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# **From CAS to EAS – Calculating and Plotting the Compressibility Correction Chart**

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## Abstract

**Purpose** – Relatively cumbersome is the conversion between calibrated airspeed (CAS) and equivalent airspeed (EAS), because it involves the calculation of incompressible flow. Equations are quite long. If calculations on the computer are required, a conversion with these equations is necessary. In contrast, this report uses the equations to calculate and construct the CAS to EAS Compressibility Correction Chart. In this way, the result can be read quickly from the chart.

**Methodology** – In Excel, compressibility correction is achieved through equations from flight mechanics. The correction is calculated with two distinct functions, one based on Mach number and the other on pressure altitude. These functions are graphed individually and then integrated to produce the Compressibility Correction Chart.

**Findings** – The Compressibility Correction Chart was successfully created as a 2-D graph. Upon comparison with other correction charts, the determined correction for CAS showed no variation, proving the accuracy of the findings.

**Research Limitations** – Due to a limitation in Excel, which allows for 255 series for plotting, the range of input parameters had to be adjusted accordingly. The iterations of altitude span 1000 ft intervals, while those for Mach Number span 0.05 intervals.

**Practical Implications** – Pilots can easily use the Compressibility Correction Chart for a quick and highly accurate conversion between CAS and EAS.

**Originality** – CAS-EAS Compressibility Correction Charts are also available from other sources. This report presents a creation of the 2-D Correction Chart using Excel as spreadsheet.

# From CAS to EAS – Calculating and Plotting the Compressibility Correction Chart

Task for a *Bachelor Thesis*

## Background

Various speed definitions exist in aviation: indicated airspeed (IAS,  $V_I$ ), calibrated airspeed (CAS,  $V_C$ ), equivalent airspeed (EAS,  $V_E$ ), true airspeed (TAS,  $V$ ), and ground speed (GS,  $V_G$ ). Equations exist to get from one speed to the other. In the direction as given above it is from the "wrong speed to the true speed" in the opposite direction the conversion is from the "true speed to the wrong speed". Relatively cumbersome is the conversion between calibrated airspeed (CAS) and equivalent airspeed (EAS), because this involves the calculation of incompressible flow, and equations are quite long. If calculations on the computer are required, conversions with equations are necessary. However, if quick calculations with a pocket calculator are done, it is good and fast to read the difference  $\Delta V_C = V_C - V_E$  as a function of CAS and altitude or CAS and Mach number or Mach number and altitude from a graph. As defined,  $\Delta V_C$  is always positive and  $V_E = V_C - \Delta V_C$  is always smaller than  $V_C$ . For CAS up to 100 kt the difference can be neglected for most practical cases. The difference can also be neglected for CAS up to 250 kt, if the altitude is below 10000 ft. In contrast, for Mach 1 and 30000 ft, EAS is almost 30 kt less than CAS.

## Task

Charts for  $\Delta V_C = V_C - V_E$  are available. Nevertheless, we want to produce a Compressibility Correction Chart (CCC) ourselves. The following sub-tasks should be considered:

- Derive the equation to calculate relative pressure in the troposphere and the stratosphere of the International Standard Atmosphere (ISA).
- Derive the equation to calculate the compressibility correction.
- Explain how to calculate all parameters for a CCC with a spreadsheet.
- Write a user guide for your spreadsheet.
- Compare your results with other publications on the topic.
- Compare your exact results with rules of thumb.

The report has to be written in English based on German or international standards on report writing.

Detailed advise for the project:

The [FM-Script from Trevor Young](#) has all necessary equations. It is supplemented by [Unterlagen zur Vorlesung Flugmechanik 1](#). Task is to produce a plot of the Compressibility Correction Chart.  $\Delta V_C = V_C - V_E$ .  $V_C$  is the input value (x axis).  $V_E$  is calculated from [1.4-20] (from **page 25**) as function of  $V_C$ . Relative pressure,  $\delta = f(h)$  from "1.2.3 Pressure and Density in the Standard Atmosphere". Altitude,  $h$  is taken as parameter producing the various curves in the Compressibility Correction Chart. See also Example 1.3 in the [FM-Script from Trevor Young](#) and consider  $\Delta V_C = V_C - V_E$ . Plotting can be done with a spreadsheet.

More difficult to produce is the Compressibility Correction Chart with Mach number,  $M$  as parameter producing the various curves. This is the way forward:  $\Delta V_C$  is calculated with [1.4-20] (from **page 24**) as function of  $M$ . Relative pressure,  $\delta = f(h)$ .  $V_C$  as value for the x-axis is obtained from  $V_C = \Delta V_C + V_E$  and  $V_E = M a_0 \delta^{1/2}$  [1.4-19]. Values for the x-axis and the y-axis are calculated, stored and subsequently used for the plot.

The report should give an introduction into the topic similar to the section "Calibrated Airspeed" from [FM-Script by Trevor Young](#). It should show the derivation of the equation used to produce the plot. A literature review should point to other publications, in which the production of the Compressibility Correction Chart is explained. One such example is [Walter Bislin](#). Please note also the contribution of [Dennis Lucht](#) and his check of the rule of thumb (ROT) based on two equations:

$$V = 6 \text{ FL}/10 + V_C + T_T \quad (\text{in kt, FL: Flight Level, } T_T \text{ in } ^\circ\text{C}) \text{ and}$$

$$V = V_C + 2\% \text{ of } h/1000 \text{ ft} \quad (\text{valid only for low level and low speed}).$$

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## List of Symbols

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| $A$          | Cross Sectional Area       |
| $a$          | Speed of Sound             |
| $F$          | Force                      |
| $g$          | Gravitational Constant     |
| $H$          | Pressure Altitude          |
| $p$          | Air Pressure               |
| $k$          | Recovery Factor            |
| $L$          | Lapse Rate                 |
| $M$          | Mach Number                |
| $q$          | Dynamic Pressure           |
| $R$          | Gas Constant               |
| $V$          | True Airspeed              |
| $V_C$        | Calibrated Airspeed        |
| $\Delta V_C$ | Compressibility Correction |
| $V_E$        | Equivalent Airspeed        |

