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STRUCTURES

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**Telair Study
M-ATV Secured to 9G Forward
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M-ATV Secured with Tiedowns to 9G Forward

B747-428 (BCF)

Registration: N949CA
MSN 25630

29-Apr-2013, Bagram (Afghanistan)

Scope of Work



- An M-ATV (12614 kg) shall be restrained to 9G forward under consideration of all other load directions.
- The tiedown calculation will only be shown for the forward direction.
- The following tiedown scheme has been performed for NTSB investigation support

Summary

- Only Telair hardware was considered (no Boeing seat track)
- One (1) M-ATV located from B.A. 809 – 1056
- **Attention:**
 - For this theoretical analysis, a B747-400F nose door freighter main deck was used with the Upperdeck starting a STA 777 since otherwise the 9g FWD straps would have ended even in the side cargo door area
 - Loading a full-height M-ATV at this location in a B747-400BCF only would be possible if the tires would have been taken off the vehicle to lower the height below 96 inches
- 39 Straps = 78 Tiedown Points necessary for FWD Direction (9G)
- Strap length between 2 x 96 inch and 2 x 873 inch (floor angle and M-ATV width ignored)
- Assumed tiedown strap elongation 7 % (see <http://www.trip-co.nl/aircargo/aircargo.php?categorie=restraint-products&sub=tie-down-straps>)
- 2 x 873 inch x 7 % = 122 inch strap elongation
- Most likely scenario in a 9G Forward case: The shortest strap will be stretched to 7 % and fails before the longer straps are loaded to their maximum capability. To calculate the strap loads an analysis would be required that takes into account the stiffness of the straps.
- Therefore it is not possible to safely and properly secure a M-ATV vehicle in any location.



