

GOTR: FLIGHT WING
F-15C NORMAL OPERATIONS CHECKLISTS
& BRIEFINGS



COCKPIT		BEFORE TAXI	
Throttles	FULL BACK	HUD	ON, COLOUR SET
External Lights	ALL OFF	Master Mode	NAV
Cockpit Lights	AS REQUIRED	Trim	CHECKED & RESET
Flaps Indicator	UP	Flight Instruments	CHECKED
Gear Lever	DOWN	Altimeter / Elevation	SET & CROSSCHECKED
Gear Indicator	THREE GREEN	HSI / Standby Compass	CROSSCHECKED
Weapon Control Panel (MPCD)	FUNCTIONING	Taxi Clearance	RECEIVED
Chaff/Flares Quantity	CHECKED	Departure Briefing (pg. 4)	COMPLETED
Weapons Stores	CHECKED	Emergency Briefing (pg. 4)	COMPLETED
VSD	FUNCTIONING	Scan For Traffic	CONTINUOUS
Radar	OFF	Taxi Lights	ON
Master Caution Light	OFF	BEFORE TAKEOFF	
Flight Instruments	CHECKED	Flaps	DOWN
Clock	CHECKED & SET	Take-Off Trim	AS REQUIRED
TEWS Display (RWS)	FUNCTIONING	Flight Controls	FULL & FREE MOVEMENT
ECM	OFF	Speed Brakes	CLOSED
Fuel Quantity	CHECKED	Canopy	CLOSED & LOCKED
Warning Panel	CHECKED	Engine Instruments	NORMAL
L GEN OUT, R GEN OUT; ALL OTHERS OFF		Warning Lights & Panels	ALL OFF
Air Brake Indicator	CLOSED	Scan For Traffic	CONTINUOUS
ENGINES START		TAKEOFF	
Nav Lights	ON	Take-Off Clearance	RECEIVED
Canopy	CLOSED	Landing Lights (far)	ON
Right Throttle	IDLE	HSI / Runway Heading	CROSSCHECKED
Right Engine	START	Wheel Brakes	AS REQUIRED
Right Engine Instruments	MONITOR	Take-Off Power	SET
Right Engine Running Stable	CHECK	Airspeed Increasing	CHECK
Left Throttle	IDLE	Engine Instruments	MONITOR
Left Engine	START	AFTER TAKEOFF	
Left Engine Instruments	MONITOR	Gear Lever	UP, NO LIGHTS
Left Engine Running Stable	CHECK	Flaps	UP, NO LIGHTS
ENGINES FAST START / SCRAMBLE			
Throttles	IDLE	Climb Power	SET
Left & Right Engine	AUTO START → GOTO BEFORE TAXI WHILE MONITORING	Cabin Pressure	STABLE

