





Orbx Lancair IV-P Version 1.0 User guide November 2010

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Before We Begin

Thank you for purchasing Orbx's debut aircraft! After two years in development, we hope it provides you with many hours of virtual piloting pleasure!

We strongly recommend you start by reading the flying guide commencing on page 6 before loading the aircraft. This will give you an idea of what to expect.

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Introduction

"Lancer" started as one man's vision to create a fast composite quickbuild in 1983. Lance Neibauer, after searching for the perfect GA aircraft and finding none to his liking, joined the EAA to design and build the then called "Lancer 200" which was first unveiled at Oshkosh 1985. Demand for the aircraft was such that it quickly spawned several models with upgraded engines and performance. The company was also renamed "Lancair" in 85 due to a naming conflict with Piper.

Since the original "Lancer 200" powered by a tiny O200 the range has grown to include the "Lancair 235" powered by a Lycoming O235, the "Lancair 320" powered by a Lycoming O320 "Lancair 360" powered by a Lycoming IO360. Then in 1991 came the revolution when Lancair drew new blood in the industry by creating the completely redesigned IV Range.

The Lancair ES, IV and IV-P were redesigned from the ground up to include carbon fiber construction, blistering cruise speeds and in the IV-P with a pressurized cabin allowing it to cruise at more than 300MPH at over 25,000 FT. Powered by Continental IO550 (ES) and TSIO550 (IV and IV-P) engines, the aircraft quickly broke several speed records and was hailed as a revolution in the industry.

Nearly 20 years on the Lancair IV-P is a favorite at trade and air shows the world over. While they command attention with their smooth lines and beautiful rivelless construction, the rarity of this aircraft is what sets it apart from the bunch.

The aircraft is built almost entirely from composite materials and can be ordered from the factory as either a 70% completed kit or a scratch set of materials and a plan.

The construction uses barely a rib or stringer in favor of Kevlar® honeycomb laminated between layers of carbon fiber for an unmatched light and strong material.

Finally the most attractive feature of the Lancair is full customizability of the instrument panel. This allows you to choose from anything available on the GA market in the way of avionics. From a G1000 to standard steam gauges and more - it's up to you!

Now you can finally experience what pilots describe as a dream plane since Orbx has faithfully recreated the flagship model of the Lancair range for FSX!... the "LANCAIR IV-P"

The build is based on VH-LLW located in Albury NSW Australia and is a recreation of the sample aircraft's systems, avionics, layout and paint. While the focus has been on creating an accurate representation of LLW our team of repainters have created various liveries for you to choose from.



System Requirements

This Aircraft add-on is designed to work with Microsoft Flight Simulator X.

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Versions

| Cornes for Windows PC DVD | Microsoft Flight Simulator X (FSX) Standard Edition With Service Pack Installed Deluxe Edition Acceleration Add-on Pack (not a stand-alone product) Gold Edition (which includes all three versions above) If you don't have FSX already, the best version to purchase would be the Gold Edition, which already includes all versions and service packs SP1 and SP2. | This aircraft is made for Microsoft Flight Simulator X and won't run without it. Service Pack 2 is required for Some of the more complex systems included in the Lancair. |
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Why

General expected FPS guide for different systems.

| | Best Performance | Medium System | Low end System |
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| СРИ | 4 or more core CPU with at least 2GHZ clock speed | Multi core CPU with greater than 1.8GHZ clock speed | Multi core CPU with less than 1.8GHZ clock speed |
| GPU | GPU with at least 2GB of internal RAM | GPU with at least 1GB of internal RAM | GPU with at least 512MB internal RAM |
| RAM | Greater than 4GB DDR3 RAM of at least 1600MHZ clock speed | At least 4GB of RAM | Greater than 3GB of RAM on an XP based System |
| Sound | Stereo sound Card with on board processor | Standard on board sound processing | Standard on board sound processing |
| Expected average fps | 30-60FPS | 20-40FPS | 20-30FPS |

All our liveries have a HD and SD version that can be selected from the **Aircraft Selection menu** within FSX. If you are experiencing performance issues with the HD versions we recommend switching to its SD counterpart.

We also recommend the use of TrackIR to get the most out of the aircraft. Due to the nature of the instruments a wide angle view can at times cause difficulties reading instruments. TrackIR allows the user to freely and easily move the viewpoint.

For more information visit: <u>www.naturalpoint.com/trackir</u>



Installation

Whether you are installing Orbx Lancair IVP from the downloaded "Flight Sim Store" wrapper installer or the DVD purchased from an Orbx Reseller, the procedure is much the same.

DOWNLOADED FSS WRAPPER EDITION

| STEP | INSTRUCTIONS |
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| 1 | Unzip the FlightSimStore.com (FSS) downloaded ZIP file. You should end up with the FSS installer application OrbxIVP100.exe |
| 2 | Run OrbxIVP100.exe |
| 3 | Fill in the Order Number, Date and Key when requested. This information would have been emailed to you when you purchased the download version of Lancair from FSS. |
| 4 | The wrapper will unwrap the Orbx installer which will then run and present the opening installation screen. Please acknowledge the EULA page and continue. |
| 5 | Once the Orbx installer has completed, start FSX and choose Lancair as your starting aircraft |

ORBX RESELLER DVD EDITION

| STEP | INSTRUCTIONS |
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| 1 | Insert the Lancair DVD into your computer's DVD drive. If you have autorun enabled, the installer will start automatically, or prompt you to run Setup_Lancair.exe |
| 2 | The Orbx installer which will then run and present the opening installation screen. Please acknowledge the EULA page and continue. |
| 3 | Once the Orbx installer has completed, start FSX and choose Lancair as your starting aircraft |



Flying Guide

Flying the Lancair IV-P

Some basic information on the aircraft, its performance and flying characteristics. With a 350 hp engine and an empty weight of only 2430 lb, this is what you can truly call a very sporty plane. You can expect to enjoy the magic of flight at more than 250 KTAS cross-country at FL 250 above the weather. This is where regional airliners fly. Forget about what you use as reference when flying your typical general aviation plane. The forgivingness of aircrafts such as Cessna's or Piper's that you may have experienced in your early flying experiences must be disregarded since the Lancair is much more of a machine. Be prepared when flying a Lancair IV-P for everything to be faster and more responsive, requiring well trained and highly alert piloting skills in every situation of flight. The Lancair is easy enough to fly as long as you stay inside the operating envelope, however you must think and plan ahead (like a jet pilot does). This is what this project has been all about.

With a speed range from 90 KIAS to above 200 KIAS, the sensitivity of controls changes significantly. Though moderately gentle after takeoff or in the traffic pattern, it turns into a racing machine at the high speed end, resulting in roll or pitch rates that are about double what you may have experienced on a normal GA aircraft.

Getting started

The default load in FSX is with 2 pilots, no passengers and little luggage in the rear. This load does not limit the amount of fuel you can take on board without exceeding MTOW of 3550 lb. If you plan to take passengers on board, you need to watch the maximum amount of fuel to avoid overloading the plane.

Engine start and taxiing

While the flight preparation and start procedure is typical for every piston type engine with a constant speed propeller, the first thing on your mind must be that this powerful engine and 4 blade propeller combination brings a lot of torque and p-factor. So be gentle with power changes in any situation.

Equipped with two turbo chargers for each cylinder row, you need to take their responsiveness in providing additional manifold pressure and thus power into consideration. Open the throttle a fraction of an inch. Activate the primer pump for 5 seconds. Start the engine and let it stabilize at 1000 RPM. Adjust the power lever if needed. If a cold engine does not accelerate, help it with the primer pump. If you pull the power lever to its physical stop, the fuel and oil press low warning may come on and the engine could stop. Let the oil warm up to 100°F before doing the run-up check. CHT should be above 240°F by now.

The front wheel is of the castoring (free turning) type and so your steering is primarily done by applying differential braking. With a bit of power on and typical taxi speed, full rudder to the right helps for straight taxiing. Keep it fully right all the time and turn with brakes. Gentle power changes are essential for smooth taxiing.



Take off

The typical flap setting for TO is about 10-15° with the flaps lever in reality allowing every intermediate position down to 45°. In FSX we simulated small incremental steps of 5°. So use 2-3 clicks to get to the TO configuration. With the default load you can keep trim neutral. With the alternate load situation, as described above, you need a bar down trim.

The TO run is about 1500 ft. Apply power gently -5 seconds from idle to full power - to let the aircraft pick up speed. You need full rudder deflection to the right at the beginning of the take-off roll. Reduce this deflection with increasing speed to stay on the centerline.

Another way to master the TO run is to put the plane a bit off the runway axis and the p-factor will pull her straight until you get control from the fully deflected rudder.

Once the front wheel lifts from ground, you need attention to keep the wings level. Full power and low speeds introduce a counter clock wise roll. Rotate at 70KIAS and let the aircraft lift off at around 90 KIAS. When safely off the ground: gear up. When passing 100KIAS: flaps up. Maintain 400fpm ROC to accelerate to climb speed. Reduce to 2600 RPM. When reaching 150KIAS, maintain speed and reduce MP to 32 inches.

You will notice a pitch up moment when you retract the gear. This comes from two effects: One is the reduction of drag below the wing, but more effect is caused from a significant shift of center of gravity backward with the gear bending into the gear bay in the rear of the fuselage. So release the back pressure on the stick and you should be more or less neutral during the climb.

Configuring for standard climb pull the flaps in and trim forward for 120-140 KIAS and reduce power to 32" MP and 2600 RPM (80 % power). This will result in a 1100-1300 ft/min climb, just like turboprop powered business aircraft. Due to the turbocharger you can maintain this power setting all the way to FL200.

If you plan to fly high, don't forget to set the cabin pressurization system accordingly prior to the take off.

Cruise

The Lancair IV-P is a very versatile 4 seater plane. It is fun to fly low with good visibility of the countryside around you. But you need to be aware that you fly much faster than the average aircraft so traffic awareness is critical. On the other hand you can also use her for a typical business or holiday trip and being equipped for full IFR flying, you may climb up high and enjoy the smoothness of flying above the weather.

A typical fast cruise @ FL100 would be 205 KIAS with engine set to 28" MP and 2500 RPM (65 % power). Your fuel consumption correctly leaned will be then about 90-100pph or 17gph. Flying at 180 KIAS saves 9 to 15 % fuel. The most economical speed is 175 KIAS. Having a wing with a high speed profile and typically flying fast, the responsiveness on rudder and aileron is very high. Use minimal inputs or fly with the AP active, to avoid pitch changes resulting in uncomfortable G forces to your passengers.

Alternatively if you are up there for an aerobatic flight experience, the Lancair IV-P nearly gives you fighter jet like roll and pitch rates and an incredible precision on control input which can be really enjoyable.



Descent and entering traffic pattern

The high efficiency of the wing and the inertia of the high cruise speed need to be included into the descent planning. For 200 knots ground speed a profile of 3° (approx. 1000 fpm ROD) can be used. Calculate with 3 NM of distance to your final approach point for each 1000 ft of altitude you lose. At the end of your descent, slowly pull out the power lever to 15" MP to decelerate to 150 KIAS in level flight. You will need about 19" MP to maintain 150 KIAS. Enter the traffic pattern and set flaps 10° to slow down to 130 KIAS.

