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Takeoff speed determination at low weights

Reminders on Airbus recommendations



Introduction

- A few months ago, flight crews in an A321 flight reported that rotation at takeoff occurred without applying side stick input
- This was not the first occurrence
- Trim setting proved correct
- Takeoff data:
 - ▶ CONF1+F
 - ▶ T/O weight: 64 tons
 - ▶ V1/Vr/V2: 149/149/152 kt
- Theoretical study, confirmed by flight tests, confirmed the behavior

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Takeoff Charts / Temperature Entry



IAE 33000lb
CONF1+F
TOW 64 t

A321231 - JAA IAE V2533-A5 engines			TEST -						
QNH 1013.25 HPA			Elevation 0 FT TORA 3500 M						
Air cond. Off			Isa temp 15 C TODA 3500 M						
Anti-icing Off			rwy slope 0.00% ASDA 3500 M				0 obstacle		
Crosswind UP TO 20KT									
Dry check									
OAT	CONF 1+F			CONF 2			CONF 3		
C	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND
-40	100.0 3/7 161/77/81	100.0 3/7 150/78/81	100.0 7/7 149/78/81	98.9 3/6 168/79/80	99.9 2/3 183/91/91	99.9 2/3 181/91/91	93.6 2/3 165/75/78	93.6 2/3 159/76/79	93.6 2/3 157/76/79
54	81.5 3/6 152/59/62	83.2 2/3 162/68/71	83.5 2/3 165/71/73	80.5 3/6 154/60/60	81.4 2/3 164/69/69	81.4 2/3 167/72/72	76.3 2/3 154/58/61	76.3 2/3 150/59/61	76.3 2/3 148/59/61
56	80.1 3/6 154/60/60	81.5 2/3 164/69/69	81.9 2/3 164/70/70	78.9 2/3 164/70/70	79.6 2/3 151/56/59	79.6 2/3 145/56/59	74.5 2/3 143/56/59	74.5 2/3 143/56/59	74.5 2/3 143/56/59
57				78.0 2/3 154/60/60	78.6 2/3 164/69/69	78.6 2/3 163/69/69	73.6 2/3 149/55/57	73.6 2/3 143/55/57	73.6 2/3 141/55/57
LABEL FOR INFO	DW (1000 KG) D1 (TVMC OAT C) DW (1000 KG) DT FLEX DVI-DVR-DV2 (KT)	1=1st segment 2=2nd segment 3=	5=tire speed 6=brake energy 7=	MC LOCATION	Tref (OAT) = 30 C Tmax (OAT) = 55 C	Min acc height 495 FT Max acc height 1818 FT	Min QNH alt 495 FT Max QNH alt 1818 FT		
Correct. V1/VR/V2 = 1.0 KT/1000 KG									

Takeoff Charts / Temperature Entry



IAE 33000lb
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A321231 - JAA IAE V2533-A5 engines

TEST -

OAT C	MTOW 80.6 t	Speed Correction	ATOW 64 t
V_1	163 kt	17 kt	146 kt
V_R	168 kt	17 kt	151 kt
V_2	170 kt	17 kt	153 kt

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56 80.1 3/6 | 81.5 2/3 | 81.9 2/3
57 **80.6 2/3**
 LABEL FOR INFO
 DW (100 KG) D1
 DVI-DVR-DV2 (KT)
 (TVMC OAT C) DW (100 KG) DTFLX
 DVI-DVR-DV2 (KT)

1=1st segment 2=2nd segment 3
 5=tire speed 6=brake energy 7=

80.1 3/6	81.5 2/3	81.9 2/3	78.9 2/3	79.6 2/3	79.6 2/3	74.5 2/3	74.5 2/3	74.5 2/3	
154/60/60	164/69/69	164/70/70	151/56/59	145/56/59	143/56/59	145/56/59	143/56/59	143/56/59	
78.0 2/3	78.6 2/3	78.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	73.6 2/3	
154/60/60	164/69/69	163/69/69	149/55/57	143/55/57	141/55/57	143/55/57	141/55/57	141/55/57	
MC ITION	Tref (OAT) = 30 C	Min acc height	495 FT	Min QNH alt	495 FT	Max acc height	1818 FT	Max QNH alt	1818 FT
	Tmax (OAT) = 55 C								

