



*DCS GUIDE*  
**F-86F SABRE**  
*SERIES 35*

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These controls should be mapped to your joystick and are essential. Names on the left column are what you should look for in the “ACTION” column of the Controls Setup Menu in DCS. Description of the action is on the right column.

- MICROPHONE BUTTON  
ALLOWS YOU TO USE RADIO MENU WHILE FLYING
- FLAPS DOWN  
DEPLOYS YOUR FLAPS
- FLAPS UP  
RETRACTS YOUR FLAPS
- GUN FIRE  
FIRES YOUR .50 GUNS
- WEAPON RELEASE  
FIRES ROCKETS OR DROPS ORDNANCE (BOMB/TANK)
- LANDING GEAR UP/DOWN  
RAISES OR DEPLOYS YOUR LANDING GEAR
- AIRBRAKE ON  
DEPLOYS YOUR AIRBRAKE
- AIRBRAKE OFF  
RETRACTS YOUR AIRBRAKE
- A-4 SIGHT ELECTRICAL CAGING BUTTON (ON THROTTLE)  
ELECTRICALLY CAGES A-4 GUNSIGHT
- A-4 SIGHT MANUAL RANGING CONTROL (THROTTLE TWIST GRIP) CCW/INCREASE  
INCREASES GUNSIGHT RADAR RANGE
- A-4 SIGHT MANUAL RANGING CONTROL (THROTTLE TWIST GRIP) CW/DECREASE  
DECREASES GUNSIGHT RADAR RANGE
- NOSEWHEEL STEERING BUTTON  
CONTROLS YOUR NOSEWHEEL STEERING
- TRIM DOWN/UP/LEFT/RIGHT (4 BUTTONS)  
TRIMS AIRCRAFT IN EACH DIRECTION
- ZOOM IN SLOW  
ALLOWS YOU TO ZOOM IN
- ZOOM OUT SLOW  
ALLOWS YOU TO ZOOM OUT





### CONTROL OPTIONS

F-86F Real | Axis Commands | Reset category to default | Clear category | Save profile as | Load profile

| Action                                    | Category                    | Keyboard | Throttle - HOTAS W... | Joystick - HOTAS Wa... | Saitek Pro Flight Co... | Ti |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| Head Tracker : Forward/Backward           |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Head Tracker : Pitch                      |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Head Tracker : Right/Left                 |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Head Tracker : Roll                       |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Head Tracker : Up/Down                    |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Head Tracker : Yaw                        |                             |          |                       |                        |                         | TI |
| Instrument Panel Auxiliary Light Rheostat | Interior Light Control Pane |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Instrument Panel Primary Light Rheostat   | Interior Light Control Pane |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| J-8 Attitude Indicator Pitch Trim Knob    | Instrument Panel            |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Manual Pip Control Knob                   | Manual Pip Control Panel    |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Manual Range                              | A-4 Sight, Throttle Grip    |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Missile Tone Volume                       | Missile Control Panel, Arm  |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Oxygen Regulator Supply Lever             | Oxygen Regulator Panel      |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Pitch                                     | Flight Control              |          |                       | JOY_Y                  |                         |    |
| Roll                                      | Flight Control              |          |                       | JOY_X                  |                         |    |
| Rudder                                    | Flight Control              |          |                       |                        | JOY_RZ                  |    |
| TDC Slew Horizontal (mouse)               |                             |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| TDC Slew Vertical (mouse)                 |                             |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Thrust                                    | Flight Control              |          | JOY_Z                 |                        |                         |    |
| Wheel Brake                               | Gear Systems                |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Wheel Brake Left                          | Gear Systems                |          |                       |                        | JOY_X                   |    |
| Wheel Brake Right                         | Gear Systems                |          |                       |                        | JOY_Y                   |    |
| Wing Span                                 | A-4 Sight                   |          |                       |                        |                         |    |
| Zoom View                                 |                             |          |                       |                        |                         |    |

Modifiers | Add | Clear | Default | Axis Assign | Axis Tune | FF Tune | Make HTML

CANCEL | OK

TO ASSIGN AXIS, CLICK ON AXIS ASSIGN. YOU CAN ALSO SELECT "AXIS COMMANDS" IN THE UPPER SCROLLING MENU.

TO MODIFY CURVES AND SENSITIVITIES OF AXES, CLICK ON THE AXIS YOU WANT TO MODIFY AND THEN CLICK AXIS TUNE

BIND THE FOLLOWING AXES:

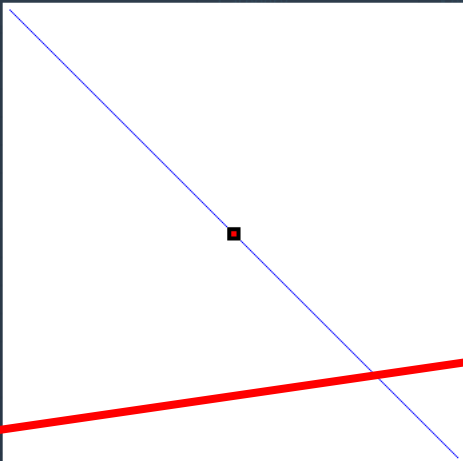
- PITCH (DEADZONE AT 5, SATURATION X AT 100, SATURATION Y AT 100, CURVATURE AT 20)
- ROLL (DEADZONE AT 5, SATURATION X AT 100, SATURATION Y AT 100, CURVATURE AT 20)
- RUDDER (DEADZONE AT 0, SATURATION X AT 100, SATURATION Y AT 100, CURVATURE AT 0)
- THROTTLE – CONTROLS ENGINE RPM
- WHEEL BRAKE LEFT
- WHEEL BRAKE RIGHT



WHEN SETTING WHEEL BRAKE AXIS, THEY ARE NOT SET TO "INVERT" BY DEFAULT.

YOU NEED TO CLICK ON INVERT IN THE AXIS TUNE MENU FOR EACH WHEEL BRAKE.

**AXIS TUNE PANEL**



Deadzone 0

Saturation X 100

Saturation Y 100

Curvature 0

Slider  
 Invert  
 User Curve

Axis Tune  
JOY\_X

JOY\_SLIDER1

JOY\_2

CANCEL
RESET
OK



• SPECIFICATIONS

FUEL —JP-4 (MIL-J-5624)  
ALTERNATE \*\*

OIL —MIL-O-6081, GRADE 1010  
ALTERNATE-MIL-O-6081, GRADE 1005  
BELOW —29°C, USE GRADE 1005.

HYDRAULIC  
FLUID —MIL-H-5606  
ALCOHOL —MIL-A-6091  
OXYGEN —BB-O-925

servicing  
diagram



1. Battery
2. External AC Power Receptacle\*
3. Nose Gear Emergency Lowering System Accumulator
4. Flight Control Normal Hydraulic System Accumulator
5. Fuel Filter Deicing System Alcohol Tank
6. External DC Power Receptacles
7. Aft Fuselage Fuel Tank Filler
8. Flight Control Alternate Hydraulic System Fluid Level Indicator Access Door
9. Left Wing Fuel Tank Filler
10. Left Drop tank Filler
11. Oxygen Filler Valve
12. Forward Fuselage Fuel Tank Upper Cell Filler (Filled first to utilize full tank capacity)
13. Utility Hydraulic System Reservoir
14. Right Wing Fuel Tank Filler
15. Right Drop Tank Filler
16. Engine Oil Tank
17. Forward Fuselage Fuel Tank Lower Cell
18. Flight Control Alternate Hydraulic System Accumulator (Accumulators\*)
19. Flight Control Normal Hydraulic System Fluid Level Indicator Access Door

Canopy Manual Operating Handle (not simulated)

Circuit Breaker Panel

Gunsight Light Filter Circuit Breaker

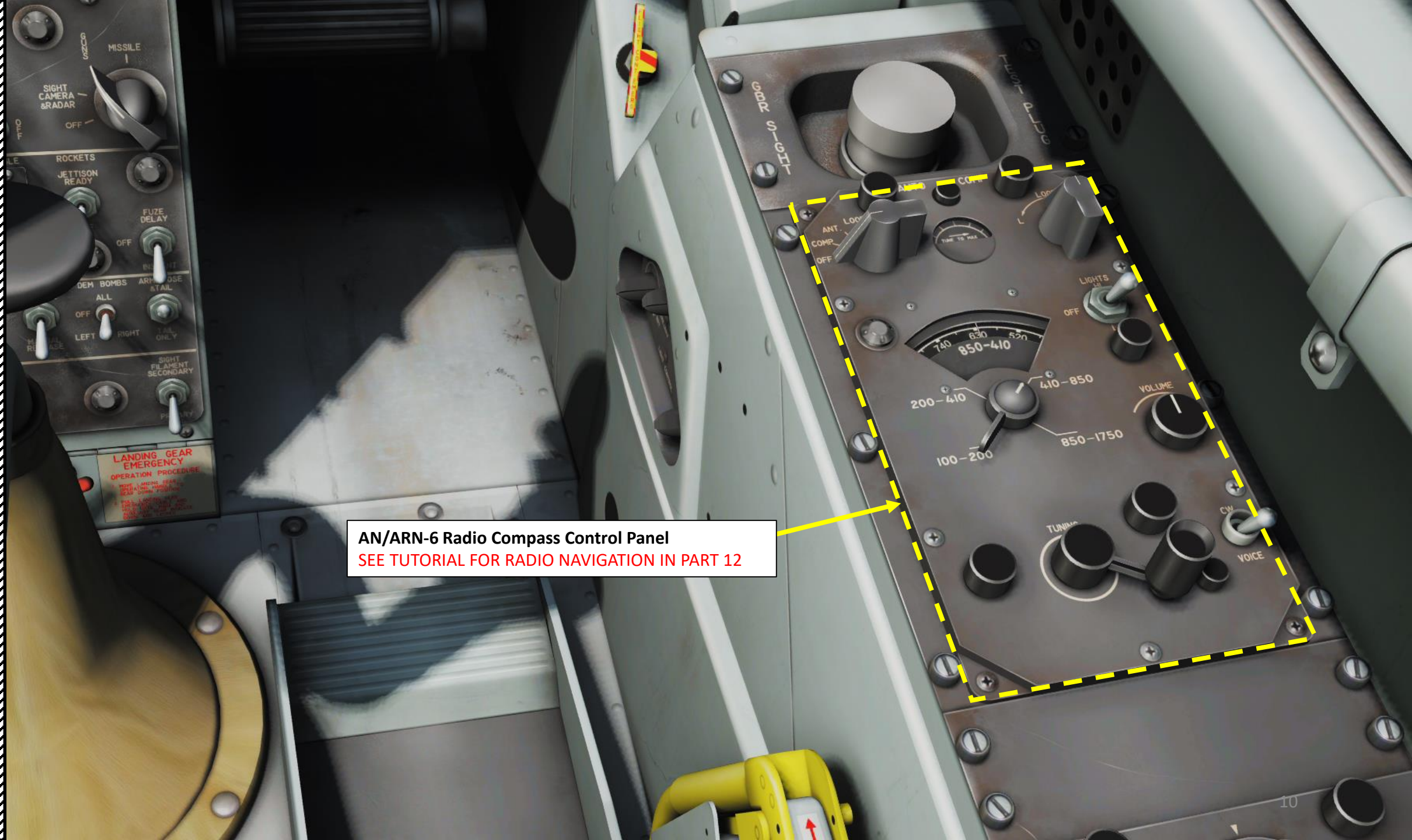
Gunsight Light Filter Selector

C-4A Cockpit Utility Light

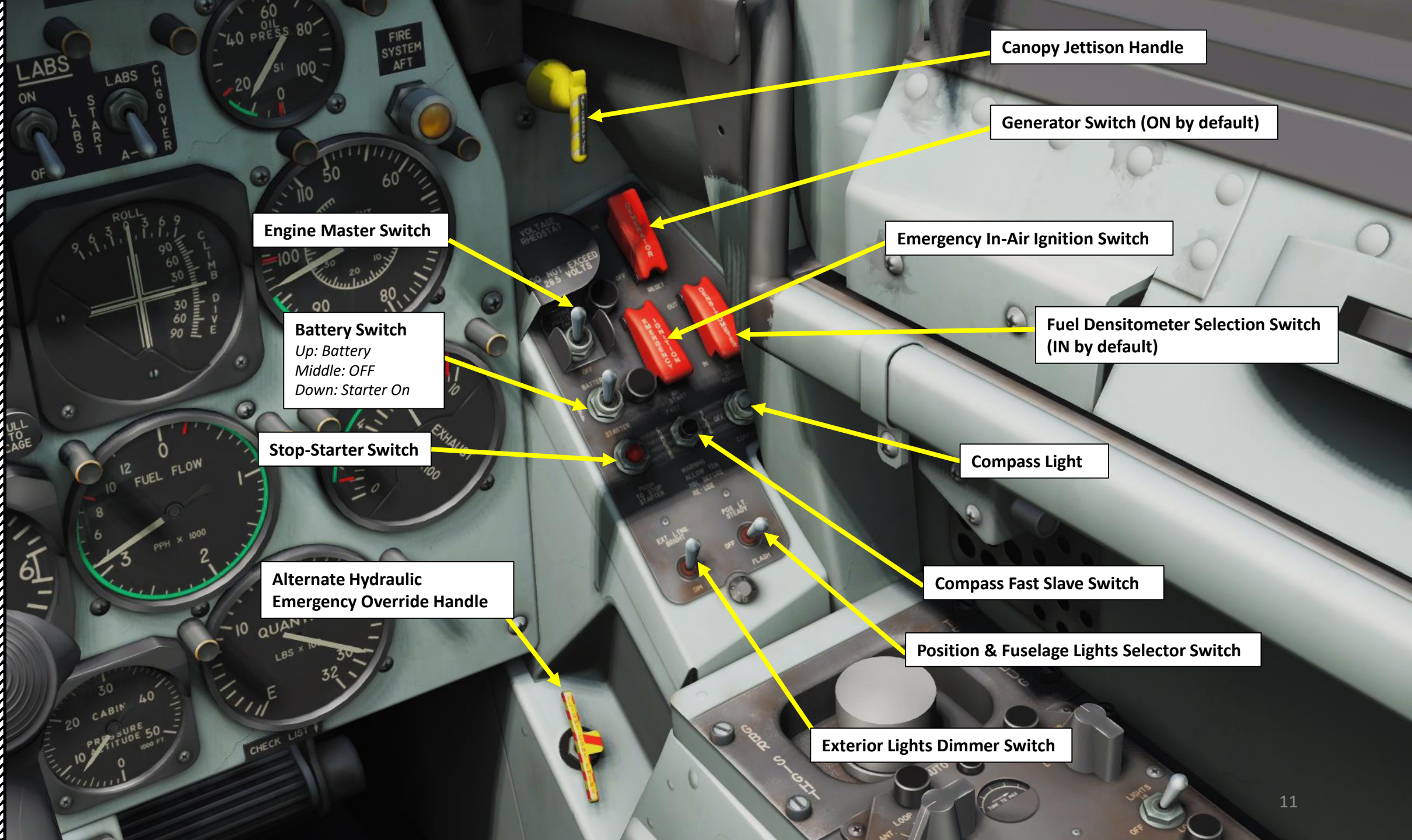
AN/ARC-27 UHF Radio  
SEE PART 11 FOR TUTORIAL

AN/APX-6 IFF Transponder Identification Radar  
SEE PART 13 FOR TUTORIAL  
NOTE: NOT YET IMPLEMENTED





**AN/ARN-6 Radio Compass Control Panel**  
SEE TUTORIAL FOR RADIO NAVIGATION IN PART 12



Canopy Jettison Handle

Generator Switch (ON by default)

Engine Master Switch

Emergency In-Air Ignition Switch

Battery Switch  
Up: Battery  
Middle: OFF  
Down: Starter On

Fuel Densitometer Selection Switch  
(IN by default)

Stop-Starter Switch

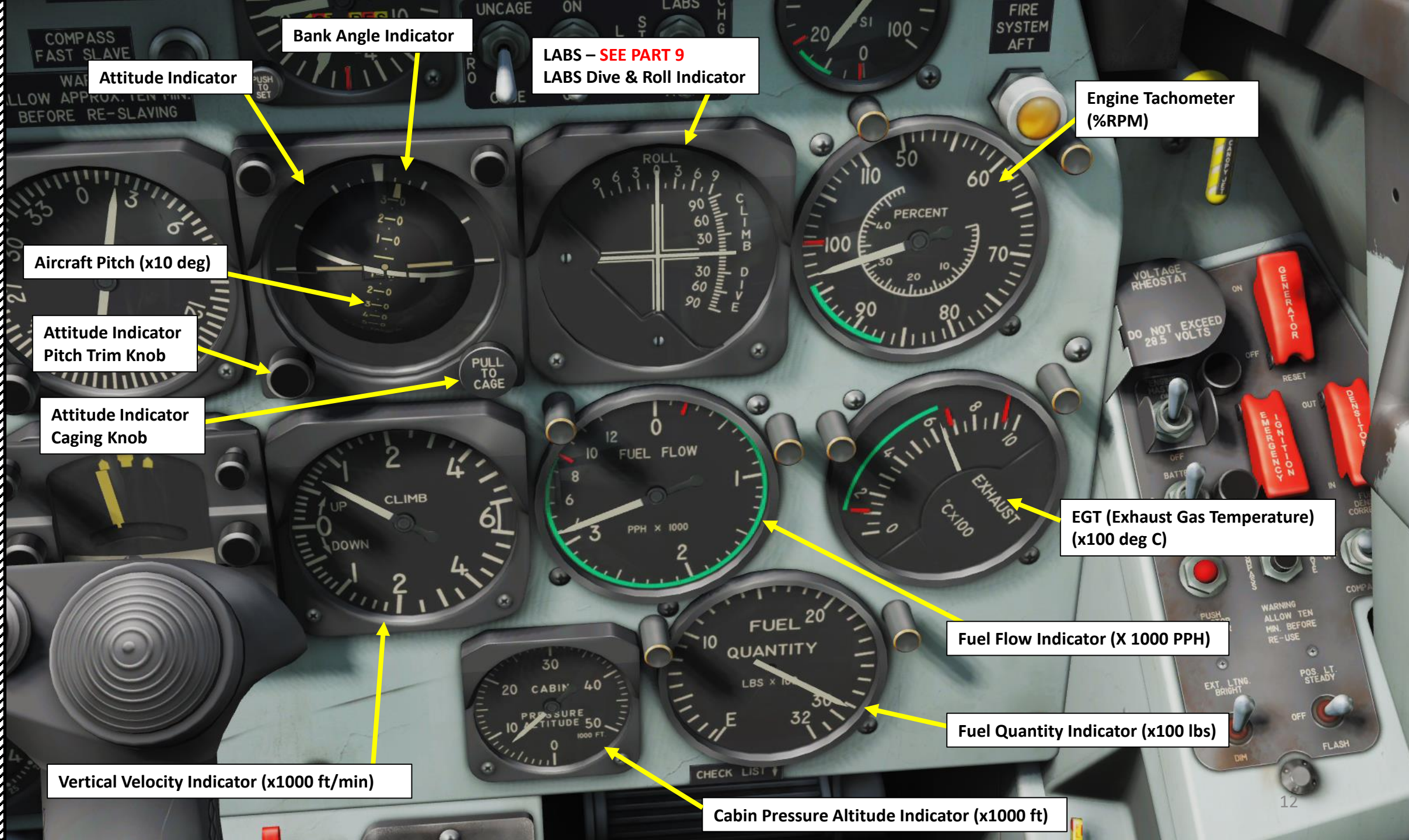
Compass Light

Alternate Hydraulic  
Emergency Override Handle

Compass Fast Slave Switch

Position & Fuselage Lights Selector Switch

Exterior Lights Dimmer Switch



Bank Angle Indicator

Attitude Indicator

LABS - SEE PART 9  
LABS Dive & Roll Indicator

Engine Tachometer  
(%RPM)

Aircraft Pitch (x10 deg)

Attitude Indicator  
Pitch Trim Knob

Attitude Indicator  
Caging Knob

Vertical Velocity Indicator (x1000 ft/min)

Cabin Pressure Altitude Indicator (x1000 ft)

PULL TO  
CAGE

FUEL FLOW  
PPH X 1000

EXHAUST  
°CX100

EGT (Exhaust Gas Temperature)  
(x100 deg C)

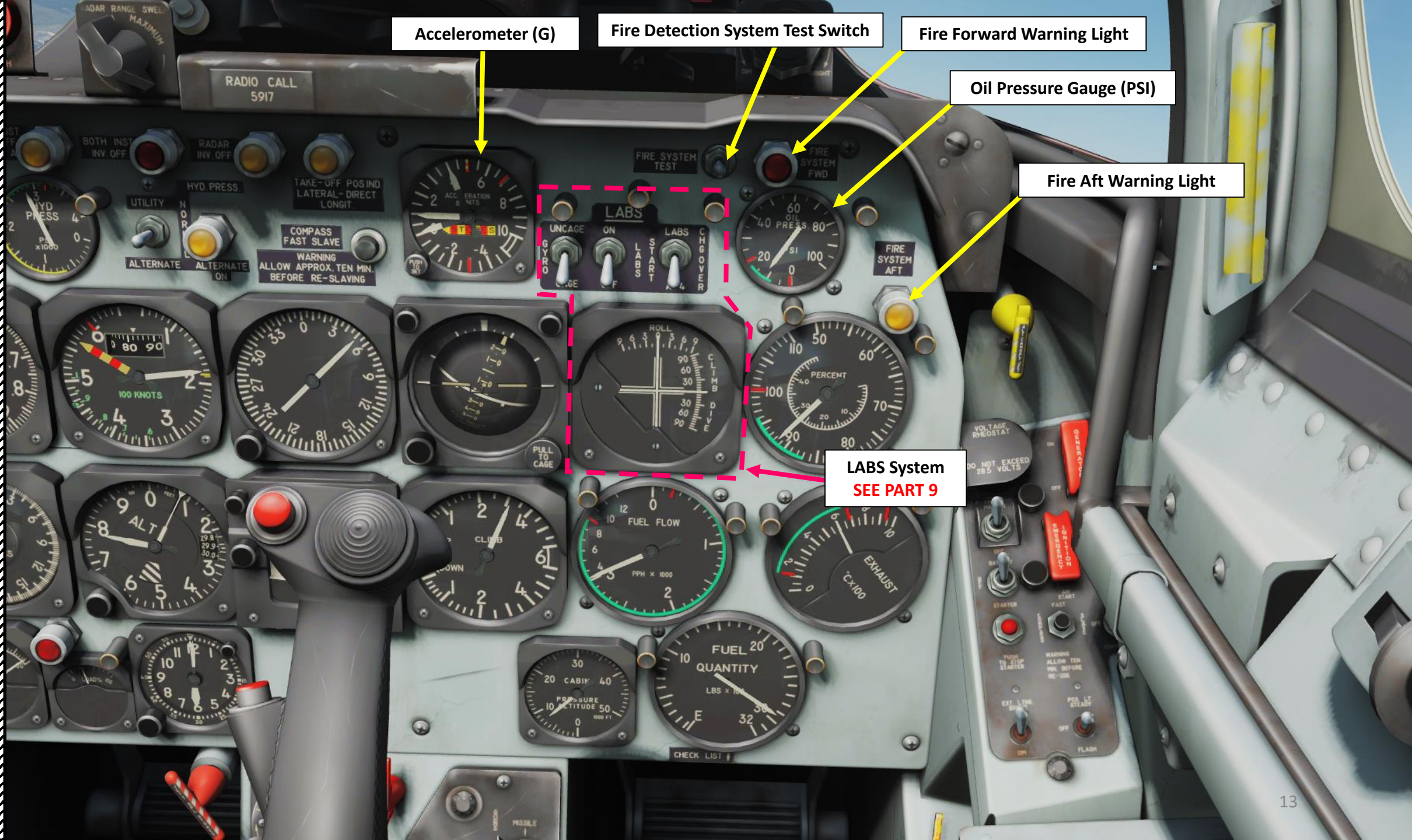
Fuel Flow Indicator (X 1000 PPH)

Fuel Quantity Indicator (x100 lbs)

FUEL QUANTITY  
LBS X 100

CABIN  
PRESSURE  
ALTITUDE  
1000 FT

VOLTAGE  
RHEOSTAT  
DO NOT EXCEED  
285 VOLTS  
ON  
OFF  
RESET  
OUT  
IN  
WARNING  
ALLOW TEN  
MIN. BEFORE  
RE-USE  
EXT. LTNG.  
BRIGHT  
DIM  
POS. LT.  
STEADY  
FLASH



Accelerometer (G)

Fire Detection System Test Switch

Fire Forward Warning Light

Oil Pressure Gauge (PSI)

Fire Aft Warning Light

LABS System  
SEE PART 9



Hydraulic Pressure Gauge (X1000 PSI)

Emergency Fuel Switch

Main Instrument (3-phase)  
Inverter Failure Light

Both Instrument (3-phase)  
Inverter Failure Light

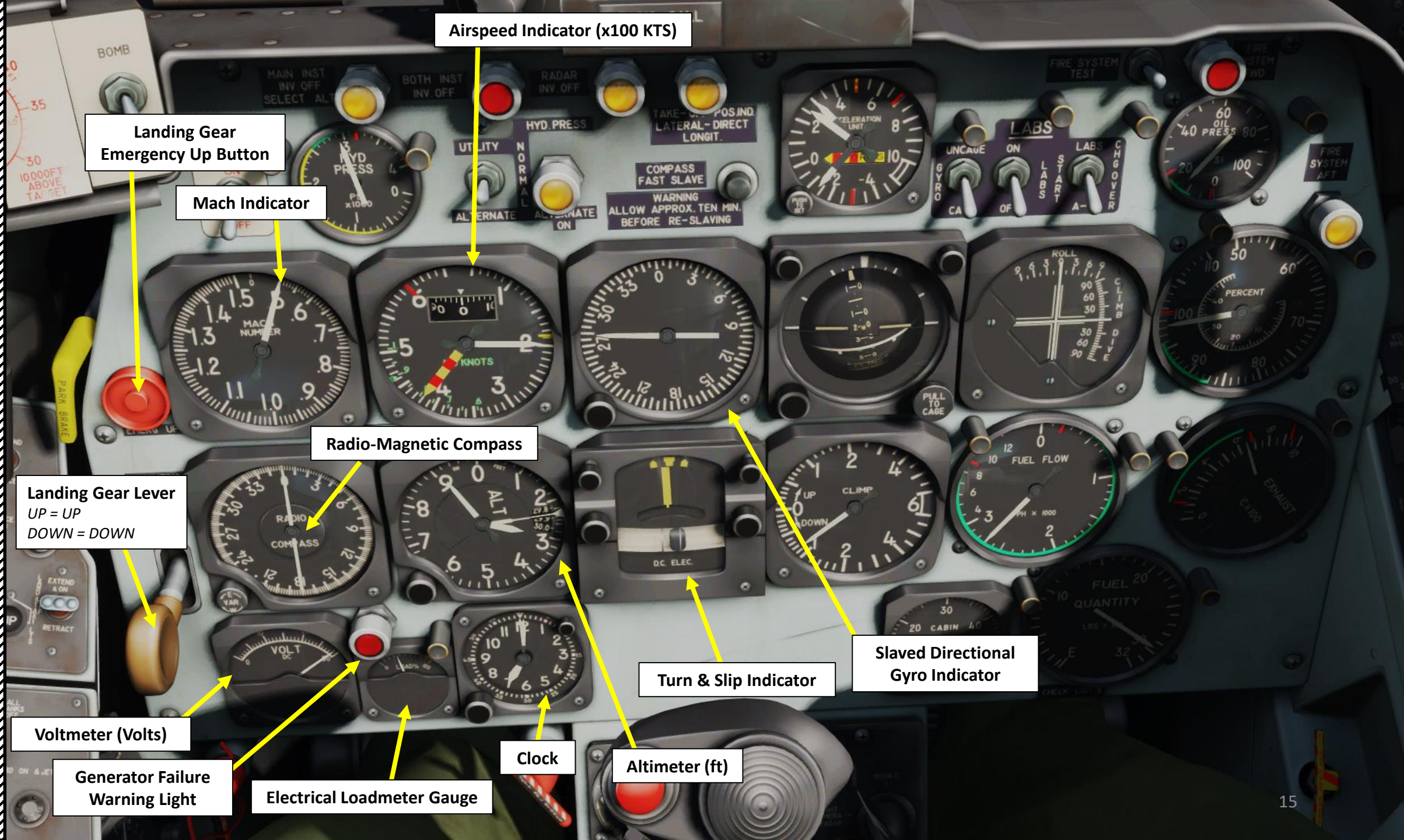
Main Radar (single-phase)  
Inverter Failure Light

Takeoff Trim Position Indicator  
(Illuminates when trimmed for takeoff)

Magnetic Compass  
Fast Slave Button

Alternate-On Warning Light  
*Flight control alternate hydraulic system is operating*

Hydraulic Pressure Gauge Selector Switch  
*UP: Utility Hydraulic System Pressure Selected  
MIDDLE: Flight Control Normal Hydraulic System Pressure Selected  
DOWN: Alternate Hydraulic System Pressure Selected*



Airspeed Indicator (x100 KTS)

Landing Gear  
Emergency Up Button

Mach Indicator

Radio-Magnetic Compass

Landing Gear Lever  
UP = UP  
DOWN = DOWN

Voltmeter (Volts)

Generator Failure  
Warning Light

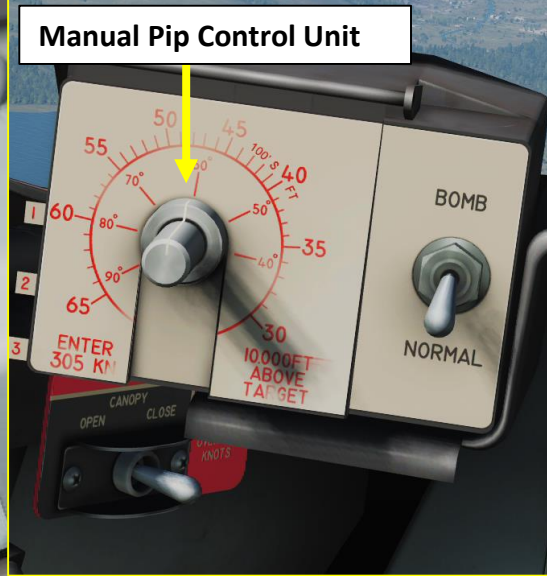
Electrical Loadmeter Gauge

Clock

Altimeter (ft)

Turn & Slip Indicator

Slaved Directional  
Gyro Indicator



**Landing Gear Warning Horn Cutout (Push-to-Silence)**

**Engine Anti-Ice & Screen Switch**

**Landing Gear Indicator**

**Landing & Taxi Lights Switch**

**Pitot Heat Switch**

**Fuel Tank Selector Switch**

- ALL TANKS OFF = SAFETY (Tanks will not drop, fuel is taken from internal tanks)
- OUTBD ON & JETT = Fuel taken from Outboard external tanks, jettison Outboard Tanks Only
- INBD ON & JETT = Fuel taken from Inboard external tanks, jettison Inboard Tanks Only
- Other positions are self-explanatory

**Very important note: this switch must be use to choose where the fuel pumps will take fuel from. If you leave the switch to "ALL TANKS OFF", your fuel pumps will use your internal tanks rather than your external tanks if you have them equipped. Trust me: you will need that external tank fuel.**

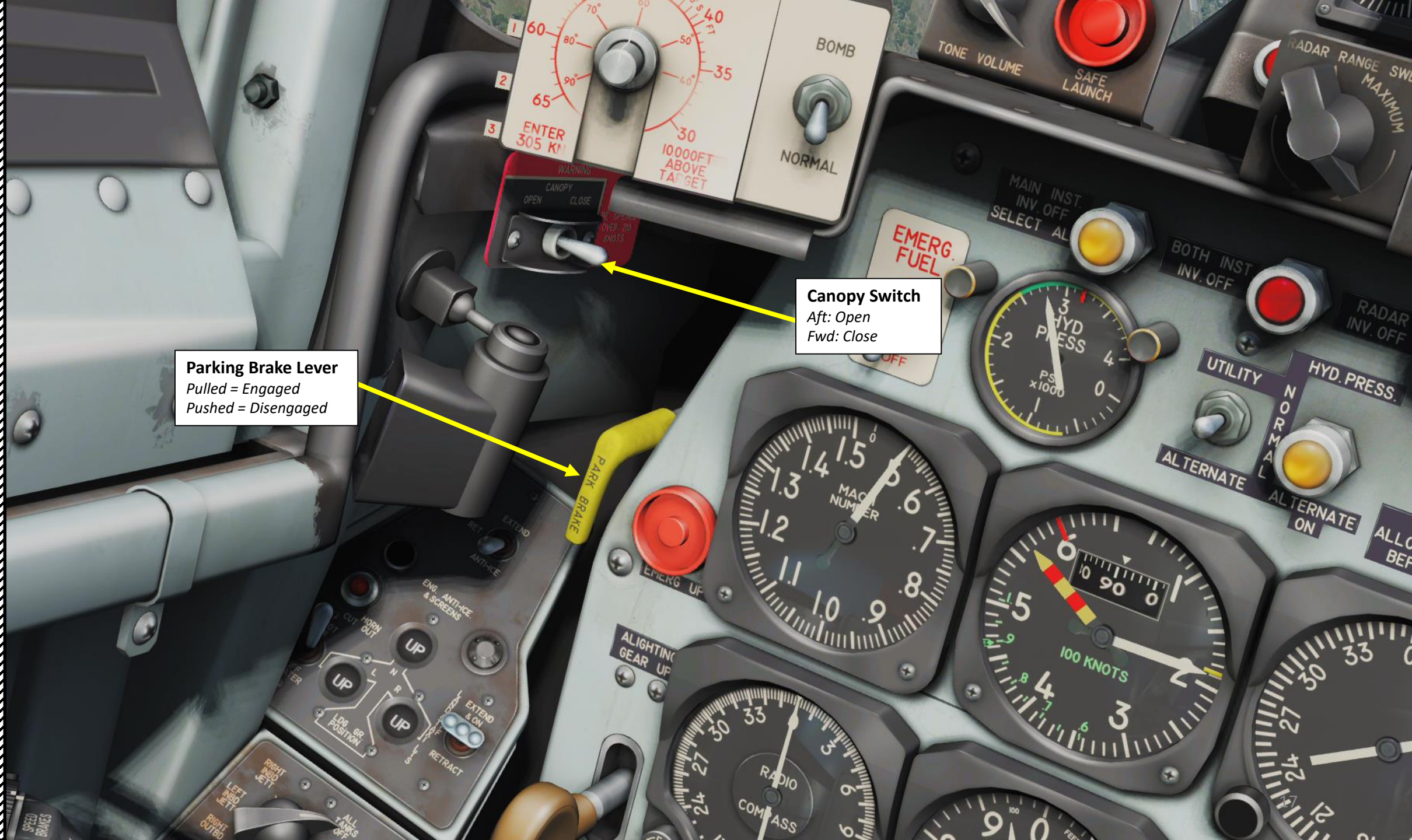
**Jettison Fuel Tanks Button**  
Press this to jettison fuel tanks once the tank(s) you want to drop have been selected by the Fuel Tank Selector Switch.