## Greek Symbols

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| $\delta$   | Relative Pressure              |
| $\Delta$   | Difference                     |
| $\epsilon$ | Relative Error                 |
| $\gamma$   | Ratio of Specific Heats of Air |
| $\rho$     | Air Density                    |
| $\sigma$   | Relative Density               |
| $\theta$   | Temperature Ratio              |

## Subscripts

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 0   | Standard Condition    |
| *   | Tropopause Conditions |
| ROT | Rule of Thumb         |
| T   | Total                 |

## List of Abbreviations

|      |   |
|------|---|
| ASI  | Airspeed Indicator                        |
| CAS  | Calibrated Airspeed                       |
| CTRL | Control key                               |
| EAS  | Equivalent Airspeed                       |
| FL   | Flight Level                              |
| IAS  | Indicated Airspeed                        |
| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization |
| ISA  | International Standard Atmosphere         |
| ROT  | Rule of Thumb                             |
| TAS  | True Airspeed                             |
| VSI  | Vertical Speed Indicator                  |

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Motivation

Pilots must understand and determine the speed of the plane through the air using the built-in Airspeed indicator equipment in the airplane. In the case that the airspeed indicator does not function, pilots must know how to calculate and determine the aircraft speed hands-on using tools such as the Compressibility Correction Chart. Therefore, it is significant to fully acknowledge the fundamentals and derivations behind the Compressibility Correction Chart. This is the reason for producing a plot of the Compressibility Correction Chart in Excel where the derivation of the equation is highly detailed. In this case we will primarily focus calculating and plotting the Compressibility Correction Chart from Calibrated Airspeeds to Equivalent Airspeeds.

## 1.2 Title Terminology

### **Airspeed**

The term *Airspeed* “is defined as the aircraft speed “measured against the speed of the air though it is moving” (CUPA 2024).

This thesis aims to explore a variety of airspeeds including Indicated Airspeed, Calibrated Airspeed, Equivalent Airspeed, and True Airspeed.

### **Altitude**

This term *Altitude* is the “vertical distance of an object measured from mean sea level” (SKYbrary 2024b).

The compressibility correction chart primarily focuses on using the pressure altitude as a key parameter.

### **ISA**

The term *ISA* is known as the International Standard Atmosphere (ISA) where it “is a standard which to compare the actual atmosphere at any point and time” (SKYbrary 2024c).

The ISA will provide valuable information of pressure, density, and temperature relative to the change in altitude.

### **ICAO**

This term *ICAO* is the International Civil Aviation Organization that “provides means for coordinating, prioritizing and managing the development of a state’s air transport system” (United Nations 2024).

The ICAO standard atmosphere is the standard for the atmosphere from sea level via the troposphere into the stratosphere.

**Mach**

The *Mach* number is the “the ratio between the true air speed (TAS) and the local speed of sound (LSS)” (SKYbrary 2024d)

The Mach number is crucial for the operation of airplanes at high speeds.

### 1.3 Objectives

The objective of this thesis is to plot the CAS to EAS Compressibility Correction Chart in Excel. It is important to provide an in-depth theoretical review of the fundamentals and derivations to calculate the compressibility correction.

### 1.4 Literature Review

The fundamentals and all equations of the compressibility correction chart are based on “*Flight Mechanics: Chapter 1*” manuscript by Young 2001 and the publication of “*Performance of Jet Transport Airplane*” by Young 2017, accompany with lecture notes “*Flight Mechanics 1*” and “*Flugmechanik – Flugleistung und statische Stabilität der Längsbewegung*” at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences by Scholz 2022. Other sources used briefly and can be found in the References section of this paper.

### 1.5 Structure of Work

The structure of the thesis works as follows:

- Chapter 2** covers the derivation of equations essential to understanding flight mechanics, while also providing explanations for the fundamental concepts used in the Compressibility Correction Chart.
- Chapter 3** provides the creation of the Compressibility Correction Chart, detailing its formation through the functions of Mach Number and Pressure Altitude.
- Chapter 4** presents an instructive user manual, detailed the operational techniques and structure comprehension necessary to interact with the tab embedded within the Excel Sheet.

**Chapter 5** provides a comparison of the results of this Compressibility Correction Chart with other similar charts.

**Chapter 6** provides a summary of the work.

**Chapter 7** states any future recommendations for the work.

**Appendix A** provides the VBA Macro used to select odd columns in the Excel Worksheet.

## 2 Derivation of Equations

In this chapter the theoretical review required to understand the Compressibility Correction Chart will be discussed. This is solely based on an introduction to flight mechanics including topics such as Compressible airflow, International Standard Atmosphere, and flight speeds.

### 2.1 Incompressible and Compressible Flows

#### 2.1.1 Incompressible Flows

Incompressible flow is the state in which density is constant through space and time, where viscosity does not cause any changes in the flow density

$$\nabla \cdot V = 0 \quad . \quad (2.1)$$

This implies the principle of conservation of mass for a fluid flow. By applying Newton's second law while considering the net force of pressure, density, and velocity in the flow direction then (Young 2018)

$$\Sigma F = pA - (p + dp)A = m \frac{dV}{dt} \quad . \quad (2.2)$$

Thus, the cross-sectional area and velocity across two points on a streamline will also remain constant. Integrating (2.2) results with derivatives of density becoming zero, demonstrating the flow is incompressible

$$p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 = \text{constant} \quad . \quad (2.3)$$

Equation (2.3) represents Bernoulli's equation for incompressible flow which effectively illustrates the conservation of energy along a streamline. As the surrounding air molecules flow around an aircraft, Bernoulli's principle is modified to accommodate compressible air flow using Mach numbers.

### 2.1.2 Mach Number

When an aircraft travels at speeds less than 250 kt, the density of the surrounding air remains stable. However, as the aircraft accelerates beyond speeds of 250 kt, the aircraft's energy release compresses with the air, resulting in a density alternation. This compressibility effect produces small isentropic disturbances in the flow that alter the lift and drag of an aircraft (Hall 2021). To determine the compressibility effects, the role of Mach number is introduced

$$M = \frac{V}{a}. \quad (2.4)$$

The Mach number represents the ratio of the aircraft's true air speed to the local speed of sound. It is important to note that (2.4) appears as a scaling parameter to many practical applications to express incompressibility and compressible flows.

