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# R2013b

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**Version: 2.12**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: Yes**

## **FlightGear animation object support for FlightGear Version 2.10**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear Version 2.10.

For more information on working with FlightGear, see “Aero.FlightGearAnimation Objects”.

## **dcmeci2ecef function to convert Earth-Centered Inertial to Earth-Centered Earth-Fixed coordinates**

The `dcmeci2ecef` function calculates the position direction cosine matrix (ECI to ECEF), based on the specified reduction method and Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), for the specified time and geophysical data.

## **Latitude inputs outside +90 and -90 degrees**

These functions now correctly take into account latitude inputs that are outside +90 and -90 degrees.

- `atmosnrlmsise00`
- `geoc2geod`
- `geod2geoc`
- `flat2lla`
- `lla2flat`
- `geoidheight`
- `gravitywgs84`

## **Celestial navigation example**

The Marine Navigation Using Planetary Ephemerides example shows how to perform celestial navigation of a marine vessel using the planetary ephemerides and Earth-Centered Inertial to Earth-Centered Earth-Fixed (ECI to ECEF) transformation.



## **Phaseout of FlightGear versions earlier than 2.0**

### **Compatibility Considerations: Yes**

The Aerospace Toolbox software will not support FlightGear versions earlier than 2.0 in a future release of Aerospace Toolbox. For a list of FlightGear versions that the Aerospace Toolbox software supports, see “Supported FlightGear Versions”.

### **Compatibility Considerations**

If you are using a FlightGear version older than 2.0, update your FlightGear installation to a supported version.



# R2013a

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**Version: 2.11**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: Yes**

## **FlightGear animation object support for FlightGear Version 2.8**

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation`.

### **planetEphemeris function to implement position and velocity of Solar System planets**

The `planetEphemeris` function implements the position and velocity of an astronomical object.

### **earthNutation function to implement nutation in longitude and obliquity of Earth**

The `earthNutation` function implements the nutation in longitude and obliquity of Earth according to the International Astronomical Union (IAU) 1980 nutation series.

### **moonLibration function to implement relative motion attitude of Moon**

The `moonLibration` function implements the relative motion attitude of Earth's Moon.

### **Recorded video of Aero.Animation or Aero.VirtualRealityAnimation objects for playback later**

You can now record flight data animations for `Aero.Animation` and `Aero.VirtualRealityAnimation` objects. The following properties are new for both classes:

Property	Description
VideoRecord	Enable video recording.
VideoFileName	Specify video recording file name.
VideoCompression	Specify video recording compression file type.
VideoQuality	Specify video recording quality.
VideoTStart	Specify video recording start time for scheduled recording.
VideoTFinal	Specify video recording stop time.

## Architecture selection support for Aero.FlightGearAnimation

You can specify the architecture the FlightGear software is running on. `GenerateRunScript` takes this setting into account when generating the run script. These architecture settings are available.

Architecture	Setting
Windows® (32-bit)	'Win32'
Windows (64-bit) architecture.	'Win64'
Mac OS X (64-bit) architecture.	'Mac'
Linux® (64-bit) architecture.	'Linux'



# R2012b

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**Version: 2.10**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: Yes**

## **FlightGear animation object support for FlightGear versions 2.4 and 2.6**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear Versions 2.6 and 2.4.

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation Objects`.



# R2012a

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**Version: 2.9**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Support 2011 Version of DATCOM

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to support the 2011 version of DATCOM files.

## Using FlightGear Version 2.4.0 with Aerospace Toolbox

Aerospace Toolbox Version 2.9 does not support FlightGear Version 2.4.0. Use this procedure as a workaround.

- 1** In the MATLAB® Command Window, create a FlightGear animation object.

```
h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation;
```

- 2** Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearVersion` to 2.0.

```
h.FlightGearVersion = '2.0';
```

- 3** Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearBaseDirectory` to the location of FlightGear Version 2.4.0.

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'C:\Program Files\FlightGear240'
```

- 4** Generate the run script.