Correct. $V_1/V_R/V_2 = 1.0 \text{ KT}/1000 \text{ KG}$

Takeoff Charts / Weight Entry

IAE 33000lb
CONF1+F
TOW 64 t



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A321231 - JAA IAE V2533-A5 engines		TEST -							
QNH 1013.25 HPA		Elevation 0 FT TORA 3500 M							
Air cond. Off		Isa temp 15 C TODA 3500 M							
Anti-icing Off		rwy slope 0.00% ASDA 3500 M			0 obstacle				
Crosswind UP TO 20KT									
Dry check									
WEIGHT	CONF 1+F		CONF 2			CONF 3			
1000 KG	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT
66	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/36	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/38	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/38	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24
64	57 112/	57 7/9 /9 0 /36	57 7/9 /9 0.0 /36	57 7/9 /9 0.0 /36	57 7/9 /9 0.0 /36	57 7/7 0.0 0.0 112/25/28	57 7/7 0.0 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/7 0.0 0.0 111/20/24	
	50	GRAD1/GRAD2 (KG/C)							
	50	50/ 430	30/ 490	30/ 510	20/ 490	0/ 530	***/****		
LABEL FOR INFLUENCE	DW (1000 KG) DTFLX DV1-DVR-DV2(KT) (VMC OAT C) DW (1000 KG) DTFLX DV1-DVR-DV2(KT)	VMC V1min/VR/V2 (kt)	Tref (OAT) = 30 C LIMITATION	Min acc height 495 FT Max acc height 1818 FT	Min QNH alt 495 FT Max QNH alt 1818 FT				
	LIMITATION CODES: 1=1st segment 2=2nd segment 3=runway length 4=obstacles 5=tire speed 6=brake energy 7=max weight 8=final take-off 9=VMU			Min V1/VR/V2 = 112/20/24 CHECK VMU LIMITATION Correct. V1/VR/V2 = 1.0 KT/1000 KG					

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Less Paper Cockpit (LPC)



IAE 33000lb
CONF1+F
TOW 64 t

Airbus - Less Paper Cockpit V 2.6 - TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE

AIRCRAFT		Airport/RWY <F2>			
A/C Type :	A321-231	HEATHROW	LHR EGLL : 27R C		
Tail Number :	F-321C	Elev (ft) : 79	Slope: 0.00		
CONDITIONS <F3>		RWY Length (m): 3492	Clearway (m): 0	Stopway (m): 0	Obstacles: 3
Wind (° / kt) :	0	LineUp (deg): 0	TO Shift (m): 0	0	
OAT (°C) :	25	"Climb on 274 deg. At 1600 turn right to BNN HP.			
QNH (HPa) :	1013				
TOW (kg) :	64000				
CONF :	CONF 1+F	RESULTS			
Air Conditioning :	Off	Perf. Limit Weight (kg): 94514			
52	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136
53	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136
54	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136
55	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136
56	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136
- NORMAL -		COMPUTATION	REMINDER	Detailed Results	
		QUIT <ESC>		F0/F12	R

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Takeoff speeds / Summary



IAE 33000lb
CONF1+F
TOW 64 t

ATOW 64 t	Chart with Temperature Entry	Chart with Takeoff Weight Entry	Delta Speed
V_1	146 kt	112 kt	+ 34 kt
V_R	151 kt	131 kt	+ 20 kt
V_2	153 kt	136 kt	+ 17 kt

Three ways to determine takeoff performance



■ Same Scenario for A330

- ▶ Runway length: 4000 m, S.L / Current takeoff weight : 170 tons / Takeoff FLAP : 1+F
- ▶ A330-203 (TFLEX 58°C)
 - MTOW 207.2 t V1=161kt Vr=163kt V2=168kt
 - ATOW 170 t
 - Using takeoff chart speed correction : V1=150kt / Vr=152kt / V2=157kt
 - Direct computation : V1=113kt / Vr=126kt / V2=134kt
 - **Speed difference :** V1=37 kt / Vr=26 kt / V2=23 kt
- ▶ A330-223 (TFLEX 55°C)
 - MTOW 202.7 t V1=163kt / Vr=165kt / V2=170kt
 - ATOW 170 t
 - Using takeoff chart speed correction : V1=153kt / Vr=155kt / V2=160kt
 - Direct computation : V1=111kt / Vr=126kt / V2=134kt
 - **Speed difference :** V1=42 kt / Vr=29 kt / V2=26 kt

Three ways to determine takeoff performance



A340

- A340

The A340 are much less concerned by this risk of autorotation at low weights because the four engine aircraft use much lower speed ratios than twin engine aircraft.