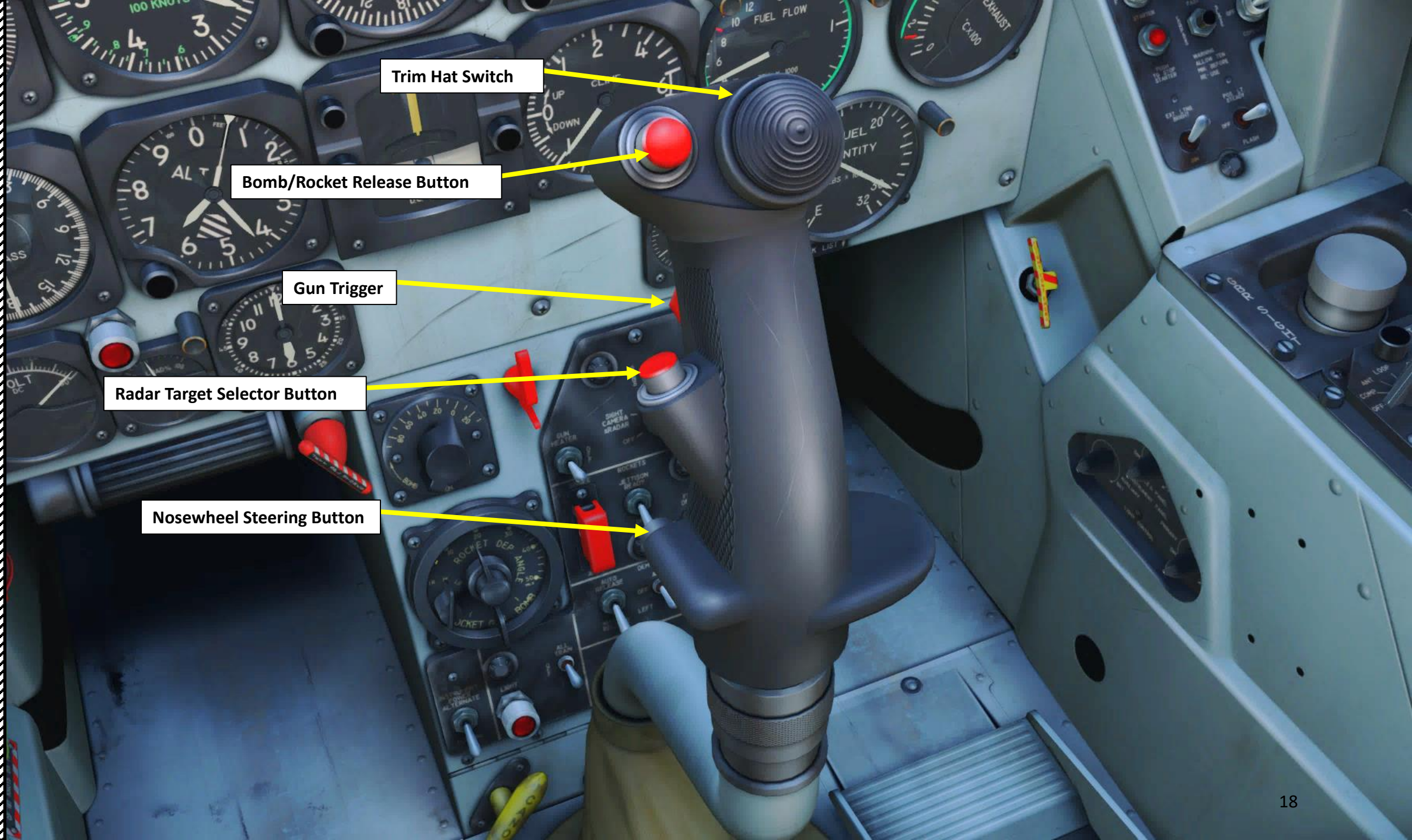
**Outboard External Fuel Tanks Empty Light**

**Jettison Bombs, Rockets & Fuel Tanks Button**  
Press to jettison the bombs/rockets/fuel tanks selected

**Parking Brake Lever**  
Pulled = Engaged  
Pushed = Disengaged

**Canopy Switch**  
Aft: Open  
Fwd: Close





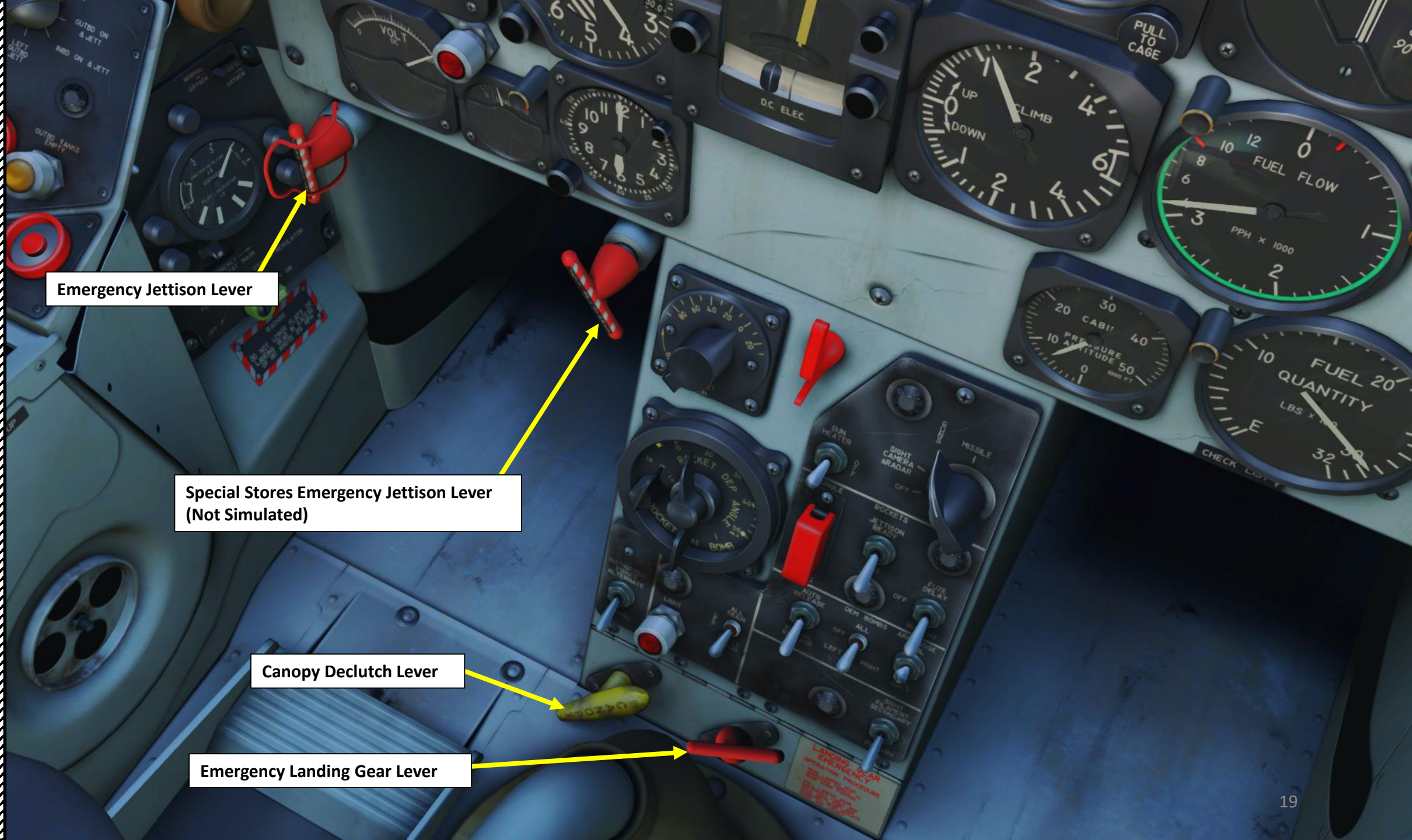
Trim Hat Switch

Bomb/Rocket Release Button

Gun Trigger

Radar Target Selector Button

Nosewheel Steering Button



Emergency Jettison Lever

Special Stores Emergency Jettison Lever  
(Not Simulated)

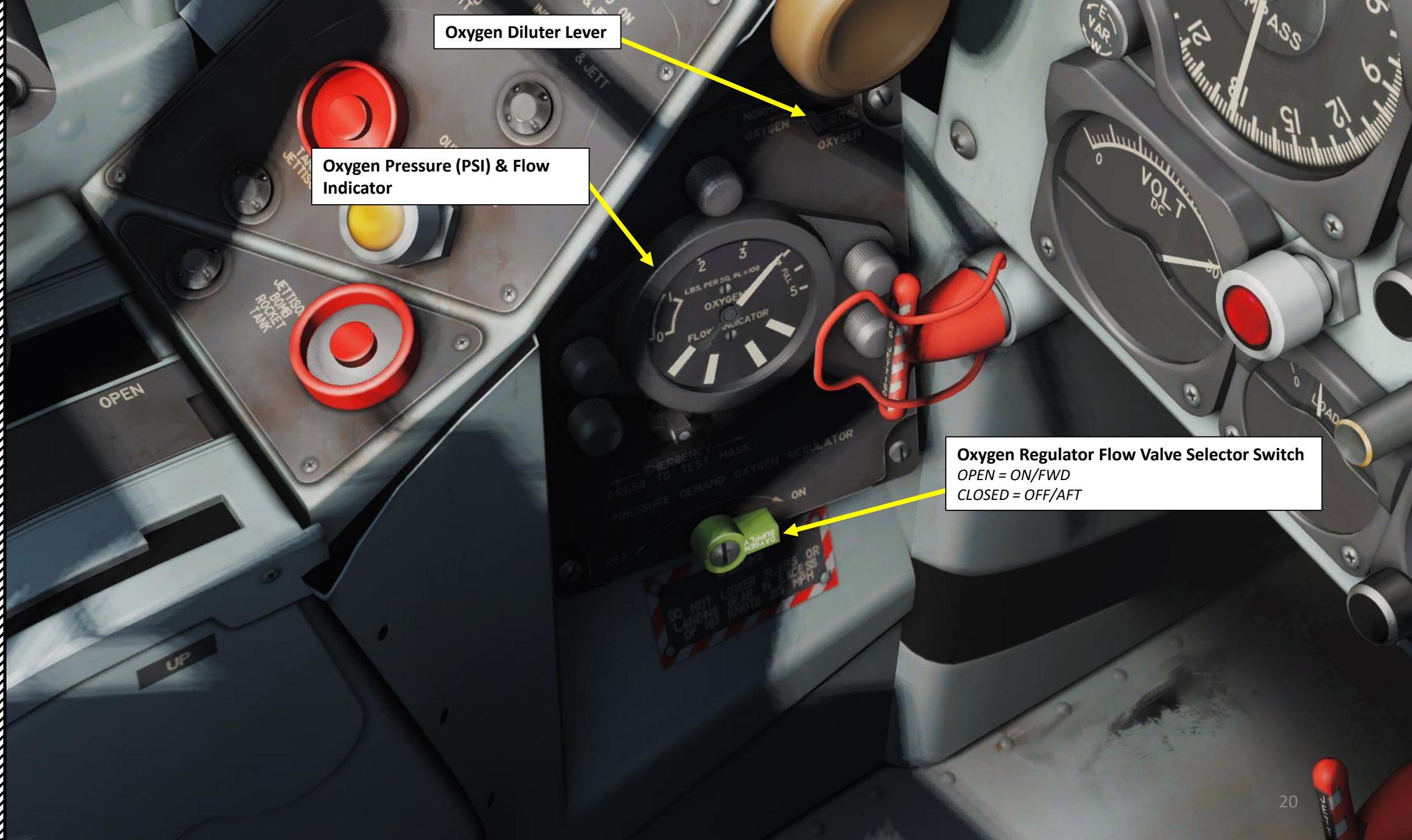
Canopy Declutch Lever

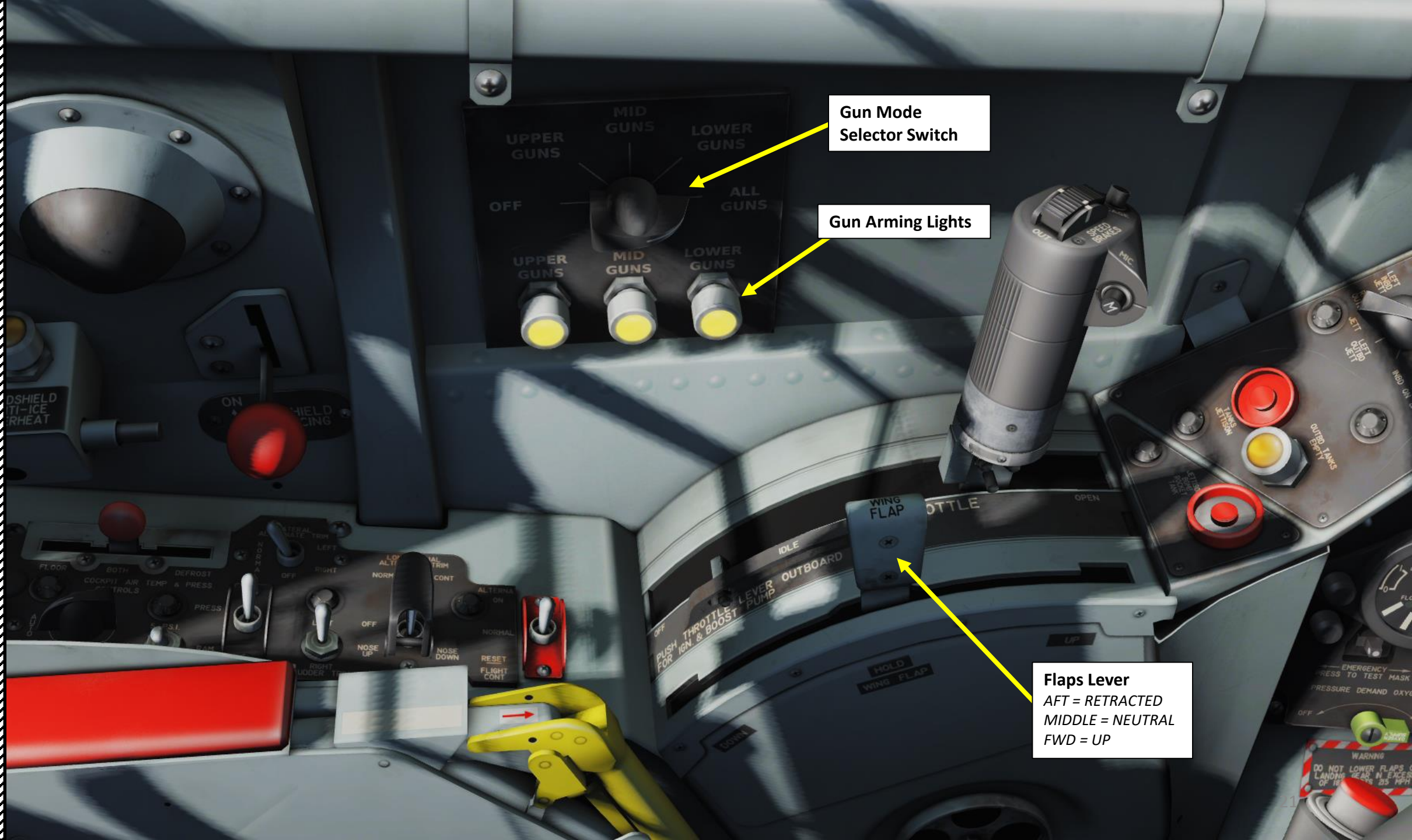
Emergency Landing Gear Lever

Oxygen Diluter Lever

Oxygen Pressure (PSI) & Flow Indicator

Oxygen Regulator Flow Valve Selector Switch  
OPEN = ON/FWD  
CLOSED = OFF/AFT

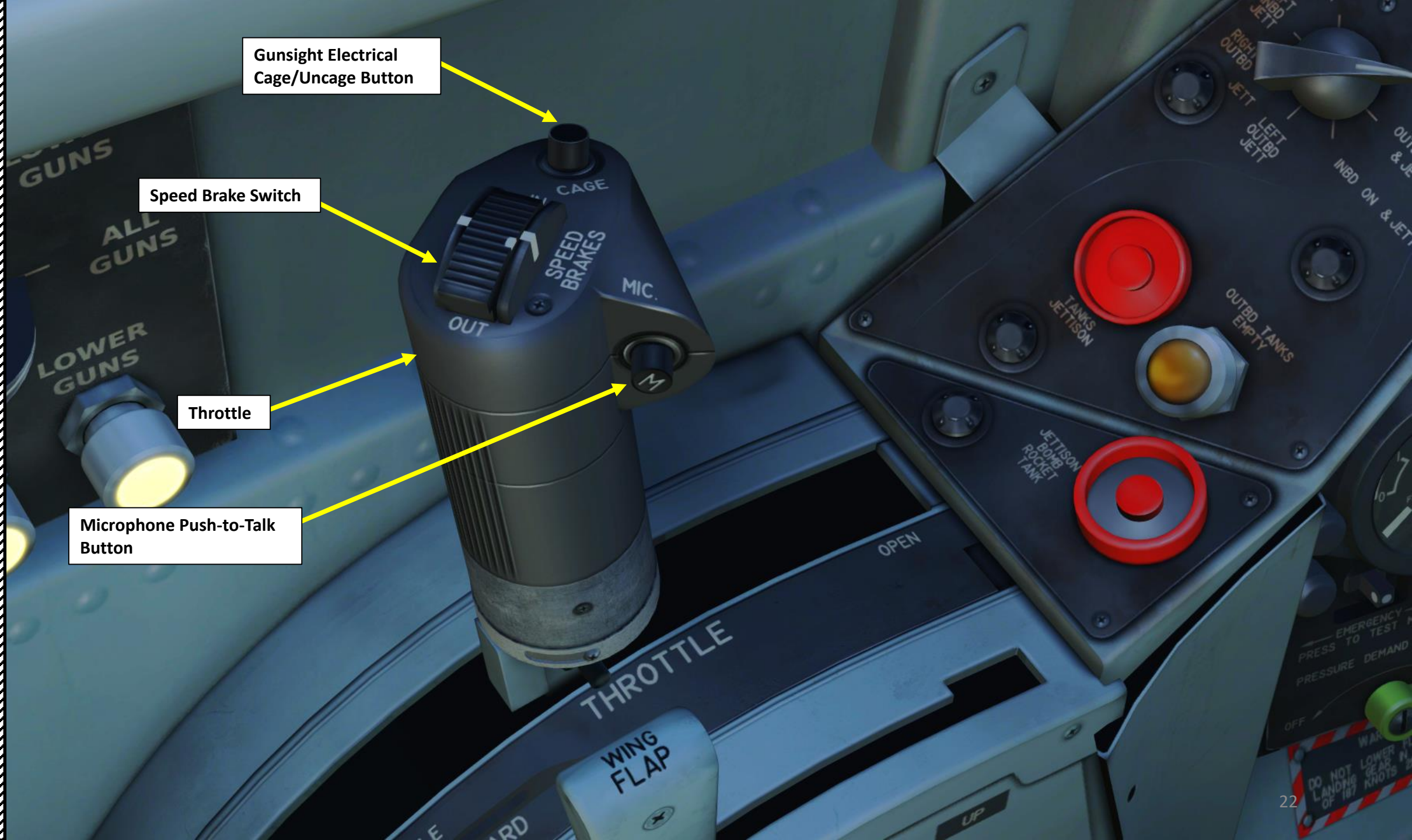




Gun Mode  
Selector Switch

Gun Arming Lights

Flaps Lever  
AFT = RETRACTED  
MIDDLE = NEUTRAL  
FWD = UP



Gunsight Electrical  
Cage/Uncage Button

Speed Brake Switch

Throttle

Microphone Push-to-Talk  
Button



Rocket Intervalometer

Windshield Anti-Ice  
Overheat Light

Air Outlet Selector

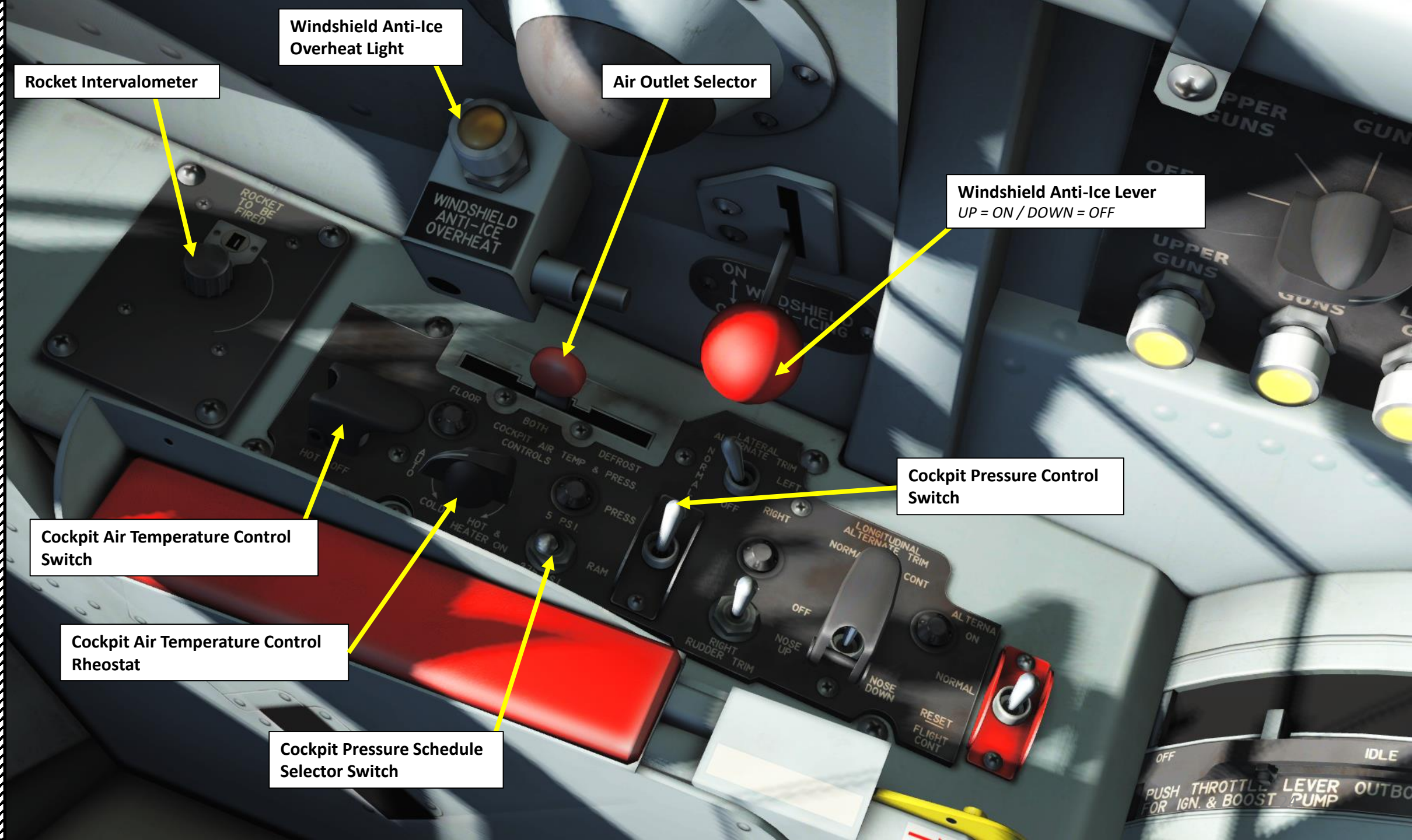
Windshield Anti-Ice Lever  
UP = ON / DOWN = OFF

Cockpit Air Temperature Control  
Switch

Cockpit Air Temperature Control  
Rheostat

Cockpit Pressure Schedule  
Selector Switch

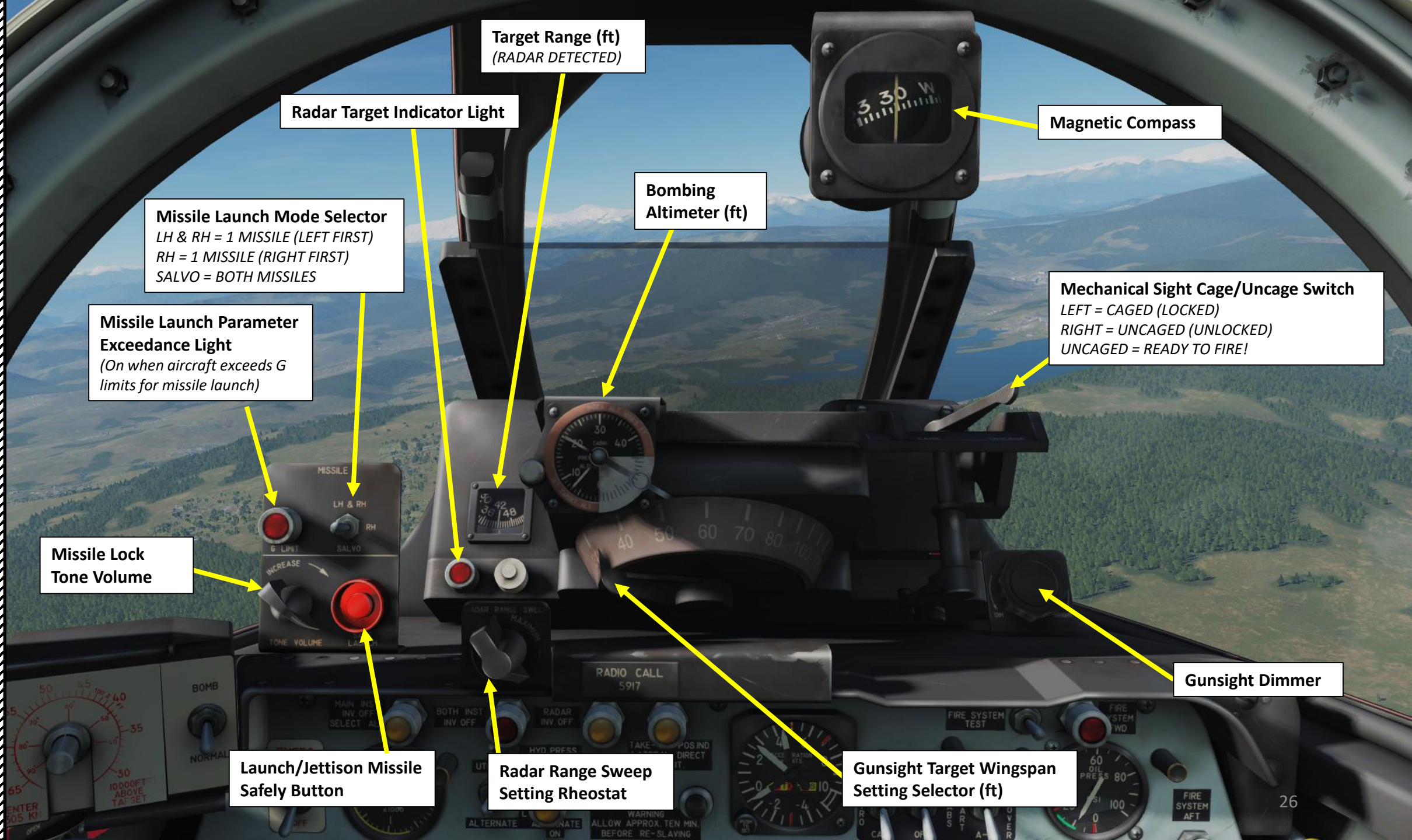
Cockpit Pressure Control  
Switch



Circuit Breaker Panel

C-4A Cockpit Utility Light





Target Range (ft)  
(RADAR DETECTED)

Radar Target Indicator Light

Magnetic Compass

Missile Launch Mode Selector  
LH & RH = 1 MISSILE (LEFT FIRST)  
RH = 1 MISSILE (RIGHT FIRST)  
SALVO = BOTH MISSILES

Bombing  
Altimeter (ft)

Mechanical Sight Cage/Uncage Switch  
LEFT = CAGED (LOCKED)  
RIGHT = UNCAGED (UNLOCKED)  
UNCAGED = READY TO FIRE!