```
GenerateRunScript(h)
```

- 5** Save and close this file.

For more information, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.

# R2011b

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**Version: 2.8**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers

**Compatibility Considerations: Yes**

For R2011b, error and warning message identifiers have changed in Aerospace Toolbox.

### Compatibility Considerations

If you have scripts or functions that use message identifiers that changed, you must update the code to use the new identifiers. Typically, message identifiers are used to turn off specific warning messages.

For example, the `Aero:FlightGearAnimation:NeedTimeData` identifier has changed to `aero:FlightGearAnimation:NeedTimeData`. If your code checks for `Aero:FlightGearAnimation:NeedTimeData`, you must update it to check for `aero:FlightGearAnimation:NeedTimeData` instead.

To determine the identifier for a warning, run the following command just after you see the warning:

```
[MSG,MSGID] = lastwarn;
```

This command saves the message identifier to the variable *MSGID*.

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**Note** Warning messages indicate a potential issue with your code. While you can turn off a warning, a suggested alternative is to change your code so it runs warning-free.

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### Demos

The following demos are new:

- Visualizing World Magnetic Model Contours for 2010 Epoch — Visualize contour plots of the calculated values for the Earth's magnetic field using World Magnetic Model 2010 (WMM-2010) overlaid on maps of the Earth.
- Visualizing Geoid Height for Earth Geopotential Model 1996 — Calculate the Earth's Geoid height using the EGM96 Geopotential Model.

## Function and Function Element Being Removed

### Compatibility Considerations: Yes

The following table lists the function and function element name being removed for R2011b.

<b>Function or Function Element Name</b>	<b>What Happens When You Use the Function or Element?</b>	<b>Use These Functions or Function Elements Instead</b>	<b>Compatibility Considerations</b>
wrldmagm '2000' or '2005' epoch year	Warns	For model years between 2000 and the start of 2010, use igrf11magm. For model years between 2010 and the start of 2015, use wrldmagm.	For model years between 2000 and the start of 2010, use igrf11magm. For model years between 2010 and the start of 2015, use wrldmagm.



# R2011a

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**Version: 2.7**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## **New LLA to Flat Earth Function**

The `lla2flat` function estimates a flat Earth position from geodetic latitude, longitude, and altitude coordinates.

## **New Flat Earth to LLA Function**

The `flat2lla` function estimates geodetic latitude, longitude, and altitude coordinates from a flat Earth position.

## **New International Geomagnetic Reference Field 11 Function**

The `igrf11magm` function calculates the Earth's magnetic field using the 11th generation of the International Geomagnetic Reference Field.

## **The `gravitysphericalharmonic` Function Supports New Planet Model**

The `gravitysphericalharmonic` function now supports the EIGEN-GL04C gravity field model.



# R2010b

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**Version: 2.6**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## New Geoid Height Function

The `geoidheight` function calculates the height of geoid undulations/height using one of three geopotential models.

## Support to Read File Types 6, 21, and 42 for 2008 Version of DATCOM

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to read file types 6, 21, and 42 for 2008 DATCOM files. In previous releases, the Aerospace Toolbox read only file type 6 and 21.

## Support for FlightGear 2.0

Aerospace Toolbox now supports FlightGear Version 2.0.

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.

## Functions and Function Elements Being Removed

**Compatibility Considerations: Yes**

Function or Function Element Name	What Happens When You use the Function or Element?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
<code>geoidegm96</code>	Warns	<code>geoidheight</code>	Replace all existing instances of <code>geoidegm96</code> with <code>geoidheight</code> .

# R2010a

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**Version: 2.5**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## **New Gravity Centrifugal Effect Function**

The `gravitycentrifugal` function implements the centrifugal effect for eight planets and the Moon, plus the capability to customize this effect.

## **New Spherical Harmonic Gravity Model Function**

The `gravitiesphericalharmonic` function implements the spherical harmonic gravity models for Earth (EGM2008, EGM96), Moon (LP100K, LP165P), and Mars (GMM2B), plus the capability to customize these models.

## **New Gas Dynamics Functions**

New gas dynamics functions, including isentropic flow (`flowisentropic`), normal shock (`flownormalshock`), Rayleigh flow (`flowrayleigh`), Fanno flow (`flowfanno`), and Prandtl-Meyer flow (`flowprandtlmeyer`).

## **Updated World Magnetic Function**

Updated `wrldmagm` function to include world magnetic model for years 2010-2015 (WMM-2010).

## **Demos**

The Comparing Zonal Harmonic Gravity Model to Other Gravity Models demo has been updated to include comparison of other gravity models.

# R2009b

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**Version: 2.4**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## **New Zonal Harmonic Gravity Model Function**

The `gravityzonal` function implements the zonal harmonic gravity model.

## **Support for FlightGear 1.9.1**

Aerospace Toolbox Version 3.4 now supports FlightGear Version 1.9.1.

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.

# R2009a

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**Version: 2.3**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Support to Read File Type 21 for 2007 Version of DATCOM

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to read file type 21 for 2007 DATCOM files. In previous releases, the Aerospace Toolbox read only file type 6.

## Using FlightGear Version 1.9.0 with Aerospace Toolbox

Aerospace Toolbox Version 2.3 does not support FlightGear Version 1.9.0. You can use this procedure.

- 1 In the MATLAB Command Window, create a FlightGear animation object.