For instance, The Bernoulli equation from (2.3) can now be expressed in terms of Mach number instead of true airspeed for high speeds where the dynamic pressure

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \quad (2.5)$$

is generalized as

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma V^2 \quad (2.6)$$

with velocity

$$V = M a_0 \sqrt{\theta} \quad (2.7)$$

therefore

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \sigma M^2 a_0^2 \theta . \quad (2.8)$$

Using Equation (2.8), Bernoulli equation for incompressible flow can now be used for high-speed Mach number as a measurement of velocity (Young 2001).

Mach numbers are correlated with various airspeed regimes as (Aeronautics 2024):

Subsonic – Mach numbers below 0.75

Transonic – Mach numbers from 0.75 to 1.20

Supersonic – Mach numbers from 1.20 to 5.00

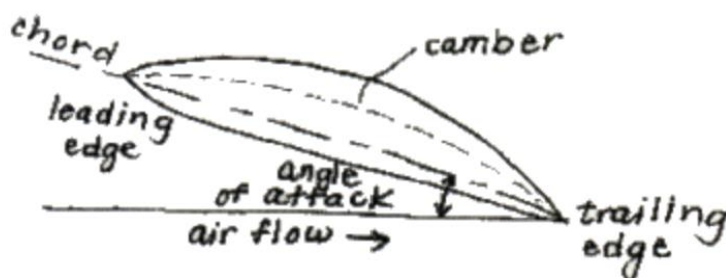
Hypersonic – Mach numbers above 5.00



In this compressibility correction chart, the focus will be on using Subsonic and Transonic airspeed regimes, along with their correlated Mach numbers. It is crucial to note that anything above Mach 1 is considered critical as that is the threshold where an aircraft may enter supersonic flight, for which most commercial wings and airfoils are not designed to withstand.

### 2.1.3 Compressible Flow

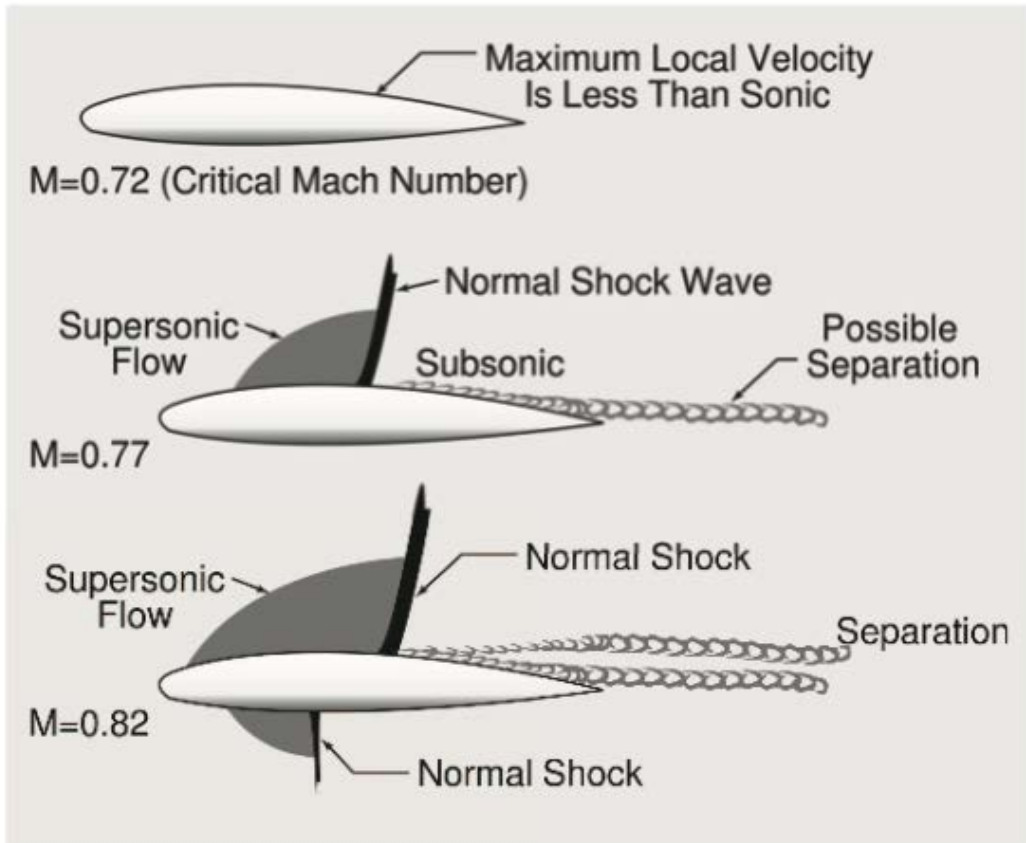
The airfoil of an aircraft produces significant lift by the compression of air. As illustrated in Figure 2.1, higher pressure is being created below the airfoil than it is above it.



**Figure 2.1** Airflow of an Airplane Wing (Nakamura 1999).

The magnitude of lift coefficient will vary depending on the angles of attack with respect to chord line. As the angle of attack rises, the lift coefficient typically increases almost linearly. However, for most airfoils, an angle of attack of  $17^\circ$  results in a loss of lift, commonly referred to as wing stalling, due to the separation airflow from the upper surface of the airfoil (SKYbrary 2024a).

