and in clear view of the pilot when installed on circuits containing:
  - (1) Required equipment,
  - (2) Equipment essential to safety of flight unless redundant function is installed,
  - (3) Switchable circuit protection installed to accommodate aircraft operating procedures.
- A2.9.2.4 Open before the conductor emits smoke; and
- A2.9.2.5 Automatic re-set circuit breakers may not be used.

**A2.9.3 Electrical Energy Requirements**—The total continuous electrical load may not exceed 80 % of the total rated generator or alternator output capacity.

**A2.9.4 Conductor Requirements**—Any wire or other material intended to conduct electricity must be:

- A2.9.4.1 Rated to carry its circuits current;
- A2.9.4.2 For wiring rated to 150 °C, 600 V minimum;
- A2.9.4.3 Constructed with enough distance or insulating material between current carrying conductors so that vibration in flight will not cause shorting; and
- A2.9.4.4 Where used, insulating material must have, at a minimum, the equivalent or better properties of either PTFE-polytetrafluoroethylene (commonly known by the trade name, TEFLON) or ETFE-(Frequently referred to by the trade name, TEFZEL) a copolymer of PTFE and of polyethylene including:
  - (1) Temperature,
  - (2) Abrasion resistance,
  - (3) Cut-through resistance,
  - (4) Chemical resistance,
  - (5) Flammability,
  - (6) Smoke generation,
  - (7) Flexibility,
  - (8) Creep (at temperature), and
  - (9) Arc propagation resistance.



## A2.10 Operating Instructions (AOI)

A2.10.1 Electrical system description must be included for night.

## A2.11 Learning Documents

A2.11.1 *FAA AC 20-30B*—Aircraft position light and anti-collision light installations.

A2.11.2 A2.10.2 *FAA AC 65-15A Chapter 11*—Aircraft Electrical Systems.

## A3. ROADABLE AIRPLANES

### A3.1 Scope

A3.1.1 This annex provides additional requirements for Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) airplanes that are also capable of being driven as a motor vehicle.

### A3.2 Usage

A3.2.1 It remains the obligation of the manufacturer to identify and address all other applicable regulations and safety standards for the road use of the roadable airplane.

A3.2.2 Questions regarding motor vehicle regulations or safety standards should be directed by the Manufacturer to the appropriate automotive authority or standards body.

A3.2.3 Where applicable motor vehicle regulations or safety standards are silent on a topic addressed here, this annex shall take priority.

### A3.3 Terminology

A3.3.1 *Road Mode*—A configuration intended for moving the vehicle on the ground under its own power for a purpose other than flight (for example, driving on public roads, not taxiing). When in such configuration, the airplane may be referred to as a motor vehicle.

A3.3.2 *Flight Mode*—A configuration intended for moving the airplane under its own power primarily for the purpose of flight (for example, taxi, takeoff roll, airborne flight, touchdown, landing roll, and taxi to a complete stop after landing, not driving to the airport).

### A3.4 Conversion and Transition Mechanisms/Processes

A3.4.1 Conversion and transition mechanisms/processes shall not interfere with safe operation in either flight or road mode.

A3.4.2 The manufacturer shall identify in the airplane's documentation whether the transition between road and flight modes is considered an operational activity or a maintenance activity.

A3.4.2.1 If determined to be an operational activity, the process for the transition between modes and how to verify successful completion of that transition shall be documented in the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH).<sup>10</sup>

A3.4.2.2 If determined to be a maintenance activity, the process for the transition between modes shall be documented in the Maintenance Manual.<sup>11</sup>

A3.4.3 The transition between road and flight modes shall be accomplished in such a way that a standard preflight inspection can detect an incomplete or malfunctioning transition.

A3.4.3.1 The procedure for verifying successful transition completion from road to flight modes shall be included in the POH.

A3.4.3.2 If a procedure is recommended by the manufacturer (or is required in accordance with A3.5.4) for verifying successful transition completion from flight to road modes, it shall also be included in the POH.

NOTE A3.1—Wherever possible and appropriate, the possibility of an incorrect or incomplete transition should be minimized through the use of positive mechanical means, redundancy, or other design features.

A3.4.4 Transition mechanisms shall be protected from being activated unintentionally or while the vehicle is in motion.

### A3.5 Vehicle Controls

A3.5.1 All controls must not interfere with any other controls over their full range of motion unless the interference is a deliberate result of controls being disabled or connected in a given mode of operation.

A3.5.2 Control mechanisms for one vehicle mode shall not adversely impact vehicle operation or controllability in the other mode(s).

A3.5.3 Design loading conditions for any control system shall include those expected to be seen in all modes of operation, including those resulting from or occurring while a control device is not in operation (for example, during transition). Expected modes of operation may be limited by operating limitations specified in the POH (for example, wind limitations for transitioning between modes).

A3.5.4 For any control that is disconnected and reconnected as part of the transition process, it must be possible for the operator to detect a failure during normal preflight or pre-drive inspection, including verification of positive control indication.

A3.5.4.1 Non-operational conditions shall be clearly differentiated from operational conditions to minimize false positive

<sup>10</sup> Specification F2746 is also applicable.

<sup>11</sup> Practice F2483 is also applicable.



inspection results, for example, positive flight control indication should not be possible in any condition other than a flight-worthy condition.

A3.5.4.2 Indicators and inspection techniques specific to the controls in the conversion process shall be documented in the POH.

A3.5.5 Road and flight controls must behave in a manner that is intuitive in each mode.

A3.5.5.1 If the active use of multiple directional or throttle controls is required during any phase of operation, they shall be designed such that the pilot can safely control the vehicle while switching between controls.

## A3.6 Road Load Cases and Structure

A3.6.1 Additional load cases are applicable to road vehicles beyond those applicable to airplanes.

A3.6.1.1 Different roadable airplanes may have substantively different intended road uses with differences in usage environment, road speed, configuration, and other characteristics. Due to the resulting large variety of road regulatory and usage environments (as discussed in A3.2) for a given roadable airplane, the relevant following subsections shall be applied along with any third party requirements or regulations. Subsections below that are marked as “general” are intended to apply to all LSA roadable airplanes.

A3.6.1.2 Compliance with the following is to be shown in addition to the load cases applicable to all LSA airplanes and may be shown by any combination of test, analysis, or appropriate qualitative methods.

NOTE A3.2—The variety of acceptable means of demonstrating compliance to the requirements in A3.6 does not alter the demonstration requirements for the body of this specification or for any third party requirements or regulations.

### A3.6.2 General Structural Loads:

A3.6.2.1 In addition to flight loads, the structure of a roadable airplane must be designed to withstand loads encountered during road use. Manufacturers shall document the road use cases and loads for which the structure is designed, including anticipated directions and load factors.

A3.6.2.2 The maximum road gross vehicle weight shall not be less than the maximum gross takeoff weight for the airplane unless components must be removed from the airplane for road use and are not transported with the road-going component of the vehicle, in which case the maximum road gross vehicle weight may be less than the maximum gross takeoff weight of the airplane by the weight of said components.

A3.6.2.3 The maximum road gross vehicle weight shall be provided in the POH.

A3.6.2.4 Road load cases shall be met at the most critical weight and CG configuration.

A3.6.2.5 The fatigue loading environment imposed by road use is different from that imposed on the airplane during flight. Manufacturers must determine the impact that this road use fatigue loading might have on components that are critical to continued safe flight and landing.

NOTE A3.3—For roadable airplanes intended for use on improved roads and highways, the suspension load cases given in A3.6.3.1 are considered sufficient to encompass anticipated fatigue loading. For other operational

environments (for example, unimproved roads), additional static and fatigue loading might need to be considered.

A3.6.3 *Suspension Loads*—If the same components are used as landing gear and as road suspension, they must be designed for the loading imposed by road use as well as the landing loads applicable to Light Sport Airplanes. Road load cases shall include, but might not be limited to, the following limit loading conditions.

A3.6.3.1 *General Loads*—For each wheel, a maximum combined loading case that includes the simultaneous application at the point of contact between the tire and the road of:

(1) A maximum accelerated vertical bump load; in the absence of a more rational calculation, a load 3 times the static wheel loading may be used for operation on improved roads;

(2) A maximum lateral acceleration as determined by the maximum coefficient of static friction of the tire on dry pavement under the maximum accelerated vertical bump-load; it is not necessary to use a load greater than 0.5 times the static load in A3.6.3.1(1); and

(3) A maximum longitudinal acceleration as determined by the maximum coefficient of static friction of the tire on dry pavement under the maximum accelerated vertical bump-load; it is not necessary to use a load greater than 0.8 times the static load in A3.6.3.1(1).

A3.6.3.2 *Braking Loads*—The maximum longitudinal acceleration from A3.6.3.1(3) applied simultaneously with the torque generated on the wheel by the braking system during an emergency braking situation.

A3.6.3.3 *Steering Loads*—The loads resulting from holding the steerable tires in a fixed position while applying the maximum operator force to the steering control. The manufacturer shall determine the value(s) for the maximum operator force. In the absence of a more rational analysis, Table 1 from the body of this specification may be adapted by the manufacturer to determine the maximum applied control load; for controls with similar usage techniques, the values in Table 1 shall be treated as minimum values.

A3.6.3.4 *Landing Loads*—In the absence of a more rational analysis, manufacturers shall define which wheels are considered the “main” landing gear and which are considered “nose” or “tail” wheels; the corresponding requirements from the body of this specification shall then be applied.

A3.6.4 For roadable airplanes with cabins fully enclosed by structural elements that are intended for operation on public roads:

A3.6.4.1 *Crashworthiness*—Manufacturers shall determine the loading requirements for these components based on likely usage or applicable third party requirements, or both. Structural components may serve multiple purposes, supporting flight, road, and emergency loads.

(1) Structural components dedicated to the absorption of energy in a frontal impact, often referred to as a “crumple zone,” must be included.

(2) Structural components dedicated to the maintenance of a survivable volume around the occupants, often referred to as a “safety cage,” must be included.

(3) In the event of a rollover, the vehicle shall be capable of supporting an ultimate load of 1.5× the vehicle’s empty weight



without deflecting into the occupants' head volume. This rollover structure may be integral to the safety cage structure in [A3.6.4.1\(2\)](#).

### A3.7 Vehicle Lifetime Issues

A3.7.1 Anticipated road and transition usage, including accompanying fatigue or cyclical loading, or both, shall be considered along with flight operations for all maintenance, life-limited component analyses, and vehicle life projections and documentation.

A3.7.2 All vehicle components dedicated to road use that are anticipated to require replacement as part of routine maintenance during the life of the vehicle (for example, belts, wiper blades, etc.) should be replaceable without significant modification (for example, welding, riveting, composite layup work, etc.) of the primary structure of the vehicle. Any such replacement procedures shall be included in the vehicle's maintenance documentation.

A3.7.3 The POH must include a recommended pilot pre-flight procedure to inspect areas prone to incidental damage, wear, or buildup of debris from routine road operations.

**NOTE A3.4**—This section addresses only routine usage, not damage from emergency or accident conditions. Manufacturers should consider repairability as it is impacted by road use during design and in compiling the vehicle's Maintenance Manual, but neither modularity nor a particular level of robustness are intended to be required by this section.

### A3.8 Takeoff and Landing

A3.8.1 Ground-power assisted takeoff, if employed, shall be done in such a way as to not require any action by the pilot during takeoff to ensure that sufficient thrust is available to maintain required climb performance after the wheels leave the ground.

