Abbreviations and acronyms

AA Aircraft Address

AAIS Advanced Aircraft Information System ABAS Aircraft-based Augmentation System

ACARS Aircraft Communication Addressing and Reporting System

ACAS Airborne Collision Avoidance System

ACM Aircraft Condition Monitoring

ACMS Aircraft Condition Monitoring System

ACP Audio Control Panel

ADAPT Air Traffic Management Data Acquisition, Processing and Transfer

ADF Automatic Direction Finder ADI Attitude Director Indicator

ADIRS Air Data/Inertial Reference System ADIRU Air Data Inertial Reference Unit

ADM Air Data Module ADR Air Data Reference ADS Air Data System

ADS Automatic Dependent Surveillance

ADS-B Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast AEEC Airlines Electronic Engineering Committee

AF Audio Frequency

AFC Automatic Frequency Control

AFCS Auto Flight Control System (Autopilot)

AFDX Avionics Full Duplex

AFIS Airborne Flight Information Service
AFMS Advanced Flight Management System
AFS Automatic Flight System (Autopilot)

AGC Automatic Gain Control AGL Above Ground Level

AHRS Attitude/Heading Reference System

AHS Attitude Heading System

AI Airbus Industries

AIAA American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

AIDS Aircraft Integrated Data System

AIMS Airplane Information Management System

AIS Aeronautical Information System

AIV Anti-Icing Valve

ALT Altitude

AM Amplitude Modulation AMD Advisory Map Display

AMI Airline Modifiable Information
AMLCD Active Matrix Liquid Crystal Display

AMSL Above Mean Sea Level AMU Audio Management Unitµ

ANSI American National Standards Institute

ANSIR Advanced Navigation System Inertial Reference

ANT Antenna

AOA Angle of Attack

AOC Airline Operational Control

AP Autopilot

APATSI Airport Air Traffic System Interface

API Application Programming Interface APM Advanced Power Management

APP Approach

APR Auxiliary Power Reserve APU Auxiliary Power Unit

APV Approach with Vertical Guidance ARINC Aeronautical Radio Incorporated

ARR Arrival

ARTAS Advanced Radar Tracker and Server ARTS Automated Radar Terminal System

ASAAC Allied Standard Avionics Architecture Council

ASCB Aircraft System Common Data Bus

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

ASI Air Speed Indicator

ASIC Application Specific Integrated Circuit

ASR Aerodrome Surveillance Radar

ATA Actual Time of Arrival

ATAS ADS-B Traffic Advisory System

ATC Air Traffic Control

ATCRBS ATC Radio Beacon System
ATE Automatic Test Equipment
ATFM Air Traffic Flow Management

ATI Air Transport Indicator

ATLAS Abbreviated Test Language for Avionics Systems

ATM Air Traffic Management

ATN Aeronautical Telecommunications Network

ATR Air Transportable Racking

ATS Air Traffic Services ATS Air Traffic System

ATSU Air Traffic Services Unit
AVC Automatic Volume Control
AVG Approach with Vertical Guidance
AVLAN Avionics Local Area Network

AWIN Aircraft Weather Information

AWLU Aircraft Wireless Local Area Network Unit

B-C Back-Course

BCD Binary Coded Decimal BCO Binary Coded Octal BDS Comm. B Data Selector

BER Bit Error Rate

BFO Beat Frequency Oscillator BGW Basic Gross Weight

BIOS Basic Input/Output System

BIST Built-In Self-Test
BIT Built-in Test

BITE Built-in Test Equipment
BIU Bus Interface Unit

BLEU Blind Landing Experimental Unit

BPS Bits Per Second

CAA Civil Aviation Authority

Cabin Local Area Network **CABLAN** CADC Central Air Data Computer CAI Computer Aided Instruction Controller Area Network CAN Collision Avoidance System CAS CAS Crew Alerting System CAT Clear-Air-Turbulence Circuit Card Assembly CCA

CDDI Copper Distributed Data Interface

CDI Course Deviation Indicator

CDROM Compact Disk Read-Only Memory

CDS Common Display System

CDTI Cockpit Display of Traffic Information

CDU Control Display Unit

CEATS Central European Air Traffic Service

CFDS Central Fault Display System

CH Compass Heading

CIDIN Common ICAO Data Interchange Network
CIDS Cabin Intercommunication Data System