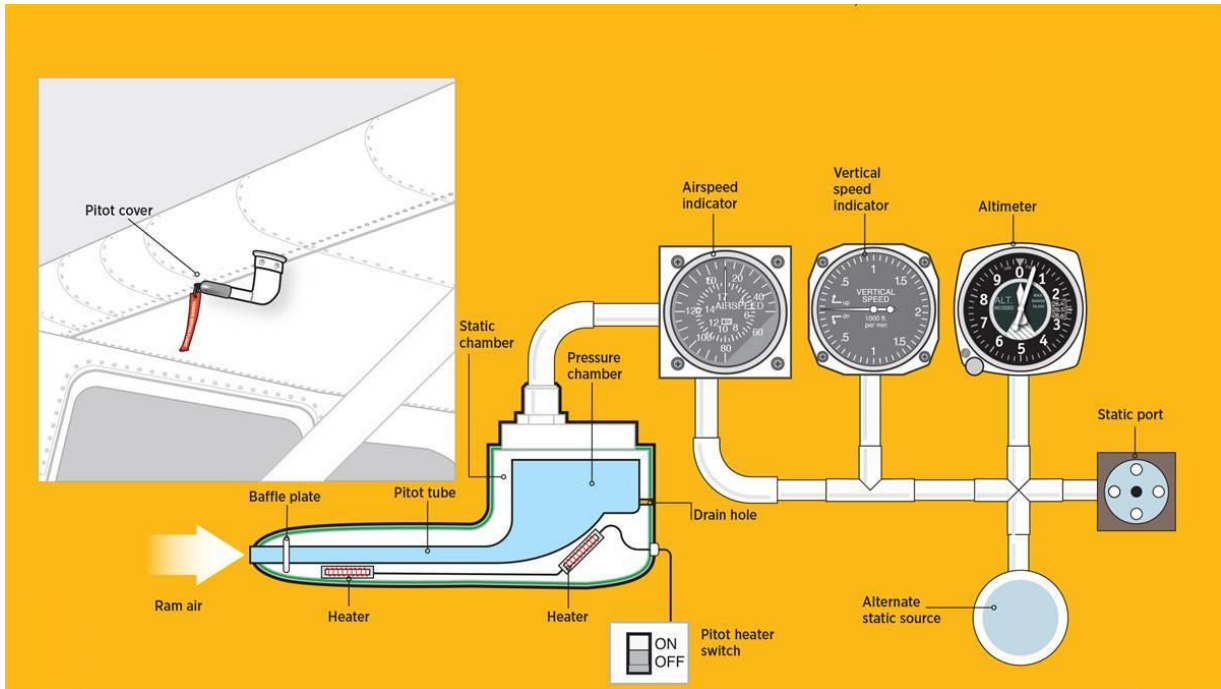
The airflow dynamics over the airfoil surface experiences diverse pressure distribution that accelerates the airflow. Under specific circumstances, this acceleration can prompt the airflow to transition from subsonic to sonic air speeds. In the event that an aircraft's upper surface experiences sonic airflow over an area of the maximum chamber, compressibility effects are apparent, forming shock waves, increased drag, and alterations in stability, as featured in Figure 2.2. As mentioned prior, commercial flights tend to operate efficiently as they approach their respective critical Mach number, which varies depending on the aircraft.



**Figure 2.2** Transonic Flow Patterns with Critical Mach (Arnedo 2024)

At higher altitudes, compressibility effects become of concern due to the potential for structural failures in dynamic pressure, leading to loss of aircraft control. Beyond a threshold typically above “5-10 percent” of the critical Mach number, the impact of compressibility significantly induces flutter in dynamic pressure, potentially leading to drag divergence, characterized by a rapid increase of drag on the airfoil (Arnedo 2024). As critical Mach number is associated with the maximum operating calibrated airspeed at high altitudes, pilots must be able to measure the airspeed within flight to prevent any degradation in aircraft control.

In every aircraft, the pitot static system is implemented as an essential tool to measure the pressure differences between static (ambient) air pressure to the total air pressure. The pitot tube is typically mounted on the wing or nose of the aircraft facing the direction of the incoming airflow. Ram air pressure is directed into the pitot tube via the central port, where it is slowed down before progressing through the system. The central port will therefore give the reading for total pressure. The static port is positioned perpendicular to the fuselage’s airflow direction to prevent dynamic pressure from affecting the airflow. As the airflow accelerates by the nose of the tube, it will effectively restore to its original speed upon reaching the static port, allowing for an accurate measurement of static air pressure. Mechanical instruments are installed within the system through small pressure lines that will transmit air pressure illustrating the measurements on the airspeed indicator (ASI) and vertical speed indicator (VSI) panels as in Figure 2.3.



**Figure 2.3** Pitot-Static System (Pilot Institute 2022)

For speeds under Mach 0.3, the effects of compressibility are neglected, thus the differential pressure gauge of the ASI will display the equivalent airspeed as

$$\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}\right) \left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \text{constant} \quad . \quad (2.9)$$

For speeds above Mach 0.3, the ASI reading will require a Mach number calibration for high airspeed due to the effect of compressibility. This calibration only intakes altitudes at sea level, any other heights above will need a compressibility correction as discussed in Section 2.4.

## 2.2 Relative Pressure in the ISA

Aviation's performance operation and analysis follow with the International Civil Aviation Organization Standard Atmosphere (ICAO) which is integrated with the International Standard Atmosphere (ISA). The ISA gives the standard values of density, temperature, and pressure over a range of altitudes. Standard values of the ISA are given in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1** Standard Values of ISA (Young 2018)

| Description                              | Symbol   | Standard values  |   |
|--|----------|--|---|
|  |          | SI units   | Equivalent  |
| Temperature at the sea-level datum       | $T_0$    | 288.15 K<br>15 °C  | 518.67 °R<br>59 °F  |
| Pressure at the sea-level datum          | $p_0$    | 101 325 N/m <sup>2</sup><br>1013.25 hPa                  | 2116.21662 lb/ft <sup>2</sup><br>29.921255 inHg   |
| Temperature gradient in the troposphere  | $L$      | -6.5 K per 1000 m  | -1.9812 K per 1000 ft<br>-3.56616 °R per 1000 ft  |
| Temperature gradient in the stratosphere | $L$      | 0 K/m  | 0 K/ft  |
| Height of the tropopause                 | $H^*$    | 11 000 m   | 36089.24 ft   |
| Gravitational acceleration               | $g_0$    | 9.80665 m/s <sup>2</sup>                                 | 32.174049 ft/s <sup>2</sup>   |
| Gas constant                             | $R$      | 287.05287 m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> | 3089.81138 ft <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> K <sup>-1</sup><br>1716.56187 ft <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> °R <sup>-1</sup> |
| Ratio of specific heats of air           | $\gamma$ | 1.40   | 1.40  |
| Density at the sea-level datum           | $\rho_0$ | 1.2250 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                                 | 0.0023768924 slug/ft <sup>3</sup>   |
| Speed of sound at the sea-level datum    | $a_0$    | 340.294 m/s  | 1116.45 ft/s<br>661.479 kt  |
| Temperature of the tropopause            | $T^*$    | 216.65 K<br>-56.5 °C                                     | 389.97 °R<br>-69.7 °F   |
| Pressure at the tropopause               | $p^*$    | 226.320 hPa  | 472.680 lb/ft <sup>2</sup><br>6.68324 inHg  |
| Density at the tropopause                | $\rho^*$ | 0.363918 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                               | 0.000706117 slug/ft <sup>3</sup>  |
| Speed of sound at the tropopause         | $a^*$    | 295.069 m/s  | 968.076 ft/s<br>573.569 kt  |