A3.8.2 The components of the drive train that remain connected to the wheels in the airplane configuration, including the vehicle's tires, shall be appropriate for rapid spin-up during touchdown upon landing.

### A3.9 Vehicle Stability

A3.9.1 Vehicle stability must be maintained during taxi, takeoff, landing, and rollout.

A3.9.1.1 The road steering system must be self-centering during flight or it must be demonstrated by test that no adverse handling characteristics result from an off-centered steering position during landing and rollout.

A3.9.1.2 No pilot action that conflicts with actions necessary for flight shall be required for safe operation of the vehicle during taxi, takeoff, landing, and rollout.

A3.9.1.3 Road controls may be used on the ground, including during the takeoff roll and immediately after landing, if their use does not adversely affect the pilot's ability to fly the airplane. This lack of adverse effect shall be demonstrated by test.

### A3.10 Pedestrian Safety

A3.10.1 All transition operations or mechanisms, or both, shall be designed to minimize the hazard to pedestrians, onlookers, occupant(s), and operator(s).

A3.10.2 The installation of any ballistic parachute or other airplane-specific safety device shall minimize the potential for unintended activation during road use, including emergency conditions and accidents.

A3.10.3 Any ballistic parachute or other airplane-specific safety device shall be installed in such a way as to minimize the potential hazard to pedestrians, onlookers, occupant(s), and emergency response personnel in the event of unintentional activation.

## APPENDIXES

### (Nonmandatory Information)

#### X1. SIMPLIFIED DESIGN LOAD CRITERIA FOR LIGHT SPORT AIRPLANES

##### X1.1 Abbreviations

$n_1$	= airplane positive maneuvering limit load factor
$n_2$	= airplane negative maneuvering limit load factor
$n_3$	= airplane positive gust limit load factor at $V_C$
$n_4$	= airplane negative gust limit load factor at $V_C$
$n_{flap}$	= airplane positive limit load factor with flaps fully extended at $V_F$
$V_{Fmin}$	= minimum design flap speed = $0.818 \sqrt{n_1(W/S)}$
$V_A$	= see <a href="#">5.2.4.1</a>
$V_{Cmin}$	= minimum design cruising speed = $1.27 \sqrt{n_1(W/S)}$ but need not exceed $0.9 V_H$
$V_{Dmin}$	= minimum design dive speed = $1.79 \sqrt{n_1(W/S)}$ but need not exceed $1.4 V_{Cmin} \sqrt{n_1/3.8}$ , see <a href="#">X1.3.5.2</a>
$V_{Csel}$	= design cruising speed (if greater than $V_{Cmin}$ )

##### X1.2 Limitations

X1.2.1 Methods provided in this appendix provide one possible means (but not the only possible means) of compliance. These requirements may be applied to airplanes meeting the following limitations without further justification.

X1.2.1.1 A main wing located closer to the airplane's center of gravity than to the aft, fuselage-mounted empennage.

X1.2.1.2 A main wing that contains a quarter chord sweep angle of not more than  $15^\circ$  fore or aft.

X1.2.1.3 A main wing that is equipped with trailing-edge controls (ailerons or flaps or both).

X1.2.1.4 A main wing aspect ratio not greater than 7.0.

X1.2.1.5 A horizontal tail aspect ratio not greater than 4.0.

X1.2.1.6 A horizontal tail volume coefficient not less than 0.34.



X1.2.1.7 A vertical tail aspect ratio not greater than 2.0.

X1.2.1.8 A vertical tail planform area not greater than 10 % of the wing planform area.

X1.2.1.9 Horizontal and vertical tail airfoil sections must both be symmetrical.

X1.2.1.10 A main wing that does not have winglets, outboard fins, or other wing tip devices.

X1.2.2 This appendix may be used outside of the limitations in X1.2.1 when evidence can be provided that the method provides safe and reliable results.

X1.2.3 Airplanes with any of the following design features shall not use this appendix:

X1.2.3.1 Canard, tandem-wing, or tailless arrangements of the lifting surfaces.

X1.2.3.2 Biplane or multiplane wing arrangements.

X1.2.3.3 V-tail or any tail arrangement where the horizontal stabilizer is supported by the vertical stabilizer (T-tail, cruciform (+), etc.).

X1.2.3.4 Wings with delta planforms.

X1.2.3.5 Wings with slatted lifting surfaces.

X1.2.3.6 Full-flying stabilizing surfaces (horizontal and vertical).

### X1.3 Flight Loads

X1.3.1 Each flight load may be considered independent of altitude and, except for the local supporting structure for dead weight items, only the maximum design weight conditions must be investigated.

X1.3.2 Table X1.1 must be used to determine values of  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ ,  $n_3$ , and  $n_4$ , corresponding to the maximum design weights.

X1.3.3 Figs. X1.2 and X1.3 must be used to determine values of  $n_3$  and  $n_4$ , corresponding to the minimum flying weights, and, if these load factors are greater than the load factors at the design weight, the supporting structure for dead weight items must be substantiated for the resulting higher load factors.

X1.3.4 Each specified wing and tail loading is independent of the center of gravity range. The applicant, however, must select a CG range, and the basic fuselage structure must be investigated for the most adverse dead weight loading conditions for the CG range selected.

X1.3.5 The following loads and loading conditions are the minimums for which strength must be provided in the structure:

X1.3.5.1 *Airplane Equilibrium*—The aerodynamic wing loads may be considered to act normal to the relative wind and to have a magnitude of 1.05 times the airplane normal loads (as

determined from X1.4.2 and X1.4.3) for the positive flight conditions and magnitude equal to the airplane normal loads for the negative conditions. Each chord-wise and normal component of this wing load must be considered.

X1.3.5.2 *Minimum Design Airspeeds*—The minimum design airspeeds may be chosen by the applicant except that they may not be less than the minimum speeds found in X1.1. In addition,  $V_{C \min}$  need not exceed values of  $0.9 V_H$  actually obtained at sea level for the lowest design weight category for which certification is desired. In computing these minimum design airspeeds,  $n_1$  may not be less than 4.0.

X1.3.5.3 *Flight Load Factor*—The limit flight load factors specified in Table X1.1 represent the ratio of the aerodynamic force component (acting normal to the assumed longitudinal axis of the airplane) to the weight of the airplane. A positive flight load factor is an aerodynamic force acting upward, with respect to the airplane.

### X1.4 Flight Conditions

X1.4.1 *General*—Each design condition in X1.4.2 – X1.4.4 must be used to assure sufficient strength for each condition of speed and load factor on or within the boundary of a flight loads envelope diagram for the airplane similar to the diagram in Fig. X1.1. This diagram must also be used to determine the airplane structural operating limitations.

X1.4.2 *Symmetrical Flight Conditions*—The airplane must be designed for symmetrical flight conditions as follows:

X1.4.2.1 The airplane must be designed for at least the four basic flight conditions, “A,” “D,” “E,” and “G” as noted on the flight loads envelope of Fig. X1.1. In addition, the following requirements apply:

(1) The design limit flight load factors corresponding to Conditions “D” and “E” of Fig. X1.1 must be at least as great as those specified in Table X1.1, and the design speed for these conditions must be at least equal to the value of  $V_{D \min}$  from X1.1.

(2) For conditions “A” and “G” of Fig. X1.1, the load factors must correspond to those specified in Table X1.1, and the design speeds must be computed using these load factors with the maximum static lift coefficient  $C_{NA}$  determined by the applicant.

(3) Conditions “C” and “F” of Fig. X1.1 need only be investigated when  $n_3 W/S$  or  $n_4 W/S$  of Appendix X1, is greater than  $n_1 W/S$  and  $n_2 W/S$ , respectively.

X1.4.2.2 If the flaps or other high-lift devices intended for use at the relatively low airspeed of approach, landing, and takeoff are installed, the airplane must be designed for the two flight conditions corresponding to the values of limit flap-down factors specified in Table X1.1 with the flaps fully extended at not less than the design flap speed  $V_{F \min}$  from X1.1.

X1.4.3 *Unsymmetrical Flight Conditions*—Each affected structure must be designed for unsymmetrical loadings as follows:

X1.4.3.1 The aft fuselage-to-wing attachment must be designed for the critical vertical surface load determined in accordance with X2.2.3.

TABLE X1.1 Minimum Design Limit Flight Load Factors

Flaps Up	$n_1 = 4.0$ $n_2 = -0.5n_1$ $n_3$ from Fig. X1.2 $n_4$ from Fig. X1.3
Flaps Down	$n_f = 0.5n_1$ $n_r = 0^A$

<sup>A</sup> Vertical wing load may be assumed equal to zero and only the flap part of the wing need be checked for this condition.



