#### INNOVATORS OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY

# **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**





# METRO AEROSPACE OVERVIEW

WHO WE ARE

USA based -> delivers certified highperformance additively manufactured structural components for aerospace

Holds the perpetual exclusive license to globally manufacture Microvanes<sup>™</sup>

Microvanes bring performance enhancement and cost reduction to both military and commercial large rear cargo door aircraft



AVIATION FACES THE CHALLENGE TO REDUCE COST AND HARMFUL CO2 EMMISSIONS

All while sustaining existing fleets, some developed over 60 years ago...

The solution is easier and more cost-effective than imagined.



Lockheed Martin C-130 advertisement circa 1955



### **INITIAL FOCUS: CARGO AND AERIAL REFUELERS**

Large airframes with cargo ramps create a significant amount of drag due to the abrupt change in airflow from the sides to the ramp/door and steep aft tail section.



### THE SOLUTION: MICROVANE TECHNOLOGY



Reduces C-130 fuel consumption 3%-6%

Microvanes are strategically surface-mounted on the aft body to reshape tail section airflow.

These small changes in redirection minimize drag; thereby, reducing fuel consumption, carbon emissions and engine wear.

ANNUALLY: Microvanes reduce USA's fuel cost by \$63m and reduce CO2 emissions by 441m pounds... if installed on the C-130, C-17 and KC-135 fleets.



### What are Microvanes?

Microvanes are small aerodynamic components that reshape the air flow around the aft cargo door, reducing the total drag on the aircraft, and in turn reducing fuel and thrust requirements.



- Extremely lightweight, non-corrosive, polymer materials
- Engineered & proven not to interfere with cargo air drop or Para troop operations
- Easy to handle and install, strong yet flexible
- Engineered to last the lifetime of the aircraft – durable material
- Tested over 10 years with USAF & US Coast Guard







### PROVEN EFFECTIVE, TESTED FOR SAFETY



Approximately 300 CFDs generated for drag reduction and handling validation Extensive aerodynamic performance tests and conditions were evaluated with a focus on safety, drag reduction, optimization, and handling.

- ✓ Range of flight conditions:
  - climb, cruise, descent, airdrop, traffic/approach...
  - wide range of weights, speeds and altitudes
- ✓ Propeller effects
- ✓ Stability and control impact
- $\checkmark\,$  Air drop and paratroop testing
- ✓ Material and adhesive testing
- Aerodynamic loads and structural analysis
- System safety assessment developed for flight handling (FHA)



### Microvanes have been designed, tested and proven



- ✓ Reduce fuel consumption by 3-6%
- ✓ Reduce CO2 emissions
- ✓ Reduce engine wear with lower TIT
- ✓ Extend time on mission
- ✓ Increase range
- ✓ Increase payload capability
- ✓ Reduce refuelling
- ✓ Get on target faster w/o using additional fuel





No negative effect on aircraft handling or flight envelope characteristics Easy to install with 1-2 days aircraft downtime No maintenance required after installation Pay back in a very short period



### **Engine Benefits**

Drag reduction allows aircraft airspeed performance to be maintained at lower TIT settings.

Operating at lower TIT slows down the thermal damage to Hot-Section Turbine components, prolonging the operational life of the engine.

#### **Reduced Temperature Cruise Savings**

T56-A15, -16 / 501-D22A Lowering TIT from 1010° to

- **970°C** Reduces fuel consumption 4%, reduces sulfidation factor 200%, increases thermocouple life, adds 3 minutes per flight hour.
- \* 932°C Reduces fuel consumption 8%, reduces sulfidation factor 400%, increases thermocouple life, adds 6 minutes per flight hour.

#### T56-A7B/501-D22 Lowering TIT from 932°C to

\* **850°C** Reduces fuel consumption 8%, reduces sulfidation factor 400%, increases thermocouple life, adds 6 minutes per flight hour.

\* Recommended for Cruise



When operation of the aircraft can be accomplished with a lower TIT, the life of the turbine section is greatly increased.

...up to 20% reduction in hot section component wear



### REDUCING FUEL CONSUMPTION AND CARBON EMISSIONS ON A GLOBAL SCALE





### **Example Fuel Savings**

C130 Fuel Savings Calculation with Microvanes			
T-56 Engine Burns pounds per hour (4 engines):	1,494	5,976	Pounds
Gallons of Fuel Per hour Burned:	223	892	Gallons
6 Hour Flight will Burn:		35,858	Pounds
6 Hour Flight will Burn:		5,352	Gallons
Flight Hours Per Year/Per Aircraft:	500		
Total Fuel Used Per Year/Per Aircraft:		2,988,200	Pounds
Total Fuel Used Per Year/Per Aircraft:		446,000	Gallons
Microvane Fuel Savings Estimate Per Year/Per Aircraft:	4.0%	119,528	Pounds
Microvane Fuel Savings Estimate Per Year/Per Aircraft:	4.0%	17,840	Gallons
Fuel Cost Per Gallon	\$5.00		
Fuel Savings Per Year/Per Aircraft	\$89,200		
Extra Time on Station for 6 hour Flight (minutes)	14		
Extra Time on Station for 1 year (minutes)	1,200		
Extra Time on Station for 1 year (hours)	20.0		
Extra Range for 6 hour Flight (nautical miles)	87		
Extra Range for 1 year (nautical miles)	7,240		
Carbon Emissions Saved for 1 year (pounds)	374,640		
Carbon Emissions Saved (Percentage)	4.0%		
Total Annual Fleet Fuel Savings	\$1,070,400	12	Fleet Aircraft
Total fuel savings over # years with total a/c	\$5,352,000	5	Number of years in Service

\*RAND Report 'Fuel Reduction for the Mobility Air Forces': "install Microvanes if total retrofit cost is less than \$618,000 per aircraft." <u>https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research\_reports/RR700/RR757z1/RAND\_RR757z1.pdf</u>



# DOCUMENTED RESULTS



#### **Documented Lynden Air Cargo Results**

- 3.03 % fuel reduction
- \$66K annual savings/aircraft
- +\$530K annual fleet savings (8 A/C)
- Reduced carbon emissions by 3.7 million lbs.
- Installing on entire fleet by Q1/2020
- Lowers engine wear
  - Data operationally verified

"The first flight since installation of Metro Aerospace Microvanes, arrived 5 minutes early, with an extra 4-5 knots at altitude, and 3,000 pounds more fuel on board than plan upon arrival." -Ethan Bradford, Lynden Air Cargo



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### **US Coast Guard Test Aircraft**

Installed on a C-130J Coast Guard aircraft in **2013**; no disbonds or Microvane failures have occurred. In 2018 the USCG stripped and repainted this aircraft without removing Microvanes as they are <u>engineered to remain on the aircraft for the lifetime of service</u>.



Engineered to last the lifetime of the aircraft.



# PROVEN SUCCESS

#### **GLOBAL PRESENCE**

Microvanes are currently being utilized by military units and commercial operators around the world, operating in and out of 5 continents.

#### CERTIFIED

AS9100D with ISO9001:2015 manufacturing quality certifications

FAA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) approval for L-100

Operational/certified on C-130J, C-130B-H, L-100, and C-17

#### INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

2018 Laureate Award Winner for Defense, Supplier Innovation

Featured in:

- Aviation Week
- MSC
- Forbes
- AdvancedManufacturing.org
- Dover.af.mil/News
- Robins.af.mil/News
- Rand Corporation



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