Three ways to determine takeoff performance

- No aircraft performance concern
- No tailstrike concern
- But.... Risk of autorotation

Is the speed correction per ton too low ?

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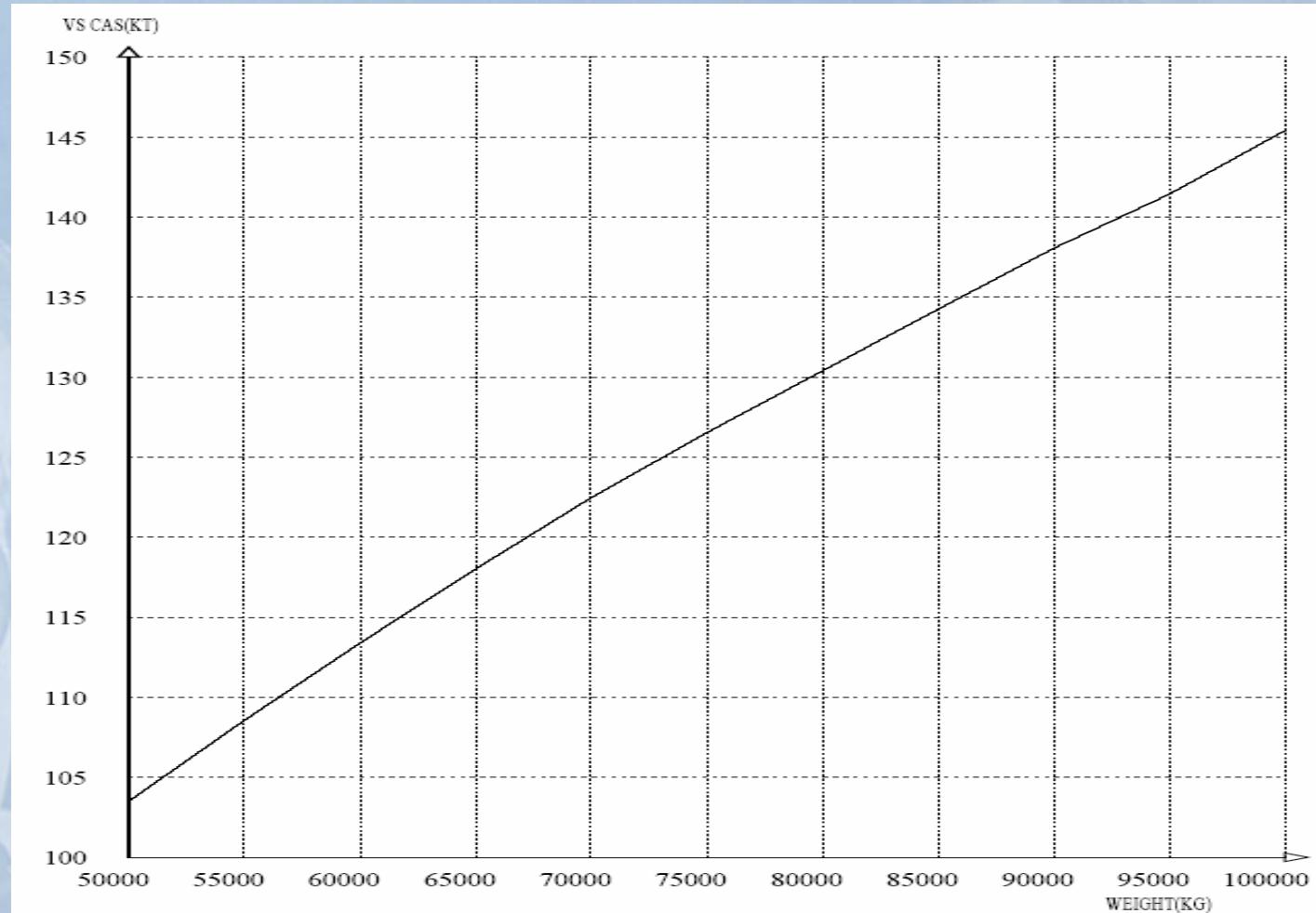
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Speed correction for low takeoff weights