FENCE IN		FINAL	
External Lights	ALL OFF	Throttles	SET
Master Mode.....	AS REQUIRED	Flaps	DOWN
Weapon Control Panel (MPCD).....	CHECKED	Gear Lever	DOWN
Weapon Stores	CHECKED	Landing Lights (far)	ON
Chaff/Flares Quantity.....	CHECKED	Air Brakes	AS REQUIRED
Radar.....	AS REQUIRED	ATC Final Clearance	RECEIVED
ECM.....	AS REQUIRED	Runway Clear	CHECKED
Fuel Quantity	CHECKED	GO-AROUND / LOW-APPROACH	
Cabin Pressure.....	CHECKED	Go-Around Power.....	SET
Warning Panel	CHECKED	Air Brakes	CLOSED
Joker- & Bingo-Fuel Briefing	COMPLETED	Flaps	SET / DOWN
FENCE OUT		Engine Instruments.....	CHECKED
Master Mode	AS REQUIRED / NAV	Gear Lever	UP, NO LIGHTS
Nav Lights.....	AS REQUIRED	Flaps.....	UP, NO LIGHTS
Weapon Control Panel (MPCD).....	CHECKED	Climb Power.....	SET
Weapon Stores	CHECKED	TOUCH & GO	
Chaff/Flares Quantity.....	CHECKED	Take-Off Power.....	SET
Radar.....	AS REQUIRED / OFF	Speed Brakes.....	CLOSED
ECM	AS REQUIRED / OFF	Flaps	SET / DOWN
Fuel Quantity	CHECKED	Engine Instruments.....	CHECKED
Cabin Pressure.....	CHECKED	AFTER LANDING	
Warning Panel	CHECKED	Gear Lever	UP, NO LIGHTS
APPROACH		Flaps.....	UP, NO LIGHTS
Nav Lights	ON	Climb Power.....	SET
Master Mode	NAV - ILSN	ENGINES SHUTDOWN	
Radar	OFF	Aircraft Stopped	CHECKED
ECM	OFF	Taxi Lights	ON
Altimeter	SET	Air Brakes	CLOSED
Fuel Quantity	CHECKED	Flaps.....	UP
Warning Panel	CHECKED / ALL OFF	Scan For Traffic	CONTINUOUS
Approach Briefing (pg. 5)	COMPLETED	Taxi Clearance	RECEIVED
ATC	CONTACTED	AFTER LANDING	
ILSN Target.....	CHECKED	Nose Wheel Steering	CHECKED
HSI	COURSE MATCHES RUNWAY	Taxi Lights	ON
Scan For Traffic.....	CONTINUOUS	Air Brakes	CLOSED
		Flaps.....	UP
		Scan For Traffic	CONTINUOUS
		Taxi Clearance	RECEIVED
		ENGINES SHUTDOWN	
		Right Engine.....	SHUTDOWN
		Right Engine Instruments	MONITOR
		Nav Lights	OFF
		Canopy.....	OPEN
		Cockpit Lights.....	OFF

DEPARTURE BRIEFING

1. Check **gross weight** (from payload screen).
2. **V_r** (rotation speed).
3. Take-off **trim**, yes / no. **Adjust "BEFORE TAKEOFF"** checklist to match.
4. **Take-off power** setting, mil / max.
5. **Flaps retraction** point (speed and height AGL). Alternately, let lead pilot call "flaps" after takeoff.
6. Runway **direction** and **length**.
7. Wind.
8. Departure Routing. (via VFR-Exit-Routing **OR** into traffic pattern **OR** IFR)
9. **Initial altitude**. e.g. pattern altitude or acceleration altitude.
10. Speeds
11. **Climb power** settings.
12. **Formation briefing**
 1. Flap setting
 2. Power setting
 3. Departure Interval
 4. Ready Report

EMERGENCY BRIEFING

1. Any failure on **take-off run**:
 - a. Abort take-off.
 - b. Discuss ramps to use for runway exit.
2. Any failure
 - a. **TAKE OFF**
 - b. Safe Climb Speed
 - c. Continue to safe altitude
 - d. Failure management
3. **If unable to maintain altitude: EJECT**

JOKER- & BINGO-FUEL BRIEFING

1. Preferred/Primary airport.
2. Secondary airport.
3. Calculate fuel:
 - a. **Range** of primary airport or secondary airport (whichever is farther) from combat area.
 - b. **At combat altitude**, use **fuel flow in pounds per hour** at military thrust $\times 1.3$.
 - c. Calculate required fuel **in pounds** to reach farthest airport to get **BINGO FUEL**.
 - d. Multiply $\times 1.5$ to get **JOKER FUEL**.

WARNING: Multipliers assume high combat altitude of 20,000 ft or more. Adjust as appropriate for lower flight.