CIO Carrier Insertion Oscillator

CLB Climb

CMC Central Maintenance Computer

CMOS Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor

CMP Configuration Management Plan CMS Centralized Maintenance System CMU Communications Management Unit

CNS Communications Navigation and Surveillance

COMPAS Computer Orientated Metering, Planning and Advisory System

CONUS Continental United States
COTS Commercial Off-The-Shelf
CPA Closest Point of Approach

CPDLC Controller Pilot Data Link Communications

CPM Core Processing Module
CPU Central Processing Unit
CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check
CRM Crew Resource Management

CRT Cathode Ray Tube

CRZ Cruise

CTO Central Technical Operations

CVOR Conventional VOR
CVR Cockpit Voice Recorder

CW Continuous Wave

D8PSK Differential Eight Phase Shift Keying

DA Drift Angle

DAC Digital to Analog Converter
DADC Digital Air Data Computer
DAP Downlink Aircraft Parameters

DATAC Digital Autonomous Terminal Access Communications System

DBRITE Digital Bright Radar Indicator Tower Equipment

DCPC Direct Controller Pilot Communications

DCU Data Concentrator Unit

DDM Difference in Depth of Modulation

DDR Digital Data Recorder

DECU Digital Engine Control Unit
DEOS Digital Engine Operating System

DEP Departure DES Descent

DEU Digital Electronics Unit DF Downlink Format

DFDAU Digital Flight Data Acquisition Unit

DFDR Digital Flight Data Recorder
DFGC Digital Flight Guidance Computer
DFGS Digital Flight Guidance System
DFLD Database Field Loadable Data

DG Directional Gyro

DGPS Differential Global Positioning System

DH Decision Height DIR INTC Direct Intercept

DIS Distance

DITS Digital Information Transfer System

DMA Direct Memory Access

DME Distance Measuring Equipment
DMEP Data Management Entry Panel

DMOD Distance Modification
DO Design Organisation
DP Departure Procedures

DP Decimal Point

DPM Data Position Module

DPSK Differential Phase Shift Keying

DPU Display Processor Unit

DRAM Dynamic Random Access Memory

DS Data Segment
DSB Double Sideband

DSB-SC Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier

DSP Display Select Panel
DSP Digital Signal Processing

DSRTK Desired Track
DTG Distance To Go

DTG Dynamically Tuned Gyroscope DTOP Dual Threshold Operation

DU Display Units

DUATS Direct User Access Terminal System

DVOR Doppler VOR

EADI Electronic Attitude Director Indicator

EARTS En-route Automated Radar Tracking System

EAS Express Air System
EAT Expected Approach Time

EATMP European Air Traffic Management Programme EATMS Enhanced Air Traffic Management System

EC European Commission

ECAM Electronic Centralized Aircraft Monitoring

ECB Electronic Control Box

ECM Electronic Countermeasures ECS Environmental Control System

ECU Electronic Control Unit EEC Electronic Engine Control

EEPROM Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

EFCS Electronic Flight Control System
EFIS Electronic Flight Instrument System

EGNOS European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service

EGPWS Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System

EHF Extremely High Frequency EHS Enhance Surveillance

EHSI Electronic Horizontal Situation Indicator

EIA Electronic Industries Association

EICAS Engine Indication and Crew Alerting Systems

EIDE Enhanced Integrated Drive Electronics

EIS Electronic Instrument System

EL Elevation-Station

ELAC Elevator and Aileron Computer ELF Extremely Low Frequency

eLORAN Enhanced LORAN

ELM Extended Length Message
ELS Elementary Surveillance
ELS Electronic Library System
EMC Electromagnetic Compatibility
EMI Electromagnetic Interference

EPROM Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

EROPS Extended Range Operations
ERU Electronic Routing Unit

ES Extended Squitter

ESA European Space Agency
ESD Electrostatic Discharge
ESD Electrostatic Sensitive Device

