

SECTION 1.4 ATPL AIRCRAFT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (AG)

Unit 1.4.1 AAGC: ATPL aircraft general knowledge – all aircraft categories

1. Reserved

2. Advanced aerodynamics

2.1.1 Explain the following airspeeds;

- (a) IAS;
- (b) CAS;
- (c) EAS;
- (d) TAS.

2.1.2 Explain the aerodynamic forces acting on an aircraft in flight.

3. Airframe and systems

3.1 Actuating systems

3.1.1 With reference to the basic principles of hydromechanics, explain and compare the following:

- (a) transmission of force by an incompressible fluid;
- (b) transmission of force by a compressible fluid.

3.2 Hydraulic systems

3.2.1 For the following:

- (a) describe the functioning of a typical hydraulic system comprising main, standby and emergency systems that have multiple pumps and services;
- (b) describe the purpose and function of the major components of a hydraulic system comprising:
 - (i) pumps;
 - (ii) accumulators;
 - (iii) reservoirs;
 - (iv) selector valves;
 - (v) check (one-way) valves;
- (c) recognise on a diagram the symbols for major components of a hydraulic system and be able to trace the functioning of a diagrammatic system (system detail at the level of typical operations manual diagram);
- (d) describe the typical services operated by a hydraulic system and for a typical system, how priority is allocated to certain services.

3.3 Fuel system

3.3.1 Jet fuels

- (a) Avgas (Jet A1) – difference from other fuel cuts:
 - (i) volatility;
 - (ii) additives (discussion only);
- (b) specific gravity:
 - (i) meaning;
 - (ii) variation with temperature;
 - (iii) effect of variation.

3.3.2 Carriage of fuel on aircraft

- (a) fuel tanks:
 - (i) individual tanks;