

UAS: The Global Perspective - Upcoming 21st Edition (2026)

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UAS Name / Designa	ation						
Usage (See page 2)	O Aerial Work O Cargo Transport O Passenger Transport O Military						
Status	O Conceptual O In Development O Experimental O Prototype O Market Ready / In Production O Research Project O Demonstrator						
Airframe Type	 Fixed Wing (capable of flight by using the aerodynamic lift generated by its wings) Fixed Wing with Lift Rotors (rotors positioned on its arms, wings, tail or booms) Lighter-than-Air (dirigibles, airships) No Wings / No Rotors (e.g. fuselage or pod with integrated ducted fans or vectoring jet nozzles) Ornithopter (flapping wings) Rotorcraft (derives its source of lift from rotor blades rotating around an axis) Transwing (wing folds & tilts & permits in-flight transitioning) Tilt Wing (wing is horizontal for conventional forward flight and rotates up for VTOL) 						
VTOL	Vertical take-off & landing capable						
(See page 3 for explanation of terms & pictographs)	O Bicopter O Birotor Coaxial O Birotor Intermeshing O Gyroplane O Monocopter O Multicopter (>2 & <10 lift rotors) O Quantity lift rotors O Quantity puller rotors O Quantity puller rotors O Tandem Ducted Rotor O Tandem Rotor O Birotor Intermeshing O Birotor Intermeshing O Pluricopter (10 lift rotors & more) O Quantity lift rotors O Quantity puller rotors O Tailsitter						
-	Tether: ☐ Standard ☐ Optional						
Propulsion	O Electric O Hybrid O Jet / Turbine O Piston O Other						
Fuel / Energy Command & Control	O Avgas O Battery O Fuel Cell O Gasoline O Heavy Fuel O Nitrogen O Solar Panel O 2-Stroke O 4-Stroke O Other Note: Heavy Fuel = Diesel, Jet Fuel (<i>Jet A1, JP5, JP8</i>), Kerosene O Manual O Programmed / Automatic □ SatCom enabled						
	Can operate in GPS-denied areas ☐ Confined spaces ☐ Open sky						
Radio Control Range	O <0,2 km O 2 km O 25 km O 50 km O 75 km O 150 km O >150 km						
Flight Endurance	minutes km Note: Please fill in both boxes						
Max. Cruise Speed	km/h Max.Take-Off Weight kg						
FPV Capable	□ Standard □ Optional Self-charging Capable □ Standard □ Optional						
Primary Mission Payload	 Imaging Sensing & Measurement Other (Non-military) (See page 4 for explanation of terms & examples) Other (Military) 						
Payload Capacity	kg Total weight of the payload [(Imaging, Sensing & Measuremernt, Other), cargo, pilot + passengers + luggage], that can be accommodated.						
	Primary payload is aircraft specific & factory-integrated O Yes O No						
	Quantity of passengers that can be transported (in addition to the pilot)						
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UAS & RPAS - DEFINITIONS

The following terms & explanations, indicated in ICAO Circular 326, are used in this document.

Unmanned aircraft system (UAS) is an aircraft and its associated elements which is operated with no pilot on board.

Unmanned aircraft (UA) is any aircraft intended to be flown without a pilot on board. They can be remotely and fully controlled from another place (ground, another aircraft, space) or pre-programmed to conduct its flight without intervention (automatic).

Remotely-piloted aircraft system (RPAS) is a set of configurable elements consisting of a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), its associated remote pilot station(s), the required command and control links and any other system elements as may be required at any point during flight operation (e.g. launch & recovery systems). (Note: RPAS is a subcategory of UAS).

Remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) is an aircraft where the flying pilot is not on board the aircraft. A RPA is piloted from a Remote Pilot Station and is expected to be integrated into the air traffic management system equally as manned aircraft, [and] real-time piloting control is provided by a licensed Remote Pilot.

Note: The abbreviations UAS, RPAS, UA and RPA are invariable (singular & plural are identical).

