SIGNAL	DAY	NIGHT	REMARKS	SIGNAL	DAY	NIGHT	REMARKS	SIGNAL	DAY	NIGHT	REMARKS	SIGNAL	DAY	NIGHT	REMARKS
Fixe		eneral Airc g Signals	raft	CONNECT GROUND ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY	Hands above head, left fist partially clenched, right hand moved in direction of left hand with first two fingers extended and inserted into circle made by fingers of the left hand.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Same signal for air start unit except using two fingers (day).	CLOSE AIR/SPEED BRAKES	Hands in front, verticaly with palms open from the wrists, then suddenly closed.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		VERTICAL TAKEOFF (VTO) (AV-8)	Arms extended horizontally sideways beckoning upwards, with palms turned up.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
AFFIRMATIVE/ALL CLEAR/I WILL COMPLY	Hand raised, thumb up.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	©22 ACR-F01V START ENGINE(S)	Left hand overhead with appropriate number of fingers extended, to indicate the number of the engine to be started, and circular motion of right hand at head level.	Similar to day signal except that the wand in the left hand will be flashed to indicate the engine to be started.		REMOVE TIEDOWNS (director)	To tiedown crew: Makes wiping motion down left arm with right hand.	Same as day except with wands.		62 PASS CONTROL	With both arms shoulder height, point in direction of person receiving control.	Same as day except point amber wand.	Used by U.S. Navy personnel. Not a NATO signal.
NEGATIVE/NOT CLEAR/I WILL NOT COMPLY	Arm held out, hand below waist level, thumb turned downwards.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		SLOW DOWN ENGINE(S) ON INDICATED SIDE	Arms down with palms toward ground, then either right or left arm waved up and down indicating that left or right side engines respectively should be slowed down.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signals.	INSTALL TIEDOWNS (director)	To tiedown crew: Rotates hands in a circle perpendicular to and in front of his body.	Same as day except with wands.		COD RAMP: OPEN/CLOSE	One hand held in hold, the other finger and thumb extended but not touching; then bring fingers and thumb together several times. Pilot will respond with same signal.	Two wands used in same manner.	Ramp shall not come down until deck crew acknowledges pilot signal.
	Right or left arm down, other arm moved across the body and extended to indicate direction to next director.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signals.	ACR-FOIX CUT ENGINE(S)	Either arm and hand level with shoulder, hand moving across the throat, palm down. Hand is moved sideways, arm remaining bent. Other arm pointing to engine.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		TIEDOWNS IN PLACE (director)	Same signal as "install tiedown," followed by thumbs up.	Same as day except with wands.		64 45 DEG ROTATE NACELLES UP/DN	Arms extended from body and held horizontal to shoulders with hands held in a fist raised and above eye level. Execute a beckoning arm motion angled backward.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
ACR-FOID THIS WAY	Arms above head in vertical position with palms facing inward.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	25) ACR-FOTY LOCK TAILWHEEL	Hands together overhead, opened from the wrists in a V, then closed suddenly.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		ENGINE RUNUP (pilot)	Moves forefinger in a circular motion in view of director to indicate that he is ready to run up engines.	Makes circular motion with hand held light.	Director responds with same signal (wand at night) to indicate "clear to run up."		ter and Ver		•
SLOW DOWN	Arms down with palms towards ground, then moved up and down several times.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	26) ACR F012 UNLOCK TAILWHEEL	Hands overhead, palms together, then hands opened from the wrists to form a V, wrists remaining together.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		46) HOT BRAKES	Makes rapid fanning motion with one hand in front of face and points to wheel with other hand.	Same as day except with wands.		1 ACR-F02a LANDING DIRECTION	LSE stands with arms raised vertically above head and facing toward the point where the aircraft is to land. The arms are lowered repeatedly from a vertical to a horizontal position, stopping finally in the horizontal position.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
	Extend right arm horizontally, left arm is repeatedly moved upward. Speed of arm movement indicating rate of turn.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Clench first (day), or down-turned wand (night), means for pilot to lock indicated brake. Also used for spot turns for hovering aircraft. Conforms to ICAO signal.	FOLD WINGS/HELICOPTER BLADES	Arms straight out at sides, then swept forward and hugged around shoulders.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		BRAKE FAILURE (tailhook equipped aircraft) (pilot)	Pilot drops tailhook and turns on external lights as an emergency signal to the director and deck crew.	Same as day.	Pilot also informs tower via radio.	ACR-F02b MOVE UPWARD	Arms extended horizontally sideways beckoning upwards, with palms turned up. Speed of movement indicates rate of ascent.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