The speed brakes can be used at any stage of flight but are particularly useful to get down faster or slow down quicker to the approach speeds once you are getting close to the destination airport.

When flying to a small airport, be aware that with your 130 KIAS you are much faster than the other GA planes in the traffic pattern. Initiate your decent to final by lowering the gear and set flaps to full. About 19" MP will give you the desired 500 fpm ROD at 100 KIAS down to the runway. Set RPM back to maximum to be prepared for a go around.

If you fly an ILS approach, the sequence is a bit different: Intercepting the GS you need to extend the gear and set flaps to 20° to avoid getting over 130 KIAS when maintaining 18" MP on the glide slope. Lowering flaps to 30° will slow you further to 115 KIAS for the medium part and once you approach final part, the speed should be maintained at 100 KIAS in landing configuration to provide good visibility all the way down to the runway.

Approach

Just over the fence pull out the power gently and flare it softly. Touch down is with high attitude, therefore the runway is hardly visible. Consequently the stall warning may activate. Once the main wheels have touched the ground lower the nose to set down the front wheel. When the nose sets down, you will barely have any rudder control for directional guidance and only very modest differential braking inputs will keep you on the center line - a specific challenge in cross wind situations. Start breaking early. Aim to reach taxi speed 300 ft before turning off the runway.

Taxiing and shut down

Depending on your flight duration you may be a lot lighter than at the beginning of your flight and while you taxi to your parking position hardly any power is needed. Remember that directional control is only available by differential braking so keep the rudder fully deflected to the right.

The turbo charger needs some extra time to cool down so you need to leave the engine running at 1000 RPM for 2-3 minutes before you pull the mixture lever to cut the fuel and stop the engine. All the rest is standard procedure.

Happy flying!



Getting Started

Included In the Package

- Lancair Aircraft Add-on with multiple liveries
- 3 different sets of flight dynamics
- Control Panel
- 100 page User Manual
- Pilots Operating Handbook

Important Information

Orbx has created the Lancair to be as close a representation of the real world aircraft as possible, however due to limitations imposed by the core coding of FSX some systems are limited in their function.

That said more than 95% of all systems and functions in the real world Lancair have been coded in the simulated aircraft to mimic their real world counterparts.

While we acknowledge every pilots desire to begin their first flight in the Lancair immediately, a far more rewarding experience can be had by carefully studying this manual and the **Pilots Operating Handbook** before jumping too deep into the aircraft.

This manual includes information about all the complex systems and gauges included in the package as well as giving you insight into the most effective techniques to master each aspect.

Supplemental recommendations are placed throughout this manual to provide extra tips that help in mastering the aircraft. Let's face it the Lancair has a steep learning curve.

To aid in lessening this curve Orbx has provided a easier flight model that can be accessed from the standard Orbx control panel executable that is placed on your desktop.



Reality XP Support



As you can see from the Control Panel screenshot above, Orbx Provides Reality XP support that is fully customizable as well as allowing you to use any other third party radio gauges that you may have in your virtual workshop.

Most of these third party instruments provide instructions on how to place their products in a panel. However, be aware that if you intend to use these instruments you need to first have the Control panel set to "Orbx radio's" then make changes to the following file instead of the Normal Panel file.

\SimObjects\Airplanes\Orbx_Lancair_IVP\panel**PANEL.RXP.cfg**

Once you have made your changes simply select RXP radios to implement them.

For the default provided Load Out you will require to purchase and install the following RXP products:

- 530XP WAAS
- Flight Line N

Nose Wheel Steering

As mentioned in the flying guide, the nose wheel of the real world Lancair is free turning, meaning that there is no interconnection between the rudder and the nose wheel. Taxiing the Lancair can be a difficult task without the use of rudder pedal hardware. Therefore we have provided a version of the FDX with interconnected steering.

Orbx also provides an in-game control panel for switching on and off various visual components of the model which is detailed in the Lancair Tech section.



Lancair Tech

The Lancair 3D modeling was created in 3D Studio Max. All digital gauges were custom coded in XML and compiled in a binary format called .SPB for greater performance.

Due to the nature of developing 3D gauges as included in the package, Orbx has not provided a 2D panel. Instead we have developed the VC to be as user friendly as possible.

All knobs and switches are controllable by either the mouse wheel or click spots. In the gauges section of this manual, a description of the mouse clicks available and their operation is provided for each individual gauge.

The package includes custom sounds for things like switches, knobs, warnings etc... They are all controlled by a central sound handler that has some limitations. Since FSX doesn't have an accessible sound volume variable lowering the volume using the sliders in FSX will not lower the custom sounds. Therefore it is recommended to set all sounds to their standard settings of 50%

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Instead you can use the volume knob on your speakers or headphones to adjust volume levels.



Orbx has provided a HD set of textures that can be accessed by choosing one of the aircraft with HD embossed over the thumbnail in the aircraft selection menu. It is recommended to start with these textures to gauge the performance of your system.

If you are experiencing low resolution textures when using the HD versions then it is recommended to switch to the SD version of the livery you have chosen before requesting support.



Orbx provides an in-flight control panel to display visual elements of the model.

This can be accessed by opening the "**Shift+1**" or "popup panel" command. From there you can engage chocks, hide the pilot, place luggage and cover the pitot or the engine. Pressing the greyed out icons within this control panel will do this and the icon will turn blue.

The Lancair uses the conventional lighting system within FSX. And simply pressing the "L" key will activate most of the lighting on the aircraft. However in order to activate the overhead map reading lights there is a process required.

With the aircraft Master on, first you must turn on the "cabin lights" switch on the panel (this is not activated by the conventional lights switch) then you will have to turn on the individual lights on the roof by pressing the mouse on their switches.





This will provide soft lighting throughout the cabin.

There are front and rear light sets but activating either light within its set will provide the same light source.

The engine in the Lancair is turbocharged and therefore maintains power all the way up into the flight levels. The core coding of FSX prevents 100% accuracy of this system. In particular the need to lean as the aircraft climbs. The real world aircraft can climb without needing to lean the mixture. In FSX you will have to lean off the mixture as you climb in order to maintain the power that the aircraft requires.



Systems

The following is a list of systems detailed within this section.

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Panel Layout

The following images show the typical panel layout of the Orbx Lancair IV-P as it appears by default. The numbers are explained below. <x> means that the item is linked to further information in this manual.









| Number | Name | Description | Purpose |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Undercarriage down lights | Position Indicator for wheels | Indicates correct or incorrect function of the landing gear |
| 2 | Undercarriage transit light | Position Indicator for wheels | Indicates correct or incorrect function of the landing gear |
| 3 | Annunciator test light switch | Press to illuminate all warning lights on the annunciator | Insure that all warning lights are working |
| <4> | AOA gauge | Indicates the angle of attack of the aircraft in relation to the flow of air | Ensure that you are operating the aircraft within the allowable AOA range |
| 5 | Master warning light | Illuminates when warnings are active | Indicate something outside operating parameters and allows the temporary silence of warnings |
| <6> | Annunciator | Indicates something outside of normal operating parameters and what it is. | Gives quick information to the pilot about a problem. |
| 7 | Airspeed Indicator (ASI) | Airspeed Indicator | Indicates the speed of the aircraft in knots |
| 8 | Artificial Horizon (AH) | Pitch and Bank Indicator | Indicates the pitch and bank of the aircraft in relation to the earth's horizontal gravitational pull. |
| 9 | Altimeter | Indicates aircraft height in feet in relation to a predetermined airport or flight level altitude | Allows the pilot to recognize their height above their destination or desired flight level. |

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| Number | Name | Description | Purpose |
|--------|--|--|---|
| <10> | Vision Microsystems (EC100) | Electronic Checklist and warning information indicator | Allows the pilot to view checklists and warning information without the need for paper |
| 11 | Turn Coordinator | Coordinator for performing a balanced turn. | Indicates the bank of the aircraft in relation to the balance of the aircraft in relation to the heading of the aircraft. |
| <12> | Sandel 3308 | Multifunction Gauge that displays multiple pieces of information. | Lessens the complexity of the panel by combining various gauges that would otherwise be required into one easy to use instrument. |
| 13 | Vertical Speed Indicator (VSI) | Indicates the climb or descent rate in feet per minute of the aircraft | Allows the pilot to coordinate a particular descent or climb profile |
| <14> | Vision Microsystems (VM1000) | Indicates real time information about the engine | Allows the pilot to monitor the engines condition and provides warnings to the pilot when a parameter is outside normal parameters. |
| 15 | Vision Microsystems Fuel Indicator | Indicates real time fuel quantities | Provides the pilot with fuel levels and provides warnings when low. |
| 16 | Vision Microsystems Chronometer Knob | Controls the functions of the chronometer | Allows the pilot to display various pieces of information about time for flight planning and execution. |
| <17> | Vision Microsystems Chronometer | Indicates various pieces of information about time | Allows the pilot to display various pieces of information about time for flight planning and execution. |
| <18> | Vision Microsystems Temperature Gauge | Indicates the ambient air temperature and the cabin air temperature | Allows the pilot to recognize differential temperature for the purposes of pressurization and engine management or flight planning |
| 19 | Radio Altimeter | Indicates the current height above ground level in feet | Allows the pilot to recognize his altitude above ground level |



| Number | Name | Description | Purpose |
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| 20 | Starter, Mag Switch | Toggles magnetos and starter operation | Allows the pilot to start the engine |
| 21 | Master Switch | Turns power on and off | Allows the pilot to turn power on and off |
| 22 | Alternator Switch | Turns alternator on and off | Allows the pilot to turn alternator on and off |
| 23 | Fuel Pump Switch | Turns fuel pump on and off | Allows the pilot to turn fuel pump on and off |
| 24 | Landing Lights Switch | Turns landing lights on and off | Allows the pilot to turn landing lights on and off |
| 25 | Strobe Lights Switch | Turns strobe lights on and off | Allows the pilot to turn strobe lights on and off |
| 26 | Nav Lights Switch | Turns navigation lights on and off | Allows the pilot to turn navigation lights on and off |
| 27 | Cabin Lights Switch | Turns cabin light master on and off | Allows the pilot to turn cabin light master on and off |
| 28 | Panel Lights Switch | Turns panel lights on and off | Allows the pilot to turn panel lights on and off |
| 29 | Pitot Heat Switch | Turns pitot heat on and off | Allows the pilot to turn pitot heat on and off |
| 30 | Cabin Fan Switch | Turns cabin fan on and off | Allows the pilot to turn cabin fan on and off |
| 31 | Speed Brake Switch | Deploys or retracts speed brake | Allows the pilot to deploy or retract speed brake |
| 32 | Door Seal Switch | Turns door seal on and off | Allows the pilot to inflate the door seal to seal the cabin for pressurization |
| <33> | Garmin GMA340 Audio Panel | Controls various audio sources | Allows the pilot to chose what audio is played through their headset and isolate themselves or their passengers |
| <34> | Garmin GNS430 GPS/COM/NAV number 1 | Rolls three radio's into one: a GPS, a COM and a NAV | Allows the pilot to: control radio frequencies , view GPS information, activate flight plans and approaches and much more. |
| <35> | Garmin GNS430 GPS/COM/NAV number 2 | Rolls three radio's into one: a GPS, a COM and a NAV | Allows the pilot to: control radio frequencies , view GPS information, activate flight plans and approaches and much more. |



