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Time Space

Position

Information (TSPI)

The TSPI department is capable of providing end-to-end support for flight test needs. They utilize a multitude of sensors and software to create high accuracy trajectory data for test flight engineers. Achieving the high levels of accuracy necessary for flight test is more involved than immediately apparent. TSPI trajectory estimation and analysis is used on aircraft, ships, and ground vehicles. TSPI sections include real-time/post-flight, engineering, and development. The goal of TSPI is to reconstruct a vehicle's trajectory and attitude as accurate as possible, in order to provide a suitable "truth standard" that can be used as a reference for T & E purposes. Engineering and technical disciplines within TSPI include: physics, mathematics, engineering, computer science, geophysics, geodetics and aeronautics.

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE

The Air Force Test Center - 412th Test Wing is the host wing for Edwards Air Force Base, CA, the 2nd largest base in the Air Force. The wing oversees base day-to-day operations and provides support for over 10,000 military, federal civilian and contract personnel assigned to a 481 square mile installation. The 412th Test Wing plans, conducts, analyzes, and reports on all flight and ground testing of aircraft, weapons systems, software and components as well as modeling and simulation for the U.S. Air Force. There are three core components for this mission: flying operations, maintenance and engineering.

Range

Operations

The Range Control Officer (RCO) is the operational range representative supporting the planning, provisioning, and execution of Developmental, Test and Evaluation (DT&E) flight and ground missions in a dynamic range environment. The RCO actively engages with test program managers in order to enable successful test execution. As a vital member of the range test support team, the RCO works with test directors, test conductors, and various disciplined test engineers to conduct mission control room activities, to acquire data during real-time flight tests, and process test data during post-flight operations. In this exciting range environment, the RCO is trained and experienced in radar, telemetry, communications, optics, airspace, and instrumentation systems to advance the 412th Test Wing's DT&E mission.

412th Range Squadron

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TEST WING

TEST RANGE
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SUMMARY
AND
HIGHLIGHTS



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Engineering

Virtually every byte of telemetry, voice communication, trajectory and video data from cutting edge Air Force weapons systems under test and evaluation ride on high-tech networks. IT Specialists use networking and cyber security expertise, education and passion for technology. They build, maintain, configure and safeguard our most precious technical asset at Edwards...the flight test network back bone! To allow Electronic and Mechanical Engineers to test the world's most advanced weapons systems takes high-tech infrastructure! The engineers are responsible for designing, testing, documenting and executing complex projects daily in support of Flight Test Customers. Electronics Technicians are the fuel that runs the Range's high-performance motor! Using sharply-honed skills in troubleshooting, cable and fiber optic termination and testing, mechanical installation, test-equipment usage and quality control inspection, they make vision a reality!

Data



Production

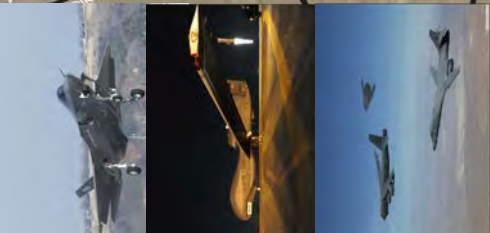
Data production is the team behind the Test Pilot. The flight control operations center is a facility that manages flight test of advanced aerospace vehicles, from the point of takeoff to landing. It is part of the ground segment of aerospace test operations. A staff of analysts, test directors, and other support personnel monitor all aspects of the mission using telemetry to monitor safety, performance, health, and status of the aerospace vehicle that is under test. Personnel supporting the mission can include representatives of the defensive avionics, power, propulsion, thermal, flight dynamics, sensor fusion and other subsystem disciplines.

Precision Impact-Range Area (PIRA)



PIRA personnel perform organizational, intermediate, and depot level maintenance, as well as preventive maintenance inspections, of roads, targets, airdrop and jump zones, perimeter fences, and buildings. Range personnel also close roads, taxiways, and runways as required by Range Safety to protect both public and government assets. Expended munitions are removed from target areas and stored at the Munitions Residue Storage Area. PIRA personnel also work closely with project engineers and the range engineers to provide the customer with technical, operational, and logistical advice on the best use of targets and assets. Personnel also work closely with base environmental to minimize impact to natural and cultural resources.

Ridley Mission Control Center



- Mission Control Rooms
- Air-to-Ground Communications
- Telemetry Data Processing (PCM, FM, PAM)
- Video Control Center
- Test Evaluation Command and Control System (TECCS)
- Range Operations
- Special Projects Support

Edwards is in the center of a vast range comprised of government lands and airspace necessary for flight test and evaluation:

- Edwards AFB Flight Test Range
- Utah Test Training Range
- Tonopah/Nellis AFB Range
- Vandenberg AFB Range
- Naval Air Warfare Center
- Point Mugu
- China Lake
- White Sands Missile Range
- Fort Huachuca Aerial Vehicle Training Ground
- Yuma Proving Grounds
- Private Sector Research and Development



Today as one of the premier ranges in the country, the Range continues to improve and expand its extensive capabilities in all major areas, including:

- Mission Control
- TSPi (Time Space Position Information)
- Telemetry Data Acquisition
- Data Transmission and Networking
- Range Targets