	Extend left arm horizontally, left arm is repeatedly moved upward. Speed of arm movement indicating rate of turn.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Clench fist (day), or down-turned wand (night), means for pilotto lock indicated brake Also used for spot turns for hovering aircraft. Conforms to ICAO signal.	SPREAD WINGS/ HELICOPTER BLADES	Arms hugged around shoulders, then swept straight out to the sides.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		48) LIGHTS	Points to eyes with two fingers to signal "lights on."	Flashing wands.	When lights are already on, same signal is used to signal "lights off."	3 ACR-F02c HOVER	Arms extended horizontally sideways, palms downward.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
ACR-FOIL MOVE AHEAD	Arms extended from body and held horizontal to shoulders with hands up-raised and above eye level, palms facing backwards. Execute beckoning arm motion angled backward. Rapidity indicates speed desired	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	ACR-F01ac LOCK WINGS/ HELICOPTER BLADES	Hit right elbow with palm of left hand.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		I HAVE CONTROL	Hold one hand open, motionless and high above head, with palm forward.	Same as day except with wand.		MOVE DOWNWARD	Arms extended horizontally sideways beckoning downwards, with palms turned down. Speed of movement indicates rate of descent.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
	Arms crossed above the head, palms facing forward.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	ACR FOTAL OPEN WEAPON BAY(S) DOOR(S)	Body bent forward at the waist, hands held with fingertips touching in front of body and elbows bent at approximately 45°, then arms swing downward and outward.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		OPEN COWL FLAPS	Hold hands against side of head; then open hands by moving thumbs forward and outward.	Same as day except with wands.		MOVE TO LEFT	Right arm extended horizontally sideways in direction of movement and other arms swung over the head in same direction, in a repeating movement.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
	open palms and fingers raised with palms toward	then wands crossed.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	31) ACR-F01ae CLOSE WEAPON BAY(S) DOOR(S)	Body bent forward at the waist and arms extended horizontally, then arms swing downward and in until fingertips touch in front of the body with elbows bent at approximately 45°.			CONNECT/DISCONNECT AIR STARTING UNIT			Same as "connect/dis- connect ground elec- trical power supply," except using one finger (day). (See signals 20 and 21.)	MOVE TO RIGHT	Left arm extended horizontally sideways in direction of movement and other arm swung over the head in the same direction, in a repeating movement.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
MOVE BACK (ALSO USED TO PULL BACK AIRCRAFT UTILIZING ARRESTING WIRE)	Arms by sides, palms facing forward, swept forward and upward repeatedly to shoulder height.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	32) ACR-FO1af TAKE OFF	Director conceals left/ right hand and makes circular motion of right/ left hand over head in horizontal plane ending in a throwing motion of arm towards direction of takeoff.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		START AIRCRAFT AUXILIARY POWER UNIT	Points to power unit exhaust with left hand index finger; moves right hand in horizontal circle, index and middle finger pointing downward.	Same as day except with wands.		ACR-F02g LOWER WHEELS	When aircraft approaches with landing gear retracted, LSE gives signal by side view of a cranking circular motion of the hands.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
TURNS WHILE BACKING (TAIL TO LEFT)	Point right arm down and left arm brought from overhead, vertical position to horizontal position repeating left arm movement.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	NIGHT INBOARD ENGINE(S) FIRE (P-3'S) RIGHT ENGINE FIRE APU FIRE FIRE	Describes large figure eight with one hand and holds up the number of fingers for the associated engine/APU with the other hand.	Describes large figure eight with one wand and positions other wand in direction of fire. From the pilot's perspective, the wand will be pointed right for the right engine, left for left engine, up for inboard engine (P-3's), and down for APU.	as appropriate.	STOP AIRCRAFT AUXILIARY POWER UNIT	Makes "throat cutting" action with left hand; moves right hand in horizontal circle, index and middle fingers pointing downward.	Same as day except with wands.		ACR-F02h WAVE OFF	Waving of arms over the head.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Signal is mandatory. Conforms to ICAO signal.