| Number | Name | Description | Purpose |
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| <36> | Bendex King KR87 | Automatic direction finder control device | Allows the pilot to select the ADF frequency to be displayed on the Sandel, amongst other functions. |
| <37> | Bendex King KT76C | Transponder | Allows the pilot to control the transponder frequency |
| <38> | S-tec 55x | Autopilot controller | Allows the pilot to activate and control automatic flight. |
| <39> | Hydraulic Pressure Gauge | Displays current hydraulic pressure | Allows the pilot to monitor Hydraulic pressure and identify a fault |
| 40 | Compass | Displays current magnetic heading | Allows the pilot to view current magnetic heading |
| 41 | Cabin Differential Gauge | Displays current cabin altitude and pressure differential | Allows the pilot to view current cabin altitude and pressure differential and identify a fault |
| <42> | Cabin Pressurization Controller | Controls cabin pressurization | Allows the pilot to control cabin pressurization altitude and rate |
| 43 | Vacuum Pressure Gauge | Displays current vacuum pressure produced by the engine | Allows the pilot to monitor current vacuum pressure produced by the engine and identify a fault. |
| <44> | Hot Air lever | Controls cabin temp | Allows the pilot to increase or decrease heat produced by the cabin air source. |
| 45 | Cold Air lever | Controls cabin temp | Allows the pilot to increase or decrease cold air produced by the cabin air source. |
| 46 | Pressure Shutoff | Cuts air source to the cabin | Allows the pilot to cut air source to the cabin in an emergency |
| 47 | Oil Door | Inactive | Inactive |
| 48 | Alternate Air Lever | Activates alternate air source | Allows pilot to select a clear air source for feeding the engine in icing conditions. |
| 49 | Avionics Master Switch | Avionics master bus power on and off | Allows the pilot to turn avionics master bus power on and off |
| 50 | Cabin Dump Switch | Selects cabin dump valve open or closed | Allows the pilot to dump cabin pressure in an emergency |
| 51 | Trim Speed Switch | Inactive | Inactive (Due to being unprogrammable in FSX FDX) |



| Number | Name | Description | Purpose |
|--------|------------------------|--|--|
| 52 | Throttle Lever | Controls the engine's manifold pressure | Allows the pilot to control engine's manifold pressure |
| 53 | Propeller Pitch Lever | Controls the engine's propeller governor setting | Allows the pilot to control engines propeller governor setting to reduce the stresses imposed on the engine during various stages of flight. |
| 54 | Mixture Lever | Controls the fuel air mixture produced in the cylinders of the engine | Allows the pilot to change the fuel air ratio of the engine to conserve fuel or to improve combustion conditions |
| 55 | Heading/GPS Switch | Switches between primary navigation source and GPS for input into the autopilot. | Allows the pilot to choose between primary navigation source and GPS source for input into the autopilot. |
| 56 | Elevator Trim position | Displays current elevator trim position | Allows the pilot to view current elevator trim position |
| 57 | Aileron Trim position | Displays current aileron trim position | Allows the pilot to view current aileron trim position |
| 58 | Flap Position | Displays current flap position | Allows the pilot to view current flap position |
| <59> | Gear Lever | Controls the gear position | Allows the pilot to select the gear position |
| <60> | Flap Lever | Controls the flap position | Allows the pilot to select the flap position |



Standard Knobs and Switches

Orbx has designed the Lancair IV-P to combine animated model geometry for switches and knobs, with 2d gauge geometry mapped onto 3d gauge polygons for greater performance.

This means that not all buttons knobs and switches work exactly the same way.

All the standard switches located at the lower section of the panel can toggle with a left click of the mouse.



Standard knobs and levers are knobs that are fully animated in the model and function as fully clickable knobs.

You can choose to operate these in two ways. You can control these knobs by left clicking and holding the knob and moving the mouse up or down, left or right, dependent upon the circumstances of the knob.



...Orbx Recommends using the mouse wheel wherever possible for knobs and levers as it is easier to handle in heavy turbulence...

Alternatively you can operate these knobs by moving the mouse wheel (if you have one) up or down.

Every mouse clickable item has a tool tip which that will appear when the mouse hovers over it.

The other type of knob and button available is integrated into various gauges. Using 2d gauges specifically designed to be mapped onto 3d geometry.



In the case of buttons they are not animated but instead merely provide you with a mouse clickable toggle option. This was done in order to squeeze every possible frame of performance out of the project.

Gauge knobs, although animated, also operate slightly differently to the standard knobs. They have a click spot on either side of each knob allowing you to click with the left mouse button to increase or decrease dependent on the side you press. You can also operate them in the same way you would the standard knobs with the mouse wheel.



The following is a list of gauges that use this style of mouse click

| - Sandel 3308 | -KR87 |
|---------------|------------|
| - EC100 | -KT76 |
| -GNS430′s | -VM1000 |
| -GMA340 | -S-tec 55x |



Pressurization

The Lancair IV-P is a fully pressurized aircraft; in fact one of only four single piston engine powered aircraft that can achieve this feat. Using pressurized air from the turbocharger air is fed into the cabin through an air mixer. This air is then vented at a rate that is controlled by the outflow valve to regulate the cabin pressure.



There is also a dump valve that equalizes the ambient and cabin pressure when on the ground or in an emergency. The air in the cabin pressurized or otherwise can be distributed evenly using the cabin fan.



The final component is the check valve that when pressurized is shut by the air pressure but when unpressurised allows air to flow freely into the cabin from the outside.

All these components can be controlled from the instrument panel, however they are located all over the panel.

To pressurize the cabin you must follow a set procedure. First you must know your desired cruising altitude as stated in your flight plan. Next you need to secure the door of the aircraft and pump up pressure in the inflatable door seal. To do this toggle the "Door Seal" switch as shown below, to "on."





You should then see the "Door Seal" annunciator light illuminate and hear the door seal pump activate. The pump will be active for about 20 seconds then disengage and the light will go out.

It is recommended to also turn on the cabin fan at this point to ensure that you are receiving fresh air with the door closed.

You can then dial up your desired altitude on the pressurization knob.

The knob has two scales. For setting your cruising altitude you will read off the flight level scale.



...You may want to set 500-1000ft above the desired altitude to avoid differential warnings...

If you intend to cruise at 20,000 ft you need to set the knob to FL20 (FL200). Finally you need to set your cabin rate knob. This is used to slow the cabin climb rate to insure your passengers and yourself are not put through too much discomfort caused by a rapidly climbing cabin pressure. As a general rule if you intend to climb at 500fpm leave the knob at its normal setting. If you intend to climb at 1000fpm set the knob at about half its travel. If you intend to climb at 1500fpm or more set the knob to full. Adjust to anything in between.



Now you are ready to take off and begin your climb to 20,000ft. Immediately after takeoff you will notice the cabin altitude begin to climb. The differential pressure dial will also begin to increase. The design pressure of the aircraft is 4.7 psi so the cabin differential will settle here if you follow your climb profile. If you climb too steeply you might receive a cabin pressure warning as the differential pressure cannot catch up with your climb rate.



This means that the cabin differential is outside design parameters. To rectify this situation simply increase the cabin rate knob slightly or decrease your climb rate. If you allow this condition to continue for too long you may stress the airframe to the point of fatigue or even failure.





You can preempt the likelihood of this condition by closely monitoring the pressurization gauge. Once the differential pressure reaches 4.7 psi increase the cabin rate knob slightly and watch the gauge carefully.

The idea is to set the pressurization so that you reach your cruising altitude about the same time as your differential pressure reaches the design pressure.



Upon reaching your planned descent point you now need to set your pressurization system for descent.

So the first thing you need to know is the altitude above sea level of your destination airport. Then you need to dial up that figure on the pressurization knob obviously reading off the airport altitude scale on the knob. It is now the reverse of your climb process. Descending too steeply can result in a cabin pressure warning that can as before be rectified by either shallowing your descent or increasing the cabin rate knob. The same rule applies to the descent when setting the rate knob.

By the time you have reached the pattern altitude your cabin differential pressure should be nearly back to zero. Once you touch down switch the cabin dump valve to ON in order to equalize the cabin pressure with ambient pressure. You can now turn the door seal switch OFF and wait a few seconds for it to deflate before attempting to open the door. You may also want to turn off the cabin fan at this point since the big fan up front can now keep you cool.

Pressure runaway can occur at any time if the outflow valve stick's closed or its solenoid fails. This can be identified by a rapid climb in differential pressure. If allowed to continue for long it will cause catastrophic failure of the aircraft. If the cabin pressure warning light illuminates unexpectedly immediately pull the air supply cutoff leaver and dump the pressure using the dump valve. If you are above 15,000ft you will require the emergency oxygen found under the seat to be turned on and to plug your oxy masks found in the pockets into the roof oxy outlets.



Cabin Heating and Cooling

As shown in the Pressurization diagram above there are two temperature control valves that the pilot has direct control over using the hot and cold air knobs.

These valves are always open at least 20% so as to always supply pressurization air to the cabin. You have control over the other 80% of the valves orifice.



The turbocharger heats the inlet air by about 30 degrees however the intercooler cools the air again by 40 degrees so without touching the knobs as soon as the engine is started your cabin temperature will quickly change. So as a rough indication you can work on this basis.

If the ambient temperature is 20 degrees and the turbo is producing 20% of the max temp of +30 degrees the temperature would be 26 degrees however there is also 20% of the max cooling of 40 degrees being mixed in so the final temp is 18 degrees. Obviously this is a bit cold for the human body so you may want to increase the hot air immediately. This is just a basic indication as the temperature will change depending on many other factors like engine power output, airflow over the intercooler and altitude.

In the real world aircraft you would adjust whenever you feel a little cold or hot but there needs to be more attention taken in the simulator to maintain this because you are safe at your computer.

The temperature is displayed on the right hand scale of the air temperature gauge.





...While we added this feature for realism it doesn't hurt to disregard it since it can be a difficult thing to keep on top of...

Generally the ambient temperature drops two degrees for every thousand feet climbed dependent on air quality and humidity therefore it may be worth checking the temperature during your climb every thousand feet as the valves will not compensate for you. On a hot day this system can also provide quite good cooling while sitting in a queue of aircraft waiting for takeoff clearance.



Hydraulics

The Lancair features a fully redundant electro-hydraulic system. The following is a simplified diagram of how the hydraulic system works.



This shows the flap position in the half extended position and the gear all the way down.

The pump is an electric pump that is turned on and off by a pressure sensor mounted in the accumulator.

When the master is turned on the pressure will be pumped up in the accumulator.

You will hear the pump turn on and slowly build the pressure up. You will be able to watch this on the hydraulic pressure gauge.

When the pressure reaches about 1200 psi (dependent on temperature) it will turn off the pump and the accumulator will settle the pressure at about 1100.





Every time you reposition either the flaps or gear the pressure will drop. As soon as the pressure drops to below 1050 psi the pump will reactivate.