UAS USAGE

Aerial Work

Commercial & Non-Commercial

(Including Corporate Operations = Operations conducted by a corporate entity for its own purposes)

An aircraft operation in which an aircraft is used for specialized (flight) services such as agriculture, construction, photography, surveying, observation & patrol, search & rescue, aerial advertisements, etc. (Chicago Convention, Annex 6 Part 1, Chapter 1.H9)

Flight Training / Instruction

(Commercial & Corporate operations)

- **Duo** (student instruction by licensed pilot)
- Solo (unaided student flight)
- Check (qualification verification of pilot license holder)

Other Miscellaneous

(Commercial & Corporate operations)

- Test / Experimental
- Demonstration
- Ferry / Positioning
- Air Show / Race

Cargo Transport

Commercial & Non-Commercial (incl. Corporate)
Scheduled & Non-scheduled

- Internal Loads (inside the airframe)
- External Loads (outside the airframe)

Passenger Transport

Commercial & Non-Commercial (incl. Corporate)
Scheduled & Non-scheduled

Governmental & Military Flight Operations

Governmental Flight Operations

Security-related Safety-related

- Border Guards Civil Protection
- Coast Guard
 Fire-fighters
- Customs Gvmt executive agency
- Police (municipal, national, federal)

Military Flight Operations

- Air Force Special Forces
- Army Special Forces
- Gendarmerie Military Police
- Navy
 Navy Special Forces

Regional & International Organisations

- European Commission Agencies, e.g.:
 - Border & Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)
 - European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)
- International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Interpol
- United Nations (UN) Agencies

UAS AIRFRAME TYPES

Fixed WingCapable of flight by using the aerodynamic lift generated by its wings

Fixed Wing with Lift Rotors Rotors positioned on its arms, wings, tail or booms

Lighter-than-Air Dirigibles, airships

No Wings / No Rotors (e.g. fuselage or pod with integrated ducted fans or vectoring jet nozzles

Ornithopter Flapping wings

Rotorcraft Derives its source of lift from rotor blades rotating around an axis

Transwing Wing folds & tilts & permits in-flight transitioning

Tilt Wing Wing is horizontal for conventional forward flight and rotates up for VTOL

UAS ROTORCRAFT CLASSES

Bicopter (BC)



Fuselage or pod with 2 arms, each equipped with 1 rotor - No tail rotor.

Coaxial Motor / Rotor Configuration



A set of 2 motors & 2 rotors on the same axis, with the rotors rotating in opposite directions, installed on arms, rotor booms, stub wings or wings.

Birotor Coaxial (BR)



Fuselage or pod with 2 super-imposed coaxial rotors - No tail rotor.

Birotor Intermeshing (BRI)



Fuselage or pod with 2 rotors side-by-side - No tail rotor.

Fixed Wing Rotary (FWR)



Fixed wing aircraft (puller or pusher configuration) with lift rotors (non-coaxial or coaxial) (tilting or non-tilting) positioned on wings, tail or wing booms, or in fuselage & tail, or with fans positioned on wings.

Gyroplane (Gyr)



Fuselage or pod with unpowered lift rotor & forward propulsion rotor on aft of fuselage, on side arms or on (stub) wings -No tail rotor.

Motorized Parafoil (PF)



Pod with pushing engine; flight is assured by a parafoil.

Monocopter (Mon)



Fuselage or pod with one powered lift & one powered tail rotor. May have forward propulsion rotors on side arms or (stub) wings.

Mono Ducted Rotor (MDR)



Pod without wings with 1 integrated ducted rotor (non-coaxial or coaxial).

Multicopter (Mul)



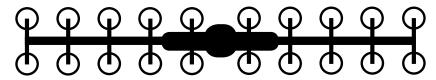




Pod with >2 & <10 lift rotors (non-coaxial or coaxial) positioned on arms or rotor booms (aka tricopters, quadrocopters, hexacopters, octocopters)

Pluricopter (Plu)





Pod with 10 or more lift rotors (non-coaxial or coaxial) positioned on wing booms, tail booms, arms, rotor booms or supports.

Tailsitter (TS)







A type of VTOL aircraft that takes off and lands on its tail, and, after take-off, tilts horizontally for forward flight.

Tandem Rotor (TR)



A type of VTOL aircraft with 2 main rotor systems. The rear rotor is usually mounted in a higher position than the front rotor, in order to avoid blades from colliding. No tail rotor.

Tandem Ducted Rotor (TDR)



Fuselage or pod with 2 integrated ducted rotors (non-coaxial or coaxial).

UAS PAYLOADS

Payloads are elements installed on an unmanned aircraft (UA) and are **not necessary for flight**, but are carried for the purpose of achieving specific mission objectives.