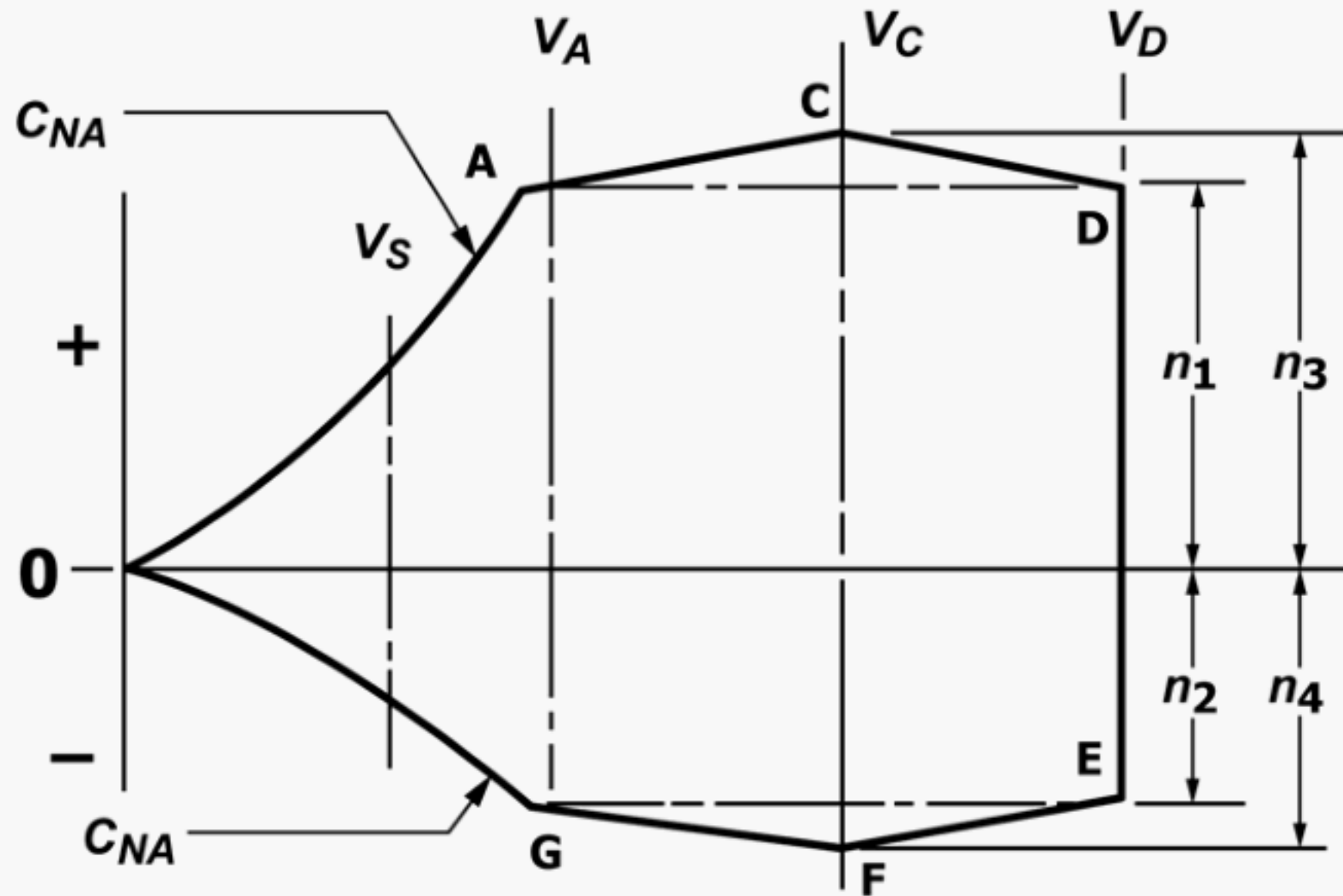


FIG. X1.1 Generalized Flight Loads Envelope

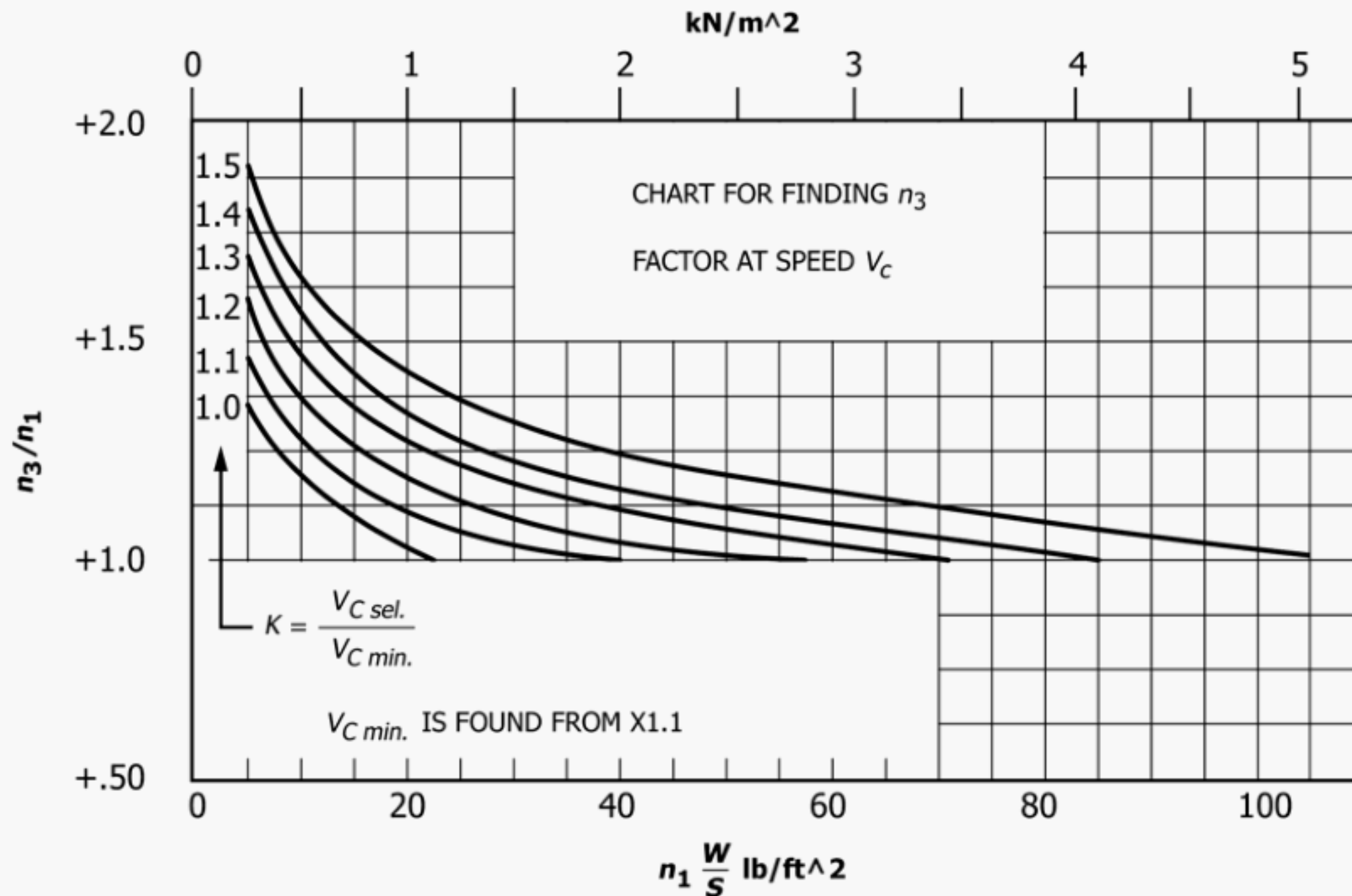


FIG. X1.2 Chart for Finding  $n_3$  Factor at Speed  $V_c$

X1.4.3.2 The wing and wing carry-through structures must be designed for 100 % of Condition “A” loading on one side of the airplane’s plane of symmetry and 70 % on the opposite side.

X1.4.3.3 The wing and wing carry-through structures must be designed for the loads resulting from a combination 75 % of the positive maneuvering wing loading on both sides of the plane of symmetry and the maximum wing torsion resulting from aileron displacement. The effect of aileron displacement on wing torsion at  $V_C$  or  $V_A$  using the basic airfoil moment

coefficient modified over the aileron portion of the span, must be computed as follows:

- (1)  $C_m = C_m + 0.01 \delta_u$  (up aileron side) wing basic airfoil
- (2)  $C_m = C_m - 0.01 \delta_d$  (down aileron side) wing basic airfoil, where  $\delta_u$  is the up aileron deflection and  $\delta_d$  is the down aileron deflection.

X1.4.3.4  $\Delta_{critical}$ , which is the sum of  $\delta_u + \delta_d$  must be computed as follows:

- (1) Compute  $\Delta_a$  and  $\Delta_b$  from the formulas:



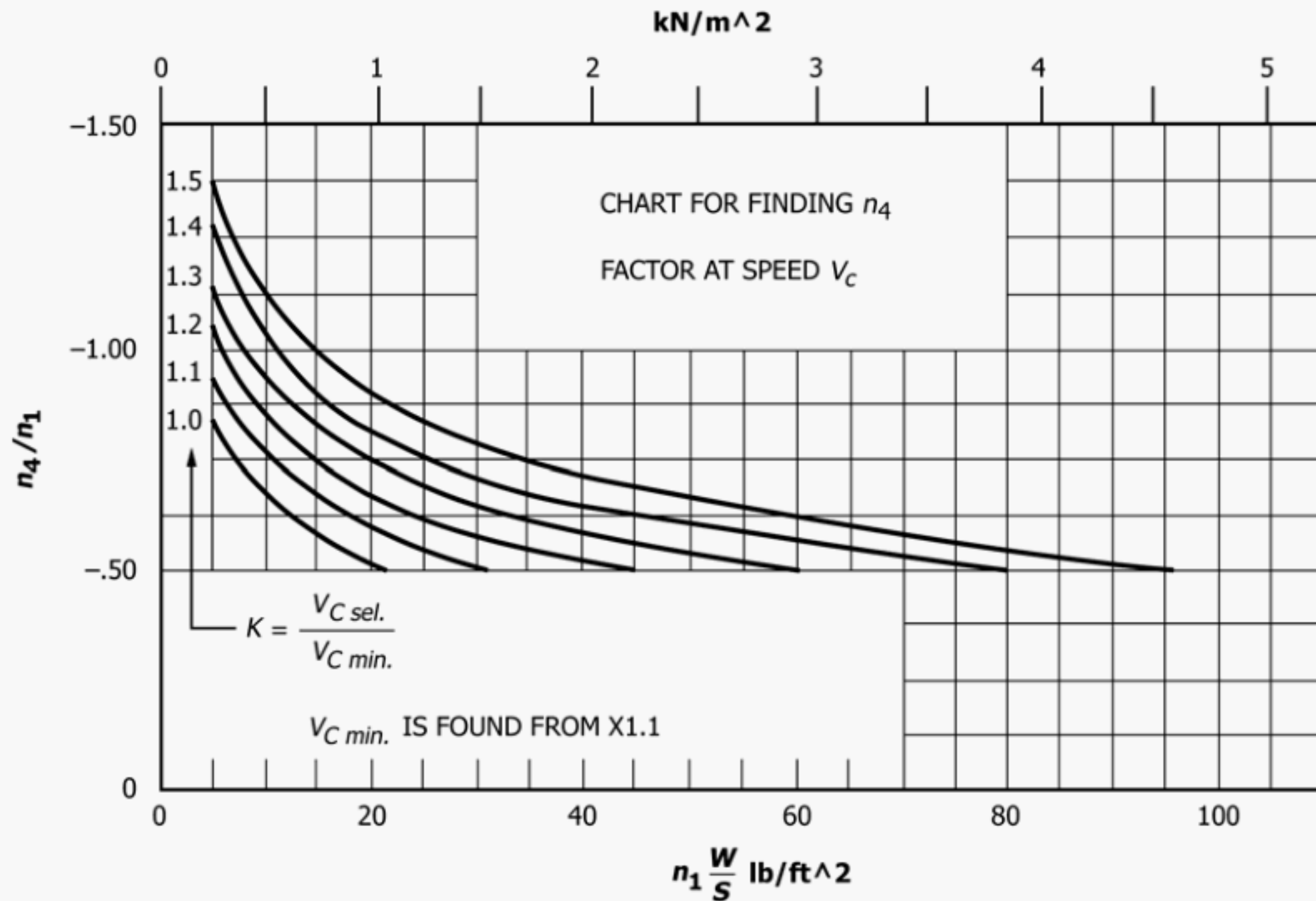


FIG. X1.3 Chart for Finding  $n_4$  Factor at Speed  $V_c$

$$\Delta_a = V_A/V_C \times \Delta_p, \text{ and} \quad (\text{X1.1})$$

$$\Delta_b = 0.5 \times V_A/V_D \times \Delta_p$$

where:

$\Delta_p$  = maximum total deflection (sum of both aileron deflections) at  $V_A$  with  $V_A$ ,  $V_C$ , and  $V_D$  described in X1.3.5.2

(2) Compute  $K$  from the formula:

$$K = \frac{(C_m - 0.01\delta_b)V_D^2}{(C_m - 0.01\delta_a)V_C^2} \quad (\text{X1.2})$$

where:

$\delta_a$  = down aileron deflection corresponding to  $\Delta_a$ , and

$\delta_b$  = down aileron deflection corresponding to  $\Delta_b$  as computed in X1.4.3.4(I).

(3) If  $K$  is less than 1.0,  $\Delta_a$  is  $\Delta_{critical}$  and must be used to determine  $\delta_u$  and  $\delta_d$ . In this case,  $V_C$  is the critical speed that must be used in computing the wing torsion loads over the aileron span.

(4) If  $K$  is equal to or greater than 1.0,  $\Delta_b$  is  $\Delta_{critical}$  and must be used to determine  $\delta_u$  and  $\delta_d$ . In this case,  $V_D$  is the critical speed that must be used in computing the wing torsion loads over the aileron span.