Missile Launch Parameter  
Exceedance Light  
(On when aircraft exceeds G  
limits for missile launch)

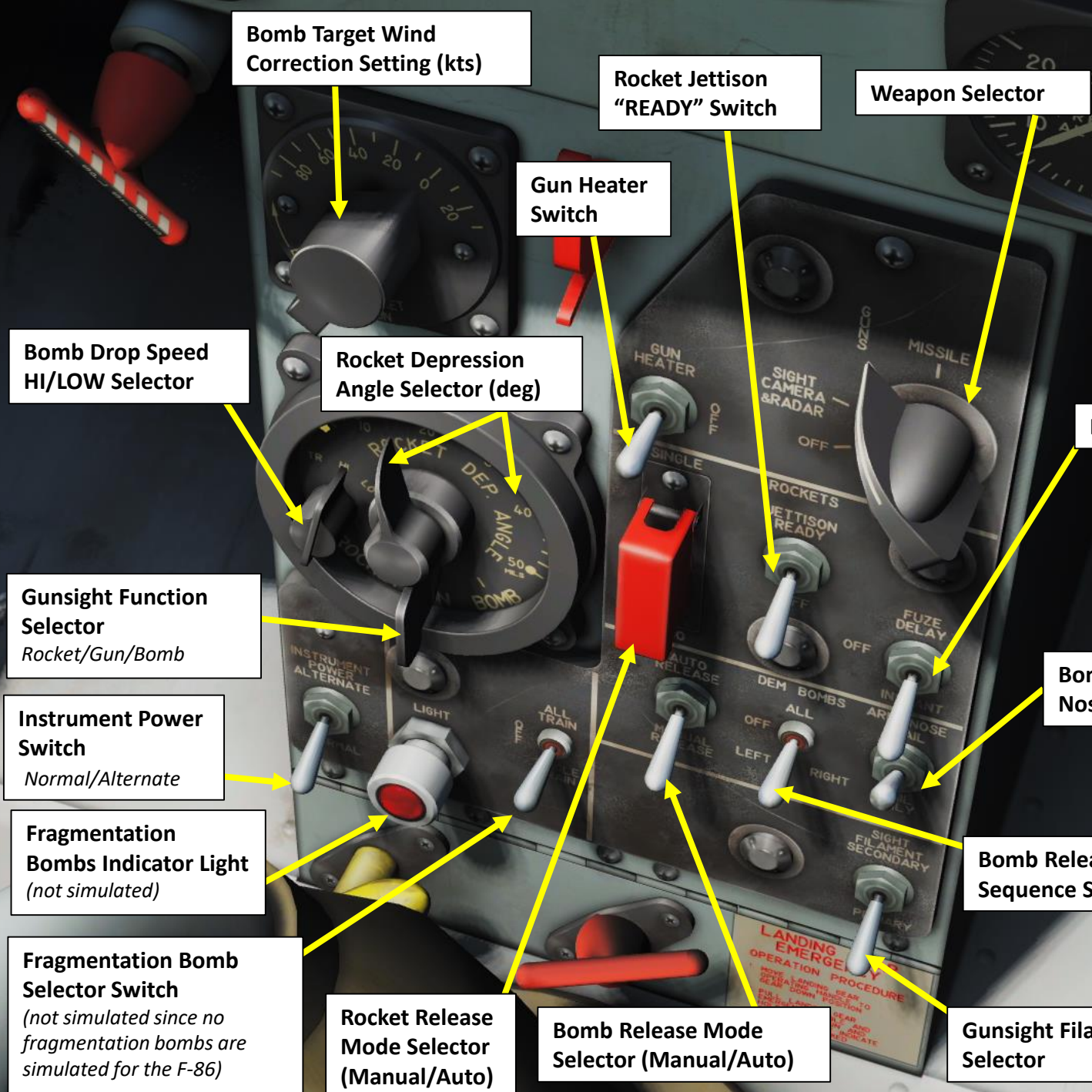
Missile Lock  
Tone Volume

Launch/Jettison Missile  
Safely Button

Radar Range Sweep  
Setting Rheostat

Gunsight Target Wingspan  
Setting Selector (ft)

Gunsight Dimmer



Bomb Target Wind Correction Setting (kts)

Rocket Jettison "READY" Switch

Weapon Selector

Gun Heater Switch

Bomb Drop Speed HI/LOW Selector

Rocket Depression Angle Selector (deg)

Gunsight Function Selector  
*Rocket/Gun/Bomb*

Instrument Power Switch  
*Normal/Alternate*

Fragmentation Bombs Indicator Light  
*(not simulated)*

Fragmentation Bomb Selector Switch  
*(not simulated since no fragmentation bombs are simulated for the F-86)*

Rocket Release Mode Selector (Manual/Auto)

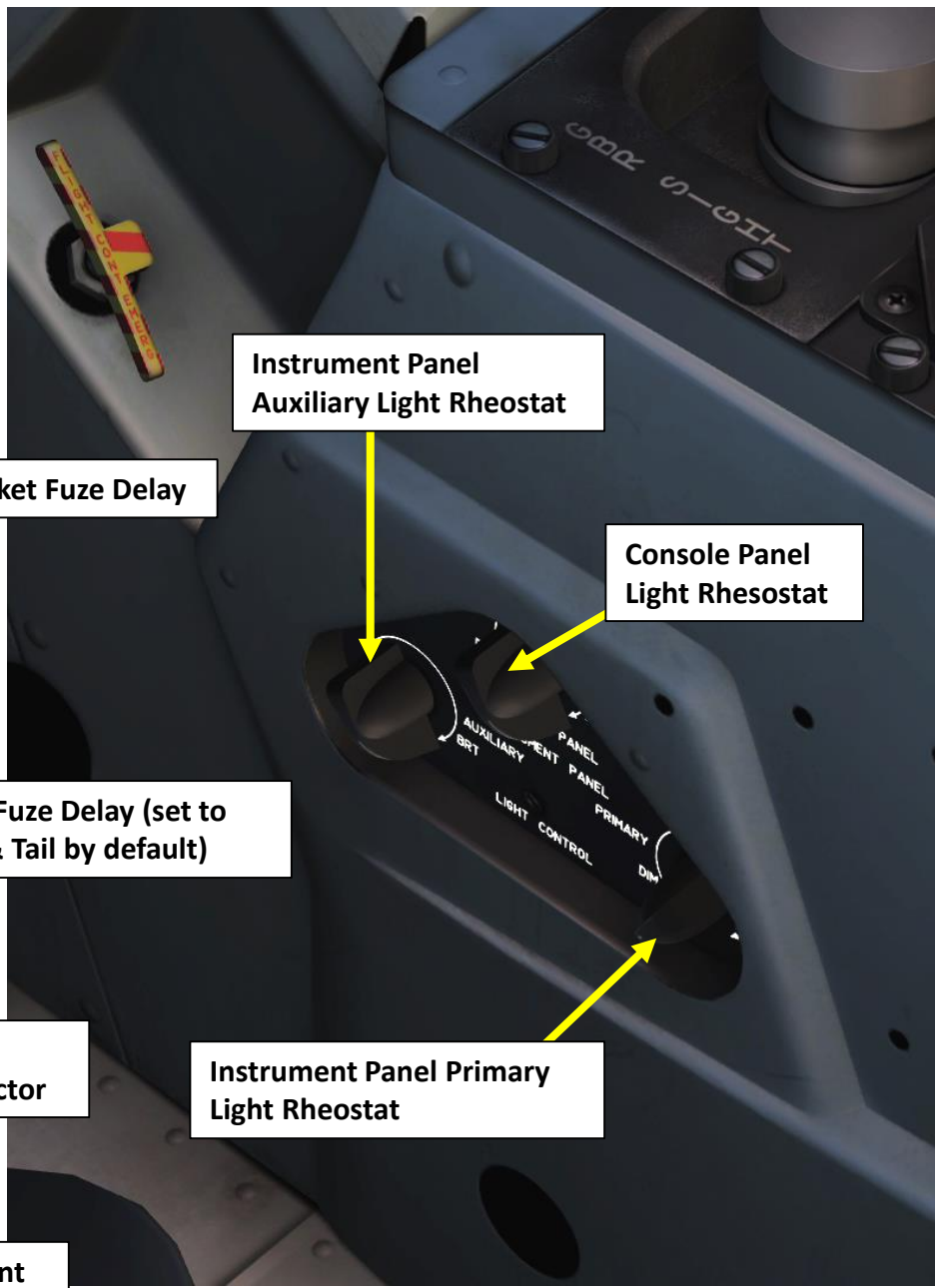
Bomb Release Mode Selector (Manual/Auto)

Rocket Fuze Delay

Bomb Fuze Delay (set to Nose & Tail by default)

Bomb Release Sequence Selector

Gunsight Filament Selector



Instrument Panel Auxiliary Light Rheostat

Console Panel Light Rheostat

Instrument Panel Primary Light Rheostat

**Maximum Operating Speed Limit (VMO) (KTS)**  
(Red Index, do not use as a reference)

**Maximum Gear/Flap Extension Speed**  
(Yellow Index)

**Mach Scale**

**Indicated Airspeed (KTS)**

**Indicated Airspeed Limit (KTS) – DO NOT EXCEED**  
(This is what you use as a reference)

**Altitude (x 100 ft)**

**Altitude (x 1000 ft)**

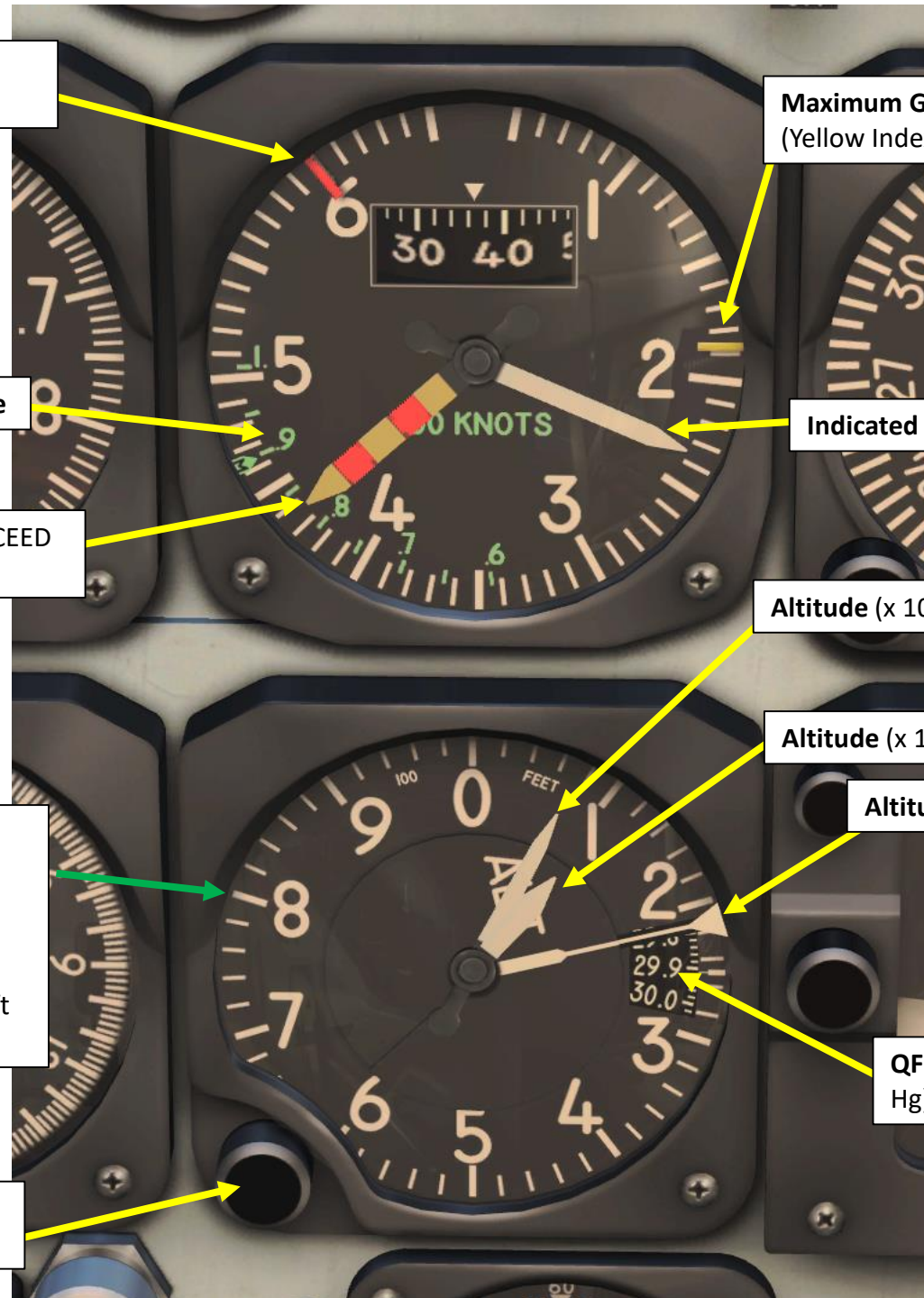
**Altitude (x 10000 ft)**

The altimeter reads as follows:  
Long Thin Needle: @ 2 = 20000 ft  
Short Thick Needle @ 1 = 1000 ft  
Long Thick Needle @ approx 1 = 100 ft

TOTAL ALTITUDE = 20000 + 1000 + 100 ft  
= 21100 ft

**QFE Altimeter Setting (inches Hg)**

**Barometric Pressure Setting Knob**





**Speedbrakes**  
*(Hydraulically actuated)*

**Flaps**  
*(Electrically actuated)*



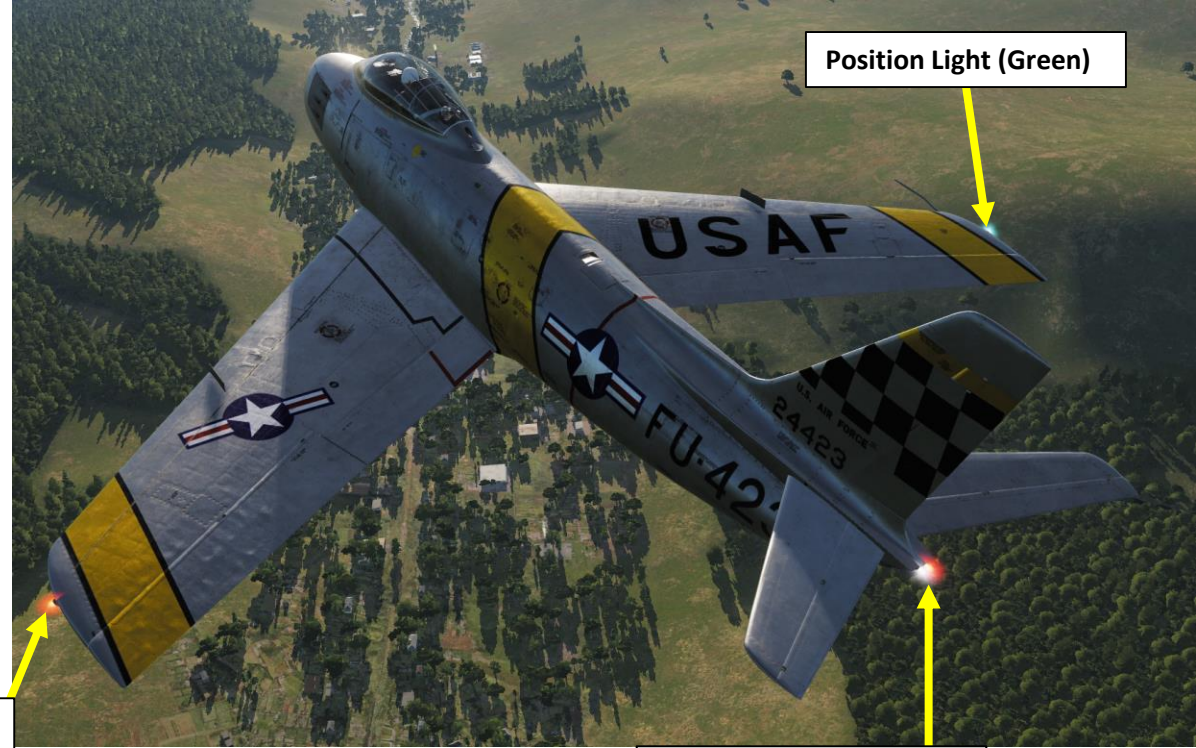
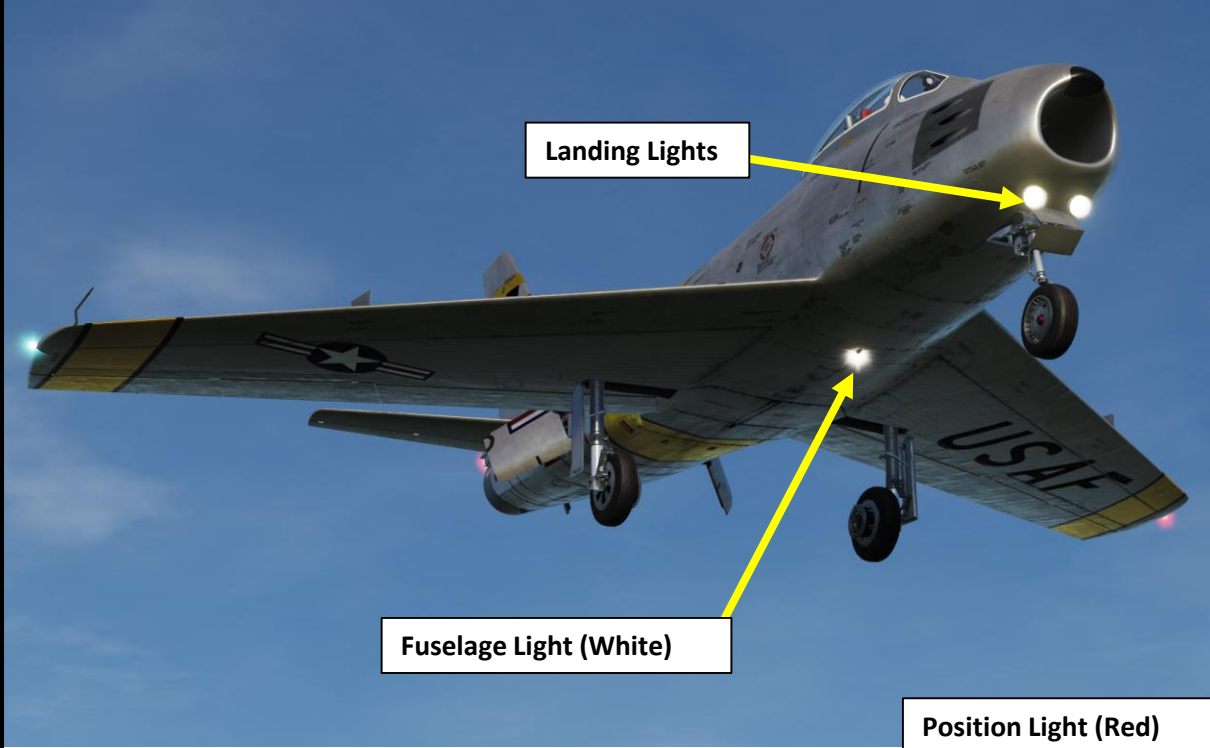
The flaps are controlled with the wing flap lever. It is important to note that the lever has three positions: Up, Neutral (Hold) and Down. To deploy flaps, you need to set the lever to DOWN, wait a few seconds, then set the lever back to Neutral (HOLD). This will prevent the electrical motor from constantly running once the flap is set in the desired position.

Keep in mind that there are no flap position indicator in the cockpit and deploying the flaps at an airspeed greater than the Max Gear/Flap Extension Speed can jam them (this speed is visible on the airspeed indicator's yellow index). Always make sure that you are below 185 kts before deploying your flaps or landing gear.

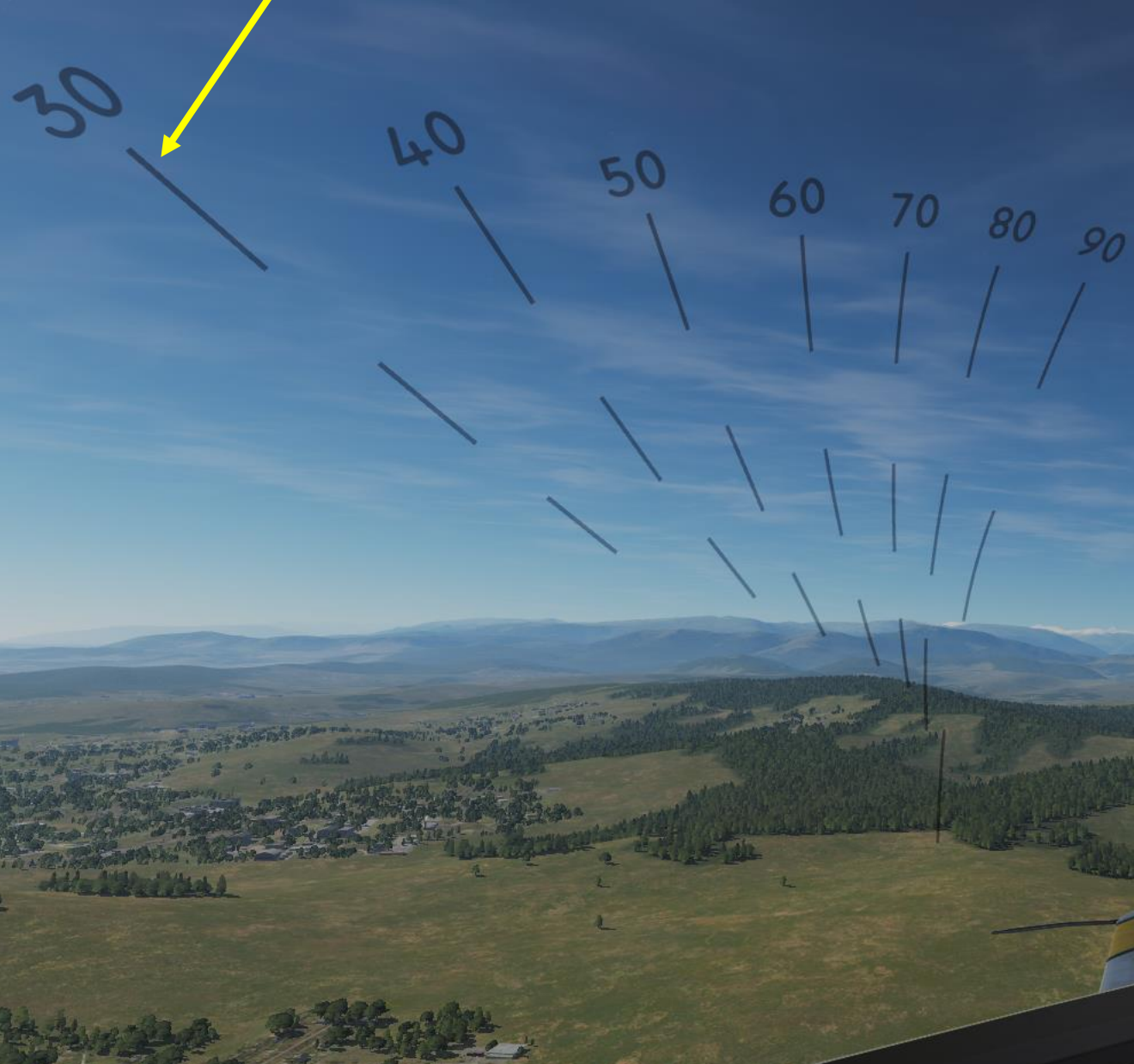


Maximum Gear/Flap Extension Speed  
(Yellow Index)





Dive Angle Reference Lines (deg)





Mirror



GUN AMMO 100%

FUEL 100%

TOTAL WEIGHT 19237 LBS

MAXIMUM WEIGHT 20612

SELECT LOADOUT:  
120gal Fuel\*2, 200gal Fuel\*2

Board Number 010

Select Livery  
US Air Force Jet Team Skyblazer

FUEL TANKS (avail: 1000000) : Fuel Tank 120 gallons

PODS (avail: 1000000) : Fuel Tank 200 gallons

ROCKETS

REMOVE PAYLOAD



**Inboard Fuel Tank**  
120 GAL

**Outboard Fuel Tank**  
200 GAL

## PART 3 – START-UP

\* You may rely on your crew chief to check these items if you desire. However, if preflight inspection or servicing was performed at a base where ground personnel are not completely familiar with your airplane, you should check these items yourself.


† Some airplanes (refer to applicable text).

‡ F-86F-1 through F-86F-20 Airplanes, F-86F-25 Airplanes AF51-13170 through -13510 and AF52-5272 through -5386, and F-86F-30 Airplanes AF52-4305 through -5063.

### 1 NOSE

- Nose gear ground safety lock—Removed.
- Tow pin safety cap—Tight.
- Intake duct—Clear.
- Gun port plugs—As required.
- Landing and taxi lights—Retracted.
- Nose gear accumulator gage (in nose wheel well) pressure—1200-1250 psi.
- Emergency nose gear extension control valve—Reset. (pushed full back).\*

### 2 FORWARD FUSELAGE AND RIGHT WING LEADING EDGE

- Slats †—Check.
- External stores—Check installation.
- Pitot head—Uncovered; static ports clean. 
- Position light and wing tip—Check.

### 3 RIGHT WING TRAILING EDGE AND AFT FUSELAGE

- Aileron and flap—Check.
- Drop tanks—Check fuel and caps secure.
- Main gear—Check.
- Right landing gear wheel well—Check.
- Speed brake—Check.
- Flight control alternate accumulator or accumulators‡ gage (in speed brake well) pressure—600-650 psi.
- Flight control normal compensator shaft—Check 1/4 to 1-1/4-inch extension.

### 4 EMPENNAGE

- Tail-pipe cover—Removed.
- Tail cone and position lights—Check.

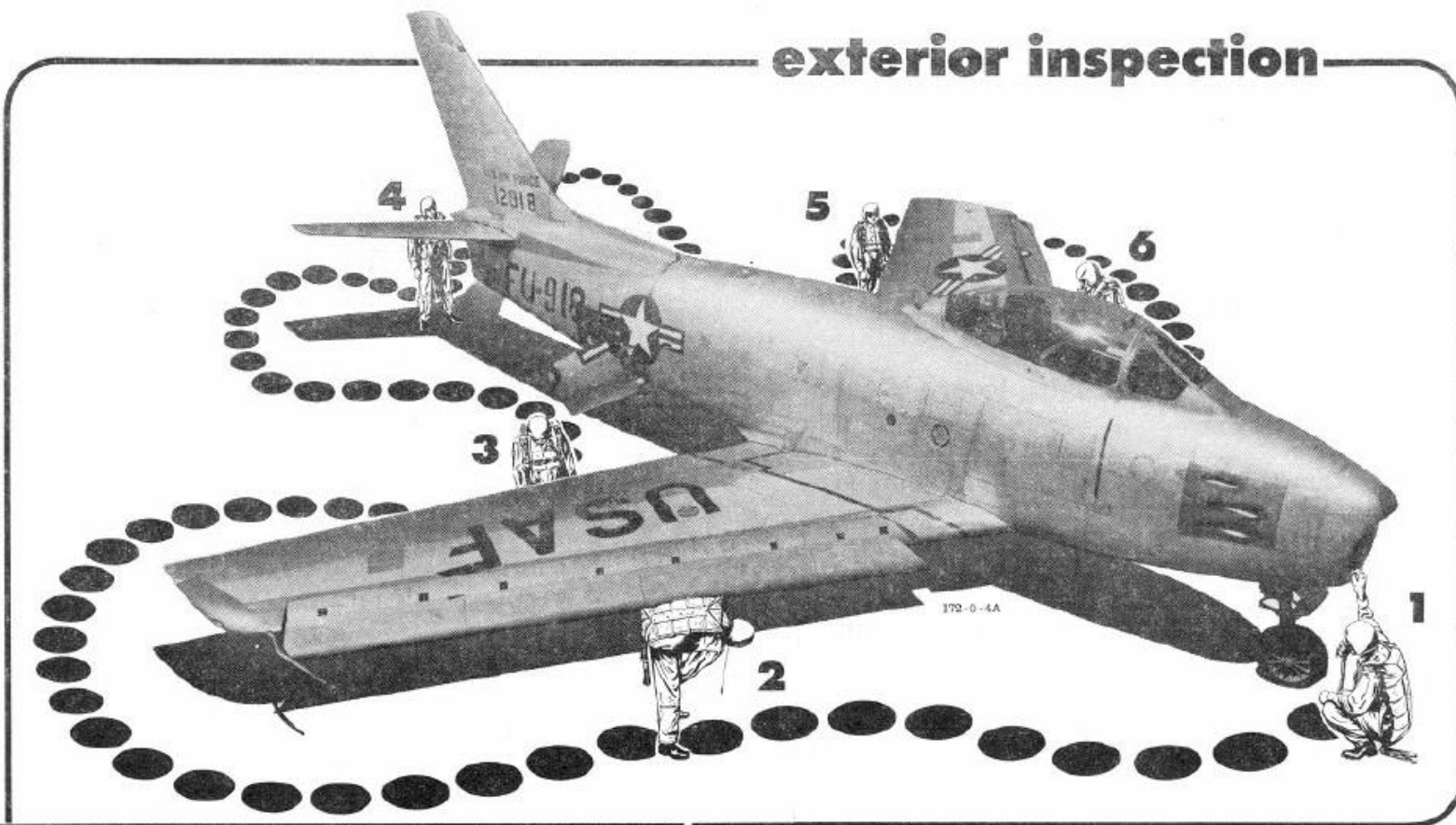
### 5 AFT FUSELAGE AND LEFT WING TRAILING EDGE

- Flight control alternate compensator shaft—Check 1/4 to 1-1/4-inch extension.
- Speed brake—Check.
- Flight control alternate pump circuit breaker (within access door just forward of speed brake)—IN.
- Left landing gear wheel well—Check.
- Flight control normal accumulator gage (in left wheel well) pressure—600-650 psi:
- Landing gear door switch—CLOSE.
- Drop tanks—Check fuel and caps secure.
- Flap and aileron—Check.