The fundamental parameters of standard sea level values in Table 2.1 are sufficient enough to determine the pressure and density at any height in the ISA. The relative air density,  $\sigma$ , relative pressure,  $\delta$  and relative temperature,  $\theta$  are configured as ratios of the ISA sea-level datum parameters.

$$\sigma = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\delta = \frac{p}{p_0} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\theta = \frac{T}{T_0} \quad (2.12)$$

Using Mach number, total temperature ratio is defined as

$$\theta_T = \theta(1 + 0.2kM^2) \quad (2.13)$$

as well as total pressure ratio

$$\delta_T = \delta(1 + 0.2M^2)^{3.5} . \quad (2.14)$$

After establishing sea-level pressure and temperature based on the standard atmosphere, the fluctuation in pressure within any attitude within the atmosphere is expressed as

$$\frac{dp}{dh} = -\rho g . \quad (2.15)$$

Equation (2.15) defines the hydrostatic equation, which articulates the linear increase rate in pressure with geometric altitude, influenced by the density and gravitational acceleration of the atmosphere. The limitations of (2.15) lie from the assumption of the negligible variation of the gravitational term remains constant within altitude, whereas in reality, the gravitational acceleration reduces with increasing height (Roberts 1995). By combining the hydrostatic equation with the ideal gas law, a new height scale of geopotential height,  $H$  is introduced

$$\frac{dp}{p} = -\frac{g}{RT} dH . \quad (2.16)$$

Equation (2.16) provides a practical rendition of the hydrostatic equation by accounting for the change in local acceleration across atmosphere altitudes. Earth has five major layers of atmosphere: troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, and exosphere. In this work, the revised hydrostatic equation can be evaluated through integration, focusing on two primary regions: the troposphere and stratosphere, each distinguished by their respective arbitrary heights  $H$ .

### 2.2.1 In the Troposphere

During standard operational procedures, commercial jet aircraft operate the uppermost layer of the troposphere, ascending towards geopotential altitude nearing 36089 ft. As these aircraft ascend through the troposphere, a reduction of the air temperature occurs, adhering with the lapse rate  $L$  (Scholz 2022). Temperature readings at any given altitude are calculated via

$$T = T_0 + LH \quad (2.17)$$

and simplified as

$$\theta = 1 + \frac{LH}{T_0} . \quad (2.18)$$

By incorporating (2.17) into the revised (2.16) and integrating from the ISA sea level-datum to geopotential height, the following equation is derived as

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = \ln\left[\frac{T_0 + LH}{T_0}\right]^{-g/RL} . \quad (2.19)$$

Thus, creating the relative pressure in the troposphere

$$\delta = \frac{p}{p_0} = \left[1 + \frac{LH}{T_0}\right]^{-g/RL} . \quad (2.21)$$

Similarly using the ideal of gas law, the relative density simplified to

$$\sigma = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{-\frac{g}{RL}-1} . \quad (2.22)$$

Thus, creating the relative density in the troposphere

$$\sigma = \left[1 + \frac{LH}{T_0}\right]^{-\frac{g}{RL}-1} . \quad (2.23)$$

### 2.2.2 In the Stratosphere

In the Stratosphere, ranging from altitudes of 36089 ft to 65617 ft, an isothermal assumption is applied to facilitate integration procedures. This method accounts for the conditions specified at the tropopause as detailed in Table 2.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^* &= 0.751865 \\ \delta^* &= 0.223361 \\ \sigma^* &= 0.297076 \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

In similar manner, (2.16) from the arbitrary height of the Tropopause,  $H$  yields relative pressure within the Stratosphere

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta^*} = \frac{p}{p^*} = e^{\frac{-g}{RT^*}(H-H^*)} . \quad (2.25)$$

According to the ideal gas law for isothermal conditions, the relative density of the Stratosphere results to:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^*} = \frac{\delta}{\delta^*} = e^{\frac{-g}{RT^*}(H-H^*)} . \quad (2.26)$$

Table 2.2 provides a summary of the equations derived for the ISA.

**Table 2.2** Equations of ISA as function of height (Young 2018)

| Relative temperature  | Relative pressure  | Relative density   |
|---|--|--|
| <i>In the troposphere:</i><br>$\theta = 1 + \frac{L}{T_0}H$ | $\delta = \left[1 + \frac{LH}{T_0}\right]^{-g_0/RL}$<br>or $\delta = \theta^{5.25588}$ | $\sigma = \left[1 + \frac{LH}{T_0}\right]^{(-g_0/RL)-1}$<br>or $\sigma = \theta^{4.25588}$ |
| <i>At the tropopause:</i><br>$\theta^* = 0.751865$          | $\delta^* = 0.223361$  | $\sigma^* = 0.297076$  |
| <i>In the stratosphere:</i><br>$\theta = \theta^*$          | $\delta = \delta^* e^{(-g_0/RT^*)(H-H^*)}$   | $\sigma = \sigma^* e^{(-g_0/RT^*)(H-H^*)}$   |

## 2.3 Equivalent Airspeed

Under the conditions of the ISA, an aircraft will achieve an Equivalent Airspeed (EAS),  $V_E$ , corresponding to the same incompressible dynamic pressure it generates at its true airspeed, regardless of altitude. This is written as follows

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho_0 V_E^2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \quad (2.27)$$

simplifying it to

$$V_E = \sqrt{\sigma}V . \quad (2.28)$$

Given its significance in aircraft analysis, Equivalent Airspeed can be effectively correlated with both the aircraft's Mach number and static pressure

$$V_E = \sqrt{\delta} a_0 M \quad . \quad (2.29)$$

## 2.4 Compressibility Correction

For subsonic flight operation, the compressible isentropic flow is generalized through the utilization of the airspeed indicator (ASI), integrated within the pitot system. This instrument accurately measures the differential between stagnation pressure and static pressure.

$$(p_{t-p})_{incompressible} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 f(M) \quad (2.30)$$

$$f(M) = \left[ 1 + \frac{M^2}{4} + \frac{M^4}{40} \dots \right]$$

Equation (2.30) calculates the parameters of density and Mach number, crucial for computing true airspeed while factoring in their respective altitudes. However, trying to integrate the ASI to accommodate different airspeed scales for across different pressure altitudes will present a complex challenge to integrate into the pitot system. Thus, if the ASI is calibrated to standard sea level conditions, then a simple correction error can be introduced.