3 Payload categories: • Imaging

Sensing & Measurement Other: - Non-military

- Military

Imaging Payloads (Civil & Military)

Elements on a UA that permit the capture of imagery (possibly with simultaneous tracking) and the recording or transmission of such data. Imaging payloads (gimballed & non-gimballed) include, amongst others:

Corona Effect Imager

Digital Photo Camera Digital Video Camera

Electric-Optical (EO)

Film Camera

Flash LiDAR

Forward-looking infra-red (FLIR)

Hyperspectral Infrared (IR)

Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)

Laser Scanner

Light Intensification

Line Scanner

Multi-Layer Laser

Multispectral - Optical Multispectral - Thermal

Near Infra-red

Radar

Radar - Ground Penetrating

Radar - Maritime

Radar - Synthetic Aperture (SAR)

Solid State Photon Counter

Sensing & Measurement Payloads (Civ. & Mil.)

Elements on an unmanned aircraft (UA) that permit the capture of non-imagery data and the recording or transmission of such data. They include, amongst others:

Aerial pollution measurement device

Anemometer

Atmospheric measurement device

Atmospheric pollutant detector

Bathymetric measurement device

Camera mounts & gimbals

Dry film thickness measurement device

Electricmagnetic measurement device

Emergency beacon detector

Frequency measurement device

Gas (leak) detector

Geomagnetic measurement device

Gimbal mount

Hydrographic measurement device

Interferometry

Laser pointer / range finder

Location (*static & moving*) definition:

Flora & fauna

Object

Person

Phénomena

Measurement probe / feeler

Metal detector

Meteorological measurement device

Microwave radiometer

Mineral detector

Mobile telephone detector & localiser

Moving target indicator

Multibeam echosounder (MBES)

Nuclear, radiological, biological & chemical (NRBC) detector

Odour detector

Particle measurement device

Phenomena analysis

Pulsed eddy current (PEC) wall thickness measurement

Radiation meter

Spectrometer

Radio frequency spectrum analyser

Ultrasonic analysis device

Ultraviolet sensor

Other Payloads

Elements on an unmanned aircraft (UA) that permit to achieve specific non-imagery and non-sensing mission objectives. They are split into 2 categories:

Non-Military

Airborne data recorder

Cable stringing (lead) grip

Cargo hoisting & lowering winch & cable

Cargo (net) sling & hook

Cargo storage container rack (internal & external)

Communication relay (incl. antennae)

Dispensing system (solids):

• Bulk (e.g. fertilizer, granulates, larvae capsules)

Other (e.g. seedlings)

Fire extinguishing system (incl. discharge spout)

Forestry trimming and/or harvesting tool

High pressure liquid dispenser (roof / wall cleaning)

Life buoy carriage & delivery device

Lighting (floodlight, spotlight, strobe)

Loudspeaker / megaphone

Manipulating / robotic arm

Perching grip (on high power transmission cable)

Powerline de-icing apparatus

Publicity banners (UAS-towed) & tow hook

Publicity / announcement screen

Tagg fixation system (e.g. bird disruptor)

Spraying system (liquids for various purposes: Pesticides,

fertilizer, insecticides, cleaning / painting of structures)

Suction extractor (hornet & wasp nest control)

Water bombing system (large volume release)

Water sampling device

Military

Artillery / gunshot detector & localiser

Automated identification system (AIS)

Cargo (net) sling & hook

Communications intelligence (COMINT)

Communication relay (incl. antennae)

Directed acoustic (subsonic, sonic, ultrasonic) energy emitter

Electronic counter measures (ECM)

Electronic intelligence (ELINT)

Electronic warfare (EW) & Electronic support (ES)

Image intelligence (IMINT)

Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR)

Laser (target) designator

Mine detector (on land / at sea)

Missiles (incl. launch pylons / racks)

Ordnance (e.g. bombs, flares, grenades, mortars) & ejectors Pod (wing / fuselage-mounted - various purposes)

Rockets (incl. launch pylons / racks)

Signal intelligence (SIGINT)

Target search & acquisition (TA)

UA neutralisation / interception system (net & net launcher) Warhead

Weapon (lethal, non-lethal) & mount

For Aerial Decoys and / or Unmanned Target Aircraft

Radar signature augmentation / tailoring device

Thermal signature augmentation device

Tow target sleeve, cable & winch

Smoke generator