### 6 LEFT WING LEADING EDGE AND FORWARD FUSELAGE

- Position light and wing tip—Check.
- External stores—Check installation.
- Slats †—Check.

## exterior inspection



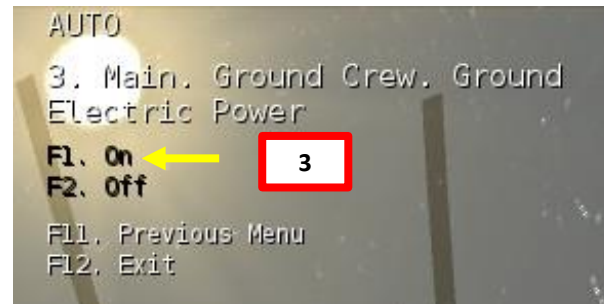
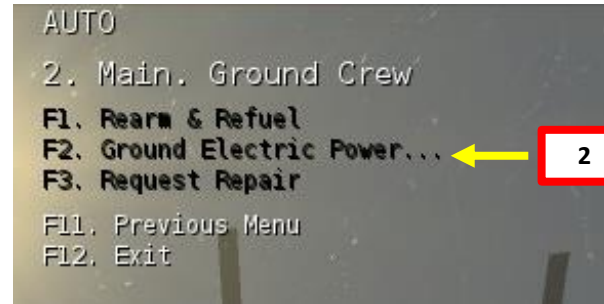
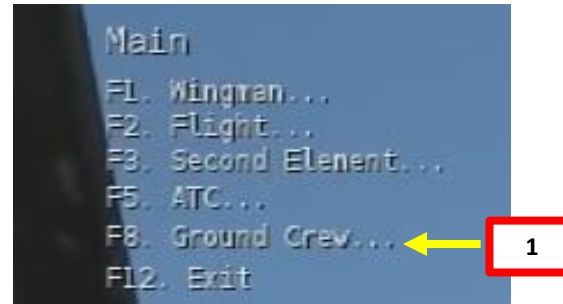
Check surfaces for cracks, distortions, loose rivets, and indications of damage; check for signs of hydraulic fluid, fuel, and oil leaks; check tires for general condition, and proper inflation; check all access doors and panels secured; check position of gear doors, gear strut extension, and condition of wheels.

NOTE: THERE ARE NO  
SLATS ON THE F-86F-35

## PART 3 – START-UP

Note: You do not need to try to use the parking brake since it is hydraulically-driven. The “Normal System” hydraulic pumps themselves are engine-driven and require engine power to function.

1. Select ground crew by pressing “\” and F8.
2. Select “GROUND ELECTRIC POWER” by pressing F2
3. Select “ON” by pressing F1 to turn on ground power
4. Ensure Flight Control Switch is set to “ALTERNATE ON”, then confirm that the ALTERNATE ON light is illuminated. Set Hydraulic System Indication Selector to ALTERNATE (Down) position and confirm that there is a positive hydraulic pressure.

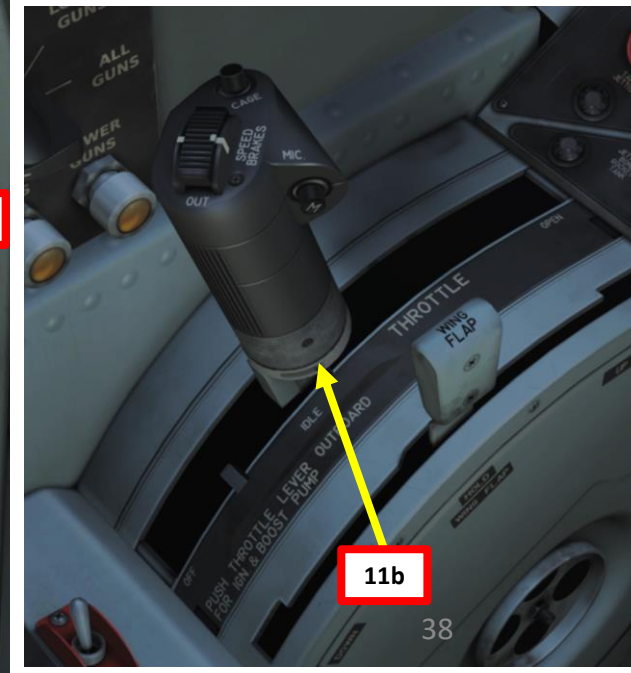
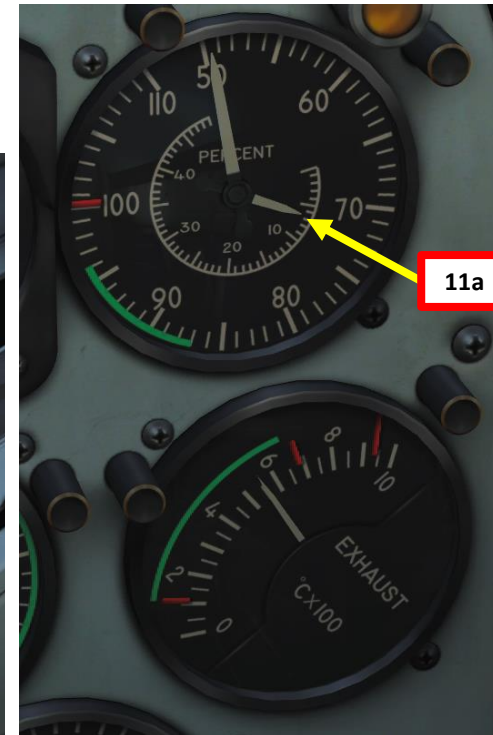
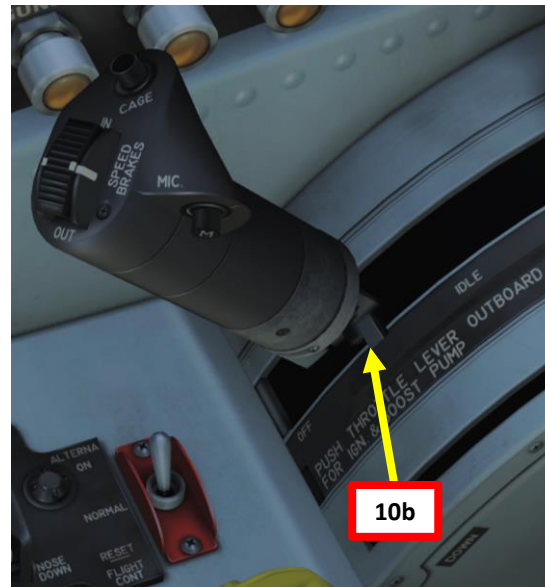
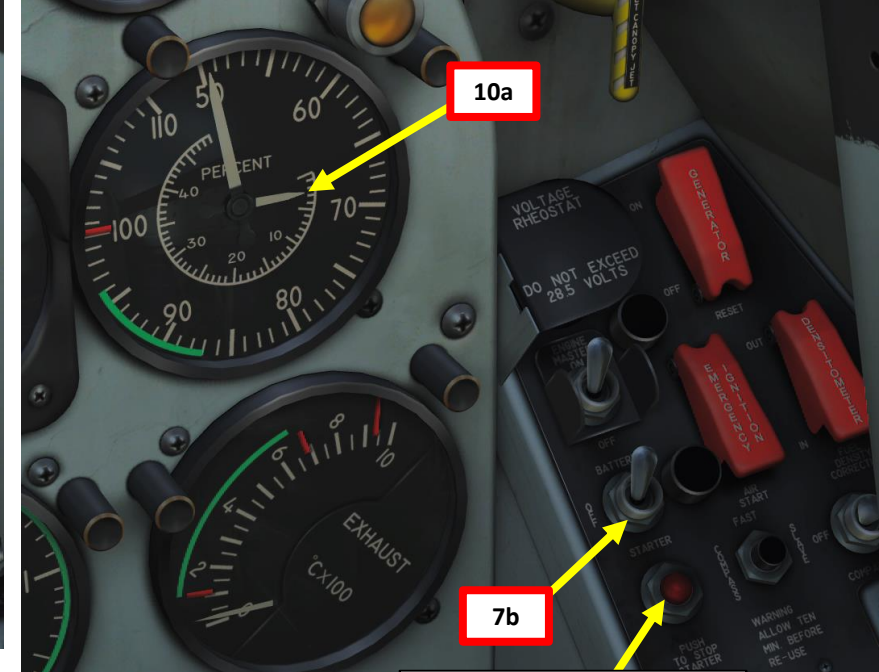
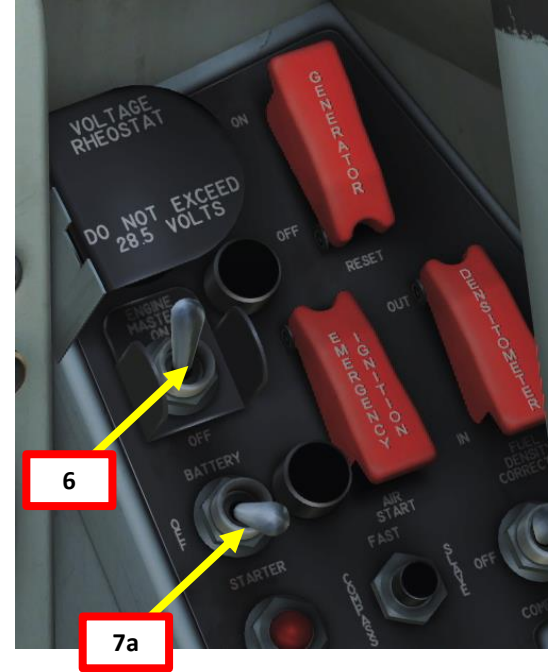


Flight Control Switch



## PART 3 – START-UP

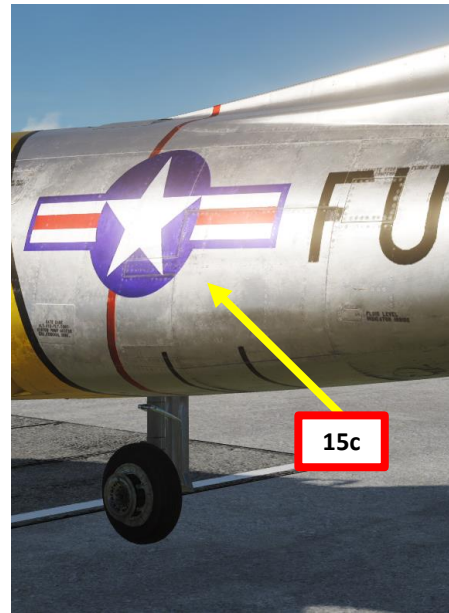
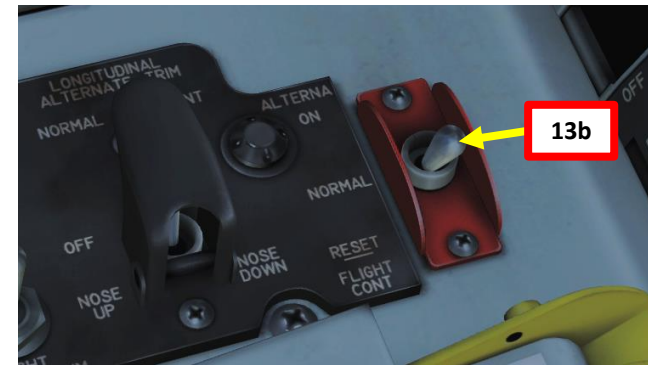
5. Ensure throttle is set to OFF by pressing “END” key (by default)
6. Set Engine Master Switch to ON (UP)
7. Set Battery Switch to STARTER (Left Click, Down Position) for 2 to 3 seconds, then set it to BATTERY (Right Click, Up Position)
8. Wait for engine RPM to reach 3 %
9. If engine does not reach 3 % within 1 minute, press the STOP-STARTER Switch, set Engine Master Switch to OFF and Battery Switch to OFF. Then, repeat steps 5 to 8.
10. Once engine RPM reaches 3 %, set throttle to OUTBOARD by pressing “RALT+HOME” key binding (by default)
11. Once engine RPM reaches 6 %, set throttle to IDLE by pressing the “RALT+HOME” key binding (by default) a second time.



STOP-STARTER SWITCH

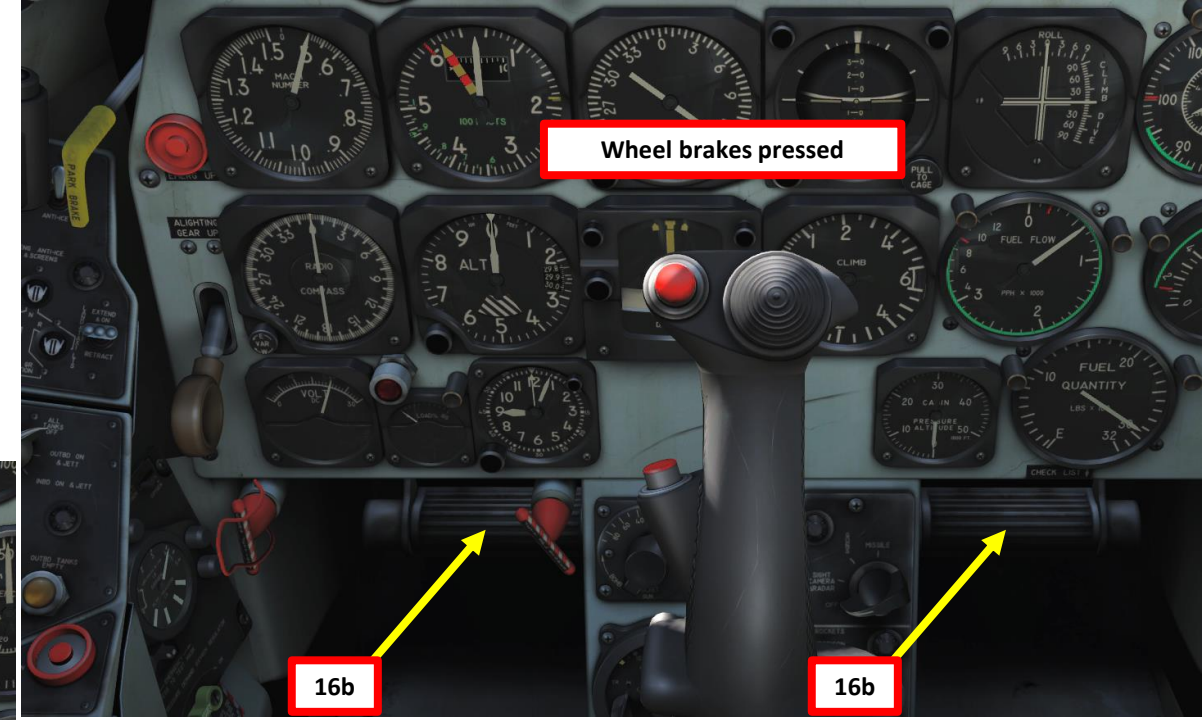
## PART 3 – START-UP

12. The Main (Normal) Hydraulic System pumps are engine-driven and will only kick in around 25 % RPM.
13. Once you have sufficient engine RPM (25+ %), set the Flight Control Switch to RESET for 2-3 seconds, then set it to “NORMAL”. Once the Main (Normal) Hydraulic system pumps is selected, the “ALTERNATE ON” warning light should extinguish.
14. Set Hydraulic System Indication Selector to NORMAL (Middle) and confirm positive hydraulic pressure.
15. Retract airbrakes



## PART 3 – START-UP

16. Set Parking Brake by:
- Pulling and holding the parking brake lever
  - Pressing the wheel brake pedals while holding the parking brake lever
  - Releasing the wheel brakes.
  - You can then let go of the parking brake lever; it will remain in the ENGAGED position (pulled).







## PART 4 – TAKEOFF

1. Line up on the runway using your nosewheel steering during turns (by holding “S” by default) and your rudder pedals. Toe brakes can be used as well.
  - *Note: The nose wheel steering system will not engage if the nose wheel is more than 21° to either side of center. Should the nose wheel be turned more than this, it must be brought into the steering range by use of the wheel brakes. When the nose wheel steering activation button on the control stick is released, the nosewheel steering system starts to work as a shimmy damper and the nose wheel goes to the self-castering mode.*
2. Check for your flaps (DOWN/DEPLOYED) and your airbrakes (RETRACTED). Ask your wingmen if you have bad visibility.
3. Set your brakes ON
4. Slowly increase throttle to Max Power. Keep in mind that the throttle is slow to respond to input.
5. Release brakes at full power
6. Use rudder to make small adjustments, but do not use the nosewheel steering
7. At 120 kts, rotate and retract your flaps and landing gear
8. Once airborne, set your flaps lever to “NEUTRAL”



# minimum-run take-off... AIRPLANES WITH SLATS\*

no external load -15,000 lb

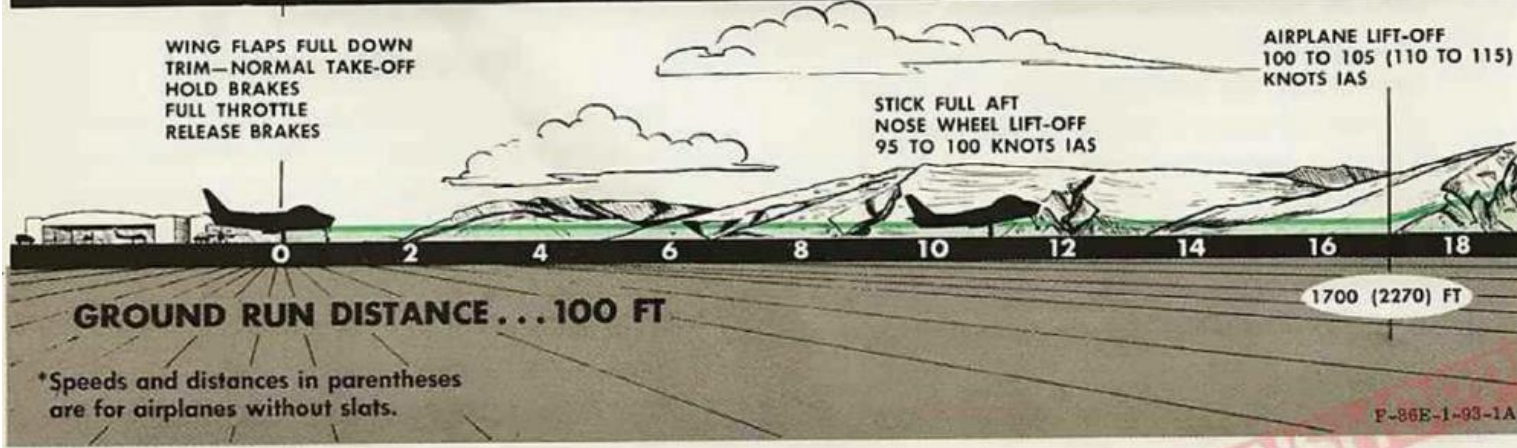
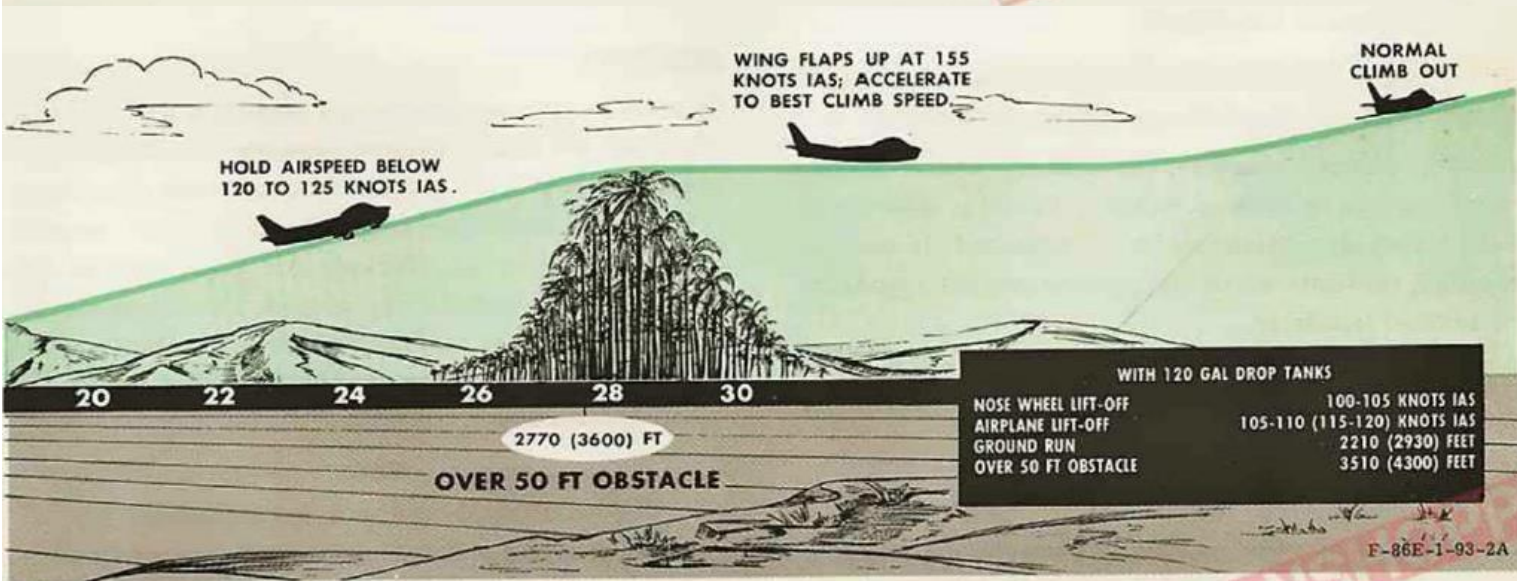


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**PART 4 – TAKEOFF**

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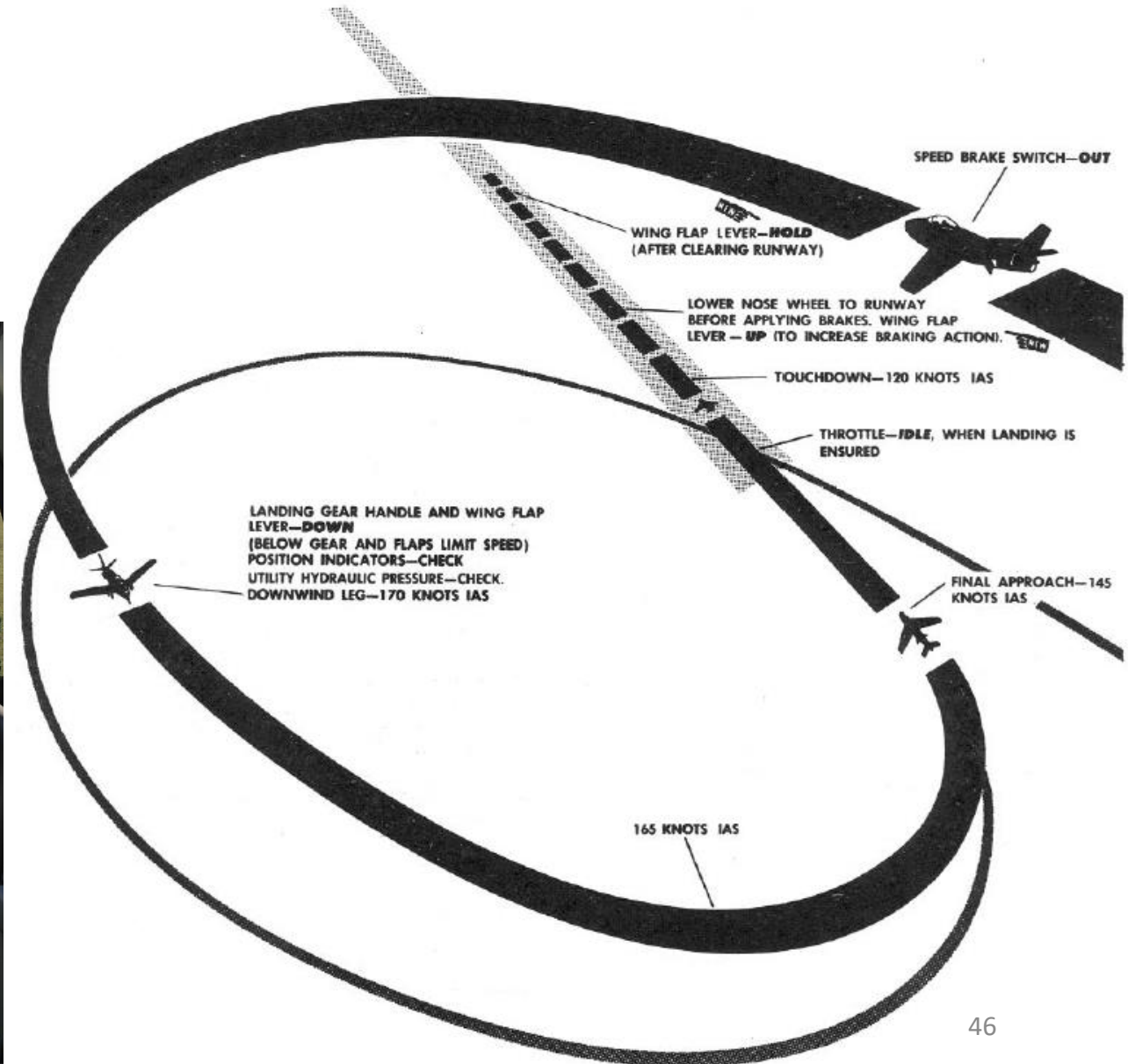
## PART 5 – LANDING

1. Deploy airbrakes and line up on the runway
2. Deploy flaps and landing gear (Check for yellow speed limit index on airspeed indicator)
3. Final approach is performed at 145 kts
4. Touchdown at 120 kts (Throttle at IDLE)
5. Gently tap your brakes to slow down
6. Once runway is cleared, retract flaps and airbrakes and taxi to the parking area



## TYPICAL landing pattern

AIRPLANES WITHOUT SLATS  
NO EXTERNAL LOAD—GROSS WEIGHT 13,800 LB

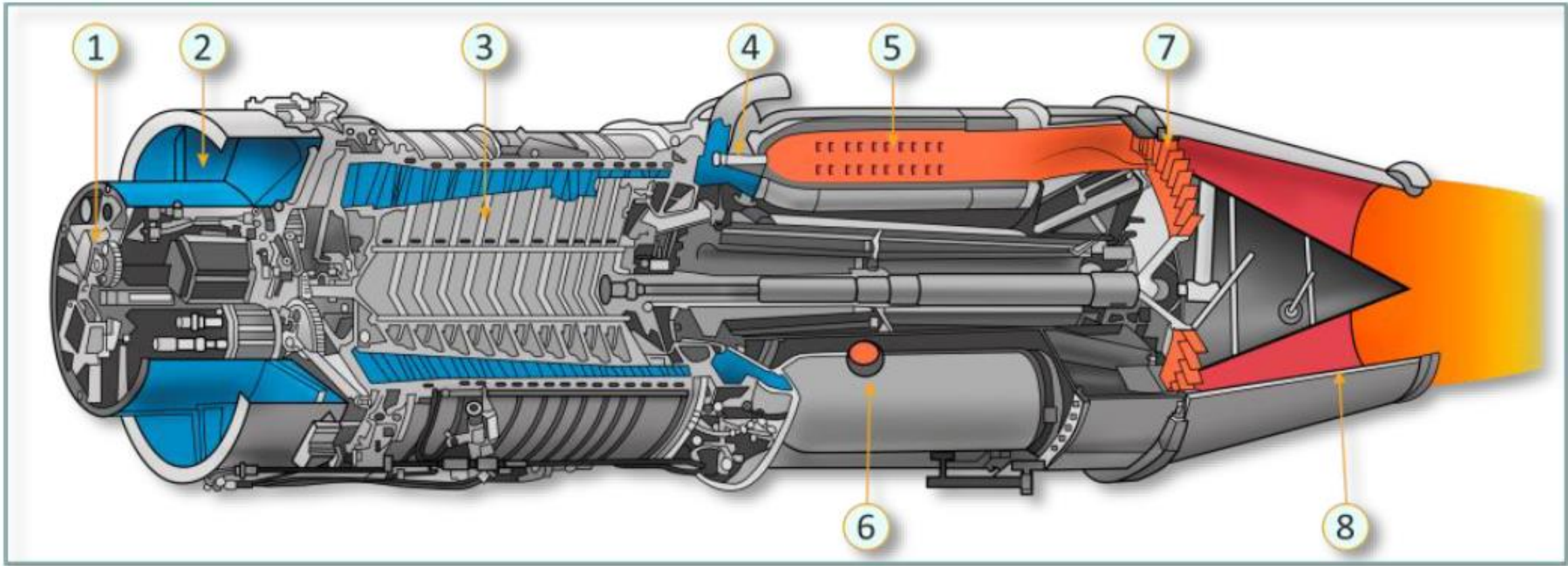


F-86F  
SABRE

PART 5 – LANDING



PART 5 – LANDING



**Figure 3.12. J47-GE-27 engine scheme**

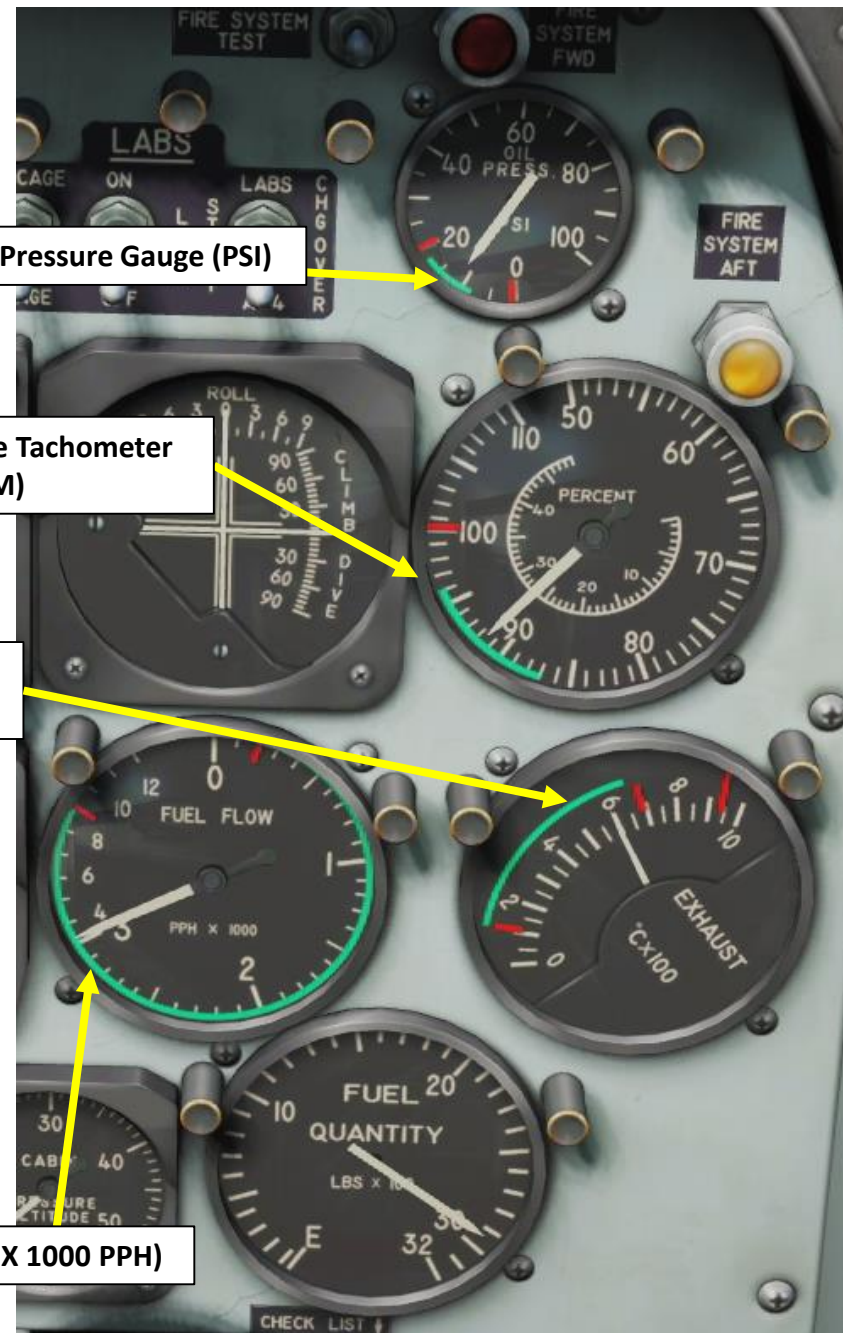
- 1. Gearbox
- 2. Air flow channel
- 3. Compressor
- 4. Fuel nozzle