This method of utilizing the ASI aligns with Bernoulli's principle of compressible airflow

$$\left( \frac{p_t}{p} \right)_{compressible} = \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}} \quad . \quad (2.31)$$

Equation (2.31) can be refined to conform to the standard calibrated equation through the selection of ISA sea level values and designating the resulting velocity as the Calibrated Airspeed,  $V_C$

$$(p_t - p) = p_0 \left\{ \left[ 1 + 0.2 \left( \frac{V_C}{a_0} \right)^2 \right]^{3.5} - 1 \right\} \quad . \quad (2.32)$$

It is essential to acknowledge that CAS will not always be consistently align to EAS at every Mach number at sea level, as it depicted in (2.32). Thus, as altitude increases, a difference between CAS and EAS becomes evident

$$(p_t - p) = p \left\{ \left[ 1 + 0.2 M^2 \right]^{3.5} - 1 \right\} = p_0 \left\{ \left[ 1 + 0.2 \left( \frac{V_C}{a_0} \right)^2 \right]^{3.5} - 1 \right\} \quad (2.33)$$



$$\left[1 + 0.2 \left(\frac{V_C}{a_0}\right)^2\right]^{3.5} = \delta \{ [1 + 0.2M^2]^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1 .$$

Resulting in the Calibrated Airspeed

$$V_C = a_0 \sqrt{5 \{ [\delta \{ (1 + 0.2M^2)^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \}} \quad (2.34)$$

and the Equivalent Airspeed

$$V_E = V\sqrt{\sigma} = Ma_0\sqrt{\delta} . \quad (2.35)$$

As the ASI incorporates the function  $f(M)$ , airspeeds exceeding Mach 0.3 will result in the calibrated airspeed readings surpassing the equivalent airspeed due to the increased to pressure altitude. Consequently, the compressibility correction,  $\Delta V_C$ , is expressed as

$$\Delta V_C = V_C - V_E$$

$$\Delta V_C = a_0 \{ \sqrt{5 \{ [\delta \{ (1 + 0.2M^2)^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \}} - M\sqrt{\delta} . \} \quad (2.36)$$

The expression of Mach number in terms of CAS can be conveyed as

$$M = \frac{V}{a} = \sqrt{5 \{ \left[ \frac{1}{\delta} \{ [1 + 0.2 \left(\frac{V_C}{a_0}\right)^2 ]^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \}} . \quad (2.37)$$

This linear correlation between Mach number and CAS facilitates the development of the relations between EAS and CAS

$$V_E = a_0 \sqrt{5 \delta \{ \left[ \frac{1}{\delta} \{ [1 + 0.2 \left(\frac{V_C}{a_0}\right)^2 ]^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \}} . \quad (2.38)$$

### 3 Compressibility Correction Chart

To construct the Compressibility Correction Chart, it is essential to develop two separate plots within Excel, each dedicated to a specific parameter: one plot featuring Mach Number and the other with pressure altitude. By combining these plots, the various curves generate the Compressibility Chart.

#### 3.1 Mach Number as a Parameter

In producing the Compressibility Correction Chart based on Mach number, it is necessary to utilize (2.36), as it provides the compressibility correction,  $\Delta V_C$ , in terms of both Mach number,  $M$ , and relative pressure,  $\delta$ .

Relative pressure computations are contingent upon the atmospheric conditions experienced by the aircraft. At altitudes below 36084 ft, the troposphere relative pressure equation is applied, while altitude surpassing this threshold employ the stratosphere equation, as detailed in Table 2.2. Importantly, relative pressure values remain consistent across all Mach number parameters.

Once relative pressure calculations are completed, along with the Mach number values, (2.36) is used to determine the compressibility correction, thereby yielding the y-values for the plot.

Subsequently, (2.36) is utilized to calculate the calibrated airspeed, with the equivalent airspeed expressed in terms of Mach number as in (2.35). These steps provide the x-axis values for the plot. An example of the calculation is demonstrated.

Mach number,  $M = 0.60$

Altitude,  $H = 40000$  ft

All standard values of the ISA are given in Table 2.1:

$$\delta = \delta^* e^{-k_b \cdot (H - H_T)}$$

since  $H$  is higher than 36084 ft

$$\delta = 0.185$$

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$$\Delta V_C = a_0 \left\{ \sqrt{5} \left\{ [\delta \{ (1 + 0.2M^2)^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \right\} - M\sqrt{\delta} \right\}$$

$$\Delta V_C = (661.48) \{ \sqrt{5} \{ [(0.185) \{ (1 + 0.2(0.60)^2)^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \} - 0.60\sqrt{0.185} \}.$$

$$= 6.196 \text{ kt}$$

$$\Delta V_C = V_C - Ma_0\sqrt{\delta}$$

$$V_C = 176.904 \text{ kt}$$

Please be advised that the calculations were manually conducted using the equations from (Scholz 2019), with consideration for values up to the thousandth decimal place. However, the Excel version provides enhanced accuracy, as it comprehensively accounts for all decimal points in the computation process.

It is crucial to acknowledge that the compressibility correction fluctuates with each Mach number, resulting in distinct calibrated airspeed values. Hence, it is essential to systematically iterate the process for each of Mach number variable for 0 to 1, with increments of 0.05, as illustrated in the Excels spreadsheet.