X1.4.4 *Supplementary Conditions; Rear Lift Truss; Engine Torque; Side Load on Engine Mount*—Each of the following supplementary conditions must be investigated:

X1.4.4.1 In designing the rear lift truss, the following special condition may be investigated instead of Condition “G” of Fig. X1.1. The rear lift truss must be designed for conditions of reversed airflow at a design speed of  $V = 20$  m/s (39 kts). Either aerodynamic data for a particular wing section used, or a value of  $C_L$  equaling  $-0.8$  with a chord-wise distribution that is triangular between a peak at the trailing edge and zero at the leading edge, must be used.

X1.4.4.2 Each engine mount and its supporting structures must be designed for the maximum limit torque corresponding to maximum expected takeoff power and propeller speed acting simultaneously with the limit loads resulting from the maximum positive maneuvering flight load factor  $n_l$ . The limit torque must be obtained from 5.2.9.

X1.4.4.3 Each engine mount and its supporting structure must be designed for the loads resulting from a lateral limit load factor of not less than 1.47.



## X2. ACCEPTABLE METHODS FOR CONTROL SURFACE LOADS CALCULATIONS

### X2.1 Limitations

X2.1.1 Methods provided in this appendix provide one possible means (but not the only possible means) of compliance. These methods may be used for calculating loads on trim tabs of control surfaces. Additionally, these methods may be used for calculating loads on control surfaces, including trim surfaces of full-flying stabilizers, when the following configuration criteria are met.

X2.1.1.1 A leading edge sweep angle (of the control surface) of  $15^\circ$  or less, fore or aft.

X2.1.1.2 Symmetrical horizontal and vertical tail airfoil sections, when considering loads on the tail control surfaces.

X2.1.1.3 A main wing that does not have winglets, outboard fins, or other wingtip devices, when considering loads on ailerons and flaps.

X2.1.2 This appendix may be used outside of the configuration criteria in X2.1.1 when evidence can be provided that the method provides safe and reliable results.

X2.1.3 This appendix shall not be used for calculating loads for the following types of control surfaces or trim tabs:

X2.1.3.1 For flaps and ailerons on biplane or multiplane wing arrangements.

X2.1.3.2 Control surfaces on V-tail arrangements.

X2.1.3.3 For flaps and ailerons on wings with delta planforms.

X2.1.3.4 Control surface which employ slatted or slotted lifting devices.

X2.1.3.5 Any full-flying stabilizing surface (horizontal and vertical).

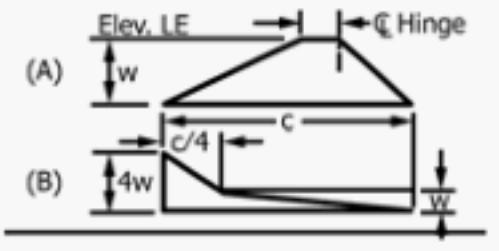
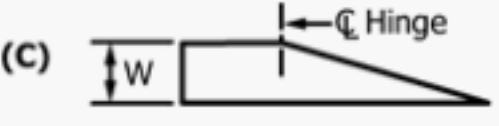
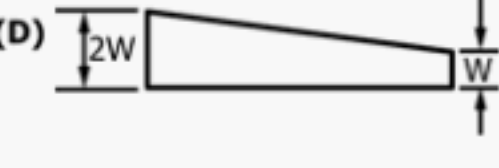
### X2.2 Control Surface Loads

X2.2.1 *General*—Each control surface load must be determined using the criteria of X2.2.2 and must lie within the simplified loadings of X2.2.3.

X2.2.2 *Limit Pilot Forces*—In each control surface loading condition described in X2.2.3, the air loads on the movable surfaces and the corresponding deflections need not exceed those which could be obtained in flight by using the maximum limit pilot forces specified in 5.3.3.

X2.2.3 *Surface Loading Conditions*—Each surface loading condition must be investigated as follows: Simplified limit surface loadings and distributions for the horizontal tail, vertical tail, aileron, wing flaps, and trim tabs are specified in Table X2.1, and Figs. X2.1 and X2.2. If more than one distribution is given, each distribution must be investigated.

TABLE X2.1 Average Limit Control Surface Loading

Surface	Direction of Loading	Magnitude of Loading	Chord-wise Distribution
I. Horizontal tail	a) up and down	Fig. X2.1 Curve (2)	
	b) unsymmetrical loading (up and down)	100 % w on one side airplane 65 % w on other side airplane	
II. Vertical tail	a) right and left	Fig. X2.1 Curve (1)	same as (A)
	b) right and left	Fig. X2.1 Curve (1)	same as (B)
III. Aileron	a) up and down	Fig. X2.2 Curve (5)	
IV. Wing flap	a) up	Fig. X2.2 Curve (4)	
	b) down	0.25 × Up Load	
V. Trim tab	a) up and down	Fig. X2.2 Curve (3)	same as (D)



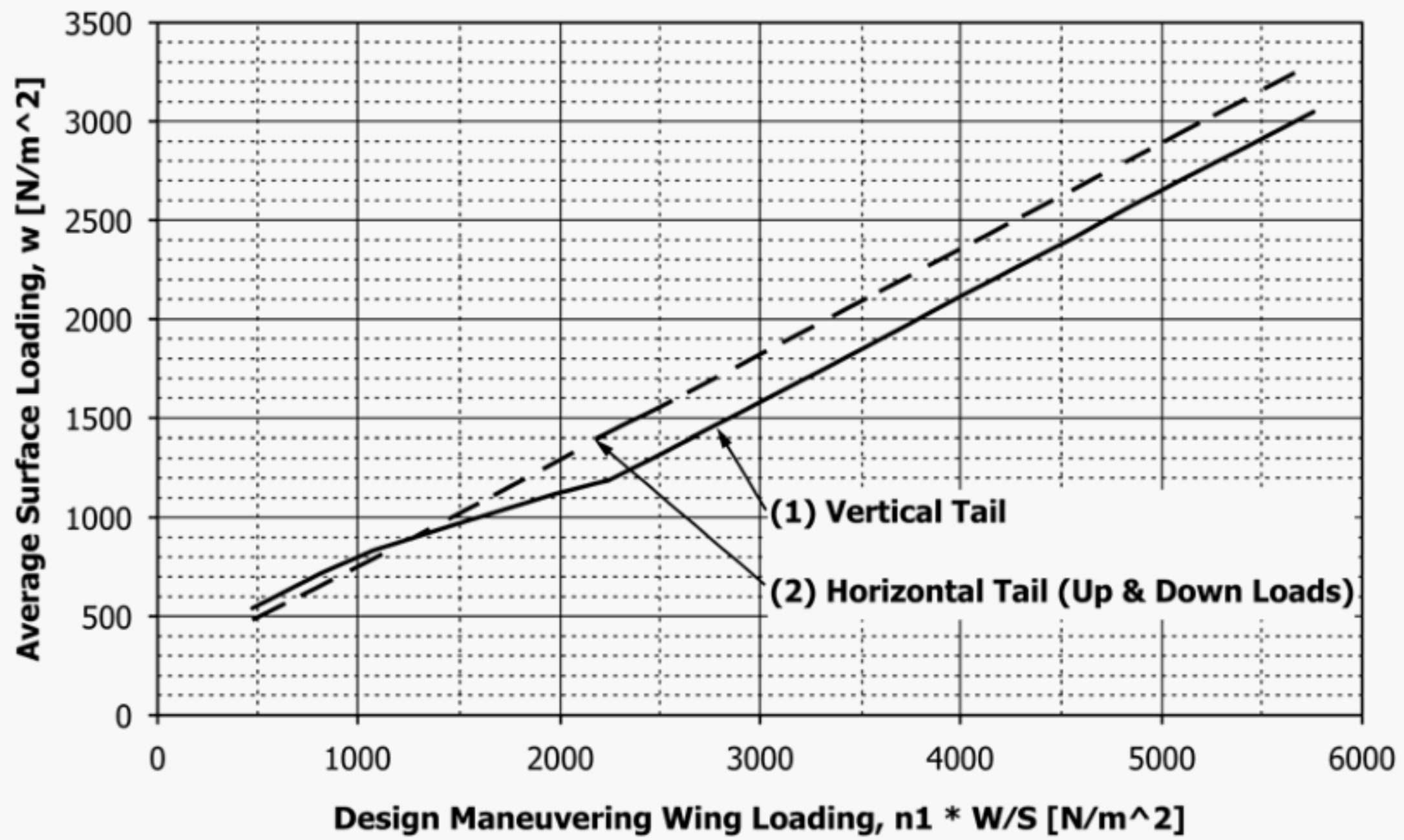


FIG. X2.1 Average Limit Control Surface Loading

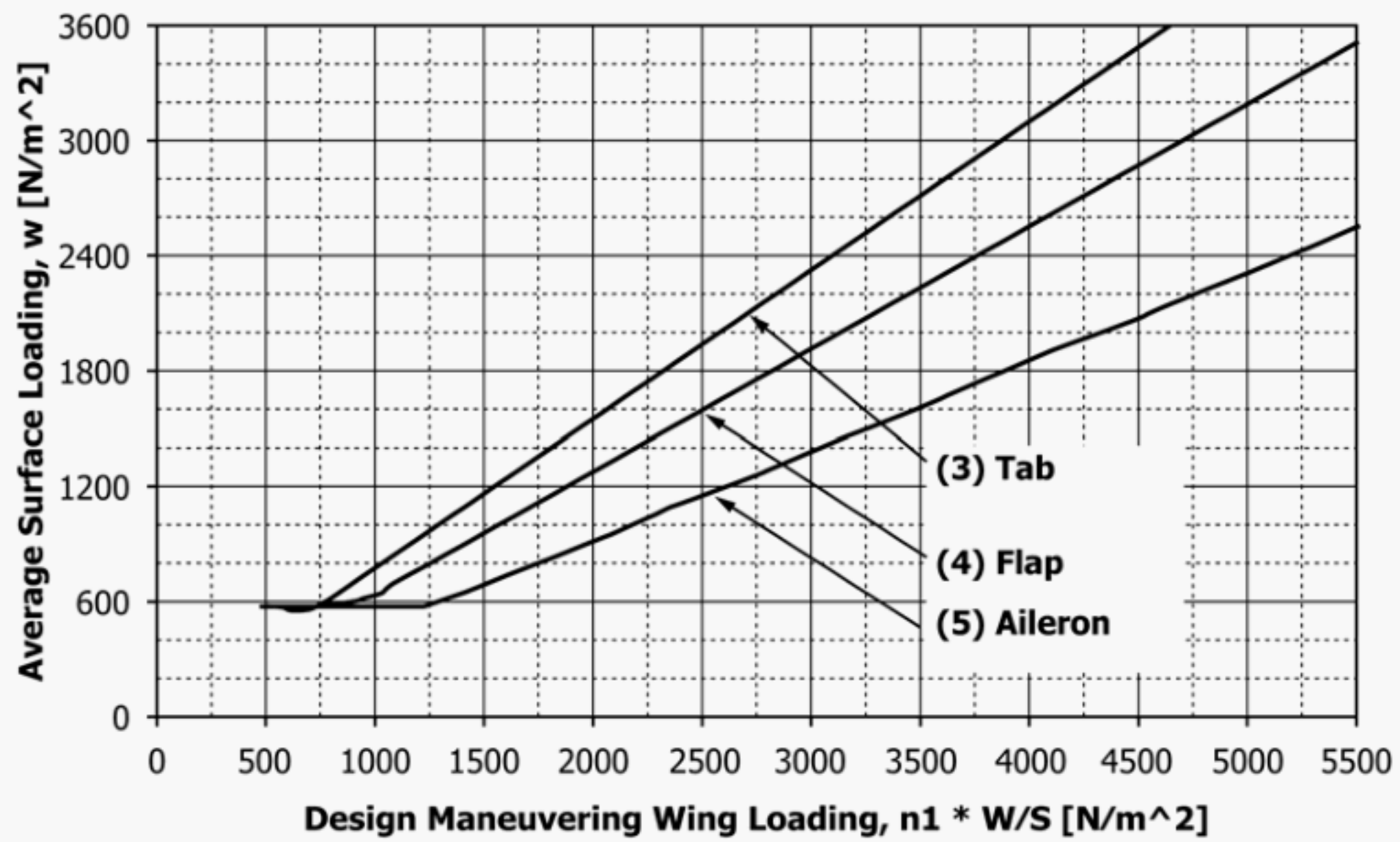


FIG. X2.2 Average Limit Control Surface Loading



### X3. ACCEPTABLE METHODS FOR WING LOAD CALCULATIONS

#### X3.1 Limitations

X3.1.1 Methods provided in this appendix provide one possible means (but not the only possible means) of compliance. These requirements may be applied to airplanes meeting the following limitations without further justification.