- 5. Combustion chamber
- 6. Ignition system
- 7. Turbine
- 8. Exhaust nozzle



## PART 6 – ENGINE & FUEL MANAGEMENT

- The General Electric J47 engine has a 12-stage axial compressor and a single-stage axial turbine
- The only temperature you need to keep an eye on is the exhaust gas temperature (EGT). Make sure the temperature is within serviceability and safety limits (green). Engine temperature can only be controlled by reducing or augmenting engine RPM with the throttle.
- Max EGT should be **685 DEG C** at all times
- Recommended engine RPM setting during normal flying is between **85 % and 95 % RPM**.
- Keep an eye for exhaust temperature during combat, especially if you go full throttle (100 % RPM) for an extended period of time. Prolonged overheating of the engine will result in catastrophic engine failure.
- Compressor stall may occur when you move the throttle too quickly. You will notice a sudden loss in engine RPM. The J47 engine is slow to respond to throttle input, so it should be treated gently. In case of compressor stall, pull back the throttle to IDLE and slowly throttle up. Major compressor failure may result in an engine flameout.
- A **compressor stall** is a local disruption of the airflow in the compressor of a gas turbine or turbocharger. A stall that results in the complete disruption of the airflow through the compressor is referred to as a **compressor surge**. The severity of the phenomenon ranges from a momentary power drop barely registered by the engine instruments to a complete loss of compression in case of a surge, requiring adjustments in the fuel flow to recover normal operation.
- Compressor stall was a common problem on early jet engines with simple aerodynamics and manual or mechanical fuel control units, but has been virtually eliminated by better design and the use of hydromechanical and electronic control systems such as Full Authority Digital Engine Control (FADEC). Modern compressors are carefully designed and controlled to avoid or limit stall within an engine's operating range.



Oil Pressure Gauge (PSI)

Engine Tachometer (%RPM)

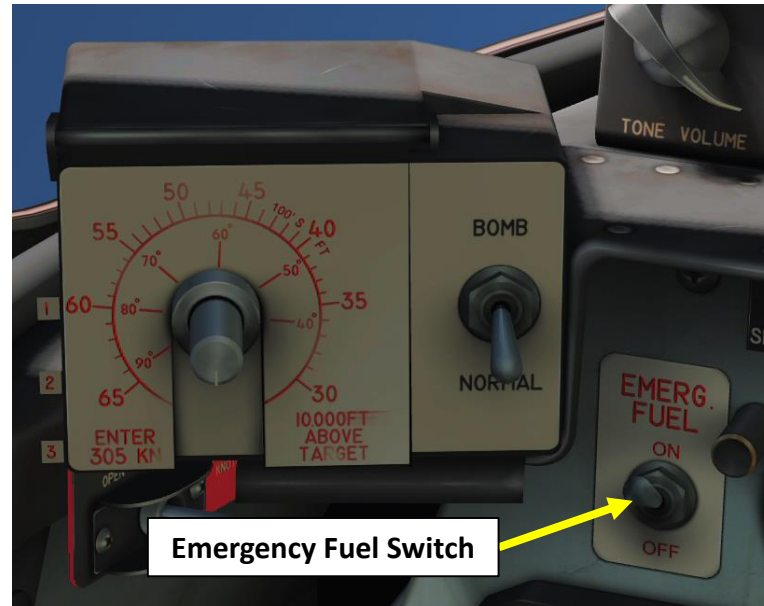
EGT (Exhaust Gas Temperature) (x100 deg C)

Fuel Flow Indicator (X 1000 PPH)

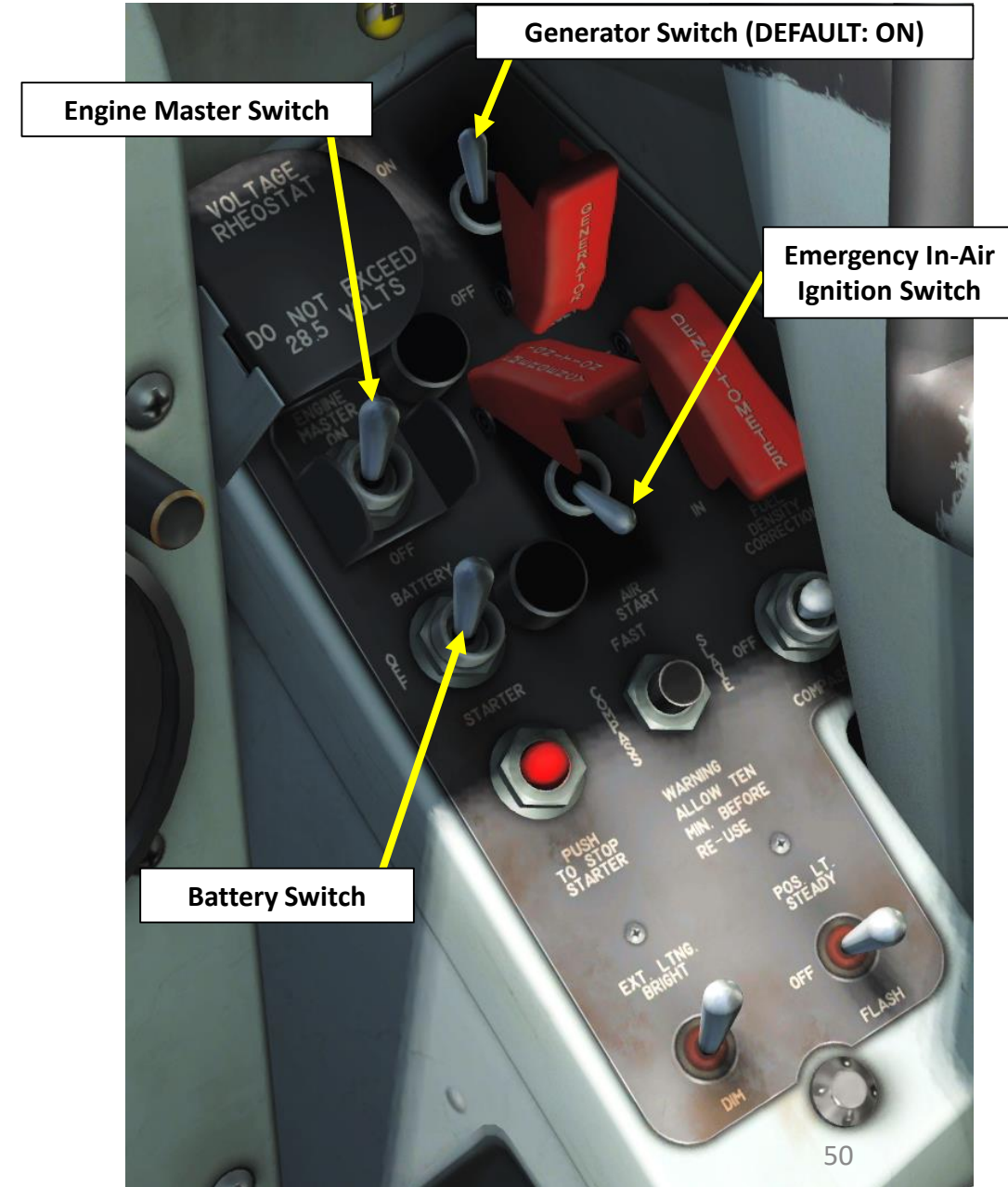
## PART 6 – ENGINE & FUEL MANAGEMENT

### IN CASE OF ENGINE FLAME-OUT

1. Do not panic
2. Cut throttle and set it to "OFF" (Press "END" key twice)
3. Put the Sabre's nose down and increase speed between 185 and 225 kts
4. Make sure the Master Switch and Battery Switch are both ON
5. Switch ON Emergency In-Air Ignition Switch (lift red cover)
6. Switch ON Emergency Fuel Switch
7. Set throttle to IDLE position (Press "HOME" key twice)
8. Once engine is spooling up (90+ % RPM), Switch off Emergency In-Air Ignition Switch
9. Once smooth engine operation is established, switch OFF the Emergency Fuel Switch



Emergency Fuel Switch



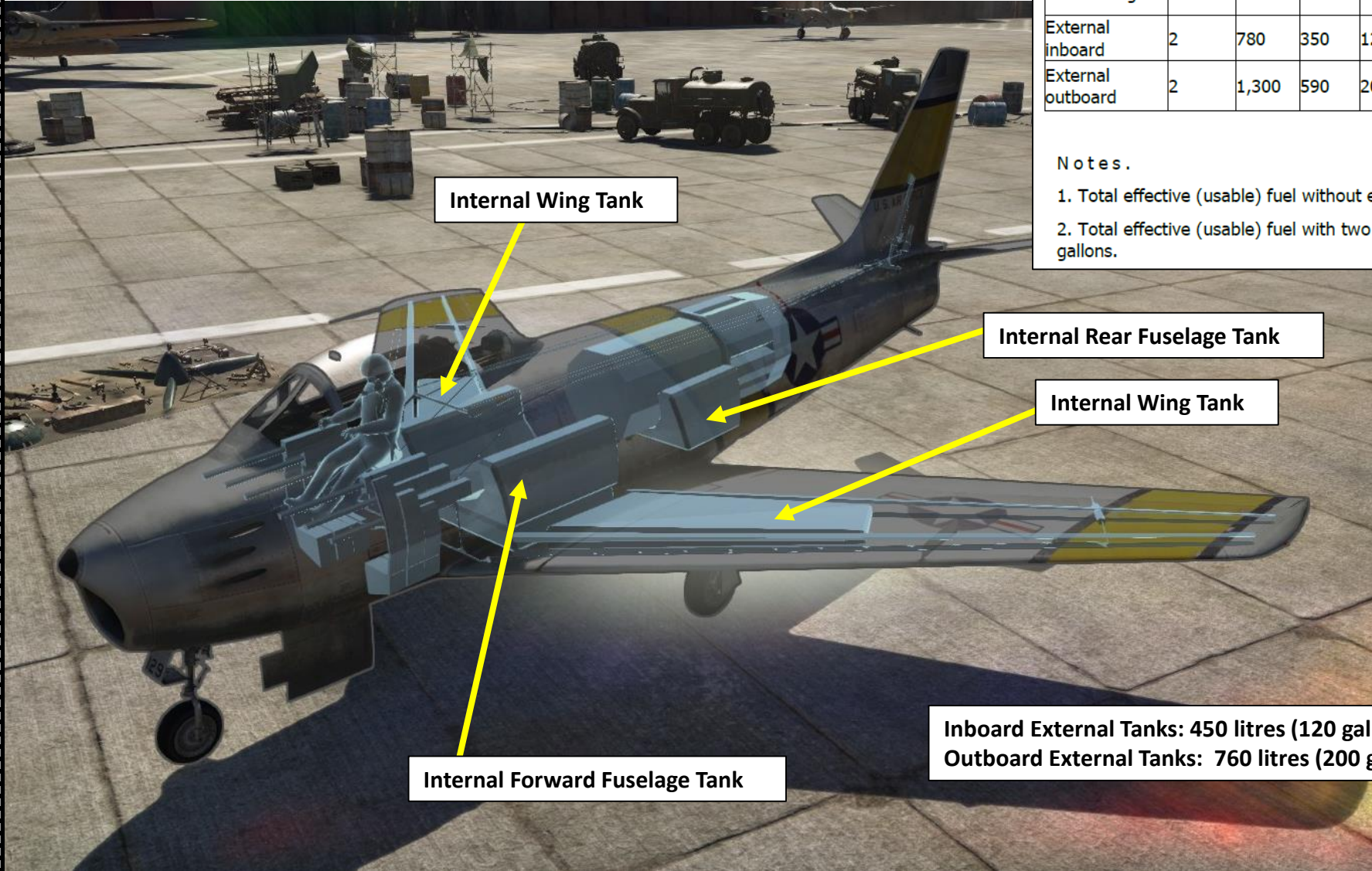
Engine Master Switch

Generator Switch (DEFAULT: ON)

Emergency In-Air Ignition Switch

Battery Switch

# PART 6 – FUEL MANAGEMENT



Internal Wing Tank

Internal Rear Fuselage Tank

Internal Wing Tank

Internal Forward Fuselage Tank

Inboard External Tanks: 450 litres (120 gallon)  
Outboard External Tanks: 760 litres (200 gallon)

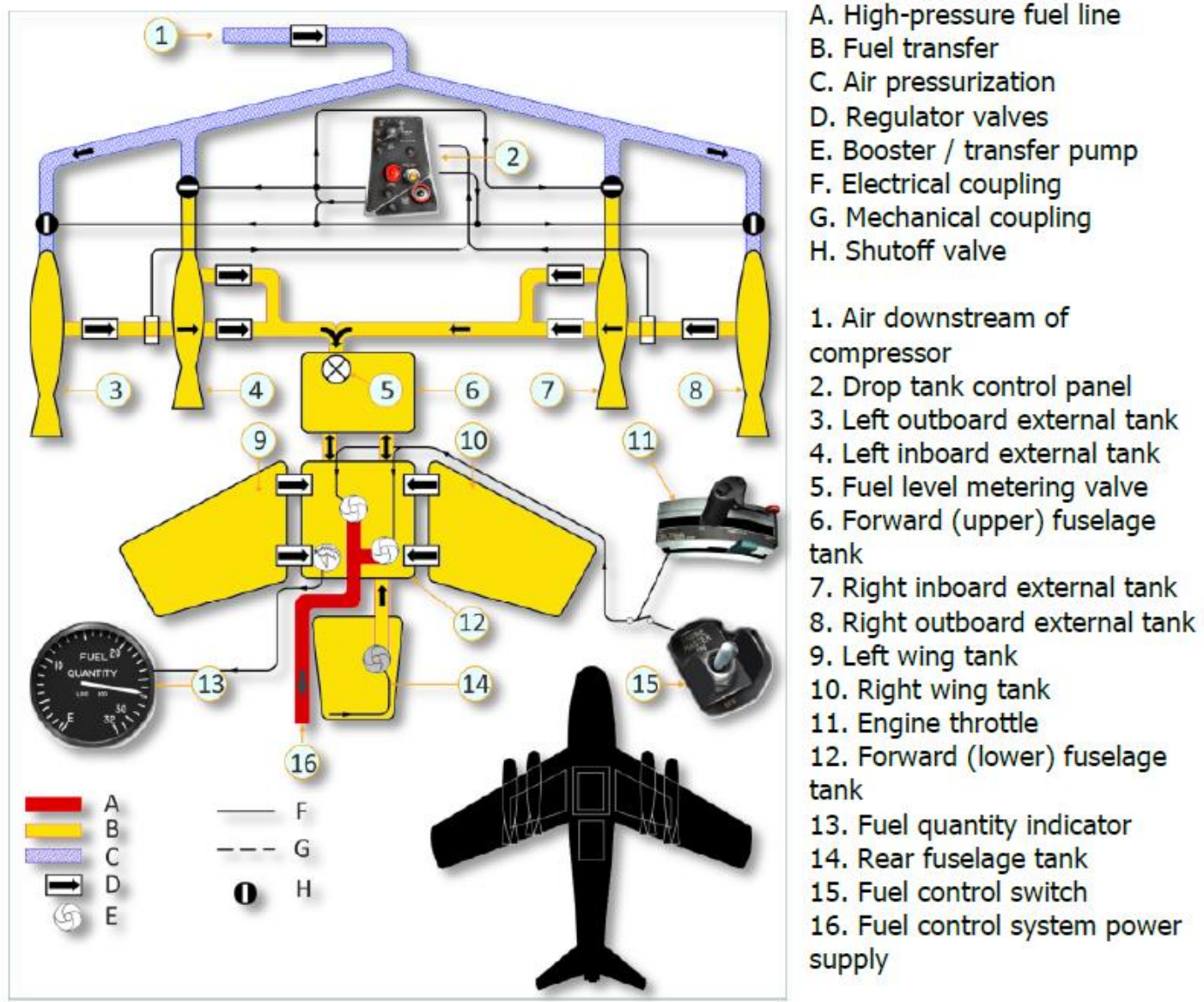
Table 5.1

| Tank              | Number of tanks | Effective (usable) fuel (for each tank) |     |         |        | Full fuel (for each tank) |     |         |        |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|-----|---------|--------|---------------------------|-----|---------|--------|
|                   |                 | pounds                                  | kg  | gallons | liters | pounds                    | kg  | gallons | liters |
| Forward fuselage  | 1               | 1,274                                   | 580 | 196     | 740    | 1,306                     | 592 | 201     | 760    |
| Rear fuselage     | 1               | 682                                     | 310 | 105     | 400    | 689                       | 312 | 106     | 402    |
| Inside wing       | 2               | 435                                     | 197 | 67      | 250    | 442                       | 200 | 68      | 257    |
| External inboard  | 2               | 780                                     | 350 | 120     | 450    | 780                       | 350 | 120     | 450    |
| External outboard | 2               | 1,300                                   | 590 | 200     | 760    | 1,306                     | 592 | 201     | 760    |

Notes.

1. Total effective (usable) fuel without external fuel tanks: 2,827 pounds/435 gallons.
2. Total effective (usable) fuel with two external 120 gallon fuel tanks: 4,287 pounds/675 gallons.

# PART 6 – FUEL MANAGEMENT



- A. High-pressure fuel line
  - B. Fuel transfer
  - C. Air pressurization
  - D. Regulator valves
  - E. Booster / transfer pump
  - F. Electrical coupling
  - G. Mechanical coupling
  - H. Shutoff valve
- Air downstream of compressor
  - Drop tank control panel
  - Left outboard external tank
  - Left inboard external tank
  - Fuel level metering valve
  - Forward (upper) fuselage tank
  - Right inboard external tank
  - Right outboard external tank
  - Left wing tank
  - Right wing tank
  - Engine throttle
  - Forward (lower) fuselage tank
  - Fuel quantity indicator
  - Rear fuselage tank
  - Fuel control switch
  - Fuel control system power supply

## Fuel Tank Selector Switch

- ALL TANKS OFF = SAFETY (Tanks will not drop, fuel is taken from internal tanks)
- OUTBD ON & JETT = Fuel taken from Outboard external tanks, jettison Outboard Tanks Only
- INBD ON & JETT = Fuel taken from Inboard external tanks, jettison Inboard Tanks Only
- Other positions are self-explanatory

**Very important note: this switch must be use to choose where the fuel pumps will take fuel from. If you leave the switch to "ALL TANKS OFF", your fuel pumps will use your internal tanks rather than your external tanks.**



Outboard External Fuel Tanks Empty Light

Figure 5.4. Scheme of aircraft fuel system

## HOW TO JETTISON DROP TANKS

- 1) Set Fuel Tank Jettison Selector to the desired position
- 2) Press “JETTISON FUEL TANKS” button



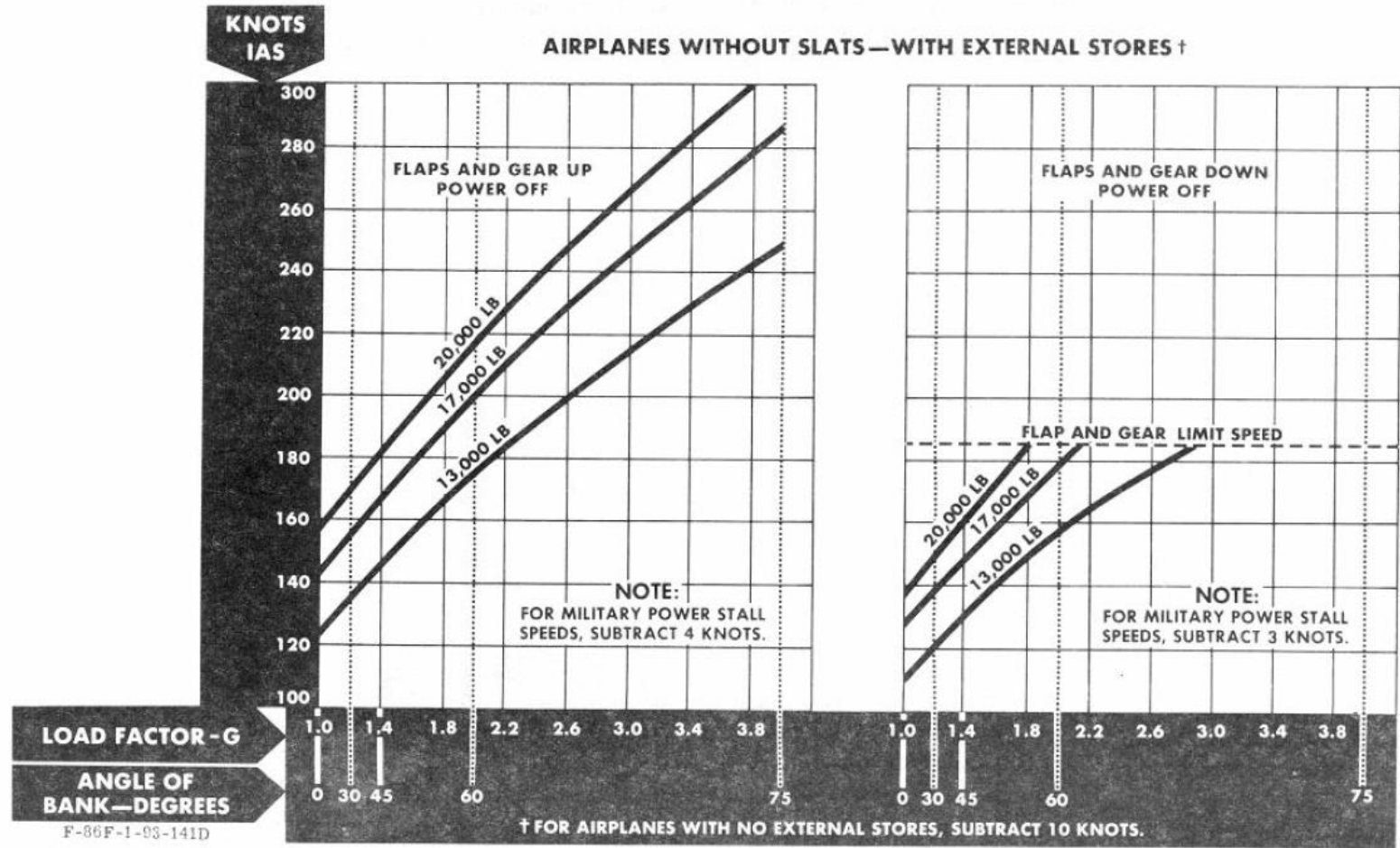
### FUEL TANK JETTISON SELECTOR

ALL TANKS OFF = SAFETY (TANKS WILL NOT DROP)  
 OUTBD ON & JETT = JETTISON OUTBOARD TANKS  
 INBD ON & JETT = JETTISON INBOARD TANKS  
 OTHER POSITIONS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY

### JETTISON FUEL TANKS BUTTON

(PRESS THIS TO JETTISON FUEL TANKS  
 ONCE THE TANK(S) YOU WANT TO  
 DROP HAVE BEEN SELECTED)

**stall speeds**

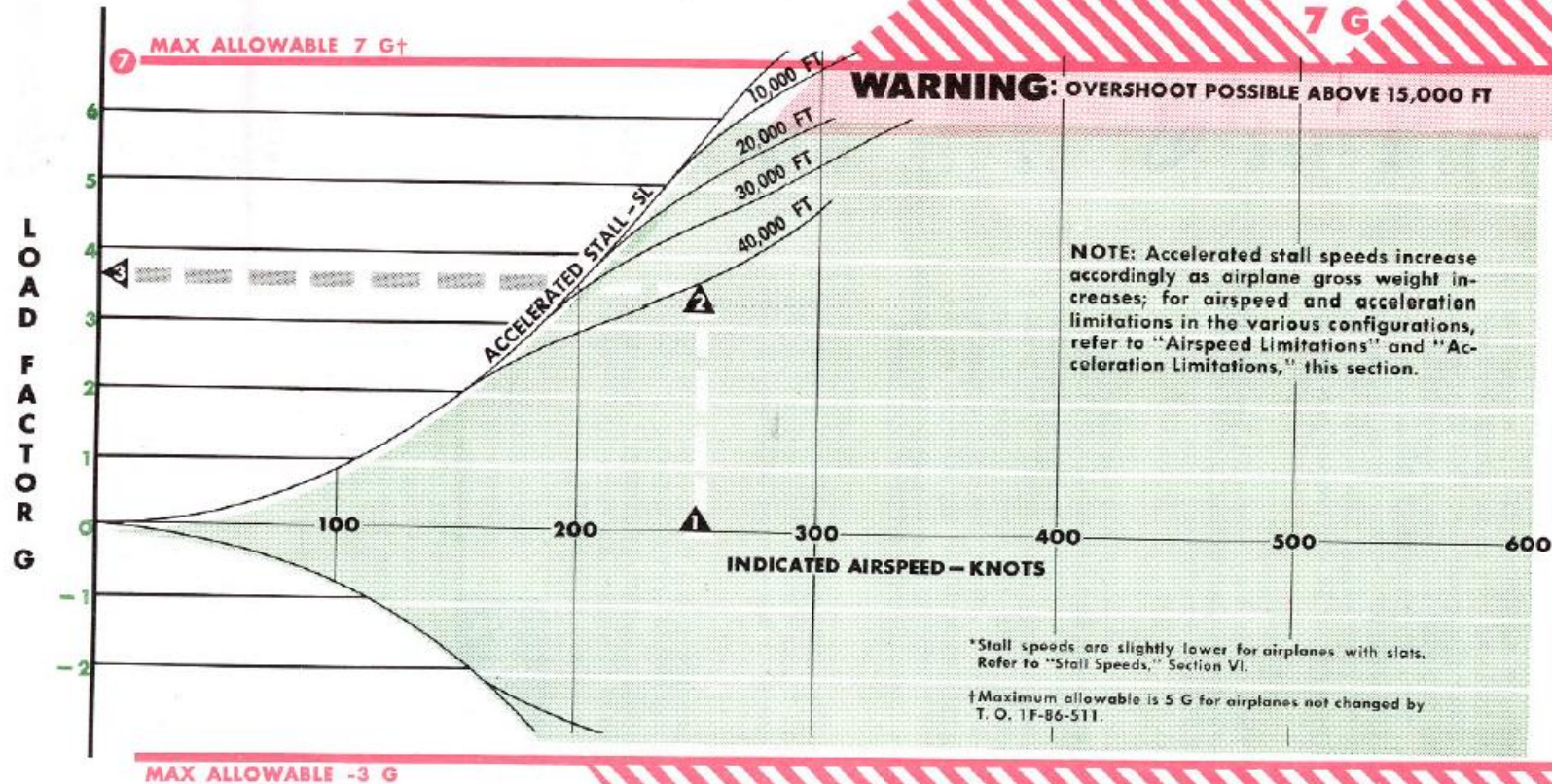


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# PART 7 – AIRCRAFT LIMITATIONS

## operating flight limits – airplanes without slats\* (no external load)

- HOW TO USE CHART:**
- 1 Select your indicated airspeed.
  - 2 Trace vertically to your flight altitude.
  - 3 Move horizontally to the left and find the maximum G you can pull at that airspeed and altitude before stalling.



**PART 7 – AIRCRAFT LIMITATIONS**

**airspeed and acceleration limitations**



ONLY THE CONFIGURATIONS LISTED  
ARE APPROVED FOR FLIGHT.