## 3.2 Pressure Altitude as Parameter

In producing the Compressibility Correction Chart with pressure altitude as a parameter, (2.38) is essential, as it establishes the relationship between EAS and CAS. Through (2.38), the values of the equivalent airspeed are calculated based on calibrated airspeed and relative pressure. Consequently, by (2.36), the compressibility correction is calculated, thereby determining in the y-values of this plot.

In this Excel spreadsheet, calibrated airspeed serves as the input variable ranging from 0 kt to 670 kt, representing the x-values of the plot. The computation of relative pressure follows the same principles outlined in Section 3.1.

An example of the calculation is demonstrated:

$$H = 20000 \text{ ft}$$

$$V_C = 174 \text{ kt}$$

All standard values of the ISA are given in Table 2.1

$$\delta = \frac{p}{p_0} = (1 - k_a \cdot H)^{5.25588}$$

since  $H$  is less than 36084 ft

$$\delta = 0.459$$

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$$V_E = a_0 \sqrt{5 \{ [\delta \{ (1 + 0.2M^2)^{3.5} - 1 \} + 1]^{\frac{1}{3.5}} - 1 \}}$$

$$= 172.311 \text{ kt}$$

$$\Delta V_C = V_E - V_C$$

$$\Delta V_C = 1.69 \text{ kt} .$$

Please be advised that the calculations were manually conducted using the equations from (Scholz 2019), with consideration for values up to the thousandth decimal place. However, the Excel version provides enhanced accuracy, as it comprehensively accounts for all decimal points in the computation process.

It is crucial to emphasize that the calculation of relative pressure is contingent upon the pressure altitude, which spans from 1000 ft to 65000 ft in increments of 1000 ft. Notably, for each altitude, the calculated equivalent airspeed values, and consequently, compressibility correction values will vary, as outlined in the Excel sheet.

### 3.3 Production of the Chart

Both charts generated from Mach number and Pressure altitude as parameters follow the same consistent structure: the x-axis represents calibrated airspeed values ranging from 100 kt to 540 kt in increments of 20 kt, while y-values spans the Compressibility Correction values from 0 kt to 32 kt in increments of 2 kt. In the Mach number parameter chart, red lines are utilized, while blue lines denote pressure altitude. To enhance visual clutter, only Mach numbers from 0.60 and onwards are displayed.

Combing both charts in one single plot yields the Compressibility Correction Chart illustrated in Figure 4.1.

## 4 Users Guide for Compressibility Correction Chart

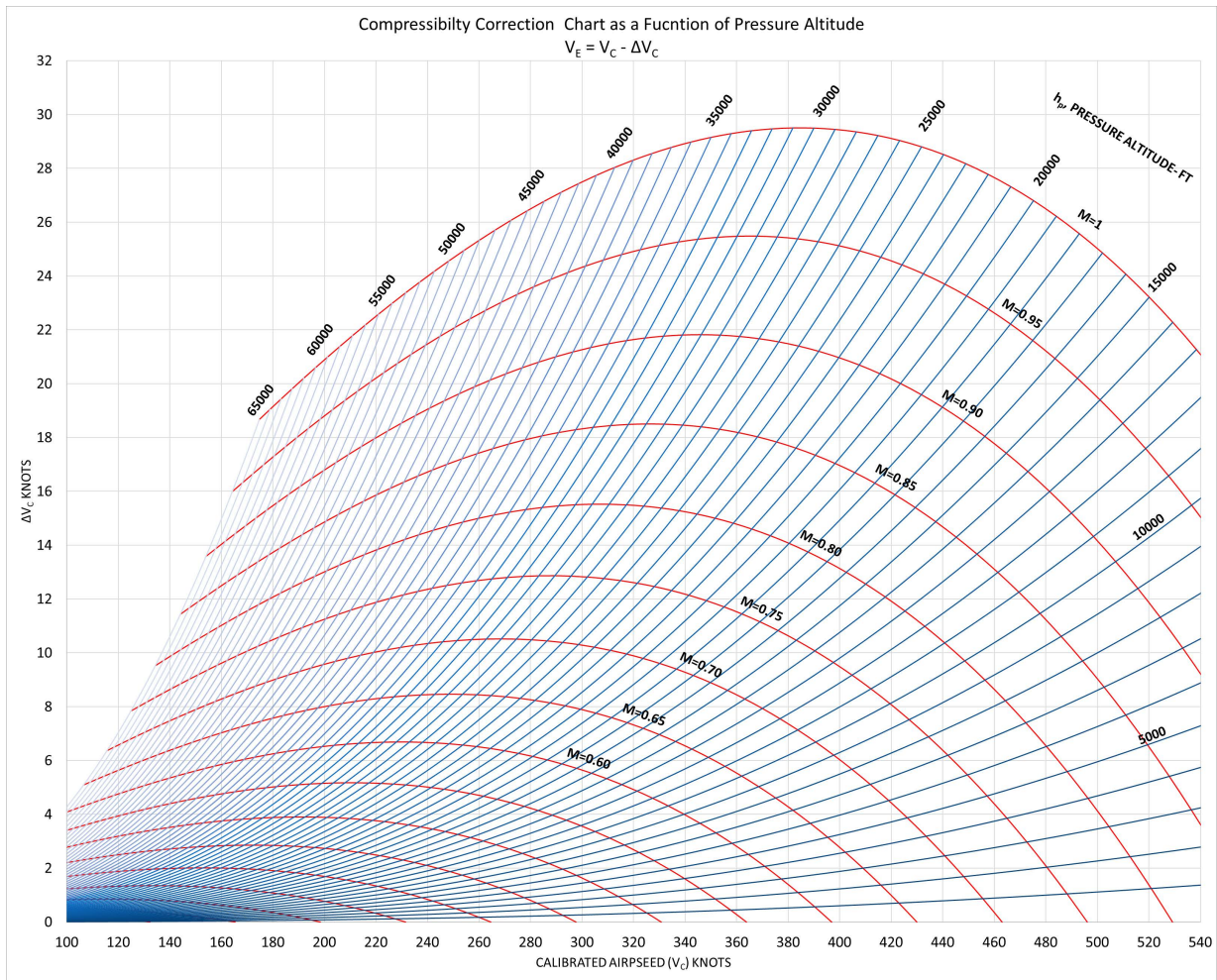
Each chart within the Excel spreadsheets maintains consistent axis parameters: Calibrated airspeed (x-axis) spans from 100 to 540 kt in increments of 20, while Compressibility Correction (y-axis) values range from 0 to 32 kt in increments of 2. The input values for Pressure altitude and Mach number can be adjusted according to the user's preference, although such adjustments may necessitate modifications to the Compressibility Correction Chart produced in Tab 1. The same follows the Pressure altitude and Calibrated airspeed input values and resulting chart within Tab 2. The operational functionality of the tabs is detailed in this chapter.