X3.1.1.1 A main wing located closer to the airplane's center of gravity than to the aft, fuselage-mounted empennage.

X3.1.1.2 A main wing that contains a quarter chord sweep angle of not more than 15° fore or aft.

X3.1.1.3 A main wing that is equipped with plain trailing-edge controls (ailerons or flaps or both).

X3.1.1.4 A main wing aspect ratio not greater than 7.0.

X3.1.1.5 A horizontal tail aspect ratio not greater than 4.0.

X3.1.1.6 A main wing that does not have winglets, outboard fins, or other wing tip devices.

X3.1.2 This appendix may be used outside of the limitations in X3.1.1 when evidence can be provided that the method provides safe and reliable results.

X3.1.3 Airplanes with any of the following design features shall not use this appendix:

X3.1.3.1 Canard, tandem-wing, or tailless arrangements of the lifting surfaces.

X3.1.3.2 Biplane or multiplane wing arrangements.

X3.1.3.3 Wings with delta planforms.

X3.1.3.4 Wings with slatted or slotted, or both, lifting surfaces.

NOTE X3.1—These may not include all of the loads that are imposed on the wing or fuselage.

#### X3.2 Symmetrical Wing Loads

X3.2.1 As a minimum, the following four conditions need investigation:

Point A	normal load up	$= 4 \times W$
	tangential forward	$= W$
Point D	normal load up	$= 4 \times W$
	tangential rearward	$= W/5$
Point G	normal down	$= 2 \times W$
	tangential forward	$= 2 \times W/5 = 0.4 \times W$
	with flaps extended:	
Point F	normal up	$= 2 \times W$
	tangential forward	$= W$

X3.3 Instead of the above simplification, a more rational analysis using the following lift and drag components in Fig. X3.1 may be used.

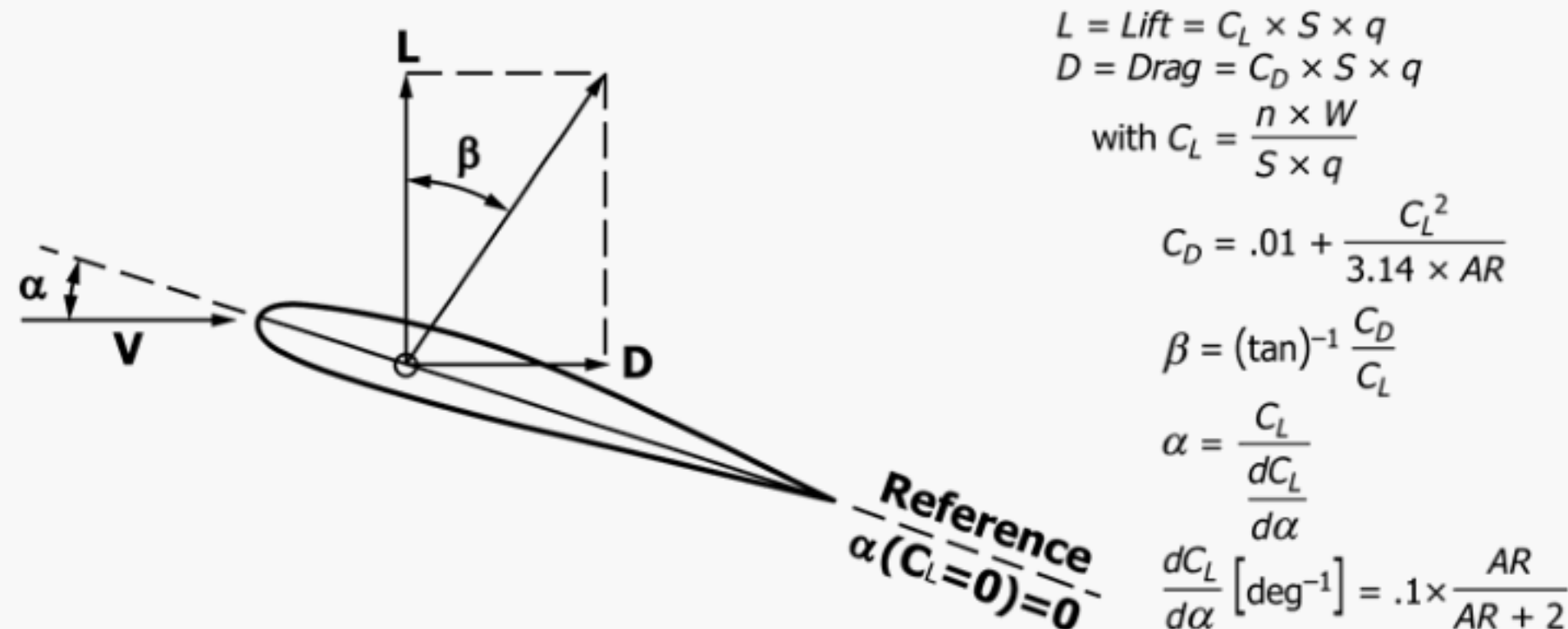
#### X3.4 Unsymmetrical Wing Loads

X3.4.1 *Shear, Wing Carry Through*—Assume 100 % of Point A on one wing and apply 75 % of Point A on the other wing.

X3.4.2 *Torsion, Wing*—Assume 75 % of Point A or D on each wing and add the torsional loads because of the aileron deflection as shown in Fig. X3.2.

X3.4.3 *Torsion, Wing*—Assume 75 % of Point D on each wing and add the torsion loads as a result of 1/3 of the aileron deflection.

X3.4.4 If the landing gear is attached to the wing, the wing structure shall be justified for the ground loads as well.



NOTE 1—Both components (normal and tangential) must be considered simultaneously.

NOTE 2—The aerodynamic loads shall be considered to be located at the aerodynamic center.

NOTE 3—The wing normal and tangential loads are balanced by the inertia loads at the corresponding load factors.

NOTE 4—If wing flaps are installed, the resulting loads shall also be investigated at Point F (symmetrical load condition).

FIG. X3.1 Normal and Tangential Loads



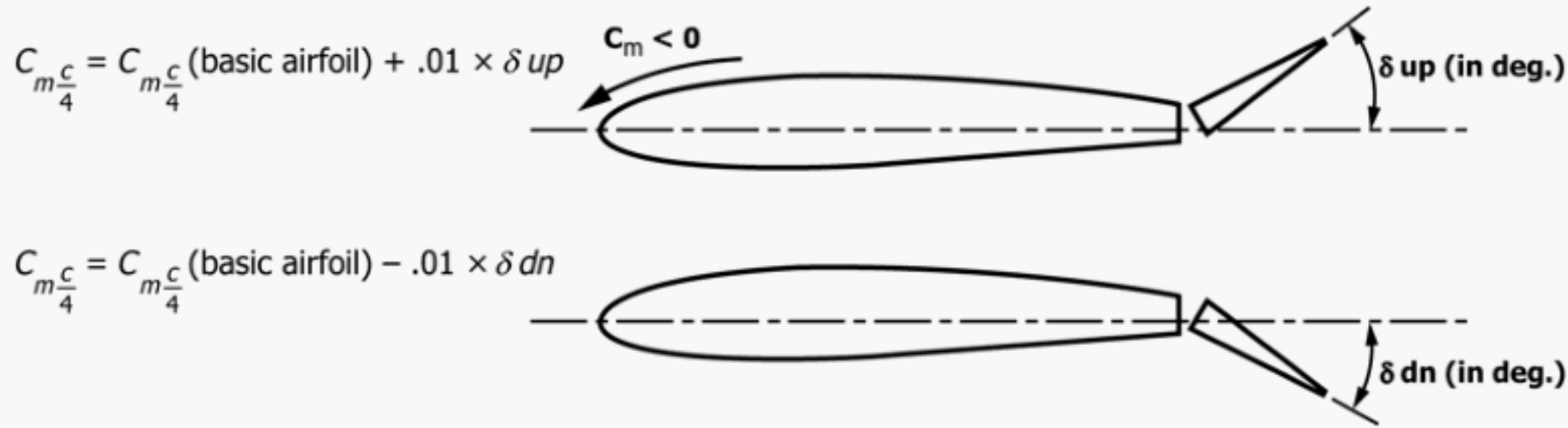


FIG. X3.2 Unsymmetrical Wing Loads

#### X4. ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF GUST LOAD FACTOR CALCULATIONS

X4.1 In the absence of a more rational analysis, the gust load factors may be computed as follows:

$$n = 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot V \cdot K_g \cdot a \cdot U_{de}}{\left(\frac{W}{S}\right)} \quad (\text{X4.1})$$

where:

- $K_g$  =  $0.88\mu_g / 5.3 + \mu_g$  = gust alleviation factor,
- $\mu_g$  =  $2(W/S) / \rho \cdot C \cdot a \cdot g$  = airplane mass ratio,
- $U_{de}$  = derived gust velocities referred to in 5.2.3.3, m/s,
- $\rho$  = density of air, kg/m<sup>3</sup>,
- $W/S$  = wing loading, N/m<sup>2</sup>,

- $C$  = mean geometric chord of wing, m,
- $g$  = acceleration of gravity, m/s<sup>2</sup>,
- $V$  = airplane equivalent airspeed (or CAS for LSA), m/s, and
- $a$  = slope of the airplane normal force coefficient curve,  $C_{NA}$  per radian.

X4.2 The wing lift curve slope,  $C_L$  per radian, may be used when the gust load applied to the wing only and the horizontal tail gust loads are treated as separate condition. The value of  $n$  calculated from the preceding expression need not exceed:

$$n = 1.25 \cdot \left(\frac{V}{V_{SI}}\right)^2 \quad (\text{X4.2})$$

#### X5. ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR CALCULATING GUST LOADS ON STABILIZING SURFACES

X5.1 In the absence of a more rational analysis, the horizontal stabilizing surfaces gust loads may be computed as follows:

$$\Delta L_{HT} = \frac{K_g \cdot U_{de} \cdot V \cdot a_{HT} \cdot S_{HT}}{1.63} \left(1 - \frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha}\right) \quad (\text{X5.1})$$

where:

- $\Delta L_{HT}$  = incremental horizontal surface load, N,
- $K_g$  = gust alleviation factor; same value used in 5.2.6,
- $U_{de}$  = derived gust velocity, m/s,
- $V$  = airplane airspeed (CAS for LSA), m/s,
- $a_{HT}$  = slope of horizontal surface lift curve, per radian,
- $S_{HT}$  = area of horizontal surface, m<sup>2</sup>, and
- $(1 - d\varepsilon/d\alpha)$  = downwash factor.

