Short Take-off & Landing for Unmanned Aerial System

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What Is Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL)

Short Takeoff and Landing: (DOD/NATO) The ability of an aircraft to clear a 50-foot (15 meters) obstacle within 1,500 feet (450 meters) of commencing takeoff or in landing, to stop within 1,500 feet (450 meters) after passing over a 50-foot (15 meters) obstacle. This method is also known as STOL.
Benefits of STOL

Quick flow of airport traffic
More accessible locations for aircraft
UAV Mission Capabilities
Methods used to achieve STOL

- Wing Modification
- Thrust Modification
- Other Methods
Wing Modification

- Flaps
- Slats
- Vortex Generators
- Winglets
Thrust Modification

- Thrust Reversers
- Variable Pitch Propeller
- Rocket Boosters
Other Methods

- Airbrakes
- Wheel Breaks
- Parachute
The UAV will perform as simple flight layout. This will be a simple loop in the shape of the test field.

The crucial data required out of the mission is the distance of takeoff and landing.

The data will be recorded using an on-board computer.
# Airframe for Short-Landing Testing

## Sig-72 Airframe

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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Measurement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wingspan</td>
<td>72 in (1829 mm)</td>
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<td>Wing Area</td>
<td>720 in² (46.5 dm²)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td>51.75 in (1315 mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>5 - 5.5 lbs (2268 - 2495 g)</td>
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<td>Radio Required</td>
<td>4-Channel with 5 Standard Servos</td>
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<td>Glow Power</td>
<td>2-Stroke .40-.46 cu. in. (6.5-7.5 cc) 4-Stroke .40-.54 cu. in. (6.5-8.8 cc)</td>
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<td>Electric Power</td>
<td>500 - 800 watt (800 - 1000 kv) Brushless Motor; 50 - 60A ESC; Lipo Battery Pack</td>
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Simulation Environment

6DOF Aerodynamic Model

Landing Gear Model
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Ardupilot APM2.5

APM 2.5
Magnetometer
GPS
IMU
Pressure Sensor
Analog Inputs
Barometric Sensor
RC Channels
Telemetry
Flash Memory
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**Software**

- Real-Time Workshop
- C++ Compiler
- ERAU Support
- Blockset
- APM 2.0
- Ardupilot
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**Software**

*Figure: Function Block Parameters: 6-DOF IMU*

- **Parameters**:
  - Low Pass Filter Frequency: 20 Hz
  - Max Gyro Scale: +/- 500 deg/sec
  - Max Accelerometer Scale: +/- 8g
  - Sample Time: ts_arudino_claw
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**Software**

![Function Block Parameters: GPS](image)

- **ArduPilot Mega 2.0 MediaTek MT3329 GPS Unit (mask) (link)**
- **UTC_Time, ms from midnight, UTC**
- **UTC_Date, DDMMYY, UTC**

**Fix Type:**
- 0 = No GPS Unit
- 1 = GPS Unit, no lock
- 2 = GPS unit, locked

**Inputs used only for simulation, yada yada yada**
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**Software**
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**Hardware**

- **RC-Remote**
- **RC-Receiver**
- **Tx**
- **Ground Station**
- **Pitot Tube**
- **Servos and Motor**
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Motor Test-bed
The Academy of Model Aeronautics’ (AMA) Daytona Beach field was chosen for the flight test program. Approximately 1400 ft long and 1300 ft wide, the field has enough space to perform the necessary maneuvers. It has a single, hard-surface runway located on the east side. Figure 5 shows a satellite image of the field.
Preliminary Flight Data

Touchdown

Touchdown - High Frequency signal after touch down
Preliminary Flight Data

Flight State On-board signal

Touchdown - High Frequency signal after touchdown

Activate brakes control and heading control