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前言

The idea of compiling an Illustrated Dictionary of Aviation came to me a few days before my retirement from the Indian Air Force which I had the privilege to serve for nearly four decades. During one of the discussions, I had a difference of opinion with one of my colleagues regarding the exact meanings of the words of aircraft and airplane and the difference between them, if any. I had been using these words for over half a century and had taken it for granted that these were synonyms. How wrong was I? To clear my mind, I decided to look for their meaning in some dictionary dealing with aviation and aeronautical terms. To my surprise, I did not come across any good dictionary in the libraries I visited at that time. Subsequently, I did come across a number of dictionaries dealing with aviation but found that they did not cover all the disciplines. I, therefore, decided that after hanging up my uniform, I would compile a dictionary that would cover every facet of aviation. This work is a result of that resolve and I sincerely hope that it will prove to be a useful reference material to the aviation fraternity. A mere definition is not always enough to comprehend the exact meaning of some terms. I therefore decided to add some explanation to such definitions. I also realized that comprehension is far better and the meanings of terms can be more easily understood if they are accompanied by suitable illustrations. Accordingly, I have included illustrations for most of the terms in this dictionary. I have attempted to cover almost the entire spectrum of aviation viz. aerodynamics, navigation, including astro navigation, air traffic control, aviation medicine, meteorology, aircraft equipment and maintenance, aerial photography, avionics, aircraft operation, including civil and combat aircraft, and generally other areas that concern aviation. The terms and definitions mentioned in the dictionary give the meaning as they are referred to in aviation circles but not necessarily in other disciplines. Since the canvas was very large, deciding what to include and what to leave out was a major task. Most of the terms are in current usage, though some obsolete terms have been included as the readers may come across them in various texts. However, not included are terms related to aerospace, missiles, and satellites as it would have increased the scope of the dictionary manifold. Similarly, terms relating to combat aviation have been somewhat restricted. Combat pilots may find that they do not have all they would have liked to see. It is not possible to include all terms, as firstly, the size of the book would have been enormous and secondly, it would have been necessary to stop at some point and evaluate the latest and emerging terms for their acceptance as commonly used ones. The problem of acronyms was even greater. Many volumes would be required to include all of them and even then some would need to be left out as new ones are being coined every day. Therefore, I have been selective here as well and have included only those acronyms which are used often. Some of the definitions are standard, some have been adapted, and some are my own.

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内容概要

《英汉航空图解词典》为《An Illustrated Dictionary of Aviation》的中文版，共收录词条约7400个，包含图释约2400幅，覆盖面较宽，涉及航空航天各专业领域的英文技术词汇，涵盖航空器、航天器、动力系统、仪器仪表、机载设备、航空测绘、导航、空管、机场、维修、天文、气象、航空医学等军用航空、民用航空以及通用航空的各方面。

本词典可以作为专业参考书和辅助学习工具，适合从事航空航天相关工作的科研人员、工程技术人员以及院校师生等参考使用。

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