**F-86F-25 AND LATER AIRPLANES**

| OUTBOARD STATION  | INBOARD STATION                        |  | INBOARD STATION                        |  | OUTBOARD STATION  | AIRSPPEED LIMITATIONS   | G-LIMITS  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------|---|---|
| 120 Gal Drop Tank | B37K-1 Bomb rack                       |  | B37K-1 Bomb rack                       |  | 120 Gal Drop Tank | IF BOTH TANKS ARE TYPE I OR III<br>Below 25,000 feet: 500 knots IAS or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>Above 25,000 feet: Maximum attainable except avoid buffet regions.    | TANKS WITH FUEL<br>+5.0<br>-2.0<br>TANKS EMPTY<br>+6.0*<br>-2.0 |
|                   |  |  |  |  |                   | IF EITHER TANK IS TYPE II OR IV<br>500 knots IAS or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>No abrupt maneuvers, no continuous rolls, rate of roll limited to 90 degrees per second. | +4.0<br>-2.0  |
| 120 Gal Drop Tank | INBOARD ROCKET STATIONS<br>MA-2A MA-2A |  | INBOARD ROCKET STATIONS<br>MA-2A MA-2A |  | 120 Gal Drop Tank | IF BOTH TANKS ARE TYPE I OR III<br>Below 25,000 feet: 500 knots IAS or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>Above 25,000 feet: Maximum attainable except avoid buffet regions.    | TANKS WITH FUEL<br>+5.0<br>-2.0<br>TANKS EMPTY<br>+6.0*<br>-2.0 |
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| 120 Gal Drop Tank | MA-3            | MA-3             | MA-3            | MA-3  | 120 Gal Drop Tank | IF BOTH TANKS ARE TYPE I OR III<br>Below 20,000 feet: Mach .80<br>Above 20,000 feet: Mach .90  | TANKS WITH FUEL<br>+5.0 -2.0<br>TANKS EMPTY<br>+6.0* -2.0       |
|                   |                 |                  |                 |       |                   | IF EITHER TANK IS TYPE II OR IV<br>Below 20,000 feet: Mach .80<br>Above 20,000 feet: 500 knots IAS<br>or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>No abrupt maneuvers, no continuous rolls, rate of roll limited to 90 degrees per second. | +4.0<br>-2.0  |
| 120 Gal Drop Tank | ROCKET STATION  | B37K-1 Bomb Rack | MA-2A           | MA-2A | 120 Gal Drop Tank | IF BOTH TANKS ARE TYPE I OR III<br>Below 25,000 feet: 500 knots IAS<br>or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>Above 25,000 feet: Maximum attainable except avoid buffet regions.  | TANKS WITH FUEL<br>+5.0<br>-2.0<br>TANKS EMPTY<br>+6.0*<br>-2.0 |
|                   | MA-2A           |                  |                 |       |                   | IF EITHER TANK IS TYPE II OR IV<br>500 knots IAS or Mach .90, whichever is lower.<br>No abrupt maneuvers, no continuous rolls, rate of roll limited to 90 degrees per second.  | +4.0<br>-2.0  |

\* Positive G-limits for airplanes not changed by T.O. 1F-86F-544 are 5.0 G for straight pull-outs and 3.3 G for rolling pull-outs.

# AIRSPEED AND ACCELERATION LIMITATIONS

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**NOTE**

- The missile rollerons must be pinned to prevent buffet.
- Positive G-limits for rolling pull-outs are two thirds of limits shown.
- Negative G-limit for rolling push-down is 1 G.

| OUTBOARD STATION      | INBOARD STATION   | MISSILE STATION | MISSILE STATION | INBOARD STATION   | OUTBOARD STATION      | AIRSPEED LIMITATIONS  | G-LIMITS   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
|                       |                   | AIM-9B MISSILE  | AIM-9B MISSILE* |                   |                       | 600 knots IAS or where wing roll is excessive.  | +5.0<br>-2.0   |
| NAA 200 GAL DROP TANK |                   | AIM-9B MISSILE  | AIM-9B MISSILE* |                   | NAA 200 GAL DROP TANK | 600 knots IAS or where wing roll is excessive.<br>Avoid buffet regions.<br>No continuous rolls.   | TANKS WITH FUEL<br>+5.0<br>-2.0<br>TANKS EMPTY<br>+5.0<br>-2.0 |
| NAA 200 GAL DROP TANK | 120 GAL DROP TANK | AIM-9B MISSILE  | AIM-9B MISSILE* | 120 GAL DROP TANK | NAA 200 GAL DROP TANK | IF BOTH 120 GAL TANKS ARE TYPE I OR III<br>Above 25,000 feet: Maximum attainable, except avoid buffet regions.<br>Below 25,000 feet: 500 knots IAS or Mach .90 whichever is lower.                | +4.5<br>-2.0   |
|                       |                   |                 |                 |                   |                       | IF EITHER 120 GAL TANK IS TYPE II OR IV<br>Above 25,000 feet: Mach .85<br>Below 25,000 feet: Mach .82<br>No abrupt maneuvers, no continuous rolls, rate of roll limited to 90 degrees per second. | +4.0<br>-2.0   |

Figure 5-3A

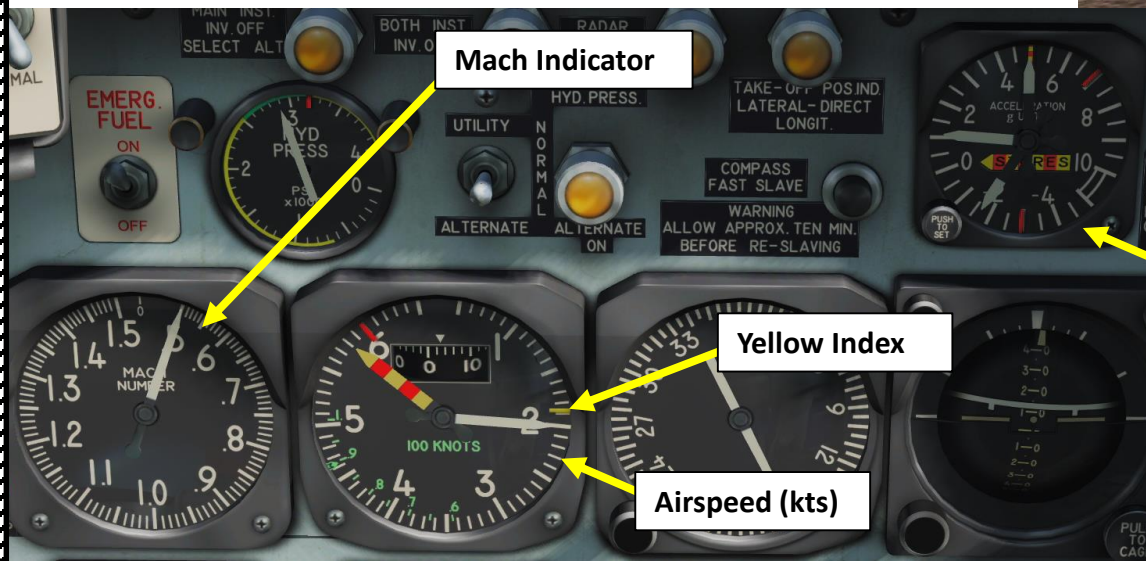
\* or TDU-11/B target rocket

## PART 8 – AIRCRAFT OPERATION

- Your aircraft can easily go more than 400 kts in level flight, which means that you can very easily black out if you do not pay attention to your speed and accelerometer in turning manoeuvres. Be gentle with the stick.
- Speed is very important in combat, but also during landing. Pay attention to the yellow index on the airspeed indicator to know when you can safely deploy your flaps and landing gear. Deploying those at high speeds will make them jam in inconvenient positions, as shown in the picture on the right.
- During a normal patrol, you do not need to go full throttle all the time. It needlessly wears the engine down and can create problems with formation flying.
- At high Mach numbers (between Mach 0.95 and Mach 1.0), you can lock up your controls easily (especially ailerons). If you want to remain in full of your plane at all times, it is better to fly a little bit slower (Mach 0.7 - 0.8) but keep full authority over your controls. This can prevent unfortunate mid-air collisions with your wingmen (true story).



“Boss, I think I forgot something...”



Mach Indicator

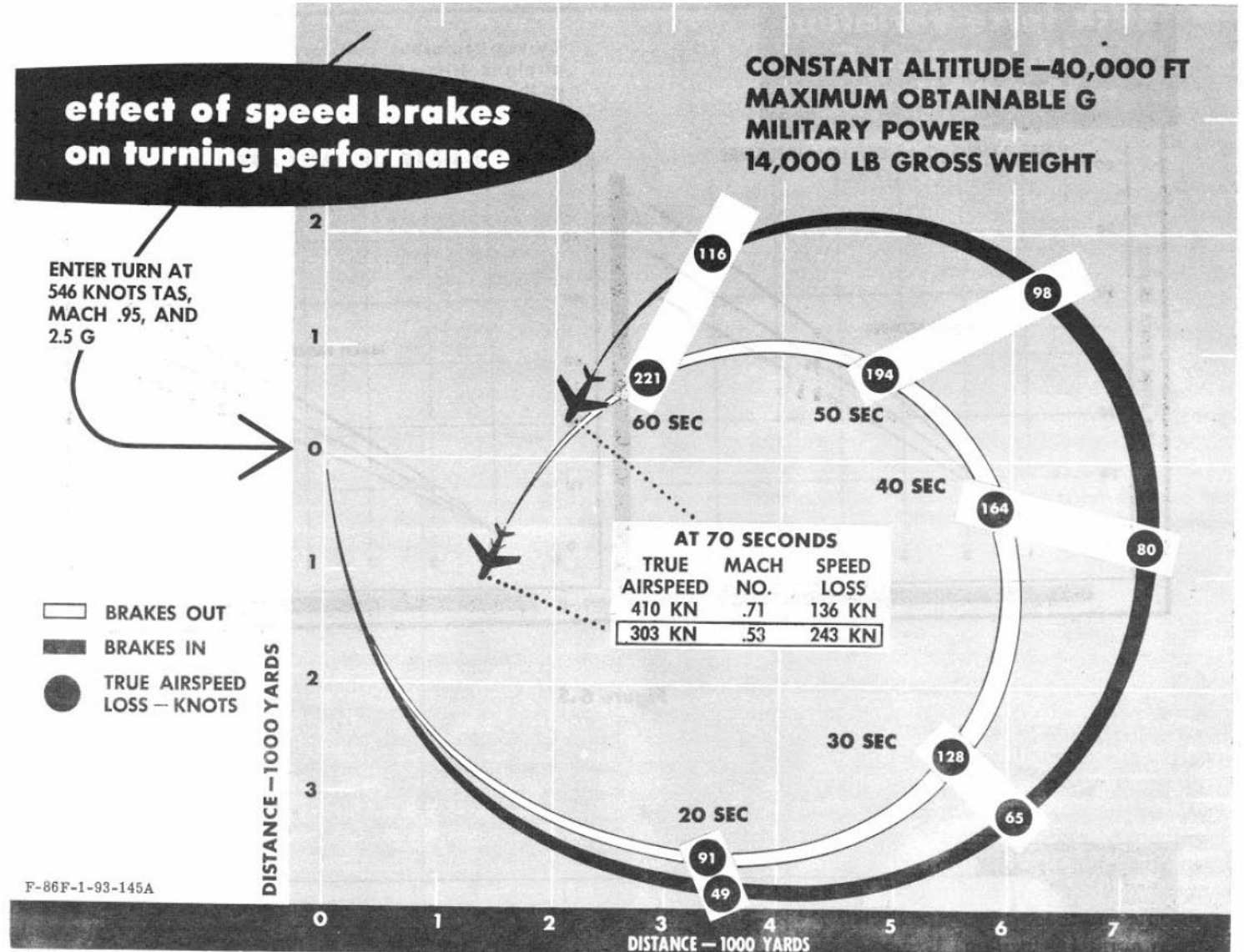
Accelerometer (G)

Yellow Index

Airspeed (kts)

## PART 8 – AIRCRAFT OPERATION

- Typically in World War II fighters, flaps were used to make tighter turns in combat. However, use of flaps during combat is strictly prohibited in the Sabre.
- Use of airbrakes can help you turn much tighter if you need to bleed airspeed quickly. They come in very handy in dive bombing and defensive manoeuvres, especially when you have a MiG-15 on your tail that you just can't shake off.
- Use airbrakes only when you need to. Bleeding off too much speed in the Sabre can quickly become fatal. Take note that:
  1. The MiG-15 outclimbs the F-86
  2. The F-86 outperforms the MiG-15 in a dive
  3. The F-86 is generally slightly more maneuverable than the MiG-15
  4. The F-86 is very vulnerable at low speed



## PART 8 – AIRCRAFT OPERATION

- In the case of a landing gear failure, here is the procedure for emergency landing gear deployment

Emergency Landing Gear Lever



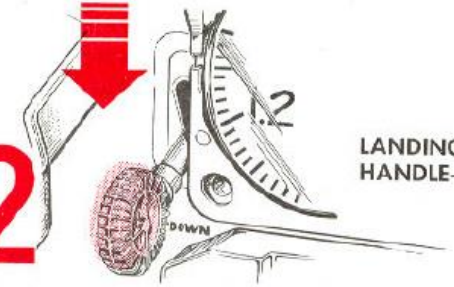
## landing gear emergency lowering

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AIRSPED—REDUCE TO BELOW 175 KNOTS IAS. (Otherwise, airloads may hold fairing doors closed.)

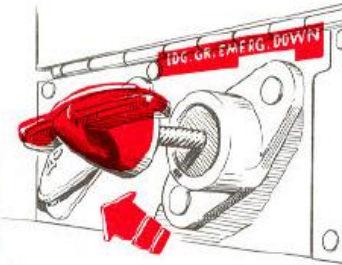
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LANDING GEAR HANDLE—DOWN.



3



GEAR EMERGENCY RELEASE HANDLE—Pull and hold extended to lower gear.

**CAUTION**  
Pull emergency release handle to full extension (approximately 20 inches) to ensure release of all uplocks.

4



YAW AIRPLANE TO LOCK MAIN GEAR, IF NECESSARY.

5



LANDING GEAR POSITION INDICATORS—Check for safe gear indication; then release gear emergency release handle.

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SABRE

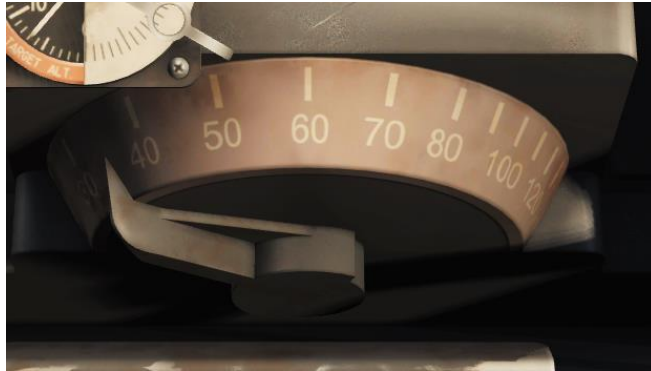
PART 9 - WEAPONS



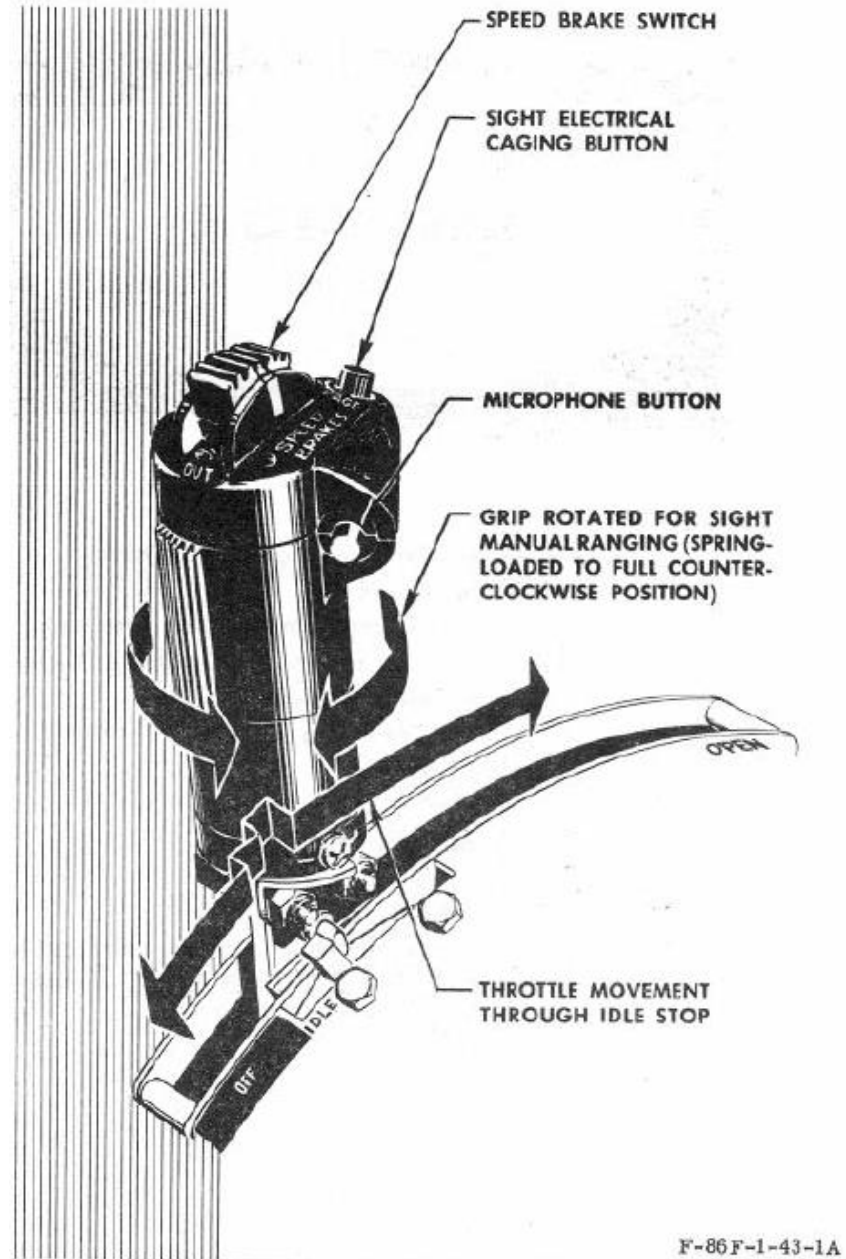
## PART 9 – WEAPONS: INTRODUCTION

Before we start, I need to make something clear:

- The electrical caging switch and the mechanical caging switch are NOT the same thing. They have different functions.
- The following terminology will be used:
  - “RELEASE ELECTRICAL CAGE SWITCH” (Gunsight will be moving)
  - “HOLD ELECTRICAL CAGE SWITCH” (Gunsight will not be moving)
  - “UNCAGE MECHANICAL SIGHT” (Right Position = Gunsight will be moving)
  - “CAGE MECHANICAL SIGHT” (Left Position = Gunsight will not move)



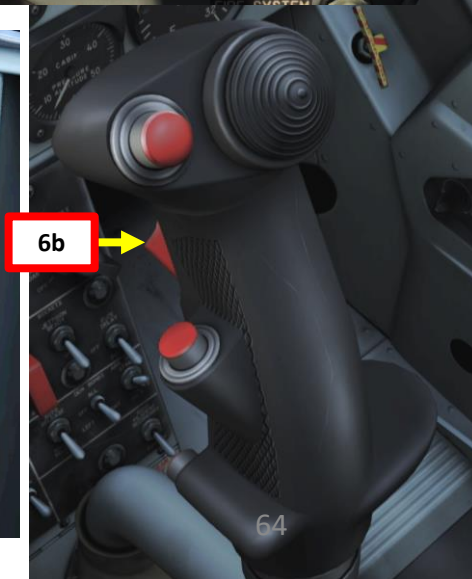
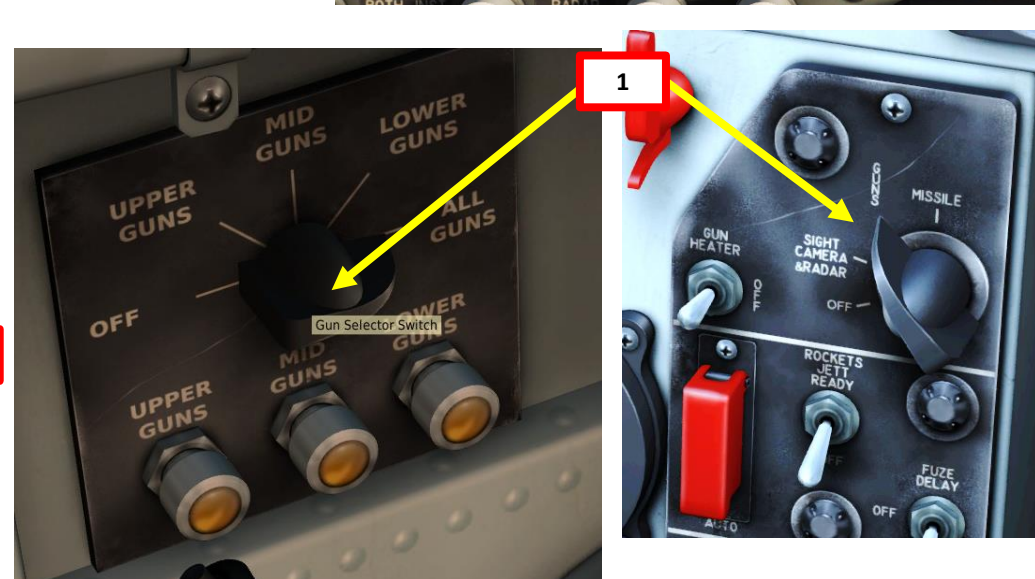
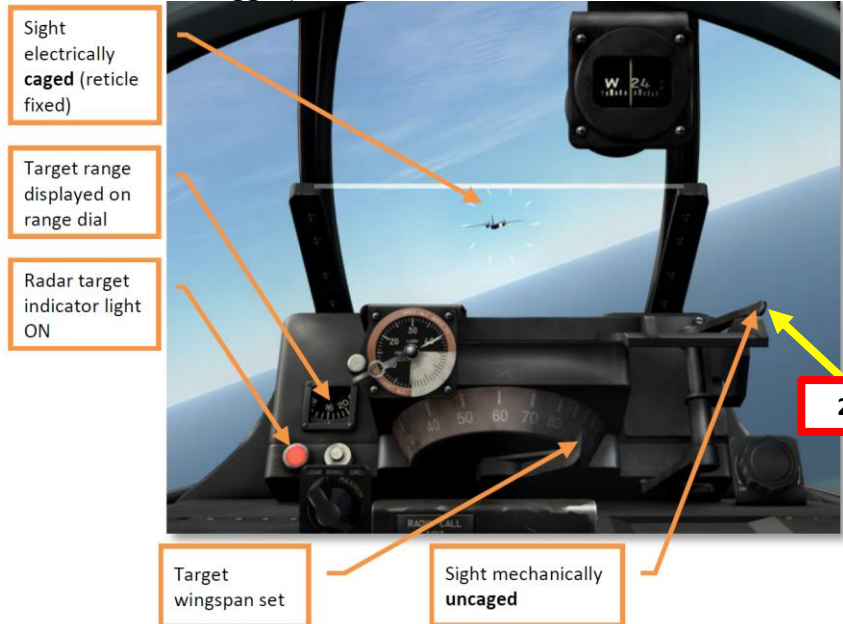
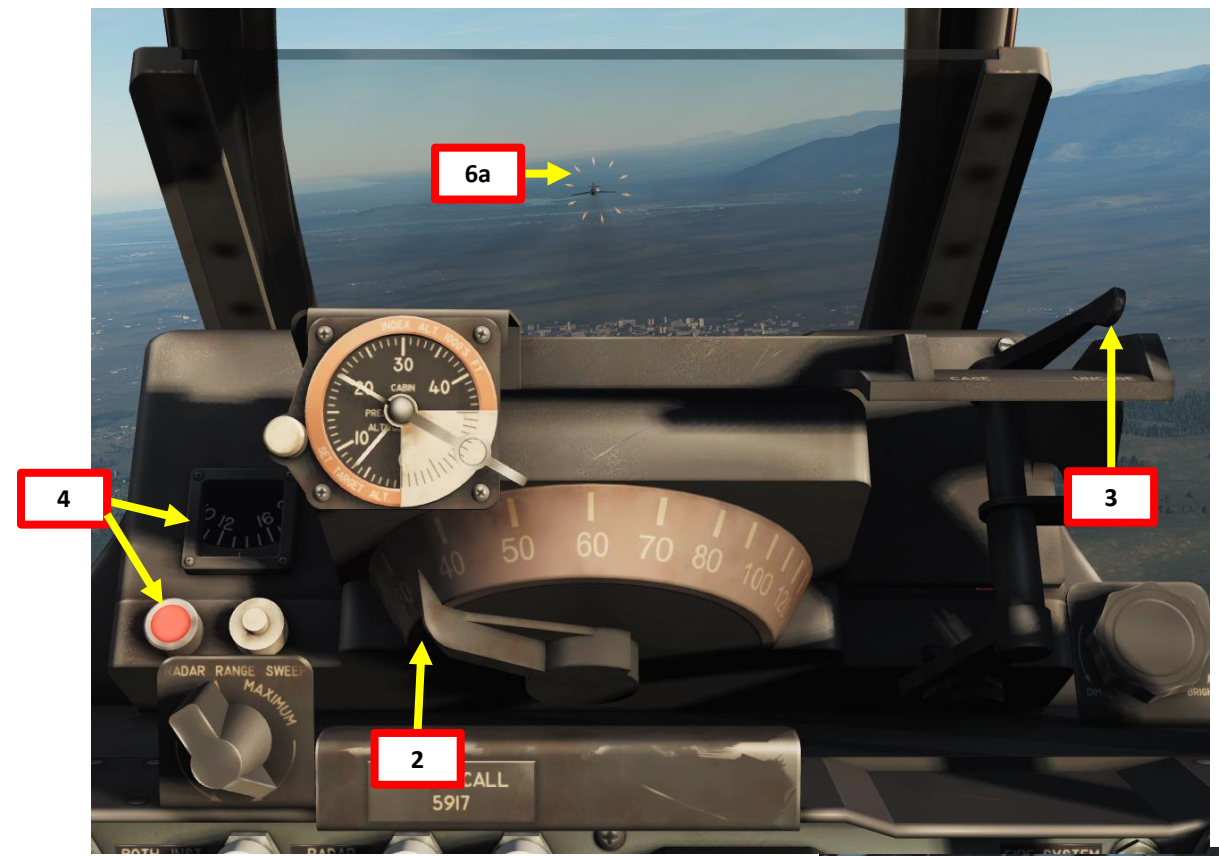
WINGSPAN OF A MIG-15BIS  
10 m = 32 ft (VALUE TO ENTER IN GUNSIGHT WINGSPAN)



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## PART 9 – WEAPONS: 0.50 CAL GUNS

- 1) Set weapon selector to “GUNS”. Do it 10 minutes in advance to let the A-4 Gunsight System warm up, then set the Gun Selector to “ALL GUNS”.
- 2) Set Target Wingspan to about 30 ft (wingspan of a MiG-15)
- 3) Uncage Mechanical Sight before engaging air target
- 4) Current max radar range is 1600 ft. Radar light will become red once a target is spotted and it might suffer interference under an altitude of 6000 ft because of ground clutter. Continuous light means continuous radar tracking, while flickering light means that radar is spotting something but not actively tracking it.
- 5) Hold the Electrical Caging switch for a few seconds (gunsight will stop moving) and release it (gunsight will begin tracking). Target range on the range dial will start tracking the target’s range.
- 6) When target’s wingspan fits the gunsight, fire on the target (**GUN FIRE trigger**).



PART 9 – WEAPONS: 0.50 CAL GUNS



## PART 9 – WEAPONS: MISSILES

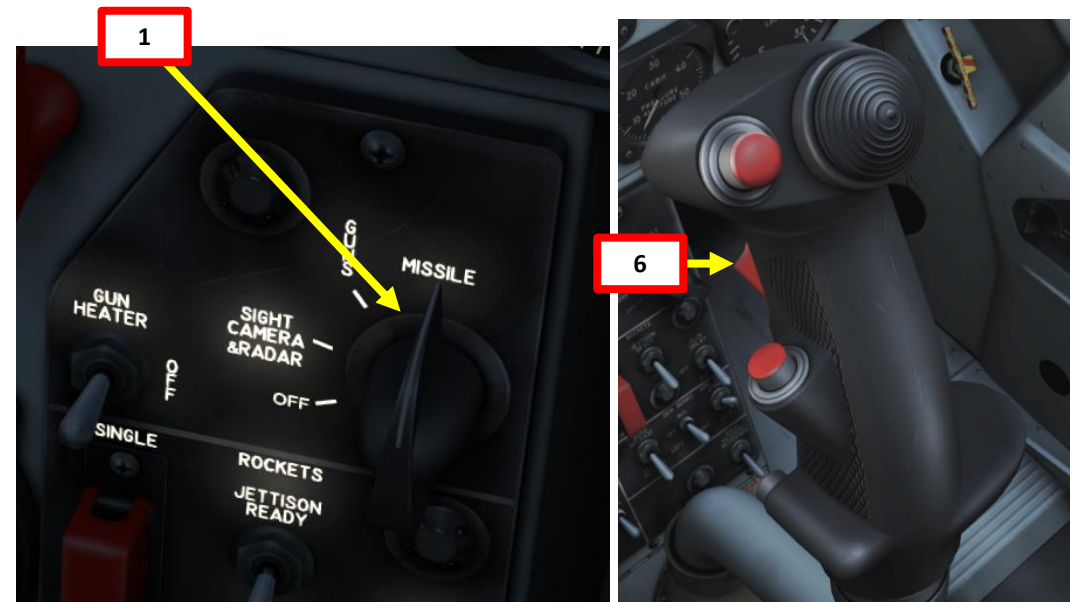
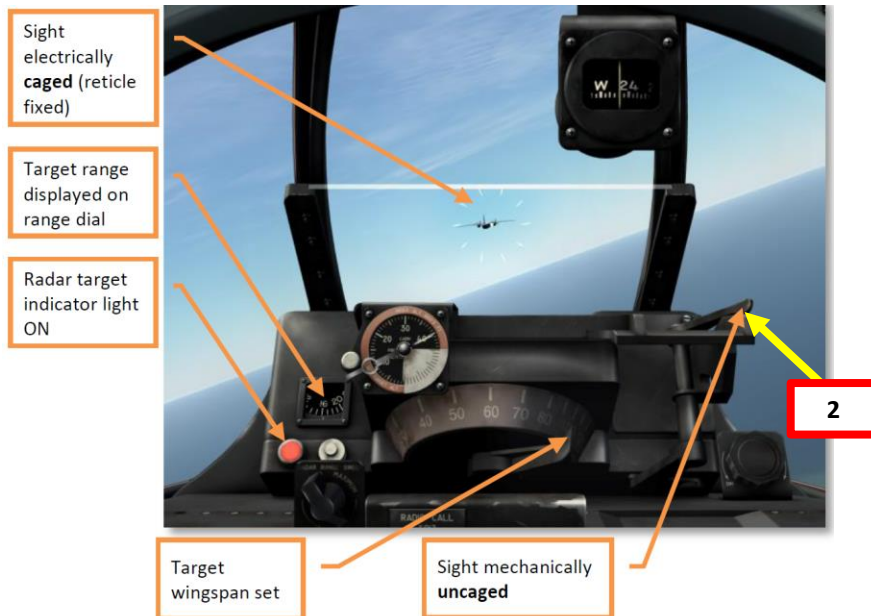
- 1) Set weapon selector to “MISSILE”. Do it 10 minutes in advance to let the A-4 gunsight system warm up.
- 2) Uncage Mechanical Sight before engaging the air target
- 3) Select Missile Launch Mode (Typically I use RH, but it is really up to your personal preference). You will start hearing the missile seeker’s low-pitch growl.
- 4) Current max radar range is 1600 ft. Radar light will become red once a target is spotted and it might suffer interference under an altitude of 6000 ft because of ground clutter. Continuous light means continuous radar tracking, while flickering light means that radar is spotting something but not actively tracking it.
- 5) Hold the Electrical Caging switch for a few seconds (gunsight will stop moving) and release it (gunsight will begin tracking). Target range on the range dial should stop wobbling and the gunsight will start tracking the target’s range.
- 6) Fire on the target (**GUN FIRE** trigger) when you have a solid lock (high-pitch seeker growl is audible once it tracks a heat signature). You should fire your missile at less than 2000 ft.