30 °C	Min acc height	495 FT	Min QNH alt	495 FT
55 °C	Max acc height	1818 FT	Max QNH alt	1818 FT
Max VMU = 112/20/24				CHECK VMU LIMITATION
f9=VMU				Correct VMU = 1.0 KT/1000 KG

- The speed correction has been determined so as to remain at the same V2/Vs



Speed correction for low takeoff weights

30 °C	Min acc height	495 FT	Min QNH alt	495 FT
55 °C	Max acc height	1818 FT	Max QNH alt	1818 FT
Min V1/VR/V2 = 112/20/24				
CHECK VMU LIMITATION				
f9=VMU				Correct V1/VR/V2 = 1.0 KT/1000 KG

- For the A320 family, the speed correction is 1kt per 1000 kg
- For the A330, it is 0.3 kt per 1000 kg.
- Increasing this speed correction would lead to get V2 less than 1.13 Vs in some cases.

It is not possible to provide a higher speed correction

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- When taking off at low weight on long runway :
 - ▶ Use a direct computation for the actual weight (Less Paper Cockpit (LPC) or equivalent) to obtain the exact speeds for the weight.

Airbus - Less Paper Cockpit V 2.6 - TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE

AIRCRAFT

A/C Type :	A321-231
Tail Number :	F-321C

CONDITIONS <F3>

Wind (° / kt) :	0
OAT (°C) :	25
QNH (HPa) :	1013
TOW (kg) :	64000
CONF :	CONF 1+F
Air Conditioning :	Off
Anti ice :	Off
Runway Condition :	Dry
Thrust Option :	TOGA

Airport/RWY <F2> Modify RWY <ALT-F2>

HEATHROW LHR EGLL : 27R C

Elev (ft) : 79	Slope: 0.00		
RWY Length (m): 3492	Clearway (m): 0	Stopway (m): 0	Obstacles: 3
LineUp (deg): 0	TO Shift (m): 0		

"Climb on 274 deg. At 1600 turn right to BNN HP."

RESULTS

Perf. Limit Weight (kg): 94514

OAT (°C)	Weight (kg)	Code	V1 (kt)	VR (kt)	V2 (kt)	EO acc alt (ft)
25	64000	TOW-VMU	121	128	137	1579
51	64000	TOW-VMU	111	130	136	1579
52	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136	1579
53	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136	1579
54	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136	1579
55	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136	1579
56	64000	TOW-VMU	112	131	136	1579

