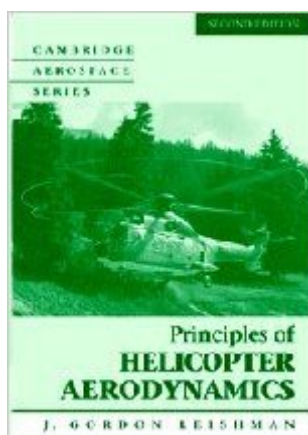


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I am a retired aerospace engineer. When I was employed as an aero engineer, I considered myself to be a strength guy but I held a few different job positions and one of them was a job position titled "Production Support Engineer" on a specific helicopter platform. Because of my job position, I felt that it was necessary for me to understand the basic fundamentals of helicopter aerodynamics. I ordered this textbook and I considered it to be by far the very best textbook on the subject of helicopter aerodynamics. It has problems to solve at the end of each chapter which is great but that is one of the drawbacks. There are no answers to the problems provided anywhere in the textbook so I wasn't really sure if I was really on the right track when I went through the problems.

As an aerospace engineer I have read many books on aircraft dynamics and design, but this is the best text I have gone through so far, especially on rotorcraft. The explanation and derivation are well presented and easy to follow. If there is only one book you want to stock in your library on rotorcraft, this should be it.

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I used this for my V/STOL class that only focused on helicopters. Interesting information, but can be confusing at times.

Research material

As an aerospace engineer I have read many books on rotorcraft and I must admit that this is the most up to date and useful text on rotorcraft that I have had the pleasure to read. There are many

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