	Point left arm down and right arm brought from overhead vertical position to horizontal forward position, repeating right arm movement.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	ENGAGE NOSEWHEEL STEERING	Touch end of nose with forefinger. Then, give thumbs up signal with same hand.	Touch end of nose with wand. Then, give "up" signal with same wand.		GROUND REFUELING ALL TANKS, NO EXTERNAL POWER (ground crewman)	Extends arm in front of body and makes a wide circular wiping motion; then brings thumb to mouth as if drinking from a glass.	Same except with wand held vertically.	Pilot extends air refu- eling probe and sets switches for fueling all tanks.	9 ACR-F02 LAND	Arms crossed and extended downwards in front of the body.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
CLEARANCE FOR PERSONNEL TO APPROACH AIRCRAFT	A beckoning motion with right hand at eye level.		Conforms to ICAO signal.	DISENGAGE NOSE WHEEL STEERING	Touch end of nose with forefinger. Then, sweep arm in downward direction.	Touch end of nose with wand. Then, sweep wand in downward direction.	Day: Pilot shall confirm disengage with a thumbs up. Night: Pilot shall confirm disengage utilizing light in circular motion.	GROUND REFUELING, INTERNAL TANKS ONLY, NO EXTERNAL POWER (ground crewman)	Makes a circular motion as if rubbing stomach with palm of hand; then brings thumb to mouth as if drinking from a glass.	Same as day except with wand.	Pilot extend air refueling probe and sets switches for fueling internal tanks only.	ACR-F02j DROOP STOPS OUT	When rotor starts to "run down" LSE stands with both hands raised above head, fists closed, thumbs pointing out.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
PERSONNEL APPROACHING THE AIRCRAFT	Left hand raised vertically overhead, palm towards aircraft. The other hand indicates to personnel concerned and gestures towards aircraft.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	36 ACR FO1aj LOWER WING FLAPS	Hands in front, palms together horizontally then opened from the wrist crocodile-mouth fashion.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		EXTEND/RETRACT AIR REFUELING PROBE OR RAM AIR TURBINE	TO EXTEND: Extend arm straight ahead, fist clenched; swing arm 90° to side. Use left or right arm according to location of probe. TO RETRACT: Use the reverse of the EXTEND signal.	Same as day except with wand.	Pilot actuates probe on signal.	ACR-F02k DROOP STOPS IN	When droop stops go in, LSE turns thumbs inwards.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
	Arms down, fists closed, thumbs extended inwards, swing arms from extended position inwards.	Same as for day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	37) ACR-FOIAK RAISE WING FLAPS	Hands in front horizontally, with palms open from the wrists, then suddenly closed.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		NEED AIRCRAFT STARTING UNIT	Extend arms out from body (curved upwards) and rotate arms in a clockwise/ counter-clockwise motion.	Same as day except with wands.		ACR-F02I REMOVE BLADE TIEDOWNS	Left hand above head, right hand pointing to individual boots for removal.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.
REMOVE CHOCKS	Arms down, fists closed, thumbs extended outwards, swing arms outwards.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	Conforms to ICAO signal.	38) ACR-F01al LOWER HOOK	Right fist, thumb extended downward, lowered suddenly to meet horizontal palm of left hand.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		FUEL DISCHARGE DURING START	Left arm raised above shoulder with number of fingers extended to indicate affected engine; right hand describes a pendulum motion between waist and knees.	Similar to day signal except that wand in left hand will be flashed to indicate the number of the affected engine.	Signal is for information only; pilot should be given cut engine or continuous turnup signal, as appropriate.	ACR-F02m ENGAGE ROTOR(S)	Circular motion in horizontal plane with right hand above head.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
	With arms above head, the right hand clasps left forearm and the left fist is clenched.	Similar to the day signal except the right wand is placed against left forearm. The wand in the left hand is held vertical.		39 ACR-F01am RAISE HOOK	Right fist, thumb extended upward, raised suddenly to meet horizontal palm of left hand.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		AIR WATER INJECTION (AV-8)	Give FINAL TURNUP signal. Chapter 4 (No. 9). Wait 2 or 3 seconds while pilot turns up military rated thrust and checks instruments. Then, hold open hand toward pilot, fingers extended vertically.	ame except hold GREEN wand vertically and move up and down.	Day — Pilot acknowl- edges by salute. Night — Pilot acknowl- edges by turning on light to steady dim.	ACR-F02n HOOK UP LOAD	Rope climbing motion with hands.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
	With arms and hands in "install down locks" position, the right hand unclasps the left forearm.	Similar to the day signal except with the addition of wands.		40 ACR-FO1an OPEN AIR/SPEED BRAKES	Hands in front, palms together vertically, then opened from the wrists crocodile-mouth fashion.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.		ENGINE THRUST CHECK	Extend arm overhead, forefinger pointing up. Hesitate, then rotate hand rapidly in a horizontal circle.	Hold RED and GREEN wands at chest level, rotating the green wand in a horizontal circle.	Signal is optional, given at request of pilot. Also can be used for deck launch.	(15) ACR F020 RELEASE LOAD	Left arm extended forward horizontally, fist clenched, with hand making vertical pendulum movement with fist clenched.	Same as day signal with addition of wands.	
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