APPROACH BRIEFING

1. **Type** of approach:
 - a. VFR **OR** IFR
 - i. if IFR, ILS yes / no
 - b. via VFR-Entry-Routing **OR** Radar Vectors
 - c. Straight-in **OR** Run-and-Break
 - d. Full Stop **OR** Touch-and-Go **OR** Low Approach
2. **Runway**: Direction, Length (ft), and Elevation (ft)
3. Wind
4. Gross **Weight** (pounds)
5. Approach **Speeds** (knots)
6. **Power** settings
7. **Flaps** settings
8. **Missed Approach**
 - a. Routing
 - b. Altitude
9. **Formation Briefing**:
 - a. Sequence
 - b. Break Interval
 - c. Runway Sides

STANDARD ATC REPORT FORMAT

- Identification
- Number & Type of Aircraft
- Position
- Altitude

- Intention
- Request
- Additional Information

STANDARD US AWACS CONTACT / BANDIT REPORT FORMAT**FORMAT:**

1. Your Callsign
2. AWACS Callsign

3. "BRAA":
 - a. **bearing** of bandit or contact **from you**
 - b. **range** of bandit or contact **from you** in **nautical miles**

—OR—

4. "bulls" / "bullseye"
 - a. **bearing** of bandit or contact **from bullseye**
 - b. **range** of bandit or contact **from bullseye** in **nautical miles**

5. **altitude** of bandit or contact in **feet**
6. **aspect**: hot (head-on), flanking (side-on), cold (tail-on)

EXAMPLE: Uzi 1-1, Magic, contact bulls 050 for 40, at 25,000, hot

This announces a contact at 50 degrees and 40nm away from bullseye, at 25,000 feet, heading toward you.

EXAMPLE: Uzi 1-1, Magic, BRAA, 150 for 35, at 20,000, cold

This announces a contact at 150 degrees and 35nm away from you, at 20,000 feet, heading away from you.

"Pop-up group": Means that the contact(s) has/have just appeared on radar; they are new.

RWS IDENTIFICATION SYMBOLS		
^A = air-threat caret		
RWS Symbol	Platform / NATO Classification	SAM System (If Applicable)
6	SA-6	Kub 1S91
8	SA-8	Osa 9A22
10	SA-10	S-300PS 40V6M
10	SA-10	S-300PS 5N63S
11	SA-11	Buk 9A310M1
13	SA-13	Strela-10 9A33
14 ^A	F-14A	
15 ^A	F-15C	
15	SA-15	Tor 9A331
16 ^A	F-16C	
18 ^A	F/A-18	
23 ^A	Mig-23	
23	ZSU-23-4	ZSU-23-4 Shilka
29 ^A	Mig-29, Su-27/33	
30 ^A	Su-30	
31 ^A	Mig-31	
50 ^A	A-50	
BB	SA-10 Big Bird	S-300PS 64N6E
CS	SA-10 Clam Shell	S-300PS 40V6MD
DE	Dog Ear	PU-13 Ranzhir
E2 ^A	E-2C	
E3 ^A	E-3C	
F4 ^A	F-4E	
FF	SA-3 Flat Face B	S-125 P-19 radar
GP	Gepard	Gepard
GR	Giraffe	Roland Radar
H	I-HAWK HPI	Hawk track radar
HA	I-HAWK PAR	Hawk search radar

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HP	Albatros, Grisha V class frigate	SAM "Osa-M" (SA-N-4 Gecko)
LB	SA-3 Low Blow	S-125 SNR
P	Patriot	Patriot search and track radar
RO	Roland	Roland ADS
S6	2S6	2S6 Tuguska
SD	SA-11 Snow Drift	Buk 9S18M1
SM	Oliver H. Perry, FFG-7	SM-2 Standard Missile
	CG-47 Ticonderoga	SM-2 Standard Missile
SS	Carl Vinson, CVN-70	RIM-7 Sea Sparrow
SW	Kuznetsov, aircraft carrier	SAM "Kinzhal" (SA-N-9 Gauntlet) AAA "Kortik" (SA-N-11 Grison)
T2	Moskva, Slava class cruiser	SAM S-300F "Fort" (SA-N-6 Grumble) SAM "Osa-M" (SA-N-4 Gecko)
TP	Rezky, Krivak II class frigate	SAM "Osa-M" (SA-N-4 Gecko)
	Neustrashimy, Jastreb class frigate	SAM "Kingal" (SA-N-9 Gauntlet) AAA "Kortik" (SA-N-11 Grison)
VU	M-163	Vulcan