```
h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation;
```

- 2 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearVersion` to 1.0.

```
h.FlightGearVersion = '1.0';
```

- 3 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearBaseDirectory` to the location of FlightGear Version 1.9.0.

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'C:\Program Files\FlightGear190'
```

- 4 Generate the run script.

```
GenerateRunScript(h)
```

- 5 Open the custom FlightGear run script with a text editor and change the input parameter `--airport-id=` to `--airport=`.

- 6 Save and close this file.

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.



# R2008b

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**Version: 2.2**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Support for 2007 Version of DATCOM File

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to support the 2007 DATCOM file in addition to the 1976 and 1999 DATCOM files.

## FlightGear Version 1.0 with Aerospace Toolbox

Aerospace Toolbox Version 2.2 now supports FlightGear Version 1.0. To access this version of FlightGear, you can use this procedure.

- 1 In the MATLAB Command Window, create a FlightGear animation object.

```
h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation;
```

- 2 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearVersion` to 1.0.

```
h.FlightGearVersion = '1.0';
```

- 3 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearBaseDirectory` to the location of FlightGear Version 1.0.

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'C:\Program Files\FlightGear10'
```

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.

## FlightGear Animation Object play Method Now Supports Custom Timers

The FlightGear animation object `play` method now supports custom timers.

In previous releases, you needed to create your own `play` method if your FlightGear animation object was used with custom timers. This is no longer necessary.

# R2008a

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**Version: 2.1**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Support for 1999 Version of DATCOM File

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to support the 1999 DATCOM file in addition to the 1976 DATCOM file.

## Using FlightGear Version 1.0 with Aerospace Toolbox

Aerospace Toolbox Version 2.1 does not support FlightGear Version 1.0. You can use this procedure.

- 1 In the MATLAB Command Window, create a FlightGear animation object.

```
h = Aero.FlightGearAnimation;
```

- 2 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearVersion` to 0.9.10.

```
h.FlightGearVersion = '0.9.10';
```

- 3 Set the FlightGear animation object property `FlightGearBaseDirectory` to the location of FlightGear Version 1.0.

```
h.FlightGearBaseDirectory = 'C:\Program Files\FlightGear10'
```

For more information on working with FlightGear, see `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` Objects in the Aerospace Toolbox User's Guide.

# R2007b

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**Version: 2.0**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## **Virtual Reality Toolbox Animation Object**

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

- `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 Compatibility Considerations: Yes**

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**

**Compatibility Considerations: Yes**

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.





# R2007a

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**Version: 1.1**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## **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**

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

# R2006b

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**Version: 1.0**

**New Features: Yes**

**Bug Fixes: No**

## Introduction of Aerospace Toolbox Product

This product 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, the Aerospace Toolbox software 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.

The Aerospace Toolbox software has the following limitation:

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