INOP ITEM <F5>

- NORMAL -

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QUIT <ESC>

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Airbus Recommendations

2. Use takeoff charts with weight entry:

A321231 - JAA IAE V2533-A5 engines			TEST -						23.1.1 26-JAN-06 AC231D01 V 9
QNH 1013.25 HPA			Elevation 0 FT TORA 3500 M						
Air cond. Off			Isa temp 15 C TODA 3500 M						
Anti-icing Off			rwy slope 0.00% ASDA 3500 M			0 obstacle			
Crosswind UP TO 20KT									
Dry check									
WEIGHT	CONF 1+F			CONF 2			CONF 3		
1000 KG	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT
68	57 7/9 0.0 114/36/40	57 7/9 0.0 114/36/40	57 7/9 0.0 114/36/40	57 7/9 0.0 112/29/32	57 7/9 0.0 112/29/32	57 7/9 0.0 112/29/32	57 7/9 0.0 110/22/26	57 7/9 0.0 110/22/26	57 7/9 0.0 110/22/26
66	57 7/9 0.0 112/33/38	57 7/9 0.0 112/33/38	57 7/9 0.0 112/33/38	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 112/27/30	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/9 0.0 111/20/24
64	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/36	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/36	57 7/9 0.0 112/31/36	57 7/9 0.0 112/25/28	57 7/9 0.0 112/25/28	57 7/9 0.0 112/25/28	57 7/7 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/7 0.0 111/20/24	57 7/7 0.0 111/20/24
GRAD1/GRAD2 (KG/C)									
	50/ 410	50/ 460	20/ 480	50/ 430	30/ 490	30/ 510	20/ 490	0/ 530	****/****
LABEL FOR INFLUENCE	OAT C DW CODES V1min/VR/V2 (kt)		VMC LIMITATION	Tref (OAT) = 30 C Tmax (OAT) = 55 C	Min acc height 495 FT Max acc height 1818 FT	Min QNH alt 495 FT Max QNH alt 1818 FT			
DW (1000 KG) DT/FLEX DVI-DVR-DV2 (KT) (VMC OAT C) DW (1000 KG) DT/FLEX DVI-DVR-DV2 (KT)	LIMITATION CODES: 1=1st segment 2=2nd segment 3=runway length 4=obstacles 5=tire speed 6=brake energy 7=max weight 8=final take-off 9=VMU					Min V1/VR/V2 = 112/20/24 CHECK VMU LIMITATION Correct. V1/VR/V2 = 1.0 KT/1000 KG			

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3. Add to takeoff charts with temperature entry one or two lines giving the speeds for low weights:

57	79.3 3/6 153/50/60	80.6 2/3 163/68/70	80.9 2/3 166/71/73	78.0 2/3 154/60/60	78.6 2/3 164/60/60	78.6 2/3 163/60/60	73.6 2/3 140/55/57	73.6 2/3 143/55/57	73.6 2/3 141/55/57
Standard Takeoff Chart with Temperature Entry									
DW(DW) DQ(DQ) DW(DW-DW)(CT) (VMU)CAT(DW(DW) DQ(DQ)) DW(DW-DW)(CT)	LIMITATION CODES: 1=1st segment 2=2nd segment 3=runway length 4=obstacles 5=tire speed 6=brake energy 7=max weight 8=final take-off 9=VMU							Min V1/V2/V2 = 112/20/24 CHECK VMU LIMITATION Correct V1/V2/V2 = 1.0 KT/1000 KG	
WEIGHT	CONF 1+F			CONF 2			CONF 3		
1000 KG	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND	TAILWIND	WIND	HEADWIND
72	110/40/44	110/40/44	110/40/44	112/22/29	112/22/29	112/22/29	112/22/27	112/22/27	112/22/27
64	112/31/36	112/31/36	112/31/36	112/25/28	112/25/28	112/25/28	111/20/24	111/20/24	111/20/24

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4. Retain the speeds for tailwind, if lower than for current wind

OAT	CONF 1+F			CONF 2			CONF 3		
	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT	TAILWIND -10 KT	WIND 0 KT	HEADWIND 10 KT
57	79.3 3/6 153/59/62	80.6 2/3 163/68/70	80.9 2/3 166/71/73	78.0 2/3 154/60/60	78.6 2/3 164/69/69	78.6 2/3 163/69/69	73.6 2/3 149/55/57	73.6 2/3 143/55/57	73.6 2/3 141/55/57

- ▶ No wind:

80.6 2/3
163/68/70

TOW 64 tons: V1=146

Vr=151

V2=153

Delta V1: 8 kt

Delta Vr: 7 kt

Delta V2: 6 kt

- ▶ 10 kt tailwind

79.3 3/6
153/59/62

TOW 64 tons: V1=138

Vr=144

V2=147

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- ✓ When taking off at low weight, and in particular on a routine basis:
 - ✓ Prefer using a direct computation for the current takeoff weight
 - ✓ Less Paper Cockpit (LPC) or equivalent
 - ✓ Takeoff chart with weight entry
 - ✓ Takeoff chart with temperature entry with speed data for low weights
 - ✓ When not available, determine the speeds for the takeoff weight in the tailwind column, if lower
 - ✓ In this case, or if it is not possible, be aware that autorotation may occur.



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