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1. NOTATION

а	rate of change of wing lift coefficient with incidence, corrected for Mach number	rad ⁻¹	rad ⁻¹
Α	aspect ratio		
b	wing span	m	ft
ī	geometric mean chord, S/b	m	ft
d	gust gradient distance for unswept wings	m	ft
d _e	effective gust gradient distance for swept wings given by $d_e = d + \frac{b}{2} \tan \Lambda$	m	ft
D	distance flown in a given flight stage	km	n miles
f_c	cumulative frequency		
f_1	natural frequency of wing in first bending mode	Hz	cycles/s
F _M	gust alleviation factor in compressible flow for ramp shaped gust defined in Section 2 (iv)		
F ₀	gust alleviation factor in incompressible flow for ramp shaped gust defined in Section 2 (iv)		
g	gravitational acceleration	m/s ²	ft/s ²
H_p	pressure altitude	m	ft
k	ratio of up-gusts to down-gusts		
<i>l</i> ₁₀	average distance flown to meet an up- or down-gust of $v_e \ge 10$ ft/s (3.05 m/s)	km	n miles
М	bending moment	N m	lbf in
M _m	mean bending moment (1g level flight)	N m	lbf in
M_{max}, M_{min}	maximum and minimum bending moments, respectively	N m	lbf in
ΔM	change in bending moment, $(M_{max} - M_m)$ for an up-gust or $(M_m - M_{min})$ for a down-gust	N m	lbf in
$(\Delta M)_{10}$	value of ΔM arising from a 10 ft/s (3.05 m/s) up-gust	N m	lbf in
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