X5.2 In the absence of a more rational analysis, the vertical stabilizing surfaces gust loads may be computed as follows:

$$\Delta L_{VT} = \frac{K_{gt} \cdot U_{de} \cdot V \cdot a_{VT} \cdot S_{VT}}{1.63} \quad (\text{X5.2})$$

$$K_{gt} = \frac{.88 \cdot \mu_{gt}}{5.3 + \mu_{gt}} \quad (\text{X5.3})$$

where:

- $L_{VT}$  = incremental vertical surface load, N,
- $K_{gt}$  = gust alleviation factor,
- $\mu_{gt}$  = lateral mass ratio,
- $U_{de}$  = derived gust velocity, m/s,
- $W$  = airplane weight, N,
- $\rho$  = density of air, kg/m<sup>3</sup>,
- $V$  = airplane equivalent airspeed (CAS may be used for LSA), m/s,
- $a_{VT}$  = slope of vertical surface lift curve, per radian,
- $S_{VT}$  = area of vertical surface, m<sup>2</sup>,
- $C_{vt}$  = mean geometric chord of vertical surface, m,
- $K$  = Radius of gyration in yaw, m,
- $l_{vt}$  = distance from airplane c.g. to lift center of vertical surface, m, and
- $g$  = acceleration due to gravity, m/s<sup>2</sup>.



## X6. ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR CALCULATION OF WATER LOADS

NOTE X6.1—In the absence of a more rational analysis, the water loads may be calculated as follows:

### X6.1 Water Load Conditions

X6.1.1 The structure of seaplanes and amphibians must be designed for water loads developed during takeoff and landing with the seaplane in any attitude likely to occur in normal operation at appropriate forward and sinking velocities under the most severe sea conditions likely to be encountered.

X6.1.2 In the absence of a more rational analysis of the water loads, X6.2 through X6.9 apply.

### X6.2 Design Weights and Center of Gravity Positions

X6.2.1 *Design Weights*—The water load requirements must be met at each operating weight up to the design landing weight except that, for the takeoff condition prescribed in X6.6, the design water takeoff weight (the maximum weight for water taxi and takeoff run) must be used.

X6.2.2 *Center of Gravity Positions*—The critical centers of gravity within the limits for which certification is requested must be considered to reach maximum design loads for each part of the seaplane structure.

### X6.3 Application of Loads

X6.3.1 Unless otherwise prescribed, the seaplane as a whole is assumed to be subjected to the loads corresponding to the load factors specified in X6.4.

X6.3.2 In applying the loads resulting from the load factors prescribed in X6.4, the loads may be distributed over the hull or main float bottom (in order to avoid excessive local shear loads and bending moments at the location of water load application) using pressures not less than those prescribed in X6.7.3.

X6.3.3 For twin float seaplanes, each float must be treated as an equivalent hull on a fictitious seaplane with a weight equal to one half the weight of the twin float seaplane.

X6.3.4 Except in the takeoff condition of X6.6, the aerodynamic lift on the seaplane during the impact is assumed to be two thirds of the weight of the seaplane.

### X6.4 Hull and Main Float Load Factors

X6.4.1 Water reaction load factors  $n_w$  must be computed in the following manner:

X6.4.1.1 For the step landing case:

$$n_w = \frac{C_1 V_{s0}^2}{\left(\tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta\right) \left(\frac{W}{4.448}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \quad (\text{X6.1})$$

X6.4.1.2 For the bow and stern landing cases:

$$n_w = \frac{C_1 V_{s0}^2}{\left(\tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta\right) \left(\frac{W}{4.448}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \times \frac{K_1}{(1 + r_x^2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \quad (\text{X6.2})$$

X6.4.2 The following values are used:

- $n_w$  = water reaction load factor (that is, the water reaction divided by seaplane weight),
- $C_1$  = empirical seaplane operations factor equal to 0.012 (except that this factor may not be less than that necessary to obtain the minimum value of step load factor of 2.33),
- $V_{s0}$  = seaplane stalling speed in knots with flaps extended in the appropriate landing position and with no slip-stream effect,
- $\beta$  = angle of dead rise at the longitudinal station at which the load factor is being determined in accordance with Fig. X1.1,
- $W$  = seaplane design landing weight in Newtons,
- $K_1$  = empirical hull station weighing factor, in accordance with Fig. X1.2, and
- $r_x$  = ratio of distance, measured parallel to hull reference axis, from the center of gravity of the seaplane to the hull longitudinal station at which the load factor is being computed to the radius of gyration in pitch of the seaplane, the hull reference axis being a straight line, in the plane of symmetry, tangential to the keel at the main step.

X6.4.3 For a twin float seaplane, because of the effect of flexibility of the attachment of the floats to the seaplane, the factor  $K_1$  may be reduced at the bow and stern to 0.8 of the value shown in Fig. X1.2. This reduction applies only to the design of the carry-through and seaplane structure.

### X6.5 Hull and Main Float Landing Conditions

X6.5.1 *Symmetrical Step, Bow, and Stern Landing*—For symmetrical step, bow, and stern landings, the limit water reaction load factors are those computed in X6.4.

X6.5.1.1 For symmetrical step landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, through the center of gravity, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line;

X6.5.1.2 For symmetrical bow landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, one-fifth of the longitudinal distance from the bow to the step, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line; and

X6.5.1.3 For symmetrical stern landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, at a point 85 % of the longitudinal distance from the step to the stern post, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line.

X6.5.2 *Unsymmetrical Landing for Hull and Single Float Seaplanes*—Unsymmetrical step, bow, and stern landing conditions must be investigated.

X6.5.2.1 The loading for each condition consists of an upward component and a side component equal, respectively, to 0.75 and 0.25  $\tan \beta$  times the resultant load in the corresponding symmetrical landing condition; and

X6.5.2.2 The point of application and direction of the upward component of the load is the same as that in the symmetrical condition, and the point of application of the side component is at the same longitudinal station as the upward



component but is directed inward perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry at a point midway between the keel and the chine lines.

**X6.5.3 Unsymmetrical Landing; Twin Float Seaplanes**—The unsymmetrical loading consists of an upward load at the step of each float of 0.75 and a side load of  $0.25 \tan \beta$  at one float times the step landing load in **X6.4**. The side load is directed inboard, perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry midway between the keel and chine lines of the float, at the same longitudinal station as the upward load.

## X6.6 Hull and Main Float Takeoff Condition

**X6.6.1** For the wing and its attachment to the hull or main float:

**X6.6.1.1** The aerodynamic wing lift is assumed to be zero; and

**X6.6.1.2** A downward inertia load, corresponding to a load factor computed from the following formula, must be applied:

$$n = \frac{C_{TO} V_{S1}^2}{\left( \tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta \right) \left( \frac{W}{4.448} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \quad (\text{X6.3})$$

where:

- $n$  = inertia load factor,
- $C_{TO}$  = empirical seaplane operations factor equal to 0.004,
- $V_{S1}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) at the design takeoff weight with the flaps extended in the appropriate takeoff position,
- $\beta$  = angle of dead rise at the main step (degrees), and
- $W$  = design water takeoff weight in Newtons.

## X6.7 Hull and Main Float Bottom Pressures

**X6.7.1 General**—The hull and main float structure, including frames and bulkheads, stringers, and bottom plating, must be designed under this section.

**X6.7.2 Local Pressures**—For the design of the bottom plating and stringers and their attachments to the supporting structure, the following pressure distributions must be applied:

**X6.7.2.1** For an unflared bottom, the pressure at the chine is 0.75 times the pressure at the keel, and the pressures between the keel and chine vary linearly, in accordance with **Fig. X6.3**. The pressure at the keel (kPa) is computed as follows:

$$P_k = \frac{C_2 K_2 V_{S1}^2}{\tan \beta_k} \times 6.895 \quad (\text{X6.4})$$

where:

- $P_k$  = pressure at the keel, kPa,
- $C_2$  = 0.00213,
- $K_2$  = hull station weighing factor, in accordance with **Fig. X6.2**,
- $V_{S1}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) at the design water takeoff weight with flaps extended in the appropriate takeoff position, and
- $\beta_k$  = angle of dead rise at keel, in accordance with **Fig. X6.1**.

**X6.7.2.2** For a flared bottom, the pressure at the beginning of the flare is the same as that for an unflared bottom, and the pressure between the chine and the beginning of the flare varies

linearly, in accordance with **Fig. X6.3**. The pressure distribution is the same as that prescribed in **X6.7.2.1** for an unflared bottom except that the pressure at the chine is computed as follows:

$$P_{ch} = \frac{C_3 K_2 V_{S1}^2}{\tan \beta} \times 6.895 \quad (\text{X6.5})$$

where:

- $P_{ch}$  = pressure at the chine, kPa,
- $C_3$  = 0.0016,
- $K_2$  = hull station weighing factor, in accordance with **Fig. X6.2**,
- $V_{S1}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) at the design water takeoff weight with flaps extended in the appropriate takeoff position, and
- $\beta$  = angle of dead rise at appropriate station.

**NOTE X6.2**—The area over which these pressures are applied must simulate pressures occurring during high localized impacts on the hull or float, but need not extend over an area that would induce critical stresses in the frames or in the overall structure.

**X6.7.3 Distributed Pressures**—For the design of the frames, keel, and chine structure, the following pressure distributions apply:

**X6.7.3.1** Symmetrical pressures as computed as follows:

$$P = \frac{C_4 K_2 V_{S0}^2}{\tan \beta} \times 6.895 \quad (\text{X6.6})$$

where:

- $P$  = pressure, kPa,
- $C_4$  = 0.078  $C_1$  (with  $C_1$  computed in **X6.4**),
- $K_2$  = hull station weighing factor, determined in accordance with **Fig. X6.2**,
- $V_{S0}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) with landing flaps extended in the appropriate position and with no slipstream effect, and
- $\beta$  = angle of dead rise at appropriate station.

**X6.7.3.2** The unsymmetrical pressure distribution consists of the pressures prescribed in **X6.7.3.1** on one side of the hull or main float centerline and one-half of that pressure on the other side of the hull or main float centerline in accordance with **Fig. X6.3**.

