

Scenario Description

Welcome to the Basic Manual Flight tutorial.

This is the first in a series of tutorials designed to teach players the fundamentals of air operations in Command. In this tutorial, the following topics will be covered:

- Preparing an aircraft for launch.
- Launching an aircraft.
- Flying manually the plane.
- Return to base and land.

Pop-ups will appear with important messages during this scenario. You can find a PDF of them in the documents folder that comes with these tutorials. The default location is: C:\Program Files (x86)\Command Modern Operations\Scenarios\Tutorials\Air Warfare Tutorials\Flight Tutorial\Documents.

For Steam users, they will be located at: C:\Program Files (x86)\Steam\steamapps\common\Command - Modern Operations\Scenarios\Tutorials\Air Warfare Tutorials\Flight Tutorial.

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Scenario Briefing

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Message 1

Good morning!

Today you will impersonate the commander of the Ramat David Air Base in Northern Israel and you will learn how to use your air assets.

You have six F-16I Sufa and two Gulfstream G550 AEW Nahshon under your command. First, press "SPACE" to start the simulation. Then select Ramat David and press F6 to bring up the Air Ops window. You can also open this by clicking on "Aircraft" on the Unit Panel on the right side of your screen once you select an air base.

Message 2

Now you can see that two F-16Is have the AIM-120 (long range Air-to-Air missile) Light 202 loadout, two have the Python 5 (short/medium range Air-to-Air missile) Light 004 loadout and the last two have a AGM-88A HARM (Anti-radiation missile) and a SPICE2000 (Air-to-Ground glide bomb) loadout. Four F-16Is are ready to take off, while the other two are being armed.

The aircraft with the Air-to-Air loadouts also have the Quick Turnaround selected. This means that they can complete multiple sorties with a reduced ready time between them. An aircraft with an AAM loadout will take 3 hours to be ready during Surge Operations (see Sufa #4) or 20 hours during Sustained Operations, but when the Quick Turnaround is selected, you will have to wait only 20 minutes after the first sortie.

Surge Operations, Sustained Operations and Quick Turnaround are Doctrine Settings and can be changed in the Side Doctrine Window (CTRL + SHIFT + F9). However, the scenario designer will often lock these settings (this is done in the Editor by un-checking the box near each Doctrine Setting) preventing the player from changing them, as the Doctrine usually doesn't change throughout a scenario.

The two G550 AEW instead are in the "Reserve" status. You will need to prepare them to act as an airborne radar.

- Select one of them and click on the "Ready/Arm" button.
- Select a loadout in the new window. Conformal Aerial Early Warning is the only one available other than Ferry, Reserve and Maintenance.
- Flying manually the plane.

- Click on "OK-Ready".

In a few hours the Nahshons will be ready to take off.

Message 3

Now it's time to take an aircraft on patrol.

Select one of the ready F-16Is and click on "Launch Individually".

After a few minutes it will be in the air.

Message 4

When the F-16I has taken off, you can finally control it.

To plot a course, select the aircraft and press F3. An arrow will appear under your pointer, click on a point of the map to plot the first course. You can then plot another waypoint or press "ESC" to confirm your desired route.

Message 5

The aircraft is following the desired path. Now press "F2" to change speed and altitude. Sometimes you will need to be close to the ground to avoid being spotted by enemy radars, or you will need to fly high above the reach of MANPADS.

Message 6

When all the weapons have been expended (Winchester) or the fuel is low (Bingo) the plane will return to base automatically. If you wish to return early, press "B".

Message 7

Well done! Manually controlling a plane is easy, but how can you control multiple sorties?

The next tutorial will focus on missions.