In the event of a total electrical failure you have the ability to extend the gear using the accumulator. Simply select the gear down and the accumulator should have enough pressure to extend the gear. You may also have just enough pressure to select the flaps down. Once the pressure is expended you will no longer be able to move the flaps or gear so you may want to save it for the last minute, in case the gear cannot be extended.



Flaps

The real world Lancair has fully variable flaps that allow for every conceivable position from 0 to 45°.

Unfortunately core FSX coding prevents this in the FSX aircraft. The best it allows for are 5 degree staged increments.

So that you understand the real world operation of the flap here is a diagram of how the flap master cylinder is set out.



Figure 1 shows the flap already partially extended and pressure held in the valve and a hydraulic lock in the ram. That means that the pressure on both sides of the ram is the same.

Figure 2 shows what happens when you raise the flap handle. The valve moves down and allows pressure through to the up side of the ram and lets unpressurized fluid return to the reservoir from the ram.

Figure 3 shows what happens when you lower the flap handle. The valve moves up and allows pressure through to the down side of the ram and lets unpressurized fluid return to the reservoir from the ram.



We have simulated this function as best we can with the flap handle. Raising the flap handle using the mouse will raise the flaps and lowering it will lower the flaps. Unfortunately we cannot make it quite as proportional as the real world system so there is a set rate of 3 stages or 15 degrees per second that the flaps will move.

Actual operation of the handle can be tricky. You can choose between operating it with the mouse wheel or click and drag. If you use the mouse wheel you will need to return the handle yourself if you only want to move a stage or two. If you use the click and drag method however you can release the mouse click and the handle will centre itself.





There is one more limitation to the way that we designed the flap handle. When using the flap buttons on your joystick or keyboard the handle will not animate. This is due to the flap handle being a control device not linked to flap position and therefore cannot be animated by the key events used to actuate the flap.

The flap position is displayed by the led gauge just below the mixture handle. Each led represents a fixed degree increment. With all the way up being displayed by the first led.

As mentioned earlier the operation of the flap is dependent on hydraulic pressure in the reservoir. If this pressure drops too low the flap will become stationary at its last increment.



External Lighting

The Lancair uses unconventional lighting to represent its wing and tail lights.

This is because there is a bug in FSX that causes animated light effects to show through geometry when not placed in the aircrafts .cfg. Lancair has lights on both the wing and rudder (both of which flex) where this problem is prominent.

The solution came when we decided to get rid of traditional lighting for these systems in favor of texture based lights. The result gave us better control over the systems and allowed us to design the light produced more realistically.







Gauges

The following is a list of gauges detailed within this section.

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VM1000

The Vision Microsystems VM1000 is a multi input engine monitoring gauge. In the Lancair it is the primary source of engine information to the pilot and can be used to great effect.

Layout

Here is the normal layout of the gauge.





Warnings

The VM100 has visual warnings for various max and min parameters.

The Visual warnings are in the form of a flashing bar for the parameter. The Parameters and normal operating ranges are as follows.

-Manifold Pressure: If less than 4 in/hg. or if greater than 39.9 in/hg. -RPM If greater than 2800 Rpm. -Fuel Pressure: If less than 2 psi. -Oil Pressure: If less than 40 psi.

CHT/EGT Monitor

The figures displayed by the EGT/CHT section are an average of all the cylinder temperatures. This is displayed when no buttons are being pushed.

PEAK

Pushing the **"Peak"** button will bring up the highest temp that the probes registered throughout the flight. This is used mainly for maintenance practices however it is recommended to note these figures at the end of each flight. It will display the average EGT and CHT as well as bar positions for each individual cylinder. If the individual cylinders are required this would be downloaded by an aircraft maintenance engineer.

CYLINDER DISPLAY

Pressing and holding the "**Cylinder Select**" button will display the number 1 cylinder temps and bar position in real time. Releasing will then cycle the computer to the next cylinder so that if you press it again it will display cylinder 2 and so on. Pressing a seventh time will display the turbine inlet temps of the turbochargers.



AUTOTRACK

Auto track is not really implemented. But for entertainment purposes you can turn it on and off.


Fuel Computer

The fuel computer is all controlled by the far right hand button; "Fuel Computer".

All the fuel computational functions are displayed in the fuel flow section.



You can switch between the following functions by pressing the 'Fuel Computer' button.

- 1. AVERAGE
- 2. MAX
- 3. BURNED
- 4. REMAINING

AVERAGE

This displays the average fuel flow throughout the flight. This average begins calculating every 10th of a second from when the RPM passes 50%. This is to eliminate low readings skewing the result. This is displayed in gal/hr.

MAX

Again this is more for maintenance purposes but this displays the maximum fuel flow throughout the flight. This is displayed in gal/hr.

BURNED

This is a percentage calculation based on the amount of fuel when the power was turned on minus the current fuel available. This reading is given in percentage so therefore the fuel load should always be noted before starting a flight.

REMAINING

Again this is a percentage indication of the remaining fuel aboard the aircraft. Warning this is not to be used as a primary fuel gauge.



EC100/Annunciator

The EC100 has two purposes; to provide the pilot with real time engine warnings and to eliminate the need for bulky paper checklists. This system is also tied into the master warning system.



The Annunciator is also tied into the master warning and light and is used to display brief information to the pilot about what systems are outside of normal operating parameters.

| SPEED BRAKES | ACCUMULATOR LOW | CABIN PRESSURE | LOW VACUME | STBY ALTERNATOR | STARTER ENGAGED | DOOR SEAL |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| DECISION | CHECK FUEL | OIL COOLER | HYDRAULIC | ALT AIR | MAIN | BAGGAGE |
| HEIGHT | PUMP | DOOR CLSD | PUMP ON | DOOR OPEN | DOOR | DOOR |

The master warning light is a fairly simple circuit. It illuminates when a signal is sent to it from any source it will stay illuminated until that source returns to a normal parameter.

The sources are both the EC100 and the annunciator.

Pressing this button will cause this not to illuminate for 30 seconds. And it will send a message to the EC100 that will silence audible warnings for the same time. After 30 seconds both will become active again.

On the annunciator only some items will cause this to activate. They are: Accumulator low, Cabin pressure, Low vacuum, Standby alternator, Decision height and Check fuel pump. The rest occur often and were programmed to only indicate on the annunciator.

The EC100 can display more information however, if a parameter is outside normal operation the EC100 will flash up a warning followed by that particular parameters current state for example:



If the oil pressure was low the EC100 would display:

"Warning: Low Oil Pressure"

Then:

"Oil : Temp-XXXPrsr-XXX"

Only the "XXX" would be replaced with the actual real-time temp and pressure. The warnings available are:

| Warning:*****Low Voltage>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
|--|--|
| Warning:Low Vac Pressure | |
| Warning:Low Oil Pressure>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
| Warning:*******Low Fuel>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
| Warning:***Fuel Pressure>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
| Warning:*******Egt High>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
| Warning:******Cht High>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |
| Warning:******Tit High>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> | |

These warnings could be displayed at any time and to hide them for 30 seconds you can press the right or left button on the EC100



After 30 seconds if the parameter is still outside normal it will flash again.

With these warnings and generated by the EC100 there is also an audible warning that is played through the audio panel. These consist of a tone followed by a voice that speaks the condition of the parameter.

"Beep Beep Beep Warning fuel pressure"

"Beep Beep Beep Warning low fuel"

"Beep Beep Beep Warning low vac"

"Beep Beep Beep Warning low volt"

"Beep Beep Beep Warning oil pressure"

The warnings can be silenced for 30 seconds by pressing the master warning light.



The EC100 is set out, in normal operation, (meaning no active warnings) with groups and lists. To cycle through the groups you can press the left and right buttons.



Each group has a checklist associated with it. This can be cycled through by pressing the up and down buttons.



Most points within the list are abbreviated because the instrument can only display 24 characters at a time.

Here is an example of the first list; "Pre start"





You will know when you have reached the end of a list by the instrument displaying "CheckXX:******End*****" at this point you can press the "right" button to cycle to the next list.

This will take you to the start of the next list. Pressing these buttons will always take you to the title of the list first.

Apart from checklists you can also view real-time engine information from the welcome screen of the EC100. Press the down button to cycle through these items:

EgtChtX:EGT-XXXXCHT-XXXX

EChtAvr:EGT-XXXXCHT-XXXX

TrbTemp: Lft-XXXXRt-XXXX

Oil :Temp-XXXPrsr-XXX

Fuel :Totl-XXXPrsr-XXX

Elec :Volt-XX Amp-XXX

...Orbx recommends using the Turbine inlet temperature function of this gauge to monitor your turbine inlet temperatures continuously...

The following tables describe each item displayed by the EC100 and what it means.

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Welcome:****User***** | Welcomes you to the instrument and marks the starting point of all operations using this instrument. |
| EgtChtX:EGT-XXXXCHT-XXXX | Describes the currently selected cylinders exhaust gas temp and cylinder head temp in real-time. The particular cylinder displayed will cycle every 10 seconds. |
| EChtAvr:EGT-XXXXCHT-XXXX | Describes the current mean average of all the cylinders CHTs and EGTs. |
| TrbTemp: Lft-XXXXRt-XXXX | Describes the current inlet temperatures of the two turbos. |
| Oil :Temp-XXXPrsr-XXX | Describes the current oil temperature and pressure. |
| Fuel :Totl-XXXPrsr-XXX | Describes the current fuel quantity and pressure. |
| Elec :Volt-00 Amp-000 | Describes the electrical systems current voltage and current draw. |



| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Check01:****Pre Start*** | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Oxygen : Check Quantity | Check the amount of oxygen available in the system. Should be full before any flight. |
| Brakes : Set | Set park brake. |
| CrtBrks: Set | Insure all circuit breakers are in. |
| Gear : Check Handl Down | Check that gear handle is set to down. |
| Fuel SI: On Both | Check that fuel selector is selected to both. |
| Mixture: Rich | Set mixture to rich. |
| Throtle: Cracked 1-1.5cm | Set throttle to 1-1.5cm from cut. |
| Master : On | Turn on master. Your master has to be on to use this gauge at all but these checklists come from the POH so it's included anyway. |
| Inst Lt: As Required | Turn on instrument lights if at night. |
| Nav Lt: As Required | Turn on navigation lights if at night. |
| FuelPmp: On Check Press | Turn on fuel pump and check pressure increases on gauge. |
| Magneto: Both | Turn mag switch to both. |
| Area : Clear | Check that the area is clear and shout "Clear Prop" |
| Start :************** | Start the engine by turning the key. |
| Check01:*****End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Check02:****After Start | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Throtle: 1000RPM | Set throttle to 1000 RPM. |
| Oil Prs: Green in 30Sec | Check that oil pressure is in the green arc within 30 seconds from start. |
| Alternr: On and charge | Turn on the alternator and check that the charge is sufficient on the gauge. 28 volts and greater than 0 amps. |
| FuelPmp: Off Press Green | Turn off fuel pump and make sure fuel pressure remains in green arc. |
| Suction: Check | Check that you have vacuum pressure. |
| Avionic: Master On | Turn on avionics master switch. |
| Transpn: Stby Vfr Freq | Turn on transponder and set frequency to 1200. |
| Gns430s: On set com Freq | Turn on both GNS430s and once active set to airport com frequency. |
| Adf : On | Turn on ADF |
| CrtBrkr: Check still set | Recheck that all circuit breakers are still in. |
| VM1000 : Autotrack | Activate auto track on the VM1000 |
| Check02:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |