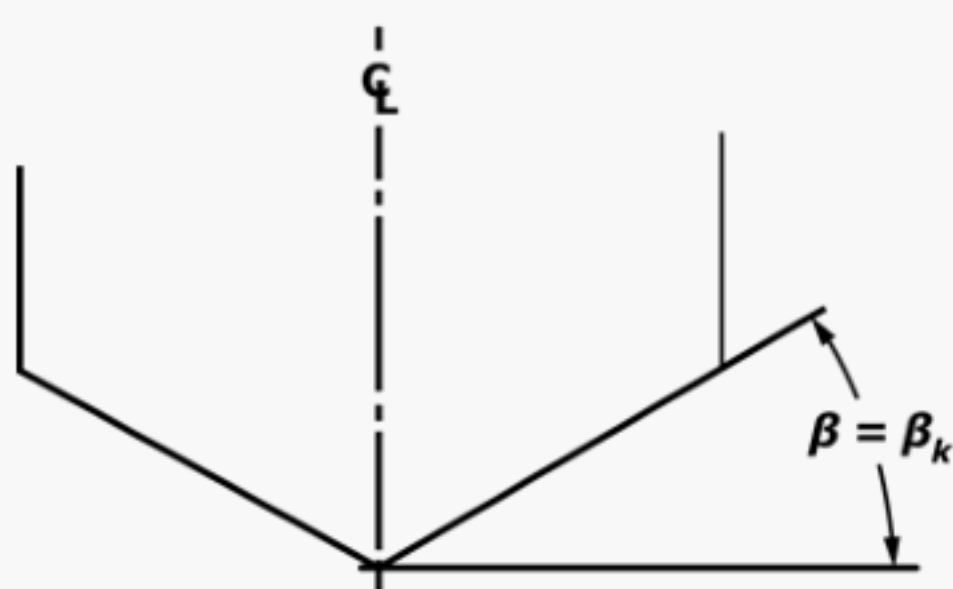
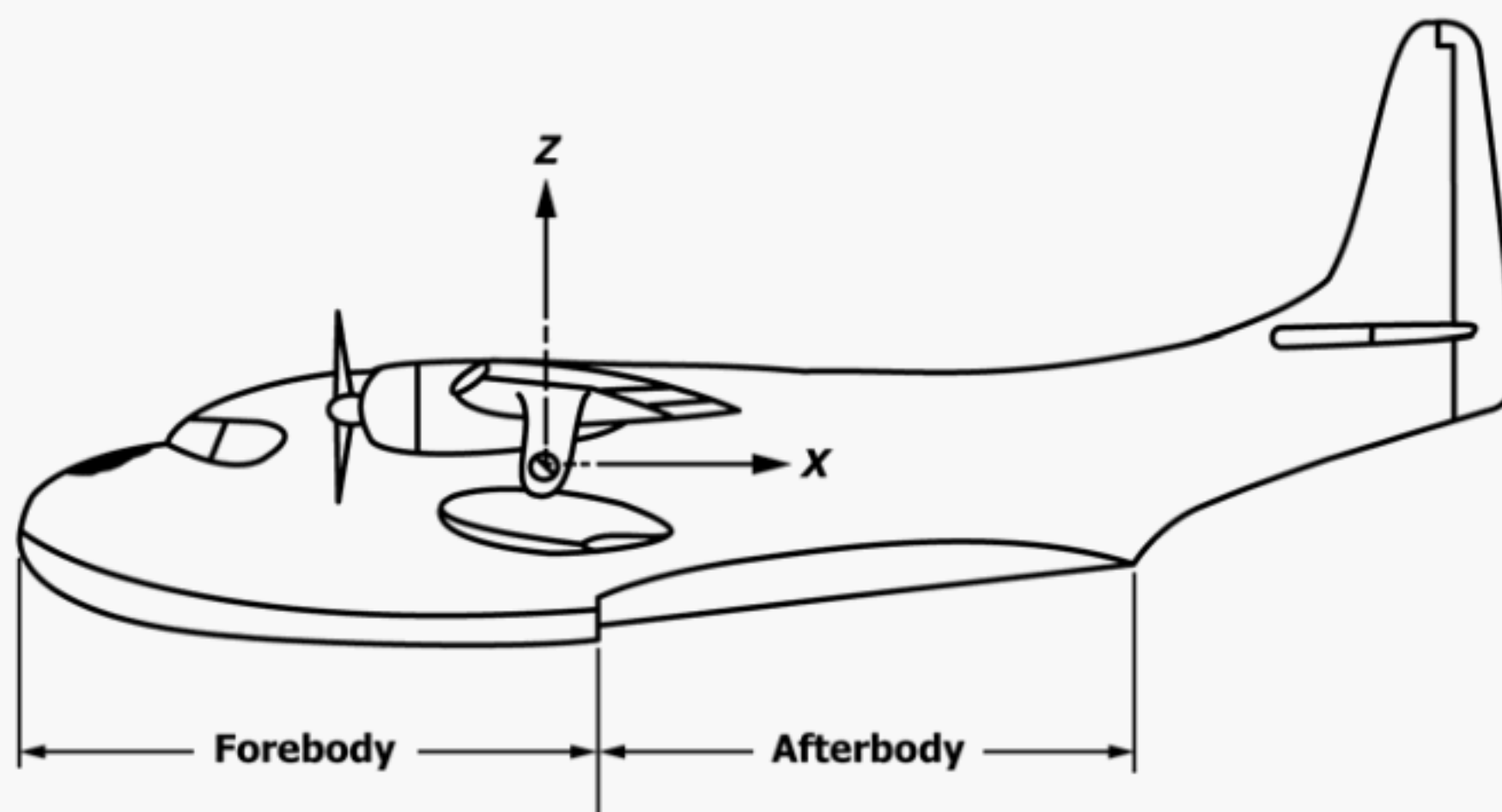
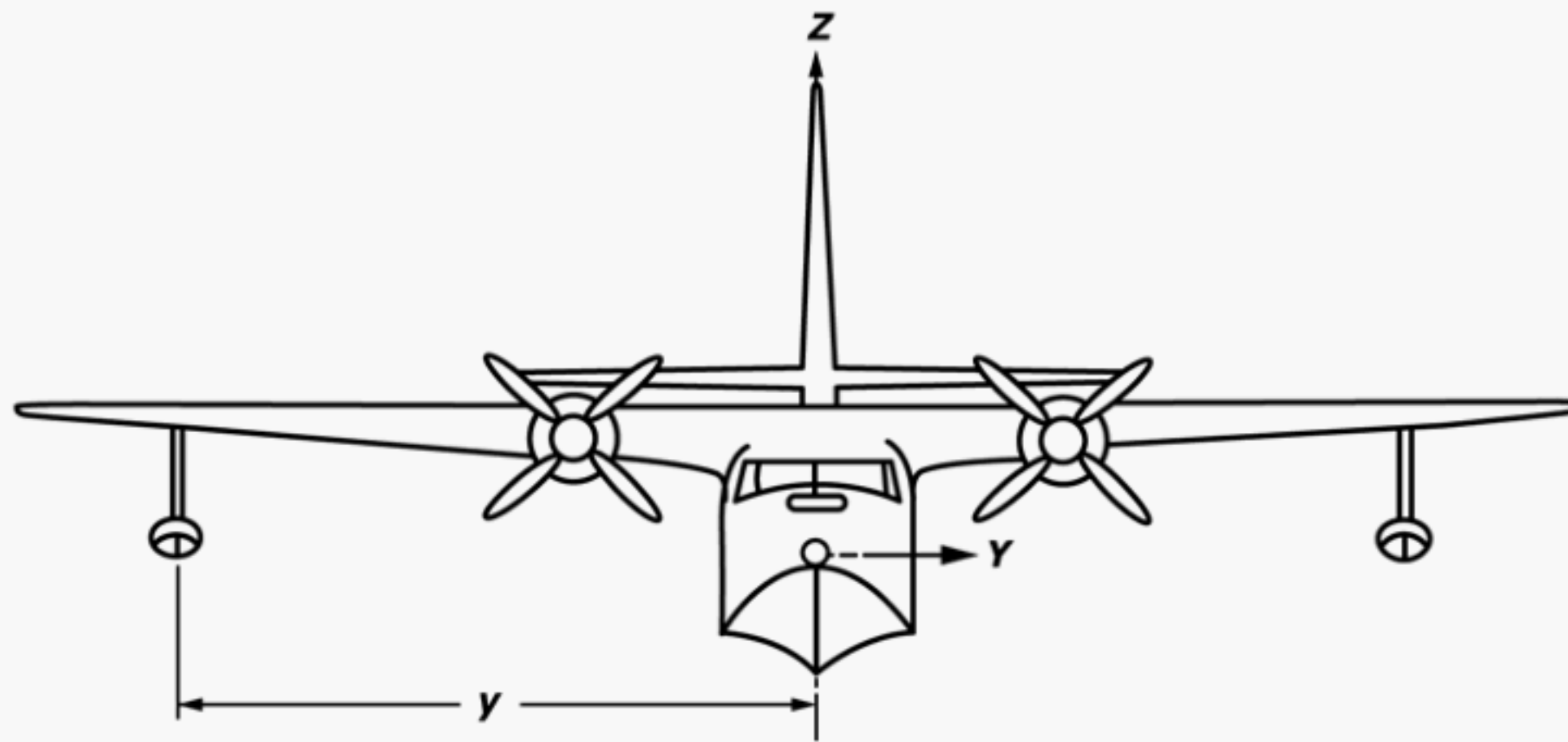
**X6.7.3.3** These pressures are uniform and must be applied simultaneously over the entire hull or main float bottom. The loads obtained must be carried into the sidewall structure of the hull proper, but need not be transmitted in a fore and aft direction as shear and bending loads.

## X6.8 Auxiliary Float Loads

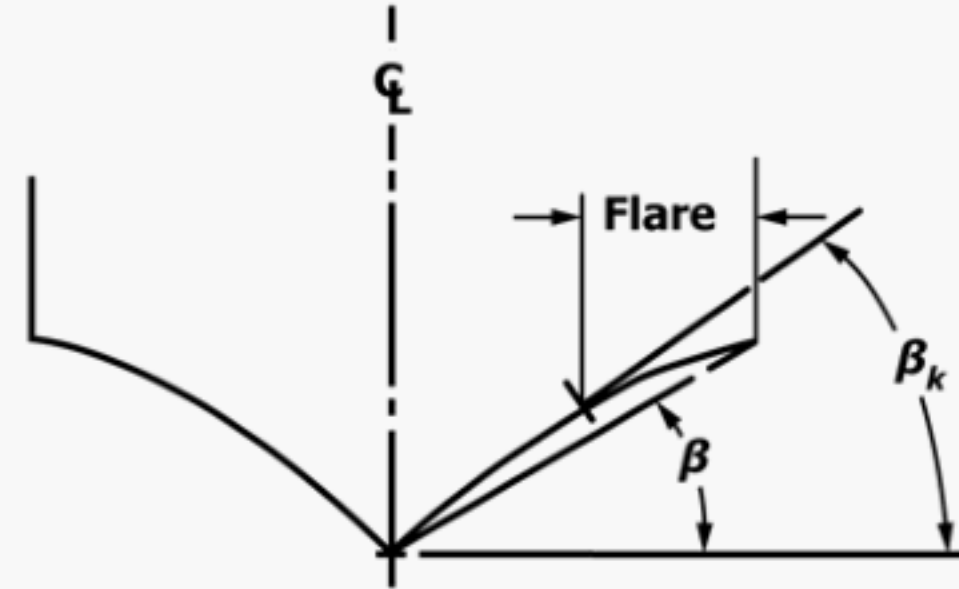
**X6.8.1 General**—Auxiliary floats and their attachments and supporting structures must be designed for the conditions prescribed in this section. In the cases specified in **X6.8.2** through **X6.8.5**, the prescribed water loads may be distributed over the float bottom to avoid excessive local loads, using bottom pressures not less than those prescribed in **X6.8.7**.