ESD Electrostatic Sensitive Device ETA Estimated Time of Arrival

ETOPS Extended Range Twin-engine Operations

EXEC Execute

FAA Federal Aviation Administration FAC Flight Augmentation Computer

FADEC Full Authority Digital Engine Control

FANS Future Air Navigation Systems FAR Federal Aviation Regulations

FBL Fly-By-Light FBW Fly-By-Wire

FCC Flight Control Computer

FCC Federal Communications Commission FCGC Flight Control and Guidance Computer

FCS Flight Control System FCU Flight Control Unit FD Flight Director

FDAU Flight Data Acquisition Unit FDC Flight Director Computer

FDD Floppy Disk Drive

FDDI Fibre Distributed Data Interface FDE Fault Detection and Exclusion

FDM Frequency Division (Domain) Multiplexing

FDMU Flight Data Management Unit

FDR Flight Data Recorder
FDS Flight Director System
FET Field Effect Transistor
FFS Full Flight Simulator
FG Flight Guidance

FGC Flight Guidance Computer

FGI Flight guidance by digital Ground Image

FGS Flight Guidance System
FIR Flight Information Region
FIS Flight Information System

FIS-B Flight Information Services-Broadcast

FL Flight Level

FLIR Forward Looking Infrared FLS Field Loadable Software FM Frequency Modulation

FMC Flight Management Computer

FMCDU Flight Management Control and Display Unit

FMCS Flight Management Computer System FMGC Flight Management Guidance Computer

FMS Flight Management System FOG Fibre Optic Gyroscope

FRUIT False Replies from Unsynchronised Interrogator Transmissions

FSK Frequency Shift Keying FSS Fixed Satellite Service

G Giga (10⁹ multiplier)

G/S Glide Slope
GA General Aviation
GAT General Air Traffic

GBAS Ground-based Augmentation System

GBST Ground-Based Software Tool
GBT Ground Base Transmitter
GEO Geostationary Earth Orbit
GES Ground Earth Station

GDOP Geometric Dilution Of Precision

GHz Gigahertz (10⁹ Hz)

GICB Ground Initiated Comm. B

GLONASS Global Navigation Satellite System

GLS GNSS Landing System GMT Greenwich Mean Time

GND Ground

GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System

GPM Ground Position Module GPS Global Positioning System

GPWS Ground Proximity Warning System

GRI Group Repetition Interval

GS Glide Slope GS Ground Speed GW Gross Weight

HDD Head Down Display

HDG Heading

HF High Frequency

HIRF High-energy Radiated Field/High-intensity Radiated Field

Hex Hexadecimal

HFDS Head-up Flight Display System
HFDL High Frequency Data Link
HGS Head-up Guidance System
HIRF High-Intensity Radiated Field
HIRL High-Intensity Runway Lights

HM Health Monitoring

HMCDU Hybrid Multifunction Control Display Unit

HPA High Power Amplifier

HSI Horizontal Situation Indicator

HUD Head-Up Display

HUGS Head-Up Guidance System Hz Hertz (cycles per second)

I/O Input/Output

IAC Integrated Avionics Computer

IAPS Integrated Avionics Processing System

IAS Indicated Air Speed

IATA International Air Transport Association

IC Interrogator Codes

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

IDENT Identification

IF Intermediate Frequency
IFE In-Flight Entertainment
IFF Identification, Friend or Foe
IFOG Interferometric Fibre Optic Gyro

IFPS International Flight Plan Processing System

IFR Instrument Flight Rules

IHF Integrated Human Interface Function

IHUMS Integrated Health and Usage Monitoring System

IIInterrogator Identifier

ILS Instrument Landing System

IM Inner Marker

IMA Integrated Modular AvionicsIMU Inertial Measurement UnitINS Inertial Navigation System

IP Internet Protocol
IPC Instructions Per Cycle
IPR Intellectual Property Right

IPX/SPX Inter-network Packet Exchange/Sequential Packet Exchange

IR Infra-Red

IRMP Inertial Reference Mode Panel IRS Inertial Reference System IRU Inertial Reference Unit ISA Inertial Sensor Assembly

ISA International Standard Atmosphere

ISAS Integrated Situational Awareness System

ISDB Integrated Signal Database
ISDU Inertial System Display Unit
ISM Industrial, Scientific and Medical
ISO International Standards Organisation
IVSI Instantaneous Vertical Speed Indicator

IWF Integrated Warning Function

JAA Joint Airworthiness Authority JAR Joint Airworthiness Requirement

JEDEC Joint Electron Device Engineering Council

K Kilo (10³ multiplier) kHz Kilohertz (10³ Hz)