| Item | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Check03:********Taxi | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Brakes : Release | Release the brakes. |
| Turn LR:Cmps:TurnCDR:HSI | When turning check that the compass turns in the correct direction, |
| | the turn coordinator slides away from the turn, and the HSI turns in |
| | the correct direction. |
| Turn LR:AH Remains Erect | When turning check that the Artificial Horizon remains erect. |
| Check03:*****End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| 74 | one. |
| Item Check04:**Before Takeoff | Description |
| | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Trim :TO * Back 2 Bars | Set trim position to somewhere between neutral and back 2 bars dependent upon loading. |
| Mixture: Rich | Check that mixture is set to rich. |
| Prop : Fine | Check that prop is set to fine. |
| FuelPrs: Check | Check that fuel pressure is in green arc. |
| Fuel :Change Tank PmOn | Select fuel pump on and check that fuel pressure remains and engine continues to run. |
| Flaps :Check Full Travl | Check that flaps operate through their full travel. |
| Flaps : Set 10-15deg | Then select 10-15 degrees of flap. (2 or 3 bars on indicator) |
| Instrmt: Left 2 Rt Check | Check all instruments are ok from left to right. |
| Switchs:Battery Alt Mags | Check; master switch is on, alternator is on and mags are set to both. |
| Contrls: Check Full-Free | Check all flight controls operate through their full travel and that they move in their correct directions. |
| Hatches: Closed Harness | Secure hatch and belt yourself in. Check passenger belts also. |
| Door SI: Inflate | Inflate door seal. |
| Check04:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| | one. |
| Item | Description |
| Check05:*******Runup | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Oil Tmp: 100deg | Check that oil temp is greater than 100 degrees. |
| Power: 1800Rpm | Set power to 1800RPM. |
| MagsDrp: Less than 100 | Check each mag drop is no greater than 100RPM. |
| Compare: Mag Diff 0-50\ | Check the difference between is not greater than 50RPM. |
| Gauges :Check Normal T-P | Recheck engine temperatures and pressures. |
| Power: 2000Rpm | Set power to 2000RPM. |
| Prop :Reduc to 1500Rpm | Use prop pitch lever to reduce to 1500RPM and check recovery. |
| Idle :Check 500-800Rpm | Check that idle is between 500-800RPM. |
| Brief :Pass Experimentl | Perform passenger brief if passengers are present. |
| Check05:*****End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |
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| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Check06:*******Lineup | Lists the current checklist group. |
| FuelPmp: On | Turn on fuel pump. |
| Switchs:Mags Ck -Strb On | Recheck mags are set to both and turn on strobe lights. |
| Trnspdr: Alt or On | Set transponder to On or Alt. |
| Prsaton:Set Fnl Crus Alt | Set pressurization to cruising altitude. |
| Prsaton: Dump switch Off | Check that dump switch is off. |
| Check06:*****End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| | one. |

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Check07:***Takeoff-Climb | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Power : Full | Apply full power. |
| Instrmt: OilP FuelP | Check oil and fuel pressure. |
| Instrmt: MP38 RPM2750 | Check that manifold pressure is greater than 38 and RPM is greater than 2750. |
| Rotate : 75kias | Rotate at 75 knots indicated airspeed. |
| Altitud: 100Agl Gear up | When above 100 feet above ground level select gear up. |
| Gear :Chek Trn Thn Off | Watch gear indicator lights, check greens go out then a transit light followed by the transit light going out. |
| FuelPmp:700agl off chk-P | After passing 700ft above ground level turn off fuel pump. |
| Flaps : Up | Select flaps up. |
| Prsaton:Check Increasing | Check that pressurization cabin altitude is increasing. |
| Power: MP-30 RPM-2500 | Set power to less than 30 inches of manifold pressure and 2500 RPM. |
| FuelPmp: On above FL100 | Select fuel pump on above ten thousand feet. |
| Trim : As Required | Adjust trim for steady hands off climb. |
| Mixture: Lean per 2000ft | Lean mixture every 2000 feet climbed. |
| Check07:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Check08:******Cruise | Lists the current checklist group. |
| PwrEcon: MP-25 RPM-2200 | For economical cruise set manifold pressure to 25 and RPM to 2200. |
| PwrNrml: MP-26 RPM-2400 | For economical cruise set manifold pressure to 26 and RPM to 2400. |
| PwrFast: MP-28 RPM-2500 | For fast cruise set manifold pressure to 28 and RPM to 2500. |
| TrimSet: Once At Speed | Set trim to release pressure on stick after reaching speed. |
| Engine : Monitor Tmp Prs | Monitor engine temperatures and pressures. |
| Check08:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |



| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Check09:******Descent | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Fuel : Fullest Tank | Select fullest tank on fuel selector. |
| Speed :Maint140-200kias | Slow to between 140 and 200knots and maintain it. |
| Prsaton:Set Destintn Alt | Set altitude of destination airport on pressurization knob. |
| Power: MP-15 PRP-FINE | Set manifold pressure to 15 and propeller full fine. |
| Mixture:Rich Below FL100 | When below FL100 select mixture rich. |
| FuelPmp: Off Below FL100 | When below FL100 select fuel pump off. |
| Check09:*****End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| | one. |

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Check10:******Approach | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Brakes :Chk Prsr thn Off | Check resistance to brakes and that handbrake is off. |
| Gear : Down and locked | Select gear down, check transit and down lock lights. |
| Mix-Prp: Rich-Fine | Check mixture and prop is rich and fine. |
| FuelPmp: On | Select fuel pump on. |
| Pressrs: Oil Fuel | Check fuel and oil pressure. |
| Hatches: Secure Harness | Check hatches and harness are secure. |
| Flaps: As Required | Set flaps as required as speed decreases. |
| Lights : As Required | Set lights as required eg: landing lights. |
| SpeedRF: 100kt final | Maintain 100kt for final approach. |
| Check10:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| | one. |

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Check11:*Taxi to Parking | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Flaps : Up | Select flaps up. |
| FuelPmp: Off | Select fuel pump off. |
| Prsaton: Check 0 Diff | Check that cabin differential is 0. |
| Prsaton: Select dump On | Select cabin dump switch on. |
| Door SI: Deflate | Deflate door seal. |
| Switchs:Strb Land It Off | Select strobe and landing lights off. |
| Check11:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next |
| | one. |



| Item | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Check12:******Shutdown | Lists the current checklist group. |
| Mixture: Cut | Cut mixture. |
| Key : Remove | Select mags off and remove key. |
| Avionic: Master Off | Select avionics master off. |
| Nav Lt : Off As Required | Select NAV lights off. |
| Altrntr: Off | Select alternator off. |
| Master : Off | Select master off. |
| Brakes : Set | Set handbrake on. |
| Check12:******End***** | Lists the end of the current checklist and signals you to select the next one. |



Sandel SN3308

The Sandel SN3308 is the heart of the Orbx Lancair's instrument package. It is used to display all sorts of navigational Information for VFR and IFR operations.

Layout

This shows the layout of the click spots available on this instrument.



The 3308 can function just like a normal, albeit fairly advanced horizontal situation indicator. Simply using it in its default screen gives you a heading rose, an autopilot heading bug, a course deviation indicator, and if active a glide slope indicator.

There are various other functions available for use in the instrument, however this will be covered later.





In the normal layout the above is a guide to the labels onscreen.





Navigation Information Sources

The Navigation Information source is linked directly to your current autopilot source. It is displayed on the top left of the gauge at all times.

The following is a list of possible source flags and their actual sources.

"GNS430 number 1"Displayed if autopilot is selected to follow GPS heading or currently displaying GPS heading.

B Displayed if currently selected to NAV 1 and a Glideslope is active.

² Displayed if currently selected to NAV 2 and a Glideslope is active.



Displayed if currently selected to NAV 1



Displayed if currently selected to NAV 2

This flag is controlled by two buttons which work independently of each other but which affect each other.

The **"NAV**" button on the Sandel allows you to cycle between "NV1", "NV2" and "GS1". The source displayed here is the source that the autopilot uses when selected in NAV mode. This will be covered in more detail in the S-tec Section.

On the console between the pilot and co-pilot's legs there is another switch that will be affected by this change and can also affect this function. It is used to switch between autopilot sources between GPS and NAV but also changes the displayed source on the Sandel. It can only toggle between "NV1 or 2" (dependent on the last selected) and "GS1".





ARC Display

The Sandel can be used in two view modes, Rose and Arc. The Arc view looks like this and can be accessed by pressing the **"VUE"** button. This mode is used for both improving the view of your heading by essentially zooming it in and also providing a better unobstructed view of maps that are displayed in the background.

The current display configuration is displayed next to the button.





Map Display

The Sandel is also capable of displaying a moving map that is generated with input from the GPS. Pressing the **"MAP"** button will hide the NAV pointer and display a basic moving map behind the rose. However this will only include airports. To display more information press the **"MAP"** repeatedly to introduce more 'clutter'



...Orbx recommends using the map function in ARC view mode as it is easier to read...

Note that the screen can become overwhelmingly busy very quickly. Only display the information that you need. The orange symbols that appear down the left hand side of the gauge when in map mode are used to denote the amount of clutter currently displayed.

Where previously 'MAP OFF' was displayed in the top right hand corner of the gauge you will now see that the current map zoom range is displayed. You can zoom in and out by pressing the up or down arrow buttons on the right hand side of the gauge.



Bearing Pointers

In addition to these basic functions you can also display two additional bearing pointers that can be set to any navigation bearing. These pointers can be accessed by pressing the **"BRG"** button repeatedly. This will toggle between "pointer 1", "pointer 2" or both.



Pointers will then appear on the display in pink and blue with information about the pointers appearing in the same colors below left and right.

The first line is the information source for the pointer. The second line is the range to the waypoint if available. The last line is the bearing to that waypoint.

By default these pointers are set to display Nav1 and Nav2 but this can be changed quite easily.

Pressing the **"SHIFT"** button will open the shift screen.



This screen is intended to allow you to view and select sub functions.



The buttons next to the labels will now become soft keys that allow you to select the functions listed. To access the bearing pointers menu press the **"BRG PTRS"** soft key. Then press either the **"SHIFT"** or **"A-B"** buttons to scroll through the menu selecting NAV2 and ADF for example. Then press the ESC soft key and you will return to the normal view. If you don't already have them displayed you will need to press the **"BRG"** button to display the selected pointers.

This instrument can seem complex at first glance but once you get used to it you will wonder how you ever went without it.



Chronometer

The chronometer is essentially a fancy clock and is extremely simple to operate.



The selector knob below determines what is displayed by the instrument and can be controlled by the mouse wheel or by right clicking to rotate right or left clicking to rotate left.