**X6.8.2 Step Loading**—The resultant water load must be applied in the plane of symmetry of the float at a point three-fourths of the distance from the bow to the step and must be perpendicular to the keel. The resultant limit load is computed as follows, except that the value of  $L$  need not





**Unflared Bottom**



**Flared Bottom**

FIG. X6.1 Pictorial Definition of Angles, Dimensions, and Directions on a Seaplane

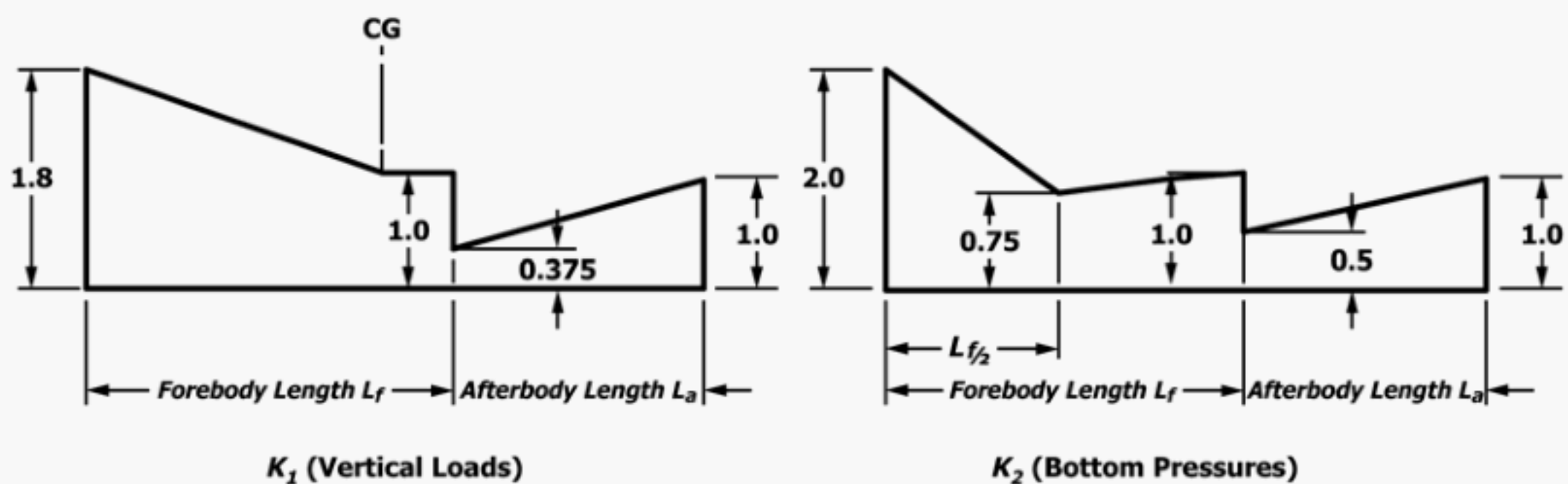


FIG. X6.2 Hull Station Weighing Factor



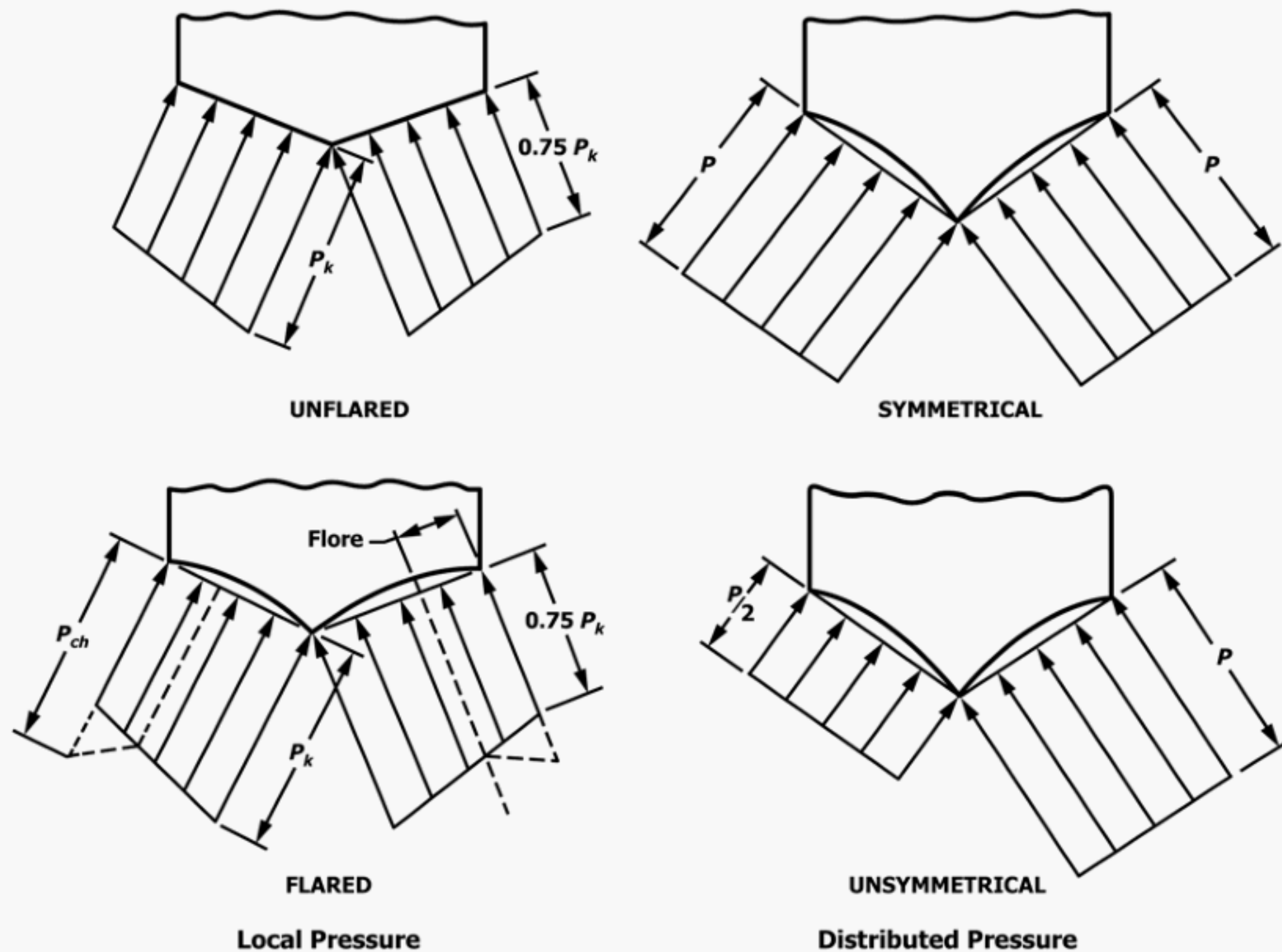


FIG. X6.3 Transverse Pressure Distributions

exceed three times the weight of the displaced water when the float is completely submerged:

$$L = 4.448 \times \frac{C_5 V_{s0}^2 \left( \frac{W}{4.448} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\left( \tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta_s \right) (1 + r_y^2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \quad (\text{X6.7})$$

where:

- $L$  = limit load, N,
- $C_5$  = 0.0053,
- $V_{s0}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) with landing flaps extended in the appropriate position and with no slipstream effect,
- $W$  = seaplane design landing weight, N,
- $\beta_s$  = angle of dead rise at a station three-fourths of the distance from the bow to the step, but need not be less than  $15^\circ$ ; and
- $r_y$  = ratio of the lateral distance between the center of gravity and the plane of symmetry of the float to the radius of gyration in roll.

**X6.8.3 Bow Loading**—The resultant limit load must be applied in the plane of symmetry of the float at a point one-fourth of the distance from the bow to the step and must be perpendicular to the tangent to the keel line at that point. The magnitude of the resultant load is that specified in **X6.8.2**.

**X6.8.4 Unsymmetrical Step Loading**—The resultant water load consists of a component equal to 0.75 times the load specified in **X6.8.1** and a side component equal to  $0.25 \tan \beta$  times the load specified in **X6.8.2**. The side load must be

applied perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry of the float at a point midway between the keel and the chine.

**X6.8.5 Unsymmetrical Bow Loading**—The resultant water load consists of a component equal to 0.75 times the load specified in **X6.8.2** and a side component equal to  $0.25 \tan \beta$  times the load specified in **X6.8.3**. The side load must be applied perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry at a point midway between the keel and the chine.

**X6.8.6 Immersed Float Condition**—The resultant load must be applied at the centroid of the cross section of the float at a point one-third of the distance from the bow to the step. The limit load components (N) are as follows:

$$\text{vertical} = \rho g V \quad (\text{X6.8})$$

$$\text{aft} = \frac{C_x \rho V^{\frac{2}{3}} (K V_{s0})^2}{2}$$

$$\text{side} = \frac{C_y \rho V^{\frac{2}{3}} (K V_{s0})^2}{2}$$

where:

- $\rho$  = mass density of water,  $\text{kg/m}^3$ ,
- $V$  = volume of float,  $\text{m}^3$ ,
- $C_x$  = coefficient of drag force, equal to 0.01236,
- $C_y$  = coefficient of side force, equal to 0.00985,
- $K$  = 0.8, except that lower values may be used if it is shown that the floats are incapable of submerging at a speed of  $0.8 V_{s0}$  in normal operations,



$V_{s0}$  = seaplane stalling speed (knots) with landing flaps extended in the appropriate position and with no slipstream effect, and  
 $g$  = acceleration due to gravity,  $\text{m/s}^2$ .

**X6.8.7 Float Bottom Pressures**—The float bottom pressures must be established in **X6.7**, except that the value of  $K_2$  in the

formulae may be taken as 1.0. The angle of dead rise to be used in determining the float bottom pressures is set forth in **X6.8.2**.

**X6.9 Seawing Loads**—Seawing design loads must be based on applicable test data.

## **X7. LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH IN-FLIGHT ADJUSTABLE PROPELLERS**

### **X7.1 Definitions**

**X7.1.1 In-Flight Adjustable Propeller**—Any propeller that allows for in-flight propeller rotational speed adjustment via pitch change of the propeller blades, including manually controlled variable pitch propellers and automatic controlled (constant speed) propellers, regardless if adjusted by direct pilot interaction, (constant speed) controller, or combination of both.

### **X7.2 Applicability**

**X7.2.1** This appendix defines design and performance requirements applicable to light sport aircraft that are equipped with in-flight adjustable propellers. This appendix complements, and does not replace, the requirements imposed by the main section of this specification.

### **X7.3 Proof of Compliance**

**X7.3.1** When the aircraft is equipped with an in-flight adjustable propeller, the propeller settings that may be applicable to the flight phase in question, as intended by the normal operating procedures identified in the Pilot's Operating Handbook, have to be considered when showing compliance with the requirements in Section 4.

### **X7.4 Propeller Speed and Pitch Limits**

**X7.4.1** A propeller that can be adjusted in-flight but does not have constant speed control device(s) must be so designed and integrated that:

**X7.4.1.1** The requirement described in **4.3.1** is met with the lowest possible pitch selected for the take-off and climb case, and

**X7.4.1.2** The requirement described in **4.3.1** is met with the highest possible pitch selected for the glide case.

**X7.4.2** A propeller that can be adjusted in-flight and is equipped with a constant speed control device must be so designed and integrated that:

**X7.4.2.1** With the constant speed control device operating normally, there must be a means to limit the maximum engine rotational speed to the maximum allowable take-off rotational speed, and

**X7.4.2.2** With the constant speed control device inoperative, there must be a means to limit the maximum engine rotational speed to 103 % of the maximum allowable take-off rotational speed with the propeller blades at the lowest possible pitch and the airplane stationary with no wind at full throttle position.

### **X7.5 Information**

**X7.5.1** Additional instructions to the pilot/operator must be provided in the Pilot's Operating Handbook and Maintenance Manual (as necessary), identifying the correct use of the in-flight adjustable propeller system.

**X7.5.2** Information in the Pilot's Operating Handbook and Maintenance Manual (as necessary) shall be provided about identifying malfunctioning of the propeller pitch adjustment, or of the associated (constant speed) controller, the reaction of the system to malfunctions, and the associated procedures the pilot has to follow in this case, including identification of possible significant performance implications.

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