### MISSILE LAUNCH MODE:

LH & RH = 1 MISSILE (LEFT FIRST)

RH = 1 MISSILE (RIGHT FIRST)

SALVO = BOTH MISSILES



**PART 9 – WEAPONS: MISSILES**

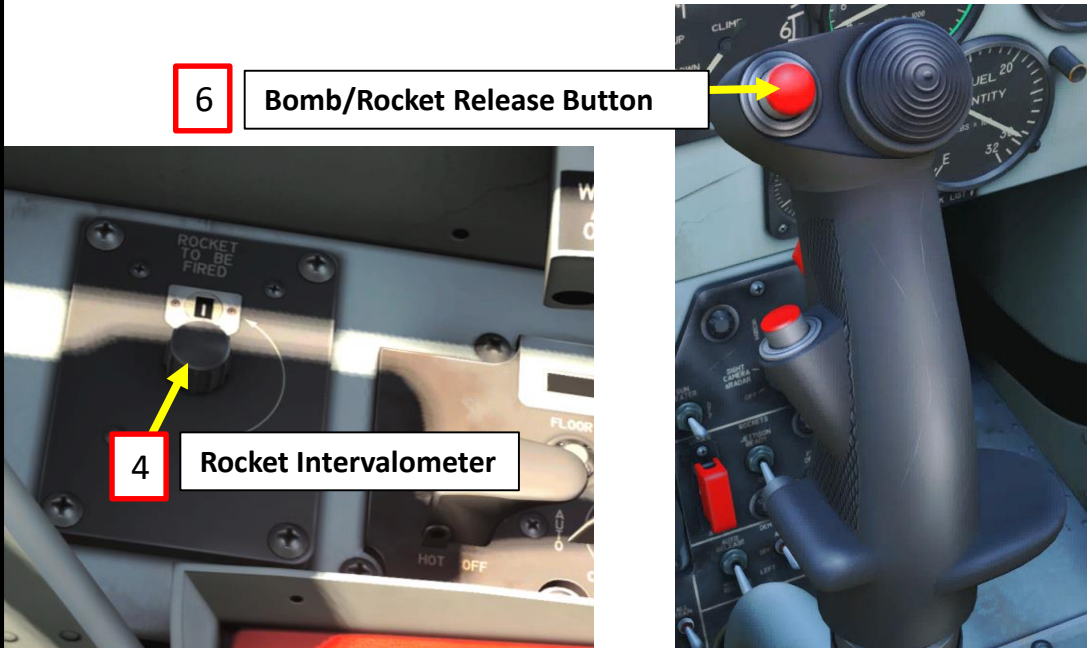
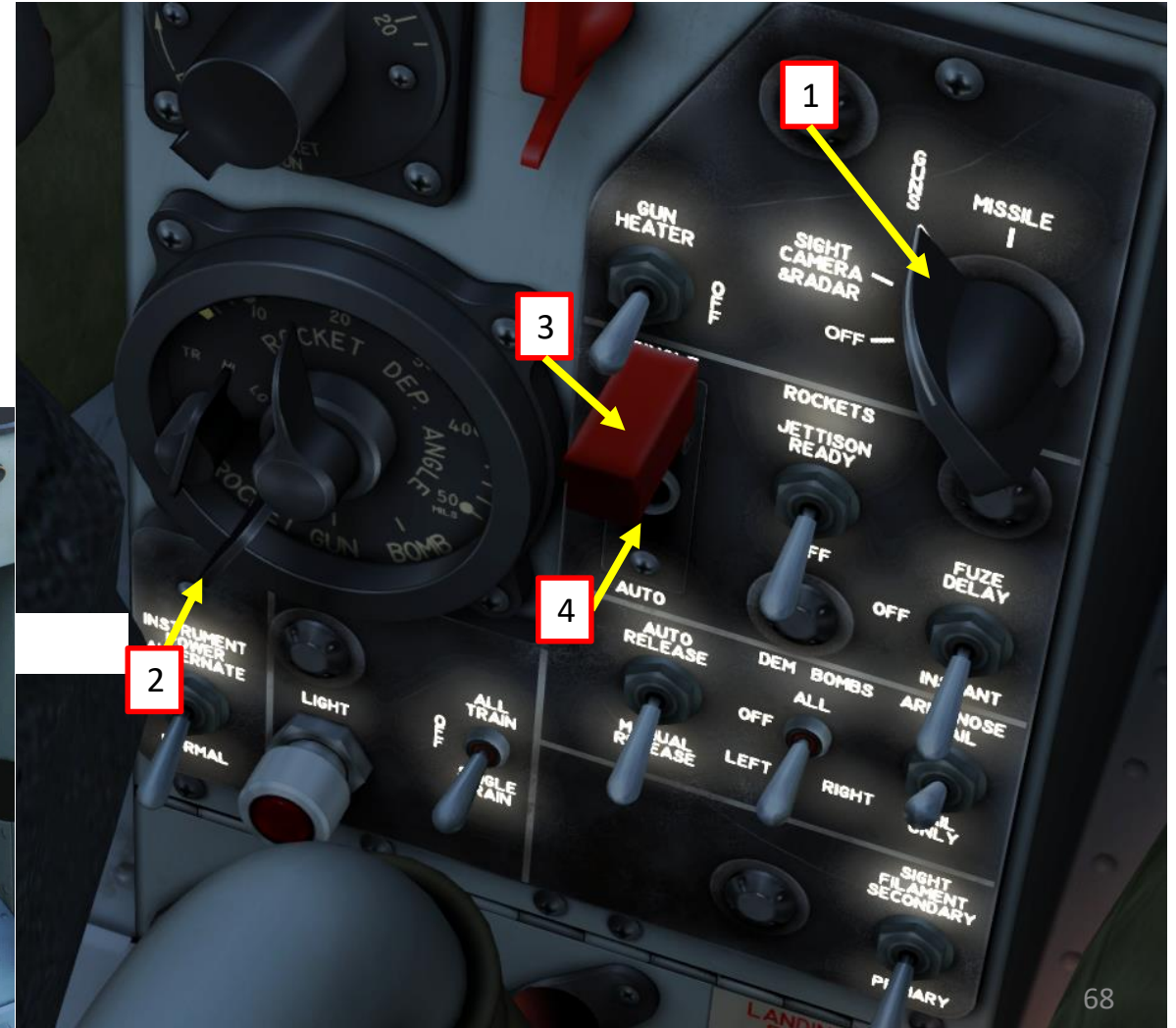


## PART 9 – WEAPONS: ROCKETS

- 1) Set Weapon Mode to “GUNS”
- 2) Set Gunsight Mode to “ROCKET”
- 3) Flip the Rocket Mode safety guard
- 4) Click switch under the Rocket Mode Safety Guard
  - MIDDLE = OFF (default position)
  - UP (RIGHT CLICK) = SINGLE ROCKET
  - DOWN (LEFT CLICK) = AUTO ROCKET

*NOTE: First rocket to be fired is set with the rocket intervalometer on the left panel*

- 5) Use Gunsight and Electrical Caging switch to aim as shown in the “GUNS” section
- 6) Fire your rockets by pressing the “WEAPON RELEASE” Button



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**PART 9 – WEAPONS**

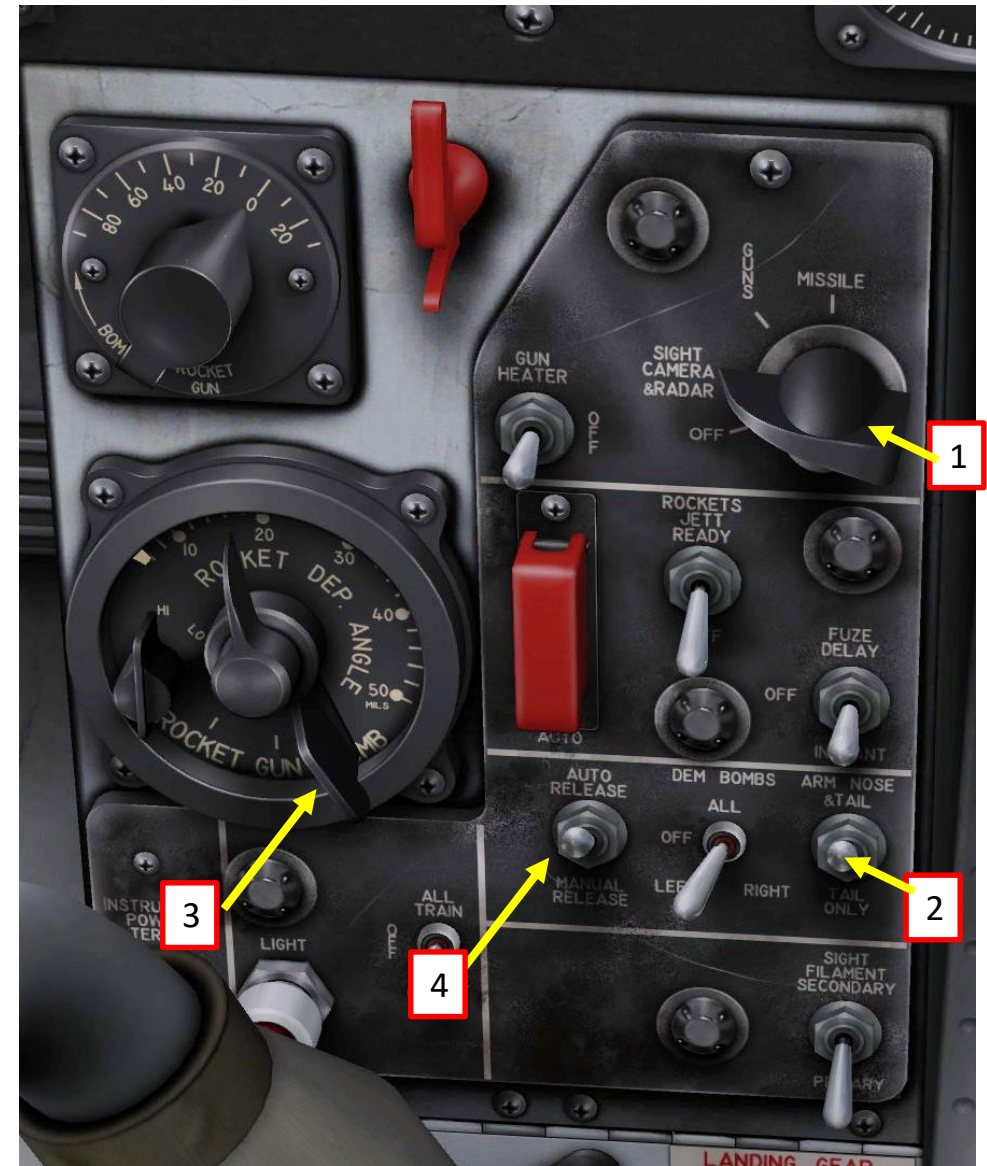
**PART 9 – WEAPONS: ROCKETS**





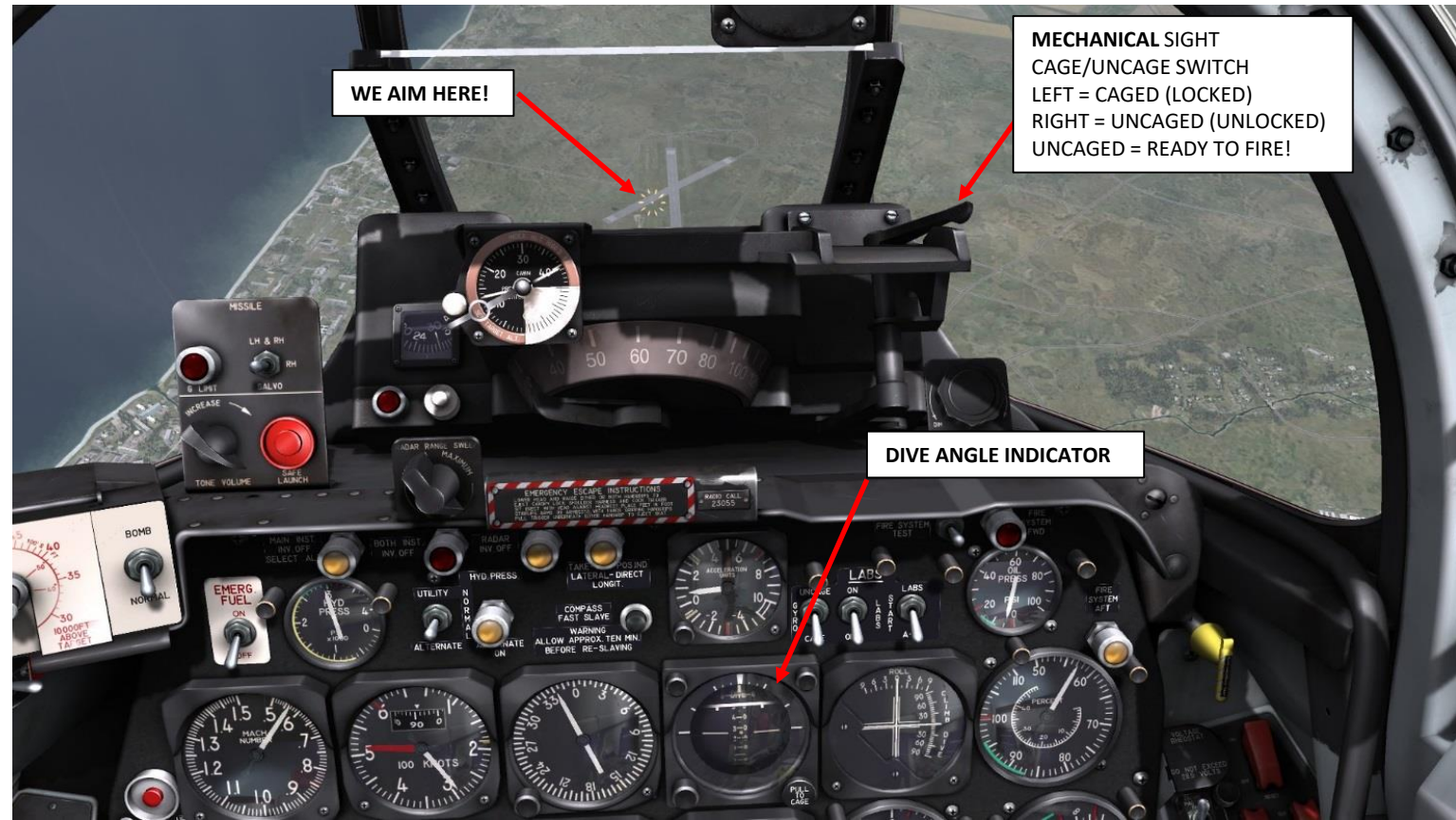
## PART 9 – WEAPONS: DIVE BOMBING (AUTOMATIC MODE)

- 1) Set Weapon Mode to “SIGHT CAMERA & RADAR”
- 2) Set Fuze Mode to “ARM NOSE & TAIL”
- 3) Set Gunsight Mode to “BOMB”
- 4) Set Release Mode to “AUTO”
- 5) Select Bomb Loadout to Drop (ALL/LEFT/RIGHT)
- 6) Uncage Mechanical Sight (Reticle will be moving)



# PART 9 – WEAPONS: DIVE BOMBING (AUTOMATIC MODE)

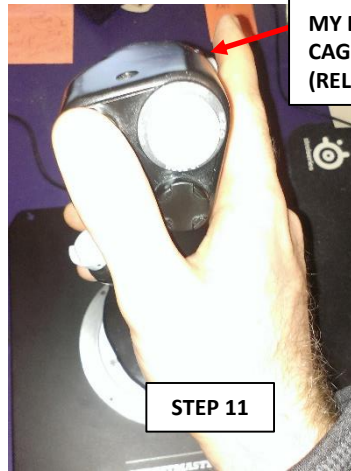
- 7) Deploy Airbrakes
- 8) Enter a 45-deg dive and aim the piper on the target
- 9) Hold Electrical Caging switch for about 3 seconds
- 10) While holding the Electrical Caging switch, hold your Weapon Release button. Keep the piper on the target.
- 11) Release the Electrical Caging Switch, but keep holding the Weapon Release button. You should hear a “shlonk” once your bombs are dropped automatically.



STEP 9



STEP 10



STEP 11



Electrical Caging Switch

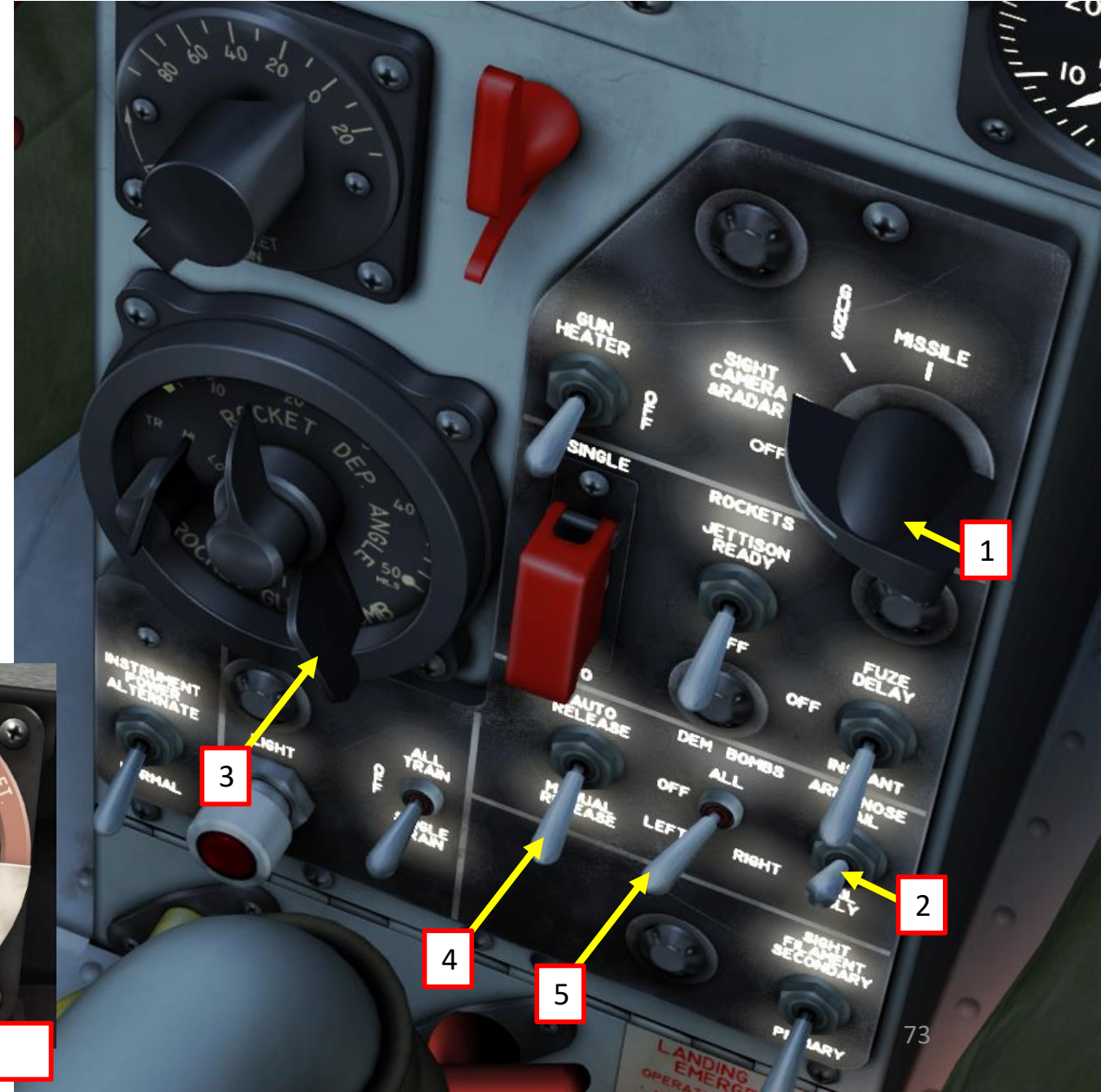
Bomb/Rocket Release Button

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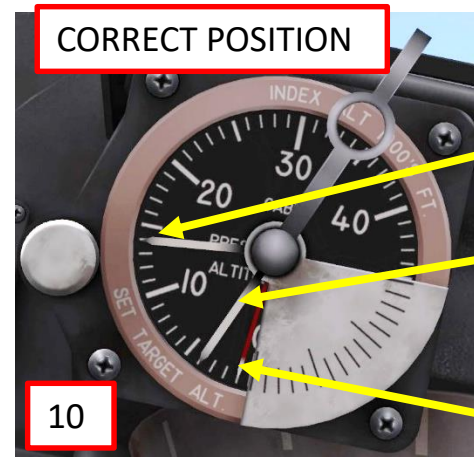
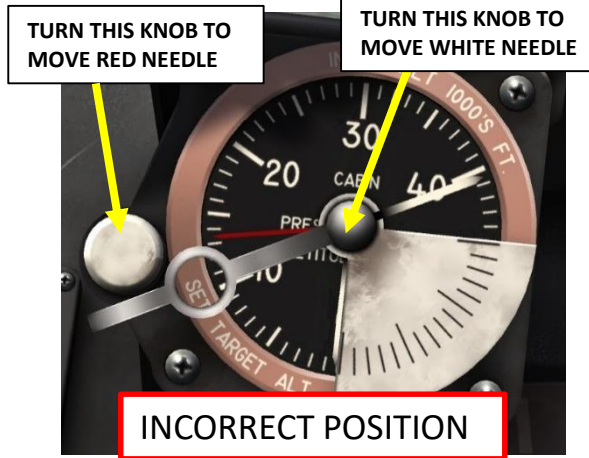
## PART 9 – WEAPONS: DIVE BOMBING (MANUAL PIP BOMBING MODE)

- 1) Set Weapon Mode to "SIGHT CAMERA & RADAR"
- 2) Set Fuze Mode to "ARM NOSE & TAIL"
- 3) Set Gunsight Mode to "BOMB"
- 4) Set Release Mode to "MANUAL"
- 5) Select Bomb Loadout to Drop (ALL/LEFT/RIGHT)
- 6) Uncage Mechanical Sight (Reticle will be moving)
- 7) Set Manual Pip Switch Control to "BOMB"
- 8) Decide your starting altitude and speed. In our case, we will pick a 288 kts entry speed at 15000 ft over the target, as suggested by the Manual Pip Chart.



# PART 9 – WEAPONS: DIVE BOMBING (MANUAL PIP BOMBING MODE)

9) Click on the center knob of the manual pip control and set the dive angle you intend to take. I usually take a dive angle of 50 deg. Check the associated number on the external circle, and we can deduce that for a 50-deg dive angle, starting our dive from 15000 ft at 288 kts, our bomb should be release at 4000 ft (release parameter).

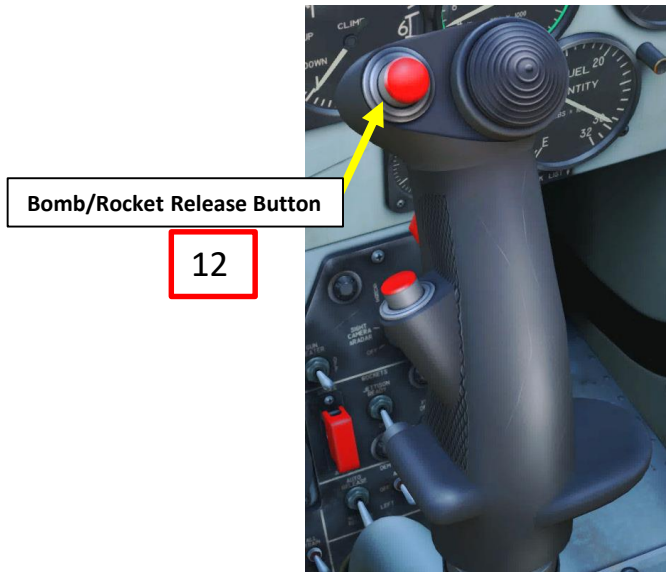


ALTIMETER NEEDLE POINTS OUR ALTITUDE: 14000 FT. KEEP AN EYE ON IT TO KNOW WHEN TO DROP YOUR BOMBS

THIS NEEDLE IS SET ON THE BOMB RELEASE ALTITUDE (4000 FT IN OUR CASE AS SUGGESTED IN STEP 9)

RED NEEDLE IS SET ON THE TARGET ALTITUDE (0 FT IN OUR CASE)

- 10) Since our eyes are glued on the pipper and not on the altimeter during the dive, someone had the brilliant idea to include a bombing altimeter. Set the bombing altimeter as shown in the picture titled "CORRECT POSITION" and track the altitude needle.
- 11) Cut throttle, deploy airbrakes and dive for your target at a dive angle of 50 deg. Check your dive angle indicator for reference. Place the pipper on the target.
- 12) While aiming with the pipper, wait for the altimeter needle to meet the bomb release needle as shown in step 10. When both needles meet, drop your ordnance by pressing the "WEAPON RELEASE" button and enjoy the fireworks.



# PART 9 – WEAPONS: DIVE BOMBING (MANUAL PIP BOMBING MODE)



All because of this!

Pipper placed on the target

Both needles are now aligned. Bombs away!

Keep an eye on the dive angle!



## PART 9 – WEAPONS: L.A.B.S.

Toss bombing (sometimes known as loft bombing, and by the U.S. Air Force as the Low Altitude Bombing System, LABS) is a method of bombing where the attacking aircraft pulls upward when releasing its bomb load, giving the bomb additional time of flight by starting its ballistic path with an upward vector.

The purpose of toss bombing is to compensate for the gravity drop of the bomb in flight, and allow an aircraft to bomb a target without flying directly over it. This is in order to avoid overflying a heavily defended target, or in order to distance the attacking aircraft from the blast effects of a **nuclear** (or conventional) bomb.

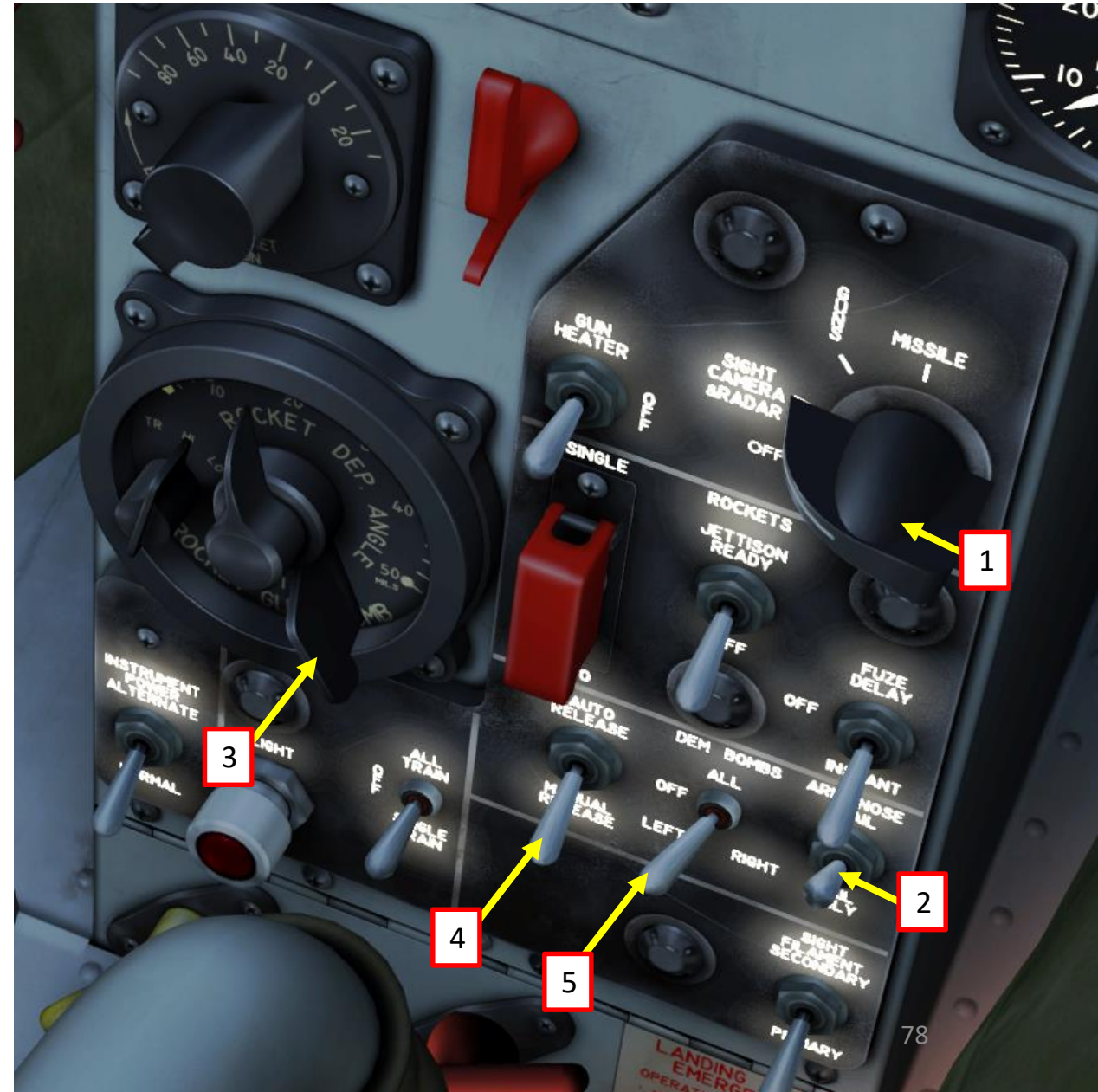
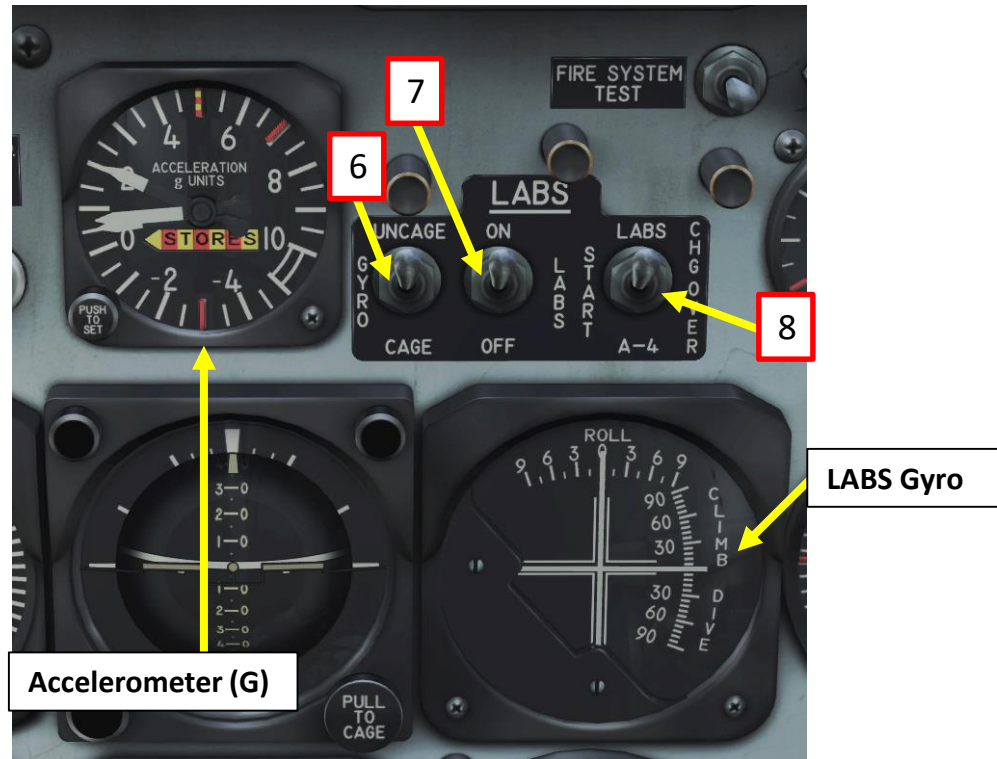
However, the Sabre in DCS is not equipped with nuclear ordnance yet, so the use of the LABS system is rather impractical as the method is better suited for nuclear blasts than for precision bombing. Still, it's a cool feature so I thought I would talk about it nonetheless.

