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# R2018b

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**Version: 3.0**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## Flight Instruments: Display measurements in UI figure windows using standard cockpit instruments

Use these functions, representing standard cockpit instruments, and their associated property pages, to display measurements:

| Function        | Property Page                |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| uiaeroairspeed  | AirspeedIndicator Properties |
| uiaeroaltimeter | Altimeter Properties         |
| uiaeroclimb     | ClimbIndicator Properties    |
| uiaeroegt       | EGTIndicator Properties      |
| uiaeroheading   | HeadingIndicator Properties  |
| uiaerohorizon   | ArtificialHorizon Properties |
| uiaerorpm       | RPMIndicator Properties      |
| uiaeroturn      | TurnCoordinator Properties   |

For an example of these components, see the Display Flight Trajectory Data Using Flight Instruments and Flight Animation example.

For more information, see “Flight Instruments”.

## Polar Motion: Calculate the movement of rotation axis with respect to the Earth crust according to IAU2000A

Use `polarMotion` to calculate the movement of the rotation axis with respect to the crust of the Earth for a specific Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), according to the IAU2000A reference system.

## Supersonic Airspeed Correction: Convert between equivalent, calibrated, or true airspeed

The `correctAirspeed` function has been updated to now also work with supersonic airspeeds. The function also now lets you choose a method for computing the conversion factor (table lookup or compute on demand).

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## **Compatibility Considerations**

The correctairspeed function output may differ from the previous version of the function.

For a potentially more accurate output, consider using the equation method.

## **Celestial Intermediate Pole Location: Calculate adjustment to the celestial intermediate pole location according to IAU2000A**

Use `deltaCIP` to calculate the adjustment to the celestial intermediate pole location according for a specific Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), according to the IAU2000A reference system.

## **FlightGear Interface: Includes support for Version 2018.1 through flight simulator objects**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v2018.1.





# R2018a

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**Version: 2.21**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## FlightGear Interface: Includes support for Version 2017.3 through flight simulator objects

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v2017.3.

### Animation objects changes

Changes in the use of Aerospace Toolbox animation objects:

- Aerospace Toolbox animation objects saved in MAT-files in R2018a cannot load in previous releases.
- The `delete` function for all Aerospace Toolbox animation objects now destroys the animation object. In previous releases, the object was not destroyed.

### Compatibility Considerations

Scripts or functions creating Aerospace Toolbox animation objects continue to work. Use these scripts or functions to create new objects.

| Function or File                         | What Happens When You Use the Function or File? | Use These Functions or Files Instead                | Compatibility Considerations  |
|--|---|---|---|
| MAT-files that contain animation objects | Warns   | Scripts or functions creating new animation objects | Animation objects saved in MAT-files in R2018a will not load in previous releases.  |
| <code>delete</code>                      | Object is destroyed                             | None  | The <code>delete</code> function for all animation objects now destroys the object. In previous releases, the object was not destroyed. |

### Direction cosine matrix validity checks

These functions can now verify the validity of the direction cosine matrix prior to conversion:

- 
- `dcm2alphabet`
  - `dcm2angle`
  - `dcm2latlon`
  - `dcm2quat`
  - `dcm2rod`

Each function now lets you specify the error tolerance level for the direction cosine matrix validation and specify an action if the matrix is not valid.

## **Install FlightGear scenery during simulation**

When you install the FlightGear software, the installation provides a basic level of scenery files. The FlightGear documentation guides you through installing scenery as part the general FlightGear installation. If you do not download scenery, you can direct FlightGear to download it automatically during simulation using the `InstallScenery` property of the `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` object for the `GenerateRunScript` (`Aero.FlightGearAnimation`) method.

## **Disable FlightGear shaders**

Your computer built-in video card, such as NVIDIA® cards, can conflict with FlightGear shaders. You can disable the FlightGear shaders by specifying the `DisableShaders` property of the `Aero.FlightGearAnimation` object to the `GenerateRunScript` (`Aero.FlightGearAnimation`) method.