KIAS Indicated Airspeed in Knots

Km Kilometre

Knot Nautical Miles/Hour

KT Knots

LAAS Local Area Augmentation System

LAN Local Area Network

LASER Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation

Lat. Latitude

LATAN Low-Altitude Terrain-Aided Navigation

LCD Liquid Crystal Display LDA Localizer Directional Aid

LDU Lamp Driver Unit
LED Light-Emitting Diode
LF Low Frequency
LIDAR Light Radar

LNAV Lateral Navigation LO Local Oscillator

LOC Localizer Long Longitude

LORADS Long Range Radar and Display System

LOS Line Of Sight

LRRA Low Range Radio Altimeter LRM Line Replaceable Module

LRNS Long Range Navigation System

LRU Line Replaceable Unit

LSAP Loadable Aircraft Software Part

LSB Least Significant Bit
LSB Lower Sideband
LSD Least Significant Digit
LSI Large Scale Integration
LSS Lightning Sensor System

LUF Lowest Usable Frequency

M Mega (10⁶ multiplier)
MAPt Missed Approach Point
MASI Mach Airspeed Indicator
MAU Modular Avionics Unit

MCDU Microprocessor Controlled Display Units

MCP Mode Control Panel
 MCS Master Control Station
 MCU Modular Component Unit
 MDA Minimum Descent Altitude

MDAU Maintenance Data Acquisition Unit METAR Meteorological Aerodrome Report

MEL Minimum Equipment List

MF Medium Frequency

MFD Multifunction Flight Display MFDS Multifunction Display System

MHRS Magnetic Heading Reference System

MHz Megahertz (10⁶ Hz)

MLS Microwave Landing System MLW Maximum Landing Weight

MM Middle Marker

MMI Man Machine Interface MMR Multimode Receiver

MMS Mission Management System MNPS Minimum Navigation Performance

Specification

MOS Metal Oxide Semiconductor

MOSFET Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor

MRC Modular Radio Cabinets
MRO Maintenance/Repair/Overhaul

MSB Most Significant Bit MSD Most Significant Digit

MSG Message

MSI Medium Scale Integration MSK Minimum Shift Keying

MSL Mean Sea Level
MSU Mode Select Unit
MSW Machine Status Word
MT Maintenance Terminal

MTBF Mean Time Between Failure
MTBO Mean Time Between Overhaul
MTC Mission and Traffic Control systems

MTOW Maximum Takeoff Weight MUF Maximum Usable Frequency

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration NAVSTAR Navigation System with Timing and Ranging

NCD No Computed Data
ND Navigation Display
NDB Navigation Database
NDB Non-Directional Beacon

NFF No Fault Found

NGATS Next Generation Air Transport System

NIC Network Interface Controller

nm Nautical mile

NMS Navigation Management System NMU Navigation Management Unit

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOTAM Notice to Airmen

NPA Non-Precision Approach NVM Non-Volatile Memory

OAT Outside air temperature
OBI Omni Bearing Indicator
OBS Omni Bearing Selector
ODS Operations Display System
OEI One Engine Inoperative

OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer

OLDI On-Line Data Interchange

OM Optical Marker

OMS On-board Maintenance System

OS Operating System

OSS Option Selectable Software

PA Precision Approach

PAPI Precision Approach Path Indicator
PBN Performance Based Navigation
PCA Preconditioned Air System
PCB Printed Circuit Board

PCC Purser Communication Center

PCHK Parity Check(ing)
PDB Performance Database
PDL Portable Data Loader
PFD Primary Flight Display
PIC Pilot In Command

PLASI Pulsed Light Approach Slope Indicator

PLL Phase Locked Loop PM Protected Mode

PMAT Portable Maintenance Access Terminal PMO Program Management Organization PMS Performance Management System

