Aerospace Toolbox Release Notes

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Summary by Version

This table provides quick access to what's new in each version. For clarification, see "About Release Notes" on page 1.

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Latest Version V2.0 (R2007b)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	Printable Release Notes: PDF Current product documentation
V1.1 (R2007a)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
New Product V1.0 (R2006b)	Yes Details	Not applicable	Bug Reports	No

About Release Notes

Use release notes when upgrading to a newer version to learn about new features and changes, and the potential impact on your existing files and practices. Release notes are also beneficial if you use or support multiple versions.

If you are not upgrading from the most recent previous version, review release notes for all interim versions, not just for the version you are installing. For example, when upgrading from V1.0 to V1.2, review the New Features and Changes, Version Compatibility Considerations, and Bug Reports for V1.1 and V1.2.

New Features and Changes

These include

- New functionality

- Changes to existing functionality
- Changes to system requirements (complete system requirements for the current version are at the MathWorks Web site)
- Any version compatibility considerations associated with each new feature or change

Version Compatibility Considerations

When a new feature or change introduces a reported incompatibility between versions, its description includes a **Compatibility Considerations** subsection that details the impact. For a list of all new features and changes that have reported compatibility impact, see the "Compatibility Summary for Aerospace Toolbox" on page 9.

Compatibility issues that are reported after the product has been released are added to Bug Reports at the MathWorks Web site. Because bug fixes can sometimes result in incompatibilities, also review fixed bugs in Bug Reports for any compatibility impact.

Fixed Bugs and Known Problems

MathWorks Bug Reports is a user-searchable database of known problems, workarounds, and fixes. The MathWorks updates the Bug Reports database as new problems and resolutions become known, so check it as needed for the latest information.

Access Bug Reports at the MathWorks Web site using your MathWorks Account. If you are not logged in to your MathWorks Account when you link to Bug Reports, you are prompted to log in or create an account. You then can view bug fixes and known problems for R14SP2 and more recent releases.

Related Documentation at Web Site

Printable Release Notes (PDF). You can print release notes from the PDF version, located at the MathWorks Web site. The PDF version does not support links to other documents or to the Web site, such as to Bug Reports. Use the browser-based version of release notes for access to all information.

Product Documentation. At the MathWorks Web site, you can access complete product documentation for the current version and some previous versions, as noted in the summary table.

Version 2.0 (R2007b) Aerospace Toolbox

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.0 (R2007b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Yes—Details labeled as **Compatibility Considerations**, below. See also Summary.	Bug Reports	Printable Release Notes: PDF Current product documentation

New features and changes introduced in this version are

Virtual Reality Toolbox Animation Object

This release introduces the following new objects and their associated methods to visualize flight data using Virtual Reality Toolbox:

- `Aero.VirtualRealityAnimation`
- `Aero.Node`
- `Aero.Viewpoint`

Support for the COSPAR International Reference Atmosphere 1986 Model

The `atmoscira` function implements the COSPAR International Reference Atmosphere (CIRA) 1986 environmental model.

Support for 2001 United States Naval Research Laboratory Mass Spectrometer and Incoherent Scatter Radar Exosphere

The `atmosnrlmsise00` function implements the 2001 United States Naval Research Laboratory Mass Spectrometer and Incoherent Scatter Radar Exosphere (NRLMSISE) environmental model.

Support for the EGM96 Geopotential Model

The `geoidegm96` function implements the 1996 Earth Geopotential Model (EGM96).

quat2angle Function Replaces quat2euler

The `quat2angle` function converts spatial representation from any of 12 standard sequences of rotation angles to quaternions.

Compatibility Considerations

The `quat2euler` function is deprecated. Applications that contain this function continue to be supported, but an error message will be displayed. Use the `quat2angle` function instead.

angle2quat Function Replaces euler2quat

The `angle2quat` function converts spatial representation from quaternions to any of 12 standard sequences of rotation angles.

Compatibility Considerations

The `euler2quat` function is deprecated. Applications that contain this function continue to be supported, but an error message will be displayed. Use the `angle2quat` function instead.

Version 1.1 (R2007a) Aerospace Toolbox

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.1 (R2007a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Not applicable	Bug Reports	Printable Release Notes: PDF Current product documentation

New features and changes introduced in this version are

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New Aerospace Toolbox Objects

This release introduces the following new objects and their associated methods to create a six–degrees–of–freedom animation of multiple bodies that have custom geometries:

- `Aero.Animation`
- `Aero.Body`
- `Aero.Camera`
- `Aero.Geometry`

New Aerospace Toolbox Demo

Aerospace Toolbox has a new demo, Overlaying Simulated and Actual Flight Data, which illustrates the use of the Aero objects.

Version 1.0 (R2006b) Aerospace Toolbox

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.0 (R2006b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Not applicable	Bug Reports	Printable Release Notes: PDF Current product documentation

New features introduced in this version are described here.

Introduction of Aerospace Toolbox

Aerospace Toolbox extends the MATLAB® technical computing environment by providing reference standards, environment models, and aerodynamic coefficient importing for performing advanced aerospace analysis to develop and evaluate your designs. An interface to the FlightGear flight simulator enables you to visualize flight data in a three-dimensional environment and reconstruct behavioral anomalies in flight-test results. To ensure design consistency, Aerospace Toolbox provides utilities for unit conversions, coordinate transformations, and quaternion math, as well as standards-based environmental models for the atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic fields. You can import aerodynamic coefficients directly from the U.S. Air Force Digital Data Compendium (DATCOM) to carry out preliminary control design and vehicle performance analysis.

The toolbox provides you with the following main features:

- Provides standards-based environmental models for atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic fields.
- Converts units and transforms coordinate systems and spatial representations.
- Implements predefined utilities for aerospace parameter calculations, time calculations, and quaternion math.

- Imports aerodynamic coefficients directly from the U.S. Air Force Digital Data Compendium (DATCOM).
- Interfaces to the FlightGear flight simulator, enabling visualization of vehicle dynamics in a three-dimensional environment.

Aerospace Toolbox has the following limitation:

- The FlightGear animation object can not be compiled with the MATLAB compiler to create a standalone application.

Compatibility Summary for Aerospace Toolbox

This table summarizes new features and changes that might cause incompatibilities when you upgrade from an earlier version, or when you use files on multiple versions. Details are provided in the description of the new feature or change.

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
Latest Version V2.0 (R2007b)	See the **Compatibility Considerations** subheading for this new feature or change: • "quat2angle Function Replaces quat2euler" on page 5 • "angle2quat Function Replaces euler2quat" on page 5
V1.1 (R2007a)	Not applicable
V1.0 (R2006b)	Not applicable