### "OVER THE SHOULDER" DELIVERY



## PART 9 – WEAPONS: L.A.B.S.

- 1) Set Weapon Mode to "SIGHT CAMERA & RADAR"
- 2) Set Fuze Mode to "ARM NOSE & TAIL"
- 3) Set Gunsight Mode to "BOMB"
- 4) Set release mode to "MANUAL"
- 5) Select Bomb Loadout to drop (ALL/LEFT/RIGHT)
- 6) Uncage LABS Gyro (switch in the UP position)
- 7) Set LABS Power switch to ON (UP)
- 8) Set LABS Start Switch to "LABS"



# PART 9 – WEAPONS: L.A.B.S.

- 9) Fly low until you reach your target
- 10) Hold “WEAPON RELEASE” button and start pulling up at a steady +4G while checking the accelerometer and the LABS gyro to avoid lateral movement as much as possible.
- 11) Your bombs should be released automatically if you keep holding the Weapons Release button while maintaining +4G.

Bomb/Rocket Release Button



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Airfield is our target, let's start pulling up (+4G)!

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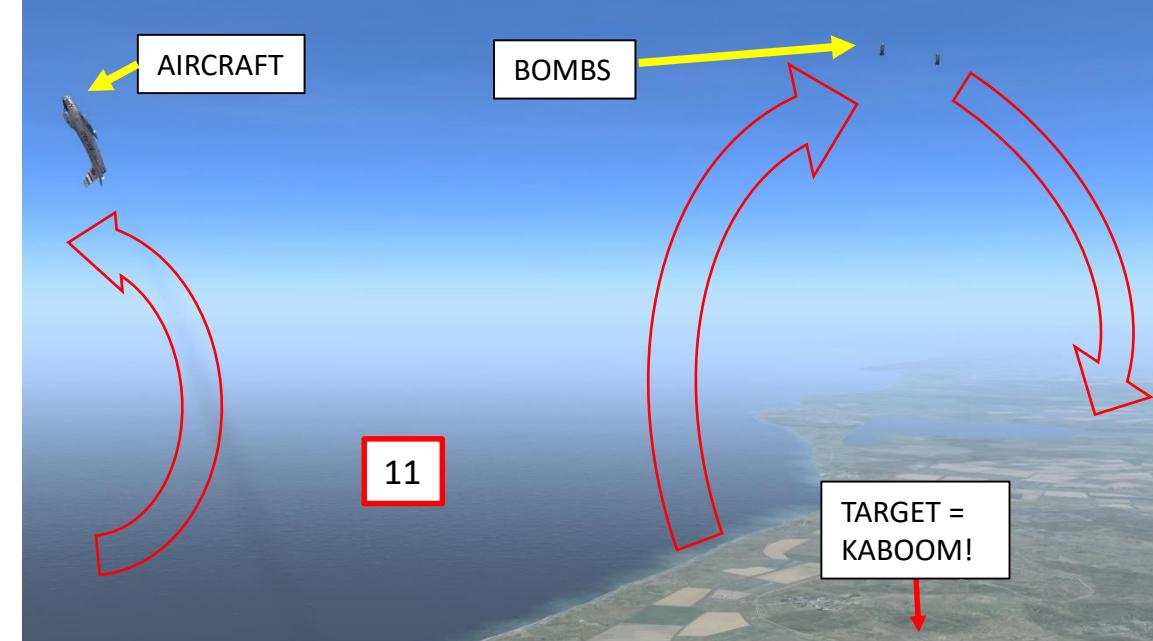
Keep a steady +4G while climbing



Keep yourself aligned and avoid rolling movement by checking the LABS gyro reference lines



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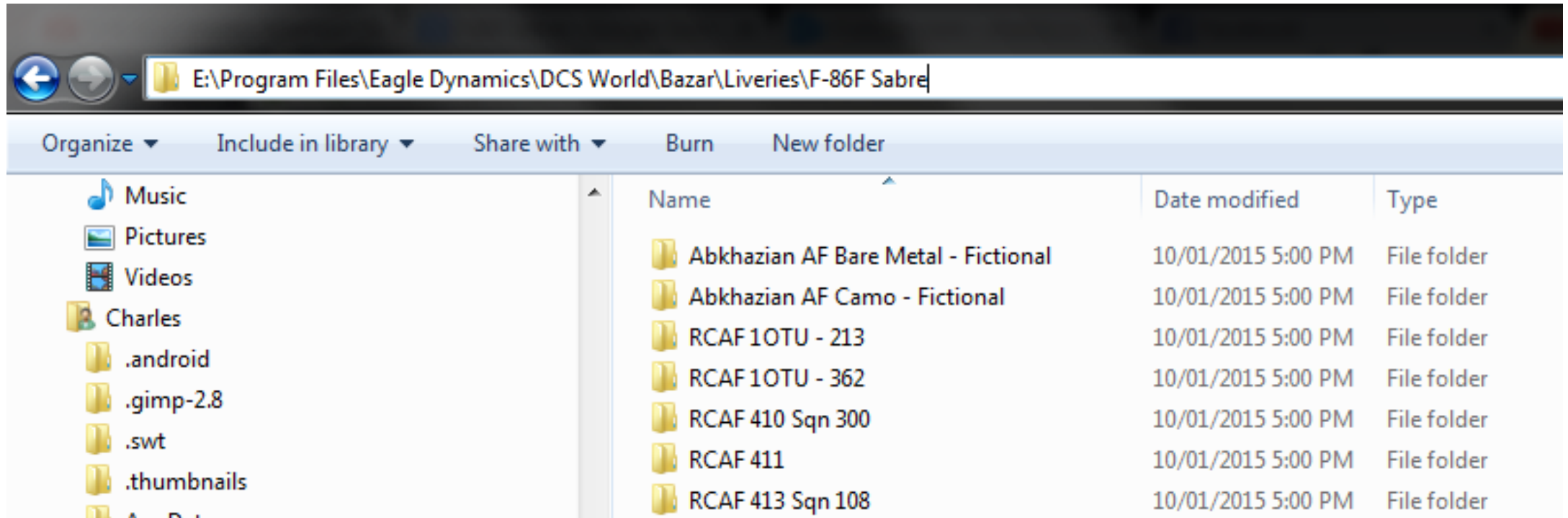
AIRCRAFT

BOMBS

TARGET = KABOOM!

## PART 10 – SKINS

- Skins must be installed in the directory shown in the picture below.
- Sometimes the folder is not there. Create one manually called “F-86F Sabre” to be able to stock these sweet skins.



## PART 11 – AN/ARC-27 UHF RADIO TUTORIAL

- The AN/ARC-27 UHF radio of the Sabre has 19 preset channels going from 225 to 400 MHz. Each frequency is mapped individually and manually by the mission builder. The channel frequencies should be available in the Mission Briefing or mission description if the mission builder wanted to make your life easier.
- You can receive and communicate with a frequency by setting your radio to “T/R” (TRANSMIT-RECEIVE) or “T/R+G” (TRANSMIT-RECEIVE including “Guard” frequency)
- The “G” (Guard) channel is an emergency guard frequency (also known as Channel 0).
- For instance, this picture shows that I can transmit and receive information from Channel 10 and receive information from the Emergency Guard Frequency.
- You can control your radio volume if it is too loud or too low by rotating the “VOLUME” knob.
- To communicate with other aircraft, flight or control towers, use your “MICROPHONE BUTTON” control mapped earlier

| CONTROL OPTIONS   |                          |                           |                       |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| F-86F Real        | All                      | Reset category to default | Clear category        |
| Action            | Category                 | Keyboard                  | Throttle - HOTAS W... |
| Microphone Button | Communications, Throttle | RAlt + \                  | JOY_BTN3              |



Microphone Button

**AIRPLANE GROUP** ✕

NAME:  ?

CONDITION:  % < > 100

COUNTRY:  ▾

TASK:  ▾

UNIT: < > 1 OF < > 1

TYPE:  ▾

SKILL:  ▾

PILOT:

TAIL #:  ✓ COMM:  MHz AM

CALLSIGN:  ▾

HIDDEN ON MAP

LATE ACTIVATION

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**RADIO PRESETS**

**AN/ARC-27**

|            |         |     |    |
|------------|---------|-----|----|
| Channel 1  | < > 225 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 2  | < > 258 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 3  | < > 260 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 4  | < > 270 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 5  | < > 255 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 6  | < > 259 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 7  | < > 262 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 8  | < > 257 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 9  | < > 253 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 10 | < > 263 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 11 | < > 267 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 12 | < > 254 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 13 | < > 264 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 14 | < > 266 | MHz | AM |
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| Channel 16 | < > 252 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 17 | < > 268 | MHz | AM |
| Channel 18 | < > 269 | MHz | AM |



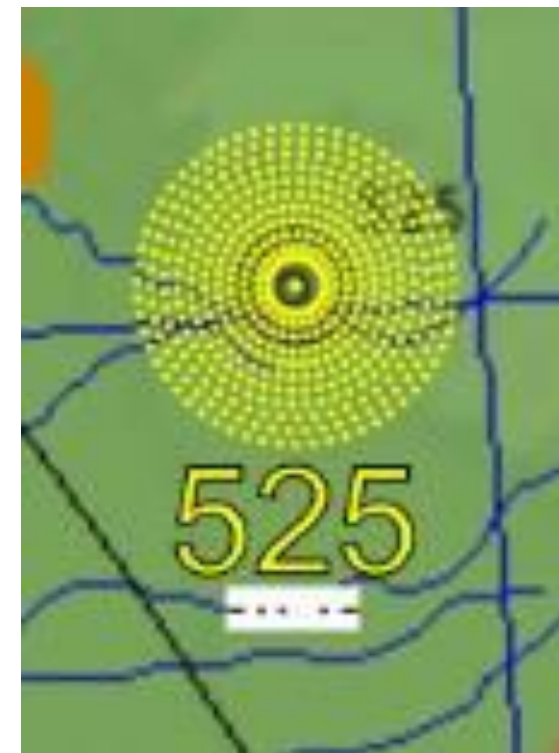
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SABRE

## PART 12 – AN/ARN-6 RADIO NAVIGATION




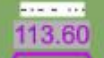


- We will use a “NDB” (Non-Directional Beacon) for radio compass navigation. These NDBs are located at various airfields and certain places. Take note that they are hardcoded in the map.
- NDBs transmit a morse code on a set frequency that can be heard with the AN/ARN-6 Radio Compass. The source of the signal can be detected with the radio compass on the main instrument panel (its arrow will tell you where the signal you are receiving is coming from).
- There can be many NDBs transmitting at frequencies that are very close to one another, so it can be easy to follow another signal by mistake.
- Radio tuning is very precise and sensitive. The only reliable way to know if you are tracking the good signal is to listen to the morse code signal emitted by the beacon and verify that it matches.
- All Beacons and their respective morse codes are listed in [LINO GERMANY’S BEACON MAP](#) available here:

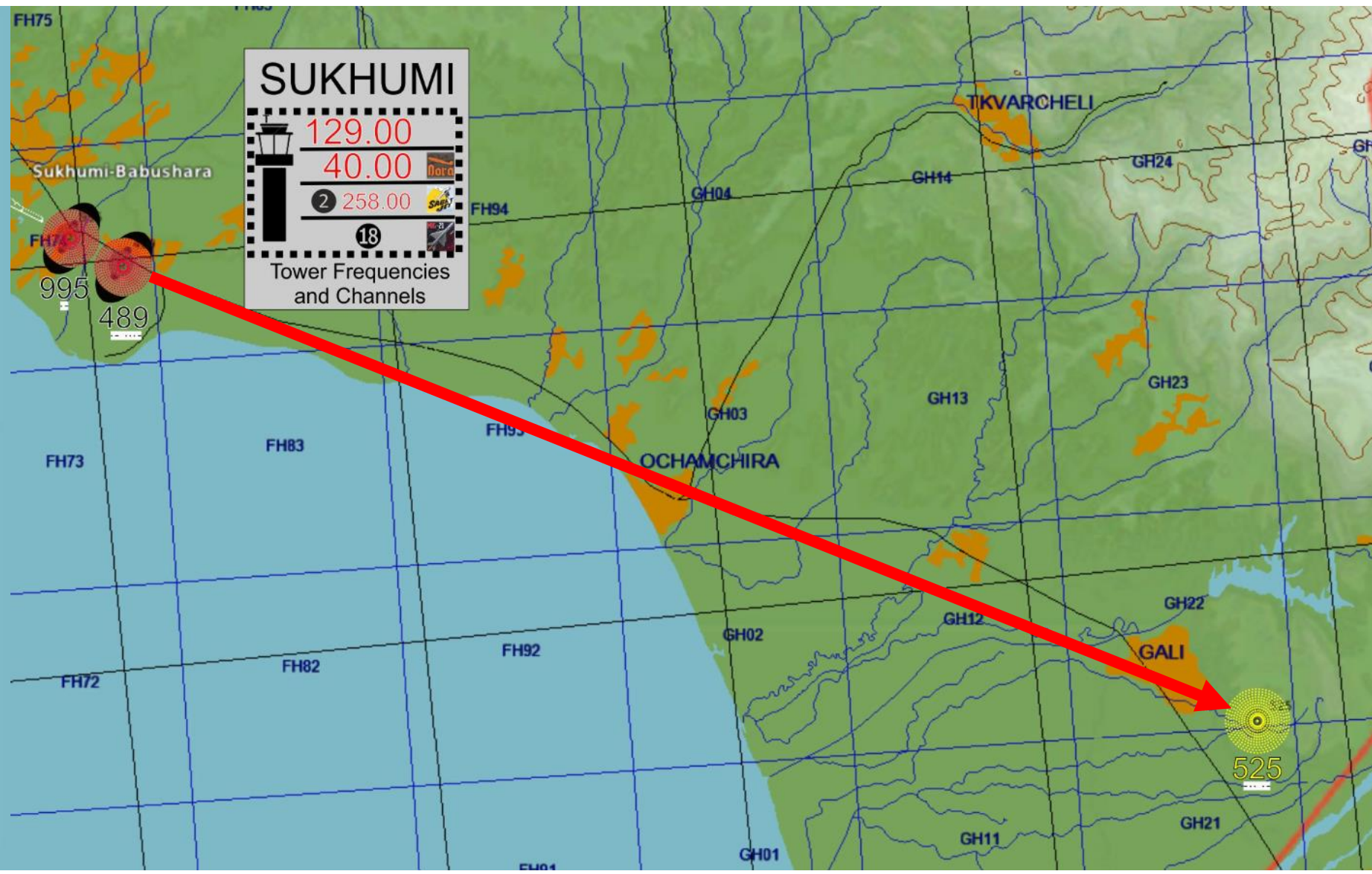
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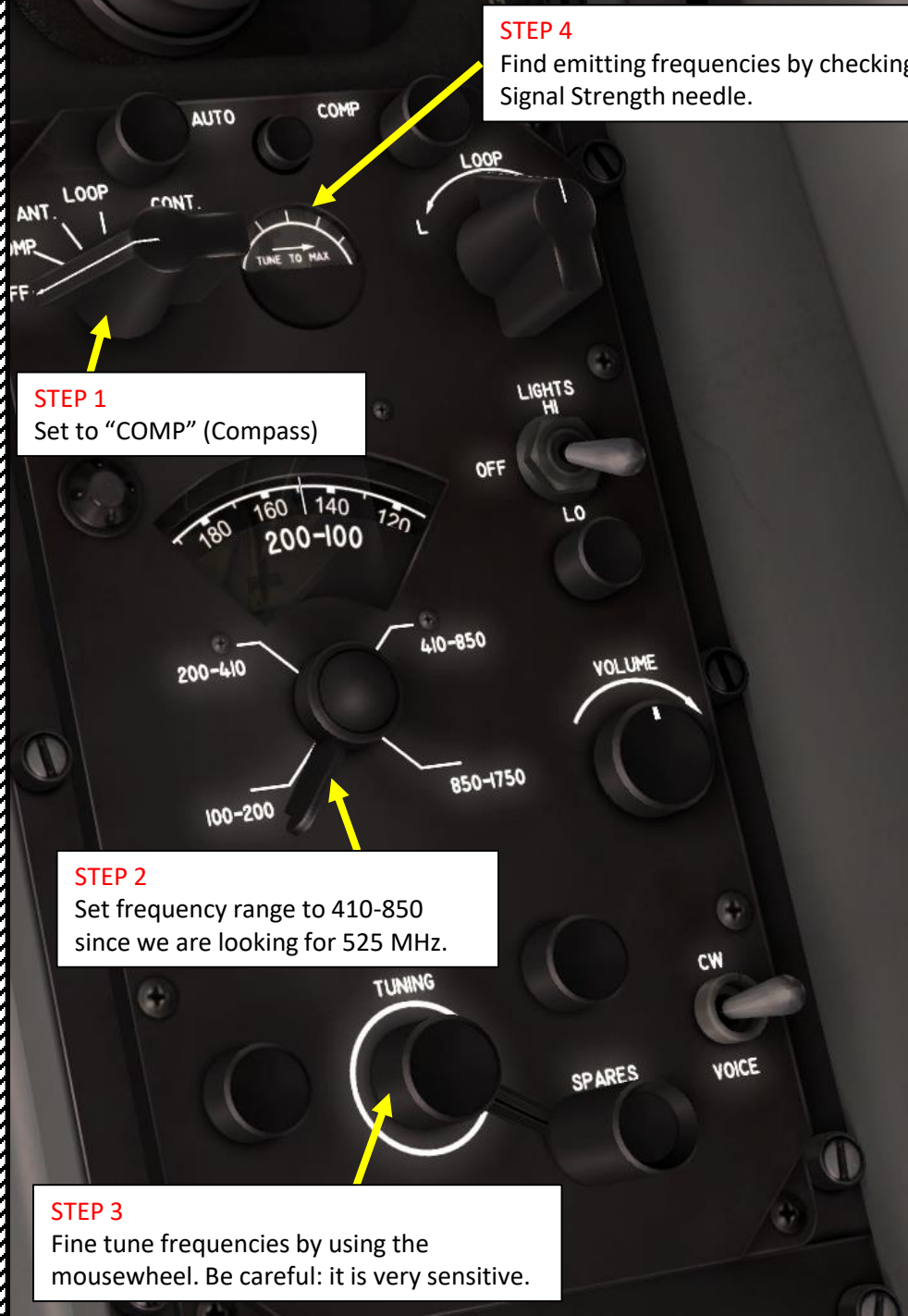
- In the following example, I will fly from Sukhumi Airfield (which already has 2 NDBs next to it transmitting other signals on their own frequencies).
- The signal I will track is a NDB near the small town of Gali. The beacon map tells me that the beacon is transmitting on a frequency of 525.00 MHz and that the morse code is – . . . –
- I can associate the morse code with one long beep, followed by two short beeps, followed by a pause, followed by a short beep and followed by a long beep.
- Take note that if you fly under 6000 ft, there might be interferences from ground clutter.



# PART 12 – AN/ARN-6 RADIO NAVIGATION

|   |  |
|---|--|
|    | NDB (Non Directional Beacon) with corresponding frequency in kHz and morse code.                             |
|    | Combination of NDB and inner or outer marker. NDB with corresponding frequency in MHz and morse code.        |
|    | ILS (Instrument Landing System) with corresponding frequency in MHz, direction of the runway and morse code. |
|    | VOR (VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range) with corresponding frequency in Mhz and morse code.                    |
|    | TACAN (Tactical Air Navigation) with corresponding channel and morse code.                                   |
|  | RSBN (VOR) and PRMG (ILS) Channel with corresponding morse code.   |





**STEP 1**  
Set to "COMP" (Compass)

**STEP 2**  
Set frequency range to 410-850 since we are looking for 525 MHz.

**STEP 3**  
Fine tune frequencies by using the mousewheel. Be careful: it is very sensitive.

**STEP 4**  
Find emitting frequencies by checking the Signal Strength needle.



**STEP 5**  
Signal found!

**STEP 6**  
Adjust volume and listen to the morse code signal to verify that you are tracking the right signal. Keep tuning if the signal is wrong.

**STEP 8**

Following the heading prescribed by the Radio Compass and verifying with my map, the beacon signal I am tracking appears to be in this area, which makes sense since I am flying over Sukhumi at this time and the beacon should be at my South-West (approx. a heading of 120). At the moment, my current heading is 150 as per the magnetic compass

Magnetic Compass  
Current heading: 150



Radio-Compass

Optional: you can rotate the "Compass Correction" knob to manually set the orientation of the radio-compass to something more instinctive, like lining up your current heading with the top of the gauge..

**STEP 7**

The needle of the Radio Compass will give you a bearing (120 in our case) to get to the source of the signal. Use common sense to see if the frequency you are receiving is pointing in the right direction. If the signal is pointing in the reverse direction, you are probably tracking another beacon that has a similar frequency as the one you are looking for. The task can become a chore if there are many beacons transmitting in the same frequency range.

Keep in mind that the needle does give you the MAGNETIC heading to the ADF. You cannot simply "follow the needle" with that particular radio-compass. The way to read it is to consult the NDB's bearing on the Radio-Compass, then steer the aircraft towards the ADF direction by using the Magnetic Compass as a reference.

## IFF SYSTEM

The AN/APX-6 IFF (Identify-Friend-or-Foe) Transponder system is fairly simple: it detects whether or not a nearby aircraft is friendly. This system has not been simulated by Belsimtek, therefore we will not spend too much time on it.



AN/APX-6 Self-Destruct Button

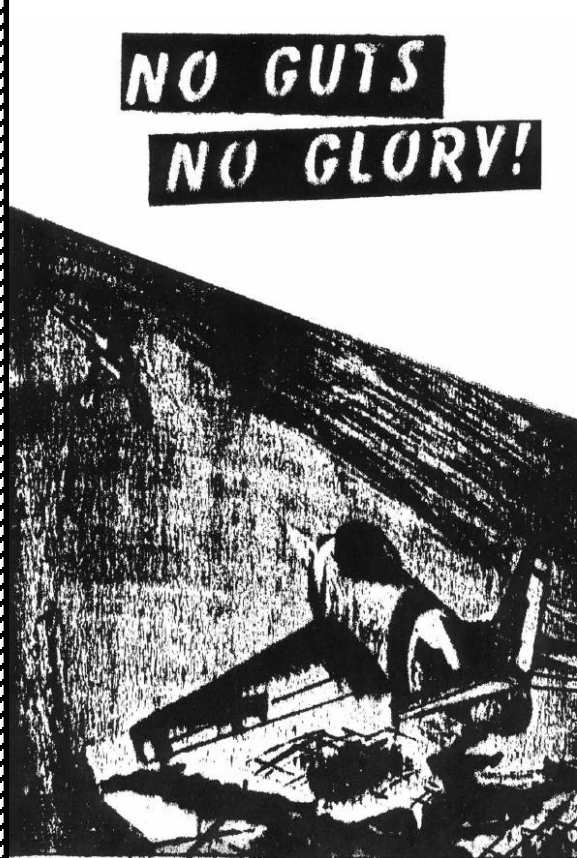
COMBAT TIPS & TRICKS



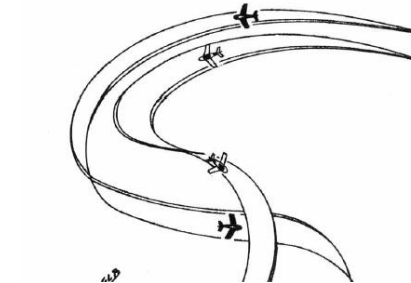
## COMBAT TIPS & TRICKS

You should consult "No Guts, No Glory", an excellent textbook written by USAF Major General Frederick C. Blesse (Ret.). It has excellent insight on how the Sabre should be flown in combat scenarios.

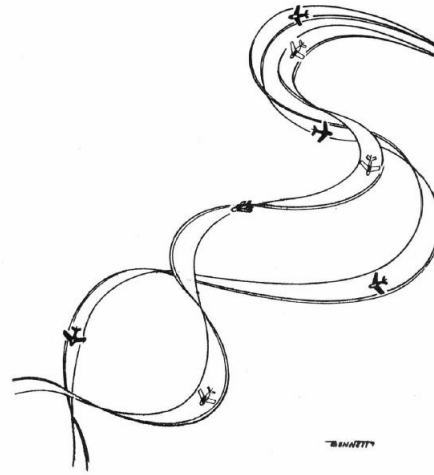
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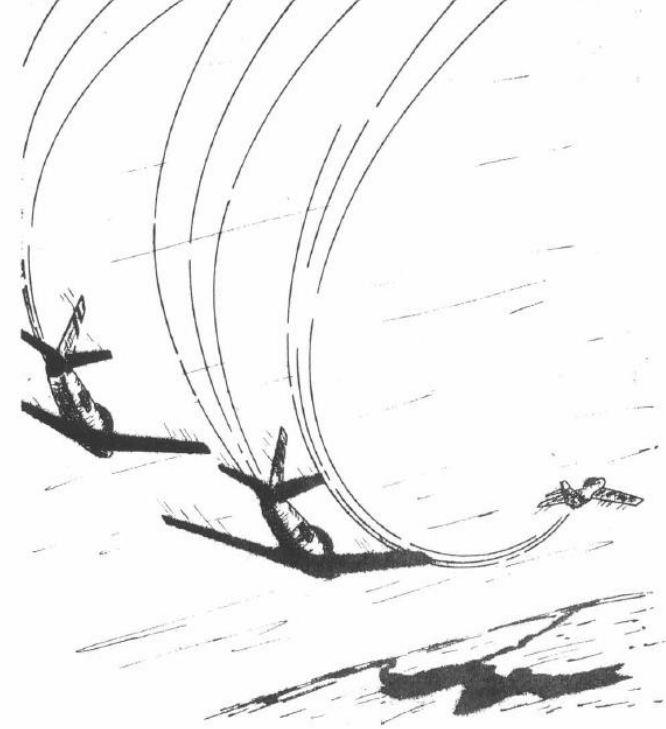
### REVERSING A TURN



### SCISSORS MANEUVER



**A GOOD WINGMAN NEVER  
LOSES HIS LEADER !!**



## RESOURCES:

- **BUNYAP SIMS YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

- MAIN CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/user/4023446/videos>
- RADIO COMMS TUTORIAL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xa6TsnbG5pl>
- MANUAL PIP BOMBING SYSTEM: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbDON\\_t\\_FZw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbDON_t_FZw)

- **XXJOHNXX YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

- MAIN CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/user/4023446/videos>
- SABRE TUTORIALS: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs4yzB9MM2Sx\\_BSiYcQkTntY4Ei2vtxUy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs4yzB9MM2Sx_BSiYcQkTntY4Ei2vtxUy)
- LABS TUTORIAL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXWO\\_b5zpM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXWO_b5zpM)

- **504SMUDGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/504smudge/featured>

- **LABS TUTORIAL: "Nuclear War: "Delivery of Atomic Weapons by Light Carrier Aircraft" 1959 US Navy Training Film"**

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dlqfN\\_aPtY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dlqfN_aPtY)

- **LINO GERMANY BEACON MAP**

- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-uSpZROuEd3YWJBUMZTazBGajQ&authuser=0>

# F-86F SABRE



- INSTANT ACTION
- CREATE FAST MISSION
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- MULTIPLAYER

- LOGBOOK
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- TRAINING
- REPLAY

- MISSION EDITOR
- CAMPAIGN BUILDER

EXIT



|       |       |            |            |       |       |            |          |           |           |            |       |            |             |        |        |       |
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| F-86F | FCB   | Fw 190 D-9 | Hawk       | Ka-50 | L-39  | M-2000C    | MI-8MTV2 | MiG-15bis | MiG-21bis | P-40F      | P-51D | SA342      | Spitfire IX | Su-25T | TF-51D | UH-1H |
| 1.5.5 | 1.5.5 | 1.5.5      | 1.5.5 Beta | 1.5.5 | 1.5.5 | 1.5.5 Beta | 1.5.5    | 1.5.5     | 1.5.4     | 1.5.4 Beta | 1.5.5 | 1.5.5 beta | 1.5.5 beta  | 1.5.5  | 1.5.5  | 1.5.5 |