The default position "FLT" shows the flight time. This allows you to log accurate flight hours in your logbook. As soon as the aircraft is traveling faster than 10 kts, this will begin to tick over. It is reset by rotating the knob to the left from the "FLT" position.

The "LOC" position will display the local time in 24hr time.

The "UTC" position displays coordinated universal time in 24hr time.

The "RUN" position will start a stopwatch.

The "STOP" position will stop the stopwatch.

The "SEC" position will display "RES" on the instrument and the stopwatch will reset to zero.

The remaining positions will display **"OFF"** on the instrument. These are used for calibrating in real world but have not been programmed into this simulation due to FSX L-var loading limitations.



The AOA

The AOA is used as a simple visual representation of your aircraft's orientation in relation to the direction it is traveling through the air. To use this instrument to its greatest effect you need a basic understanding of aerodynamics



The gauge senses a difference in pressure from static ports located above and below the wing.

As the angle of attack increases the pressure above the wing decreases while the pressure below increases resulting in greater lift which is picked up by the gauge.

The instrument looks like this and is located in the upper left hand corner of the instrument panel.





The following image shows a few situations that you may encounter during flight.



Figure 1 shows what you might see when on the ground.

The green circle shows that you have the flaps deployed and the yellow bar below the "000" means that the gear is down.

Figure 2 shows you are flying at a high angle of attack.

A warning will be heard through your headset generated by the instrument that says "angle push" this is to tell you that you are flying in a risky situation.

Figure 3 shows that your wing is stalling.

Another warning will be played at this point. "Warning Stall" If you receive this warning you are potentially in big trouble. In the Lancair it is very difficult to recover from a stall so this situation should be avoided at all times by keeping the airspeed high.

This instrument can be used to make your landings near perfect every time. There are various other ways but using this instrument is the most effective technique. The two green bars that meet in the middle are a calibrated marker. With full flap deployed and airspeed between 90 and 100 knots, keeping the instrument indicating this bar should give you a 400-500ft descent rate. You can maintain this all the way down your descent carefully controlling the AOA with the throttle not pitch. Then as you cross the fence pull the power and maintain the same AOA with the pitch instead. This will result in a smooth flare and a steady touchdown.





Obviously this takes a little practice and it won't get your landings perfect every time straight away but the technique will allow you to maximize your angle of attack for landing and keep you well away from stalling the aircraft.



Radios

The following is a list of radios detailed within this section.

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The GMA340 (Audio Panel)

The GMA340 is a user friendly general aircraft audio panel capable of quickly and easily managing all the audio sources inherent to a modern aircraft.

The following image shows the click spots available on the GMA340.



Obviously there are some limitations to the audio system in FSX so not all functions available to the instrument have been simulated and have been labeled entertainment only.

Most of the functions are simply toggling audio on and off for various audio sources. The top row of buttons is the main section that you will be using. If an audio source is on the light of its button will illuminate. You can turn the knobs and test the lights but for the most part these are again just for entertainment purposes.

| GARMI | 4 | | | | | | | | GMA 340 |
|-------|-----------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| * | | MUTE | COM1 | COM2 | СОМЗ | NAV1 | NAV2 D | ME ADF | TEST |
| | | - н | | | | | SPKR | PILOT | |
| | က OFF/ | LO | COM1 MIC | COM2 MIC | COM3 MIC | сом | CABIN AUDIO | ICS ISOLATION | () VOL |
| PILC | | SENS | MIC | inic | inic | 1/2 | PA | CREW | PULL PASS VOL COPILOT |



The GNS430s (GPS/NAV/COM)

The Garmin GNS430 is a multipurpose IFR instrument intended to eliminate the need for multiple radios in a conventional General Aviation aircraft.

Layout



This is a general indication of the click spots on this gauge most of which are left click items.

The knobs have a click spot on both sides of the 3D geometry that can be operated with a left click or the mouse wheel. Orbx recommends the implementation of the mouse wheel for ease of use.

The layout of the gauge itself varies but generally consists of the radio information on the left hand side, page information along the bottom and the current page in the centre.





Here is an example of the normal map configuration.

However in place of the 'Main Moving Map' and 'Waypoint Info', other pages can be displayed.

NAV/COM adjustment.

The NAV and COM radios are always displayed on the upper left had part of the screen.

These consist of one COM radio (Com 1) and one NAV/VOR radio (VLOC). They can both be adjusted by selecting the intended radio and pressing the **"Push CV"** button. The standby frequency of the selected radio will be highlighted.





Rotating the left hand knobs will increase or decrease the frequency value. This can be done as a whole number or fractionally depending on the knob being rotated. Once the desired frequency is set, pressing the "C" or "V" button will swap the standby frequency with the active frequency.

Page Groups and Pages

The right hand side of the instrument displays all kinds of GPS information stored in the database and this information is displayed in pages. These can be cycled to display the particular information that you desire.

Due to the large number of pages available, Garmin split these pages up into groups.

These are, 'NAV, WPT and NRST.'

The 'NAV' or Navigation pages display real time information that can be used to navigate the aircraft, including moving maps waypoint deviation heading information etc...

The 'WPT' or Waypoint pages are used to display information about airports, airspaces, VOR's NDB's etc... of your choice.

The 'NRST' or Nearest pages display lists of nearest items and the most essential information you need to know about these locations.

The current group is displayed here at the bottom left hand side of the gauge. If any of the popup pages are active, this display will change to their respective identifiers. More on Popup pages later.



Switching between groups is achieved by rotating the large right hand knob. This is only possible when one of these groups is already displayed and a field is not being edited.



The number of page info is represented here.



The blue boxes represent the number of pages and the white box represents the current page.

Switching between these pages is achieved by rotating the small right hand knob. This is only possible when one of these grouped pages is displayed and a field is not being edited.



'Nav' Pages

Most of the time the Garmin GNS430 is used in the 'NAV' pages which include the 'main GPS page,' the 'CDI page,' the 'compass page' the 'vertical navigation page,' and the satellites page.'

The Main GPS page.

This page displays a 2D top down moving map, the next waypoint data and your current groundspeed. It is a very useful page for VFR flight and is the default starting page after startup. The page that was active when the unit was shut down in the current flight will again be displayed if the unit has been rebooted during flight.



Pressing the **'CLR'** button while in this page will remove map layers like airspace, Nav data etc... This is called clutter and its current configuration will be displayed next to the zoom info.



The CDI or Course Deviation Indicator page. (Rotate Small right hand knob to the right once)

This page displays flight plan data and a CDI similar to that which you would find on a VOR indicator.



The CDI (top box) only displays your current GPS waypoint deviation (No VOR deviation). It will display a range of 5 nautical miles deviation from the current flight plan leg with a pointer. If the deviation is greater than 5nm it will display the distance and direction of the deviation on the left or right side of the box.

When flying a flight plan or an approach, keep the pointer centered on the arrow.

The next box down displays the current leg and the nature of that leg. The symbol in the centre represents one of the following.



Left hand arc



Right hand arc



From x to y



Direct To from current location

Right hand let down approach









Vectors to final

The next box down displays information about that leg.

- DIS = Distance to the next waypoint in nautical miles.
- DTK = Direct Track bearing in degrees deviation from North.
- BRG = Bearing between waypoints on current leg in degrees deviation from North.
- GS = Current groundspeed in nautical miles per hour.
- TRK = Current track in degrees deviation from North.
- ETE = Expected time of intersection with next leg or airport.



Compass page (from main map page, rotate small right hand knob to the right twice)

The GNS430 has no magnetometer. Therefore the compass represented here is not a whisky compass. It does not actually display a true magnetic heading; it updates incrementally and shows the bearing between where you came from and where you are.

| 060 030 | | 330 | 300 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| TRK | ALT | | |
| 360 _M | 360 _M 0 ^k | | |
| POSITIO | POSITION | | |
| S 3 E 14 | 9:43:46 | | |
| APT YMML | FROM | 147 _M | 0.9 ⁿ |

The next box below the compass displays from left to right, your current track in a numeric form, your current groundspeed and your current altitude.

The next box below displays coordinates of your current location on earth and the current time.

The 'APT' box displays your current nearest airport.

The 'FROM' box displays a bearing to your nearest airport and the distance to it.



The Vertical Navigation page. (from main map page, rotate small right hand knob to the right three times)

This page displays Altitude information

| VER | RTICAL NAVIGA | TION |
|----------------|---------------|------|
| TARGET | ALTITUDE | |
| 99900 <u>(</u> | | MSL |
| TARGET | POSITION | |
| 0.0 <u>0</u> | Before | YYWG |
| VS PROFILE | | VSR |
| 700f | | 0f |

The Target described by the headings is the next waypoint assuming an altitude for the next waypoint is listed in the flight plan.

The 'TARGET ALTITUDE' is the altitude of the next waypoint.

The 'TARGET POSITION' is the difference between your position and the waypoint position in nautical miles

'VS PROFILE' is your current vertical speed

'VSR' is the constant vertical speed required to reach the altitude of the waypoint.



The Satellite Status page. (from main map page, rotate small right hand knob to the right four times)

This displays the current satellite status.



This section is for entertainment purposes only since FSX supplies 100% GPS coverage anywhere in the world.

This page is also displayed at the end of the startup process.



Waypoint/Airport group pages

The airport/waypoint pages are accessed by rotating the large right hand knob to the right once. Subpages can be cycled through by rotating the small right hand knob to the right or left.

The waypoint/airport pages are intended to both supply the user with detailed information about particular airports, waypoints, NAV-aids and airspaces, from around the world.

The top boxes in each of these pages look like this.



It indicates the particular airport, waypoint, etc. which is selected and basic info about the example. In this case from left to right, YMML is Melbourne International Airport, the airport symbol for airport type examples listed/ shown below, and the nature of the airport (private, public etc.) By default the closest example will be automatically selected, or if a flight plan is loaded the destination airport or closest en route waypoints etc. will be automatically selected.

Alternatively once one of these pages are selected you can change the selected airport, waypoint, etc. by pressing the **'PUSH CRSR'** button once. This will highlight the identifier code displayed in the box on the left hand side so that you can input a different code. Rotating the right-hand small knob once will enter input mode for the first character. Continuing to rotate this knob will cycle character by character through the alphabet. Once you have set the first character you can rotate the large right-hand knob to the right once which will select the next character and so on. When you have entered all the characters, pressing the **'ENT'** button will activate the code and the page will display the newly selected airport, waypoint, and other information.

The pages available in the 'Waypoint/Airport' pages are as follows.

The airport information page (APT), the airport runways page (APT2), the airport messages page (APT3), the airport approach page (APR4), the Intersection page (INT), the NDB page (NDB) and the VOR page (VOR).



The Airport information page (APT). (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once.)

The Airport information is intended to provide you with various pieces of information about the selected airport. And is set out like this.

| APT | YMM | 1L 🕕 I | Public | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------|--------|------|------|--|--|
| | FACILITY CITY NAME | | | | | | |
| Melbourne Intl Melbourne, Victoria | | | | | | | |
| P | DSITION | | ELEV | | FUEL | | |
| S 37 '40.40' E 144 '50.60 434{ Avgas | | | | | | | |
| APR | ILS | RADAR | | ARSF | °C 🔤 | | |

The FACILITY CITY NAME box displays the airports name and state or country.