# R2017b

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**Version: 2.20**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

## **Difference Between UT1 and UTC: Calculate time difference with deltaUT1 function according to the IAU2000A reference system**

Use `deltaUT1` to calculate the difference between principal Universal Time (UT1) and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) according to the IAU2000A reference system.

To optionally create a file containing the current Earth orientation data for `deltaUT1`, use the `aeroReadIERSData` function.

## **FlightGear Interface: Includes support for Version 2017.1 through flight simulator objects**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v2017.1.

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

## **quat2angle and rod2angle updates**

The `quat2angle` and `rod2angle` functions now return values for the middle angle of the 'ZYZ', 'ZXZ', 'YXY', 'YZY', 'XYX', and 'XZX' implementations. In previous releases, these functions returned all zeroes for 0 degrees in the second rotation.

# R2017a

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**Version: 2.19**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## **Euler-Rodrigues Functions: Convert to and from Rodrigues vectors**

These functions convert Euler-Rodrigues vectors to and from direction cosine matrices, rotation angles, and quaternions:

- `angle2rod`
- `dcm2rod`
- `quat2rod`
- `rod2angle`
- `rod2dcm`
- `rod2quat`

## **FlightGear Interface: Includes support for Version 2016.3 through flight simulator objects**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v2016.3.

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

## **Aerospace Toolbox Software and MATLAB string**

The Aerospace Toolbox software now supports MATLAB® `string`.

## **angle2quat Function Replaces euler2quat**

The `angle2quat` function has replaced the `euler2quat` function.

## **Compatibility Considerations**

The `euler2quat` function is no longer available. Use the `angle2quat` function instead.



# R2016b

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**Version: 2.18**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## Horizontal Wind Model 14 Function: Calculate meridional and zonal wind components using U.S. Naval Research Laboratory HWM14 model

The `atmoshwm` function implements horizontal wind modes.

### Compatibility Considerations

The `atmoshwm` replaces the `atmoshwm07` function.

| Function or Function Element Name | What Happens When You Use the Function or Element? | Use These Functions or Function Elements Instead | Compatibility Considerations   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <code>atmoshwm07</code>           | Warns  | <code>atmoshwm</code>                            | To use a specific generation of the Horizontal Wind Model, specify the appropriate year in the <code>atmoshwm</code> function. |

## FlightGear Version 2016.1 Support: Interface with FlightGear through flight simulator object

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v2016.1.

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

# R2016a

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**Version: 2.17**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## **Quaternion Interpolation: Calculate interpolation between two quaternions**

The `quatinterp` block interpolates between two quaternions. To support this function, the following functions are also new:

The `quatpower` block calculates the power of a quaternion.

The `quatlog` block calculates the natural logarithm of a quaternion.

The `quatexp` block calculates the exponential of a quaternion.

## **FlightGear versions earlier than 2.0 no longer supported**

The Aerospace Toolbox software no longer supports FlightGear versions earlier than 2.0. 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. The software returns an error if you use a non-supported version. Obtain updated FlightGear software from [www.flightgear.org](http://www.flightgear.org) in the download area.

## **Unit conversion function precision changes**

These unit conversion functions may now generate values with better precision:

- `convacc`
- `convang`
- `convangacc`
- `convangvel`
- `convdensity`
- `convforce`
- `convlength`
- `convmass`

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- convpres
  - convtemp
  - convvel



# R2015b

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**Version: 2.16**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## **FlightGear Versions 3.2 and 3.4 Support: Interface to these FlightGear versions through flight simulator object**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear v3.2 and v3.4.

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

## **igrfmagm Function: Calculate Earth magnetic field and secular variation**

The `igrfmagm` function calculates Earth magnetic field and secular variation using the International Geomagnetic Reference Field.

### **Compatibility Considerations**

The `igrfmagm` replaces the `igrf11magm` function. For more information, see “Function and Function Element Being Removed” on page 7-2.

## **DATCOM 2014 Support: Import aerodynamic coefficients from this version**

The `datcomimport` function has been enhanced to support the 2014 version of DATCOM files.

### **Function and Function Element Being Removed**

The following table lists the function being removed for R2015b.



