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ATR Presentation – ATR Performance Analysis of Empire Flight 8284

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Flight 8284 Performance Analysis

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS (methodology)

Factual inputs:

DFDR data and load and trim sheet

ATR inputs:

- Aerodynamics data used for AFM and Flight simulator:
 - based on ATR 42-300 MSN 001 and 002,
 - Verified on MSN 175 delivery flight

Means:

- Drag analysis engineering software
- Six Degree of Freedom engineering software
- Hinge moments and controls forces engineering software

DRAG ANALYSIS

Period:

End of climb to flap extension or gear extension.

Principle:

 The drag analysis principle is to compare the aircraft theoretical drag with an "in-flight drag" computed with measured parameters available in the FDAU (Flight Data Acquisition Unit), and on ASCB bus.

Results:

 The results are compared to certification polars, clean and polluted (3" + Intercycle ice shapes) aircraft.

DRAG ANALYSIS RESULTS (Flaps 0°) First icing encounter Level 180 and 140



DRAG ANALYSIS

When the aircraft crossed 10,000ft the static temperature was above freezing and the crew deselected the airframe de-icing.

At this time the aircraft was nominal in terms of performance.

DRAG ANALYSIS RESULTS (Flaps 0°)

Second icing encounter at 4800ft



Polluted aircraft = 3"+ intercycle ice shapes

DRAG ANALYSIS (With 6 DOF)

Period:

After gear and flap extension until the last stall warning

Principle:

• To try and match the DFDR parameters (IAS, altitude, AOA, Pitch ...) with clean aircraft data, drag and lift are added if necessary.

Results:

 The results are compared to certification polars clean and polluted (3" + intercycle ice shapes) aircraft.

DRAG ANALYSIS RESULTS (6 DOF) Second icing encounter during final approach



Polluted aircraft = 3"+ intercycle ice shapes

DRAG VS POWER

80 Drag counts is equivalent at:

- 14% of torques to maintain the cruise speed at 201 Kt at level 180.
- 9% of torques to maintain the cruise speed at 213 Kt at 14,000 ft.
- 10% of torques to maintain the cruise speed at 190 Kt at 5,000 ft.

130 Drag counts is equivalent at 8% of torques to maintain the cruise speed at 156 Kt at 5,000 ft.

LIFT: Flight 8284 compared with clean aircraft



LIFT : Flight 8284 compared with Icing Certification



LIFT ANALYSIS RESULTS (6 DOF)

There is no significant loss of lift during the final approach until 8° of aerodynamic angle of attack corresponding to 12.2° of AOA vane.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS RESULTS

- The icing conditions encountered during flight 8284 degraded the aircraft performances (drag and lift).
- These degradations stayed within the certificated envelope.

CONTROL FORCE ANALYSIS

- The hinge moments have been computed in the three axes using DFDR parameters.
- The control forces on the cockpit have been determined using the previous hinge moments and ATR 42-320 kinematics.

After the AP disconnection the max control force peak computed using DFDR data are:

- In roll axis: 13daN (29lb)
- In yaw axis: 50daN (110lb)
- In pitch axis: 16daN (35lb)







Flight 8284 : PERFORMANCE

The A/C behaviour and performance during Empire flight 8284 were always within the control envelope in terms of drag, lift and control forces.