The POSITION box displays the latitude and longitude of the selected airport.

The ELEV box displays the airport elevation above sea level.

The FUEL box displays info on the fuel facilities available at the selected airport if they are present in the database.

The APR box displays the available approach facilities at the selected airport if present in the database.

The RADAR box displays the availability of radar at the selected airport if present in the database.

The ARSPC box displays the presence of an airport airspace at the selected airport.



The Airport Runway page. (from the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top the right once.)

The Airport Runway page provides a visual representation of the runways at the selected airport and information about these runways.

This page is set out as follows.



The large left hand box displays a visual representation of the orientation of the airport runways in relation to NORTH and the basic name, approach, elevation, and length information.

the RUNWAY box indicates the selected runway and details about the it are displayed in the box below. Details on selecting different runways will be explained later.

The INFO box displays the following information from top to bottom.

Runway length in feet Runway width in feet Runway surface type Airport operation type


The Airport Frequencies Page. (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top to the right twice.)

| APT | YMML 0 Publ | ic |
|-----|-------------|--------|
| | Approach | 132.00 |
| | ATIS § | 132.70 |
| | Clearance | 127.20 |
| | Departure | 118.90 |
| | Departure | 129.40 |

The Airport frequencies page provides a list of available COM frequencies at the selected airport.

This shows air traffic information, clearance, departure, ground and others.

The type of frequency is displayed in the first column.

The second column identifies if frequency is a receive only frequency.

The final column displays the actual frequency.

To scroll through the list press the "**CRSR**" button then rotate the large right hand knob to make your way down the list.

Once you have highlighted the frequency that you desire you can tune the standby frequency to it by pressing the **"ENT"** button.



The Airport Approach Page. (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top to the right three times.)



The Airport Approach page is used to display approach information for the selected airport.

The large box provides a visual representation of the approach.

The APR box displays the approach identifier.

The TRANS box displays the type of approach.

This page allows you to select the approach that you need information about. Pressing the **"CRSR"** button, selecting the approach box with the large right hand knob and pressing the **"ENT"** button will bring up an approach list that looks like this.



You can then select the desired approach by scrolling using either of the large right hand knobs and pressing the **"ENT"** button. This will automatically switch you to the TRANS select box.

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In the same way you then select the desired transition.

The large box will now display the visual representation of the approach you selected. This will be flashing from an overlay with vector info only to airport and other data as well. This page is also used for selecting an actual approach flight plan which will be covered later.



The Intersection Page. (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top to the right four times.)



The airport intersection page is used to display information about a desired intersection.

The REGION box displays the region identifier of the selected intersection.

The NEAREST VOR displays the closest VOR to the intersection and a radial vector and distance in nautical miles

The POSITION displays the location of the intersection in latitude and longitude.



The NDB page. (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top to the right five times.)

| NDB | MEA | < i> | |
|--------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| FACILI | TY, CITY & RI | EGION | |
| MEA | MEADOW (MELBOURNE) | | |
| YM | | | |
| POSITI | ION | | FREQ |
| | S 37 139 E 144 15 | | 230.0 |

The NDB page shows information about the selected NDB.

The FACILITY, CITY & REGION Box is self evident. It displays the name of the NDB the city or location and that location's identifier.

The POSITION is the location of the NDB in latitude and longitude.

The FREQUENCY is the frequency you would need to tune to in order to receive this signal.



The VOR page. (From the map group rotate the large right hand knob to the right once then rotate the small right hand knob top to the right six times.)

| VOR | ML 🔯 H | igh Alt |
|--------|-------------------|----------|
| FACILI | TY, CITY & REGION | |
| MELI | BOURNE | |
| | | |
| YM | | VAR E011 |
| POSITI | ION . | FREQ |
| | S 37 "39.61" | 114.10 |
| | E 144 '50.52' | |

The VOR page shows information about the selected VOR.

This is set out the same as the NDB Page with the exception of the magnetic variation box which displays the heading of the intended intersection with this VOR.



Nearest group pages

The Nearest pages are accessed by rotating the large right hand knob to the right twice. Then you can cycle through the sub pages by rotating the small right knob to the right or left.

These pages are a reference about the nearest airports, intersections, airspaces, etc.

These pages will allow you to select the items in the list, then from here you can switch to the relevant WPT Group page with your selection available.

| | NEARES | T AIRPORT | |
|------|--------------------|--------------|-------|
| APT | BRG | DIS | DIS |
| YMML | 🕕 315 _Å | 0.9 <u>n</u> | ILS 🔶 |
| twr | 120,500 | rwy | 12001 |
| YMEN | 😑 128 _Å | 3.4% | |
| twr | 125.100 | rwy | 6295{ |
| YLUT | 🕗 194 _Å | 11.8% | |
| | 000.000 | rwy | 5005(|
| YMPC | 186 _m | 15.5g | NDB |
| mul | 120.250 | rwy | 4503(|
| YMMB | 134 _m | 21.00 | GPS |

For example in the Nearest airports page

Pressing the "**CRSR**" button will highlight the first item on the list.

You can then scroll down the list by using the large right hand knob and press "ENT".

This will take you to the "Airport information page" described above and the item will already be selected.

The functions are the same for each page.

Flight plans

Flight plans can be loaded into the Orbx GNS430 GPS in two ways. Firstly you can create a flight plan using FSX's flight planner function or you can enter Direct To "**D**>" plans with an approach component.

To load a full flight plan create it and then select it. Your plan will automatically be loaded in the GPS.



The Direct to page. (From any default screen press the "D>" button.)

The direct to page looks like this. It is used to select a straight line intercept with any waypoint airport etc.

| SELECT D> WAYPOINT | | |
|--|------|------------------|
| YYWG Ø Yarrawonga Yarrawonga, Victoria | | |
| FPL | NRST | YMML |
| S 36°01.70 | CRS | 018 _m |
| E 146°01.70 | | Activate? |

It can be accessed from any screen by pressing the "D>" button.

Press the "**CRSR**" button to select the desired destination. By default this will select the airport loaded in your WPT Airport information page. You can simply press "**ENT**" to load it or you can rotate the small right hand knob to the right to enter input mode. Then you can either type in your desired identifier on your keyboard or you can use the knobs to enter it.

Once you have identified your desired location press the **"ENT"** button twice to close input mode and select it. The cursor will switch to the 'Activate?' symbol below.

Press **"ENT**" one more time to activate it. You can alternatively select the nearest airport quickly by highlighting the NRST box and activating that.

From there you will be taken to the Flight Plan page which will be described below. You can hide it by simply pressing the **"FPL"** button and return to the normal pages.



The Flight Plan page. (From any default screen press the "FPL" button.)

The Flight Plan page looks like this... and is used to view and control the selected flight plan.

| | ACTIVE F | LIGHT PLAN | |
|-------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| 00 Dire | ct to YY | WG | 1 |
| WAYPOINT | | DTK | DIS |
| Enroute | | | |
| VYNG | 018% | 1149 | 1142 |
| Approach | | | |
| | YMGNF | 1916 | 50 |
| YHGNM | 202 _M | 50 | 100 |
| 1120 | 191 | 89 | 100 |
| YMGNH | 202 _M | 30 | 130 |
| RAAAf | 1915 | 50 | 4 <u>8</u> 0 |

The top boxes describe the number and name of the flight plan.

The large box lists the order of entered waypoints.

The Enroute section is the list of waypoints before the approach.

The Approach section and name lists type and name of the approach, then the waypoints of the approach.

When a flight plan is loaded you can skip to any waypoint by opening this page and pressing the **"CRSR"** button. This will highlight the list then you can scroll through them by rotating the left hand large knob.

Press the **"ENT"** when you have highlighted the desired waypoint and a box will appear describing the waypoint with an "Activate?" question highlighted. Press the **"ENT"** button again to activate it.



The Procedures page. (From any default screen press the "PROC" button.)

The Procedures page looks like this... and is used to select and activate approaches.

| PROCEDURES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Activate Vectors-To-Final? | A |
| Activate Approach? | |
| Select Approach? | ~ 10 |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

Open this page by pressing the "**PROC**" button from any default screen.

To select an approach a flight plan has to be active and has to have a destination airport. Pressing the **"ENT"** button with this page open and the "Select Approach?" option highlighted will take you to the approach page with the APR section highlighted. Press the **"ENT"** button to select your approach.

This will open the Approach box which allows you to select the approach as described in the previous pages. (*The Airport approach page.*)

Once you have also selected a transition you will have to select The **"load? or activate?"** Question at the bottom right. Highlight it with the large right hand knob then press the **"ENT"** button.

If you choose the "Load?" option the approach will be loaded into the flight plan list.

If you chose the **"Activate?"** option the current waypoint will be switched straight to the first waypoint in the approach.

Once you have an approach loaded other options will become available in the Procedures page.

The **"activate vectors-to-final?"** option allows you to disregard the entire approach and skip directly to the final section of the approach.

The "activate approach?" option allows you to activate the approach when en route.

Note: While flying your flight plan you must choose when to activate one of these options as the GPS will not automatically cycle to the approach.

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The Messages Page. (From any default screen press the "MSG" button.)

The Messages page looks like this and is intended to display messages to aid situational airspace awareness.

| Inside Airspace | 100 |
|-----------------|-----|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| MSG NAV | |

There are various bits of airspace information available here and if the situation calls for it you may expect one or more of these warnings to appear.

"Near Airspace less than 2nm"

"Airspace ahead less than 10 minutes"

"Airspace near and ahead"

"Inside Airspace"

A situation is recognized by the computer then it activates a message. The message flag at the bottom of the gauge will illuminate and flash. You need to press the **"MSG"** button to view the information and the flag will stop flashing. You can then press the **"MSG"** button again to hide the page. The MSG flag will continue to illuminate until the situation is resolved.

Supplements

Other manuals can be found here that describe the full operation of a real world GNS430 and were used as the basis for programming our version.

http://www8.garmin.com/products/manual.jsp?product=010-00139-11



The KR-87 (ADF)

The KR-87 is a robust ADF selector instrument designed for easy ADF selection and flight timing.

The following image shows the click spots available on this instrument.



Frequency Options

Selecting an ADF frequency is done on the standby frequency. (Displaying 1600 on the image above)

Rotating the knobs on the far right hand side of the instrument allows you to change this frequency. The top of the large knob changes 100s into the thousands, eg. 100-1700. The bottom of the large knob changes 10s and the small knob changes 1s.

Once you have selected the desired frequency press the **"FRQ/**<>" or flip-flop button to swap the standby frequency with the active one.

The actual ADF pointer is only available on the Sandel. You will have to select the ADF on one of the pointers of the Sandel. You can read how to do this here.

Sandel Bearing Pointers

The "ADF" button toggles between Normal ADF and antenna (ANT) mode. In the real world instrument ANT mode deactivates the ADF pointer and boosts the ADF audio signal in order to better identify the sound generated by an NDB. Since FSX generates NDB sound regardless of distance and angle consistently we have simply implemented this option to activate the "ANT" flag only.



The "BFO" activates a mode specifically for identification of an NDB. Some NDBs generate an uninterrupted carrier for identification purposes. Activating this mode allows the morse code generated by one of these NDBs to be heard.

