### **D8Q4Vspeeds** Version 1.2, December 2017

# (1) Version History

- 1.2 Revision 2. December 2017. Added Fuel Mass and Zero Fuel Mass to extractions.
- 1.1 Revision 1. August 2016. Uses stack variables, thanks to my teacher, Roman Stoviak. Fixed ICING bug.
- 1.0 Initial version. July 2016. Computes V-speeds and optionally sets bugs.

# (2) Description

This XML gauge can be installed as a panel window in your *Majestic* Dash8 Q400 simulation for *FSX*. It computes the V-speeds for the MJC8Q400 for T/O and Landing, optionally applies wet runway and icing corrections, and optionally sets the bugs on the EFIS-PFD. The gauge does **not** apply headwind/tailwind corrections in case of wet runway.

## (3) Requirements

Apart from an installation of the MJC8Q400 in *FSX*, the gauge also requires installation of *Tom Aguilo's* **XMLTools.dll** v2.01 for FSX. You may **either** manually install the .dll (provided) **and** manually edit your dll.xml file, **or** use the v2.01 **Installer** available to download free at:

http://fsdeveloper.com/forum/resources/xmltools-2-01-xml-expansion-module-for-fsx.148/

## Manual installation

Copy XMLTools.dll into FSX's main folder. Next, locate your dll.xml file which should be in:

C:\Users\username\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\FSX\

C:\Documents and Settings\username\Application Data\Microsoft\FSX\

Edit the file by adding the following within <Simbase.Document>

<Launch.Addon>

<Name>XMLTools</Name>

<Disabled>False</Disabled>

<ManualLoad>False</ManualLoad>

<Path>XMLTools.dll</Path>

<DllStartName>module init</DllStartName>

<DllStopName>module deinit</DllStopName>

</Launch.Addon>

**Important:** if the *XMLVars.dll* module is installed, just locate the *XMLVars* entry and replace the *XMLVars* and *XMLVars.dll* names with *XMLTools* and *XMLTools.dll* respectively, as both modules must not be loaded at the same time. Also if *Logger.dll* is installed, remove its entry from the file.



#### (4) Installation

- (i) Place the **D8Q4Vspeeds12.CAB** file in your FSX\Gauges folder.
- (ii) Edit the **panel.cfg** file in your *MJC8Q400* aircraft folder this way:

[Window Titles]
WindowNN=V-Speed Bugger

[WindowNN]
Background\_color=0,0,0
size\_mm=300, 1200
window\_size\_ratio=1.000
position=0
visible=1
ident=750
gauge00=D8Q4Vspeeds12!D8Q4Vspeeds12,0,0,300,1200

where **WindowNN** is your *next* available window.

# (5) Operation

#### T/O-Climb

- -At any time with the aircraft on ground, select T/O FLAP (button turns green) to display uncorrected V-speeds for t/o and climb (at currently sensed a/c mass, altitude, ambient temperature and pressure). The code linearly interpolates on the weight axis (and altitude axis if applicable) of the MJC8Q400 T/O Speeds Card, and then rounds up to the next highest integer.
- -Optionally press the WET button (button turns green) to apply the basic 8 kt wet runway correction to V1. The code cannot correct for headwind/tailwind; these would need to be applied manually later.
- -Optionally press the ICE button (button turns green) to apply icing correction to V2, Vfri and Vclimb.
- -Optionally press the SET button (momentarily turns green, returns to red on release) to set all 5 EFIS bugs to displayed values.

# Approach-Landing

- -At any time with the aircraft in the air (ideally at TOD or just prior to Approach), select LANDING FLAP (button turns green) to display uncorrected V-speeds for approach and landing (at currently sensed a/c mass). The code linearly interpolates on required axes and rounds up the result, as before.
- -Optionally press the ICE button to apply icing correction to Vapp and Vref.
- -Optionally press the SET button (momentarily turns green, returns to red on release) to clear the first 3 bugs and set the 2 lower bugs to displayed values.



#### (6) Feedback

This is a work-in-progress, and I welcome feedback on the *Majestic* forum: in the associated thread, or via the Messaging system.

## (7) Acknowledgements

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