

08 AUTOMATIC FLIGHT



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737

Course overview

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A white Boeing 737 Next Generation aircraft is shown from a three-quarter front-side angle. The aircraft features a standard T-tail configuration, two engines under the wings, and a large glass cockpit. It is decorated with a blue and red livery, including a stylized '737' logo on the tail fin.

Topics	<u>AFS Automatic Flight System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>AFDS Autopilot Flight Director System</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mode Control Panel<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed• Vertical navigation• Lateral navigation• Autopilot/Flight Director- Autopilot engagement/disengagement- AFS failure- Flight Director- AFDS Status Annunciation, Flight Mode Annunciation- Control Wheel Steering- <u>Autothrottle System</u> <u>Automatic Flight Operations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Takeoff and Climb- Enroute- Approach and Landing- Go-around- Operation in windshear
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The image shows the control panel for the Boeing 737 Next Generation's Automatic Flight System (AFS). It features an octagonal MCP (Mode Control Panel) with four rectangular buttons labeled A/P (P/RST), A/T (P/RST), FMC (P/RST), and TEST. To the right of the MCP is a circular trim wheel with the number 1 at the top, 2 at the bottom, and TEST at the bottom-left. Below the trim wheel is a box labeled 'STAB OUT OF TRIM'.

The image shows the Boeing 737 Next Generation flight deck. At the top center is the title 'BOEING 737 NEXT GENERATION FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS, DISPLAYS'. To the left is the 'MALEV VIRTUAL' logo. To the right is a large '737' graphic. Below the title is the 'AFDS MCP' panel, which includes a central mode selector switch and various indicator lights and buttons for course, altitude, speed, and vertical navigation.

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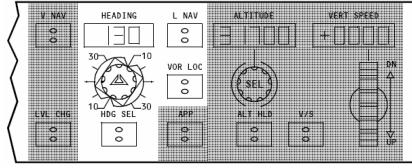
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AFDS

MCP Vertical navigation

- VNAV switch
- Altitude display
- Vertical speed display
- Vertical speed thumbwheel
- Level Change switch
- Approach switch
- Altitude selector
- Altitude hold switch
- Vertical speed switch

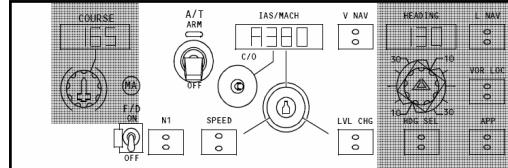


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AFDS

MCP Lateral navigation

- Course display
- Heading selector
- Heading display
- LNAV switch
- VOR Localizer switch
- Course selector
- Bank angle selector
- Heading select switch
- Approach switch

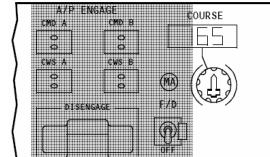


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MCP A/P, F/D

- Command engage switches
- CWS engage switches
- Autopilot disengage bar
- Master F/D indication
- Flight director switch



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Autopilot engagement/disengagement

Each A/P can be **engaged** by pushing a separate CMD or CWS engage switch. A/P engagement in CMD or CWS is inhibited unless both of the following pilot-controlled conditions are met:

- no force is being applied to the control wheel
- the STAB TRIM AUTOPILOT cutout switch is at NORMAL.

Only one A/P can be engaged at a given time unless the approach (APP) mode is engaged. Approach mode allows both A/Ps to be engaged at the same time. Dual A/P operation provides control through landing flare and touchdown or an automatic go-around.

The A/P automatically **disengages** when any of the following occurs:

- pushing either A/P disengage switch
- pushing either TO/GA switch with a single A/P engaged in CWS or CMD below 2000 feet RA
- pushing either TO/GA switch with a single A/P above 2000 feet RA with flaps down or G/S engaged
- pushing either TO/GA switch after touchdown with both A/Ps engaged in CMD
- pushing an illuminated A/P ENGAGE switch
- pushing the A/P DISENGAGE bar down
- activating either pilot's control wheel trim switch
- moving the STAB TRIM AUTOPILOT cutout switch to CUTOUT
- either left or right IRS system failure or FAULT light illuminated
- loss of electrical power or a sensor input which prevents proper operation of the engaged A/P and mode
- loss of respective hydraulic system pressure.

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AFS failures

- Power interruption or loss may cause disengagement of the AFDS and/or A/T. Re-engagement is possible after power is restored.
- Dual channel A/P operation is possible only when **two generators** are powering the busses.
- Two independent radio altimeters provide radio altitude to the respective FCCs. With a **radio altimeter inoperative**, do not use the associated FCC for approach or landing, and do not use the associated autopilot for approach.

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Flight Director

Turning a F/D switch ON displays command bars on the respective pilot's attitude indicator if command pitch and roll modes are engaged. If command pitch and roll modes are not engaged, the F/D command bars do not appear. The F/Ds can be operated with or without the A/P and A/T. F/D command modes can be used with an A/P engaged in CWS.

F/D commands operate in the same command modes as the A/P except:

- the takeoff mode is a F/D only mode
- dual F/D guidance is available for single engine operation
- the F/D has no landing flare capability. F/D command bars retract from view at approximately 50 feet RA on an ILS approach.

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