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| <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>   |
|--|---|---|---|
| igrf11magm                               | Warns   | igrfmagm  | To use a specific generation of the International Geomagnetic Reference Field, specify the appropriate year in the igrfmagm function. |



# R2015a

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**Version: 2.15**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

## **tdbjuliandate function that calculates barycentric dynamical time for a given terrestrial time date**

The `tdbjuliandate` function calculates Barycentric Dynamical Time (TDB) for a given Terrestrial Time (TT) date.

## **eci2aer function that converts Earth-centered inertial coordinates to azimuth, elevation, and range**

The `eci2aer` function converts Earth-centered inertial coordinates to azimuth, elevation, and range.

## **Additional ephemerides coefficient support for celestial phenomena functions**

The `moonLibration`, and `planetEphemeris` functions now support the DE432t ephemerides database.

## **World Magnetic Model 2015 support**

The `wrldmagm` function supports the world magnetic model for 2015 to 2020 (WMM-2015).

## **New example**

The `Estimate Sun Analemma Using Planetary Ephemerides and ECI to AER Transformation` example shows how to estimate the Sun analemma using the `eci2aer` and `tdbjuliandate` functions.

# R2014b

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**Version: 2.14**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

## **atmoshwm07 function for Horizontal Wind Model 07 data**

The `atmoshwm07` function implements the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory HWM™ routine to calculate the meridional and zonal components of the wind for a set of geophysical data.

## **FlightGear animation object support for FlightGear Version 3**

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear Version 3.

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

## **Additional ephemerides coefficient support for celestial phenomena functions**

The `planetEphemeris`, `earthNutation`, and `moonLibration` functions now support the DE430 ephemerides coefficient.

# R2014a

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**Version: 2.13**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

## Functions to convert between latitude, longitude, altitude and Earth-centered inertial coordinates

The `lla2eci` function converts geodetic latitude, longitude, altitude (LLA) coordinates to Earth-centered inertial (ECI) position coordinates, based on the specified reduction method and Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), for the specified time and geophysical data.

The `eci2lla` function converts Earth-centered inertial (ECI) position coordinates to geodetic latitude, longitude, altitude (LLA) coordinates, based on the specified reduction method and Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), for the specified time and geophysical data.

## FlightGear animation object support for FlightGear Version 2.12

The Aerospace Toolbox product now supports FlightGear Version 2.12.

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

## Add ephemeris and geoid data

Use the `aeroDataPackage` function to add ephemeris and/or geoid data for these Aerospace Toolbox functions and Aerospace Blockset™ blocks.

| Aerospace Toolbox Functions  | Aerospace Blockset Blocks  |
|--|--|
| <code>geoidheight</code>   | Geoid Height   |
| <b>Note</b> Only for the EGM2008 Geopotential Model. Aerospace Toolbox provides EGM96 Geopotential Model data. | <b>Note</b> Only for the EGM2008 Geopotential Model. Aerospace Toolbox provides EGM96 Geopotential Model data. |
| <code>earthNutation</code>   | Earth Nutation   |
| <code>moonLibration</code>   | Moon Libration   |
| <code>planetEphemeris</code>   | Planetary Ephemeris  |



# R2013b

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**Version: 2.12**

**New Features**

**Bug Fixes**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## **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.

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

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**

**Bug Fixes**

## **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:

| <b>Property</b>               | <b>Description</b>                             |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>VideoRecord</code>      | Enable video recording.                        |
| <code>VideoFileName</code>    | Specify video recording file name.             |
| <code>VideoCompression</code> | Specify video recording compression file type. |
| <code>VideoQuality</code>     | Specify video recording quality.               |

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| Property    | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 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**

**Bug Fixes**

## **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**

## 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**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers

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

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

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| <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**

## **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**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## 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

| 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**

## **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 `gravitysphericalharmonic` 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**

## **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**

## 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**

## 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**

## 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**

**Compatibility Considerations**

## 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

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.



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## **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.



# R2007a

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**Version: 1.1**

**New Features**

## **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**

## 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 cannot be compiled with the MATLAB Compiler™ software to create a standalone application.