Timers

There are also 2 timers that can be used in this instrument; Flight time (FLT) or elapsed time (ET).

These timers can be accessed by pressing the **"FLT/ET"** button. Once in either of these modes a flag in the top right hand corner of the screen will appear to identify which one and the standby frequency will display a stopwatch.



To start ether of these timers left click the **"SET/RST"** button. To stop them left click it again. To reset the timer you can ether right click the **"SET/RST"** button or left click the **"FRQ/<>"** button.

These timers can work independently of each other and will be reset at the beginning of each flight.



The KT-76C (Transponder)

The KT-76C is a digital mode-C transponder with a simple input function and easy VFR/IFR switching modes.

The following image displays the available click spots on this instrument.

| Activate IDT Transmission. | Rotate Mode Knob |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | XPDR KT76C TSO ON LT SBY |
| 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | CLR. VFR |
| Frequency select buttons Clear Freque | ency Toggle VFR Frequency (1200) |

The large knob on the right hand side of the gauge is the mode control knob. It can be rotated by clicking ether side of the knob or by using the mouse wheel.

The following modes are available

SBY (Standby) Used for setting the frequency without transmitting. Primarily used on the ground so as not to cause erroneous location signals to ATC

TST (Test) allows user to check all LEDs within the instrument are functional.

ON Normal VFR function transmits signal that is triangulated by ATC instruments.

ALT (Altitude) Required for IFR operations. Transmits encoded altitude as well as normal signal. In this mode the altitude being transmitted is what is displayed on the left hand side of the instrument in a flight level format.

You can see your current mode by the flag displayed in the centre of the screen

The frequency given to you by ATC or Squawk code as its known can be input into the instrument by typing it on the row of numbers along the bottom of the instrument. You can see the code displayed on the right hand side of the instrument. The triangle below the code is intended to tell you which digit you are editing.



The "CLR" button will reset this code to 0000 and return the triangle to the first digit. It is intended to provide you with an easy way to start again if you make a mistake.

The "VFR" button enters VFR mode which changes the code to 1200. Toggling to this mode will first change the code to 1200 if you press it again the code will change back to whatever was displayed before you activated VFR mode.

Due to FSX automatically changing the frequency using ATC commands it is possible to cause a minor glitch in this system. To solve this, the button has been programmed to not interfere with a FSX command to change the frequency. If this happens when in VFR mode the VFR frequency will be changed and pressing the VFR button once will not return the frequency to 1200. The solution is to press the button twice instead. This will reset the cycle of the VFR frequency and return you to 1200.

Under normal operations you may see a small "R" symbol appear on the screen momentarily next to the frequency. This signals that the transponder has been queried by ATC and is responding with the signal it is set to transmit.

The "IDT" button is intended to allow you to transmit to ATC information about the aircraft. This is used when you are asked to "Ident" by ATC. Pressing this button will cause the "R" to appear for about 18 seconds.



The S-TEC 55x (Autopilot)

The S-TEC 55x is a 2 axis autopilot system capable of full ILS approaches, climb, altitude hold, Nav hold etc... It incorporates all the trappings of a modern airliners autopilot system in a space that's a fraction of the size.

The following image shows the layout of the instrument and the click spots available.



The autopilot is powered from the avionics bus. Once avionics power is switched on the S-TEC will automatically enter a test mode. This works by first displaying all the flags available on the instrument at once as is shown above. The only flag that will not illuminate is the "RDY" flag. Once the flags go out the instrument will test for turn and bank RPM. This is the primary source for aircraft bank condition so it must be at an adequate rpm before autopilot operations can begin. Once the turn and bank is at speed and the autopilot has acknowledged it a "RDY" flag will appear. This is the signal that the instrument is ready to use.

If this signal is not obtained do not attempt to activate the autopilot as this can cause erroneous behavior of the flight controls.

The autopilot first has to be activated on the roll axis. Therefore attempting to activate any of the functions that require a pitch component i.e. altitude hold, vertical speed hold, approach hold etc will not work unless Heading or Nav mode have been activated first.

To use the autopilot it is important to first trim the aircraft correctly. Release all pressure on the controls using the aileron and elevator using trim before activating the autopilot.



Heading Operations

To operate the heading hold function you must first set your desired heading on the Sandel using the heading bug knob. It is simply then a matter of pressing the "HDG" (heading) button on the autopilot to have it roll the aircraft to intercept the required heading. Once it has achieved this it will remain on this heading until you either select a new heading or a new function such as NAV, APR or REV. To deactivate heading hold mode press the "HDG" button again. The heading flag will flash a few times then go out. If only heading mode was active then you will hear a tone to signal that the autopilot master is also being disengaged. This will occur with any of the available functions if they are the only active function.

NAV operations

NAV operations consist of using a navigation device to operate the autopilot. This can be one of two possibilities; the NAVs or GPS. To select the source of the navigation you need to choose one on the Sandel or HDG/GPS switch.

This is easiest to do using the HDG/GPS switch. Although it is labelled HDG/GPSS it is better to think of the options as NAV or GPS. When in the HDG mode the autopilot operates on the currently selected NAV. (NAV1 by default)



This means that you can dial up the frequency of a VOR in the GNS430 (see here) and if a track is available then the autopilot can be selected to intercept it.

Alternatively you can select GPSS and this will change the source to look for the active GPS flight plan track. If a flight plan is loaded into the GPS and the GPSS source is selected then a flag that looks like this will appear on the autopilot.



This signals that the autopilot is reading a GPS source.

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When you want to use a NAV you need to select the frequency and also the NAV pointer heading. This is the same as rotating the compass card on a normal VOR instrument. Once you have a signal you can activate NAV mode by pressing the **"NAV"** button. This will result in the autopilot rolling the aircraft to intercept the NAV pointer heading. If you are not on the correct track the CDI will show how far from it you are. The autopilot will guide the aircraft on to the correct track. If the CDI is at its full deflection in one direction the autopilot will set up the aircraft on a 45 degree intercept. Once it reaches the range of the CDI it will begin to shallow the angle until it is on the correct track.



When using GPS mode the intercept will operate in the same way.

Altitude Hold

Altitude hold captures the current altitude and maintains it. To do this it uses both the elevator trim servo and an elevator servo. Any correction made by the autopilot on this axis is displayed on the autopilot with a trim flag and an arrow up or down. This flag is also displayed when you use the trim servo manually as it is the same servo. To activate altitude hold a roll axis function has to be active. However you can deactivate any of these after the altitude hold is active so that you can manually control the aileron axis.



Vertical Speed hold

The vertical speed hold function is used to hold a climb rate that you select using the knob on the right hand side on the instrument. To activate vertical speed hold a roll axis function has to be active. However you can deactivate any of these after the vertical speed hold is active so that you can manually control the aileron axis. Pressing the "**VS**" button will activate climb mode and this will be displayed on the instrument along with a VS flag.



The autopilot will then take control of the elevator by trimming the elevator to the required climb rate. You can change the rate by rotating the knob on the right hand side of the instrument.

If you are using the vertical speed to control a climb to an altitude it is recommended that 500 ft below the intended altitude reduce the climb rate before pressing the altitude hold button. This will help prevent the altitude hold from overshooting.

Approaches

The autopilot can fly an ILS approach quite easily. First you need to set up an intercept with the approach. To do this you must dial up the "**ILS**" frequency on the NAV and select the course on the NAV pointer heading. If you are in range the Sandel will show the track on the NAV and your deviation. If you are on track already you can now press the "**APR**" (approach) button. This will behave like a normal intercept with a "NAV" as described above however the APR flag will be shown on the autopilot instead. If you are not already on the approach track you need to position the aircraft to intercept the ILS. Once you are set up to intercept the outer marker using the NAV or HDG function and maintaining altitude with the Altitude hold function you will now be able to press the "**APR**" (approach) button to activate approach mode. This will tell the autopilot to continue on the NAV course and maintain height however to look for the intercept with the glideslope. Once you intercept the glideslope the autopilot will display a "GS" flag and begin to descend on the glideslope course. It is not recommended to use the autopilot to fly the entire approach.

Course reverse

When using the NAV or approach (not GPS) you can reverse the course quite easily. You simply press the "**REV**" button when flying on a track and the autopilot will turn the aircraft through a procedure turn back to the opposite course. This can be particularly useful when making a missed approach if you have the airports VOR dialed up on one of the radios. Simply activate the reverse course button and it will fly you in the opposite direction. Then once you are far enough away from the airport deactivate the "**REV**" button to be turned back around onto your desired approach course again.



Performance and calculation

This section is to give you an idea of the best way to operate the Lancair by being aware of how different operating procedures can effect fuel consumption flight times etc...

The following is a list of normal operating airspeeds. As published in the **Aircraft Pilots Operating Handbook.**

| Speed | AKA | KCAS |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Never exceed speed | Vne | 274 |
| Caution, smooth air only | Yellow arc | 220-274 |
| Maneuvering speed | Va | 170 |
| Normal operating range | Vno Green arc | 69-220 |
| Flap operating range | 0-10 Deg | 174 |
| Flap operating range | Vfe white arc | 69-132 |
| Best angle of climb speed | Vx | 110 |
| Best rate of climb speed | Vy | 135 |
| Stall speed clean | Vs | 75 |
| Stall speed landing config | Vso | 69 |
| Landing gear operating speed | Vlo (down) | 150 |
| Landing gear operating speed | Vlo (up) | 120 |
| Landing gear extend speed | Vle | 165 |
| Max demonstrated X-wind component | Vcx | 25 |

The following three graphs show how performance changes, as altitude increases and how that effects fuel consumption and cruise speeds. Each graph represents a particular cruise power setting.

The fourth graph shows how cruise power and altitude effects range.

This data can be helpful for optimizing your cruise altitude for the best fuel consumption.

The final graph shows climb performance over distance and fuel.





Altitude [feet]







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93 USG usable - 30 min reserve - Climb 900/800/700 fpm @ 165-175 TAS - Decent 1000 fpm @ 220-160 TAS 1'300 1'200 1'100 1'000 Range [NM] 900 800 700 600 2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000 16000 18000 20000 22000 24000 26000 1'106 1'140 1'152 1'163 1'174 1'187 1'197 1'207 1'216 1'225 1'093 1'118 1'130 55% power 65% power 995 1'010 1'023 1'035 1'048 1'062 1'078 1'090 1'103 1'114 1'128 1'140 1'152 917 930 943 956 969 981 996 1'009 1'022 1'037 1'048 1'060 1'071 75% power Altitude [feet]

Lancair IV-P Range over Power and Altitude

Chart Climb (2)

Lancair IV-P Distance and Fuel to Altitude Engine: 31" MP - 2500 RPM - Rate of Climb: 900/800/700 FPM



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Customer support

Product Technical Support

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- -A screenshot to highlight what you are talking about
- A descriptive post title which clearly states what the issue is

-Detailed comments in your post about what you are reporting on

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You will find a comprehensive Lancair Paint kit in the **ORBX\Lancair Painkit** folder which includes PDF instruction documents, a sample texture.cfg and layered Photoshop PSD files. All of the Orbx team repaints were created using this kit.

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