PNF Pilot Non Flying Pos. init. Position initialisation

POS Position

POST Power-On Self-test PP Pre-Processor

PPI Plan Position Indicator PPM Pulse Position Modulation

PPOS Present Position

PQFP Plastic Quad Flat Package PRF Pulse Repetition Frequency

PRI Primary

PRN Pseudo-random Noise

PROG Progress

PROM Programmable Read-Only Memory

PSK Phase Shift Keying
PSM Power Supply Module
PSR Primary Surveillance Radar

Q Quality Factor

QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

QE Quadrantal Error OoS Quality of Service

QPSK Quadrature Phase Shift Keying

R/T Receiver/Transmitter
RA Resolution Advisory
RA Radio Altitude

Radar Radio Direction and Ranging

RAIM Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring

RAM Random Access Memory

RDMI Radio and Distance Magnetic Indicator

RF Radio Frequency

RIMM RAM Bus In-line Memory Module RISC Reduced Instruction Set Computer

RLG Ring Laser Gyro

RMI Radio Magnetic Indicator

RNAV Area Navigation

RMP Radio Management Panel

RNP Required Navigation Performance

ROM Read-Only Memory

RPAS Remotely Piloted Aircraft System

RTE Route

RVR Runway Visual Range

RX Receiver

SA Service Availability

SAARU Secondary Attitude/Air Data Reference Unit

SAT Static Air Temperature SATCOM Satellite Communications

SBAS Satellite-based Augmentation System

SC Suppressed Carrier

SCMP Software Configuration Management Plan

SDD System Definition Document SDI Source/Destination Identifier

SEC Secondary

SELCAL Selective Calling SES Single European Sky

SESAR Single European Sky ATM Research Programme

SHF Super High Frequency SI Surveillance Indicator

SID Standard Instrument Departure

SLS Side Lobe Suppression

SMART Standard Modular Avionics Repair/Test SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol SPDA Secondary Power Distribution Assembly

SPDT Single Pole Double Throw SPI Special Position Identity

SRAM Synchronous Random Access Memory SRD Short-range Device (radio band) SRD System Requirement Document SROM Serial Read Only Memory

SSB Single Sideband

SSI Small Scale Integration SSM Sign/Status Matrix

SSR Secondary Surveillance Radar SSV Standard Service Volume

STAR Standard Terminal Arrival Routes

STDMA Self-organising Time Division Multiple Access

STP Shielded Twisted Pair

SW Software

SWR Standing Wave Ratio

T/C Top of Climb
T/D Top of Descent
TA Traffic Advisory

TACAN Tactical Air Navigation

TAF Terminal Aerodrome Forecast

TAS True Air Speed

TAT Total Air Temperature

Tau Minimum time to collision threshold TAWS Terrain Awareness Warning System

TBO Time Between Overhaul

TCAS Traffic Alert Collision Avoidance System

TCVR Transceiver

TDM Time Division (Domain) Multiplexing
TIS-B Traffic Information Services-Broadcast

TK Track

TKE Track Angle Error
TRF Tuned Radio Frequency

TS Task Switched

TTL Transistor—Transistor Logic
TTP Time Triggered Protocol
TWDL Two-Way Data Link

TX Transmitter

TX/RX Transmitter/receiver (transceiver)

UAS Unmanned Aircraft System
UAT Universal Access Transceiver
UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UDP User Datagram Protocol

UF Uplink Format

UHF Ultra High Frequency

ULSI Ultra Large Scale Integration
UMS User Modifiable Software
USB Universal Serial Bus

USB Upper Sideband

USCG United States Coast Guard
UTC Coordinated Universal Time
UTP Unshielded Twisted Pair

UV Ultra-Violet

UVPROM Ultra Violet Programmable Read-Only Memory

VAC Volts, Alternating Current VAS Virtual Address Space

VCO Voltage Controlled Oscillator

VDB VHF Data Broadcast VDC Volts, Direct Current

VDL Very High Frequency Data Link

VFR Visual Flight Rules VG Vertical Gyro

VHF Very High Frequency

VHSIC Very High Speed Integrated Circuit

VIA Versatile Integrated Avionics

VLF Very Low Frequency

VLSI Very Large Scale Integration VME Versatile Module Eurocard

VNAV Vertical Navigation VOR VHF Omnirange

VORTAC VOR TACAN Navigation Aid

VPA Virtual Page Address VSI Vertical Speed Indicator

W/S Whisper-Shout

WAAS Wide Area Augmentation System

WACS Wireless Airport Communication System

WAN Wide Area Network
WD Wind Direction
WS Wind Speed
WX Weather

WXP Weather Radar Panel

WXR Weather Radar

XTK Cross Track XTAL Crystal

ZFW Zero Fuel Weight