It is important to understand that Excel has a data series limitation of 255. Considering these limitations the following structure was made:

In simplifying the plotting process for Tab 2, Mach numbers  $M$  are iterated in increments of 0.05, with Altitude  $H$  represented in 1000 ft intervals. In contrast to other plots detailed in Chapter 5, where Mach number iterations are as fine as 0.001, this would result in over 1000 data series, exceeding Excel's capacity. While both versions yield the exact same compressibility chart, having more data series could potentially enhance the creation of an interactive chart, allowing users to hover over parameters as Mach values with precision down to 0.001 intervals. However, our objective in this work is to recreate the Compressibility Correction Chart in Excel without resorting to interactive modes, hence we opt for the simpler approach outlined in this chapter.

### 4.1 Tab 1: Compressibility Correction Chart

This tab represents the culminations of our findings, presenting the Compressibility Correction Chart from CAS to EAS. Within this chart, the effects of compressibility correction as functions of Mach number (illustrated by red curves) and pressure altitude (depicted as the blue curves) are displayed. To facilitate readability, labels were incorporated corresponding to the values of pressure altitude and Mach number. It serves as near perfect adaptations of the CAS-EAS Compressibility Correction Chart outlined in the Flight Mechanics script by Trevor Young. Figure 4.1 illustrates the Compressibility Correction Chart.



**Figure 4.1** CAS to EAS Compressibility Correction Chart-  $V_E = V_C - \Delta V_C$

Interpreting the chart is straightforward, requiring only three parameters from: Mach number, calibrated airspeed, pressure altitude, or Compressibility Correction. By estimating the positions of these parameters, all relevant factors can be calculated. While the chart is a 2-D representation of the Compressibility Correction Chart, its potential for interactivity is highly recommended for future work.

## 4.2 Tab 2: Compressibility Correction, Function of Mach Number

Building upon the principles discussed in Section 3.1, Tab 2 outlines the required equations for deriving the Compressibility Correction as a function of Mach number.

|    | A  | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | <b>COMPRESSIBILITY CORRECTION as a function of Mach Number</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 11 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 15 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Figure 4.2** Equations necessary for Tab 2

Input parameters include Pressure altitude  $H$ , ranges from sea level to 65000 ft with increments of 1000 ft, and Mach number  $M$ , emphasized in red font, ranging from 0.05 to 1.00 in increments of 0.05.

| H     | Mach # : | 0.05         |              | 0.1         |              | 0.15         |              |
|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|       |          | $\delta$     | $\Delta V_C$ | Vc          | $\Delta V_C$ | Vc           | $\Delta V_C$ |
| 0     | 1        | -1.82221E-12 | 33.074       | 2.75396E-14 | 66.148       | -5.69153E-13 | 99.222       |
| 1000  | 0.964387 | 0.000361204  | 32.48009789  | 0.002883409 | 64.96235678  | 0.009696665  | 97.44890672  |
| 2000  | 0.929809 | 0.000699062  | 31.89283252  | 0.005580933 | 63.78984785  | 0.018770925  | 95.6951713   |
| 3000  | 0.896241 | 0.00101458   | 31.31217591  | 0.008100548 | 62.6304232   | 0.027249217  | 93.96073319  |
| 4000  | 0.863662 | 0.001308733  | 30.73809995  | 0.01044996  | 61.4840324   | 0.035157123  | 92.24553078  |
| 5000  | 0.832048 | 0.00158246   | 30.17057646  | 0.01263662  | 60.35062462  | 0.042519387  | 90.54950139  |
| 6000  | 0.801377 | 0.00183667   | 29.60957712  | 0.014667728 | 59.23014862  | 0.049359936  | 88.87258128  |
| 7000  | 0.771629 | 0.002072239  | 29.0550735   | 0.016550239 | 58.12255277  | 0.055701904  | 87.2147057   |
| 8000  | 0.742781 | 0.002290015  | 28.50703709  | 0.01829087  | 57.02778502  | 0.061567644  | 85.57580887  |
| 9000  | 0.714813 | 0.002490815  | 27.96543924  | 0.019896105 | 55.94579296  | 0.066978754  | 83.95582403  |
| 10000 | 0.687704 | 0.002675426  | 27.43025121  | 0.021372202 | 54.87652377  | 0.071956095  | 82.35468344  |
| 11000 | 0.661433 | 0.002844609  | 26.90144414  | 0.022725202 | 53.81992426  | 0.076519807  | 80.7723184   |
| 12000 | 0.635981 | 0.002999098  | 26.37898907  | 0.02396093  | 52.77594088  | 0.08068933   | 79.20865925  |

**Figure 4.3** Format of Tab 2

For the determination of relative pressure  $\delta$ , the corresponding excel cell formula is incorporated with an  $IF()$  function, a sample from  $H = 1000$  ft is generalized as:

$$=IF(C19<36089, (1-k_a\_ft*\$C19)^{5.25588}, 0.223361*EXP(-k_b\_ft*(\$C19-H_T\_ft)))$$

This syntax specifies that IF (the value of  $H$  in cells C19(-C84) is less than 36,089, then calculate using the Troposphere relative pressure equation; otherwise, use the Stratosphere Equation.

Following the calculation of relative pressure, the compressibility correction ( $\Delta V_C$ ) and calibrated airspeed ( $V_C$ ) can be determined. Thereby, the process can be repeated for each of Mach number variable for 0.05 to 1.00, with increments of 0.05, as illustrated in the Excels spreadsheet in Figure 4.3.

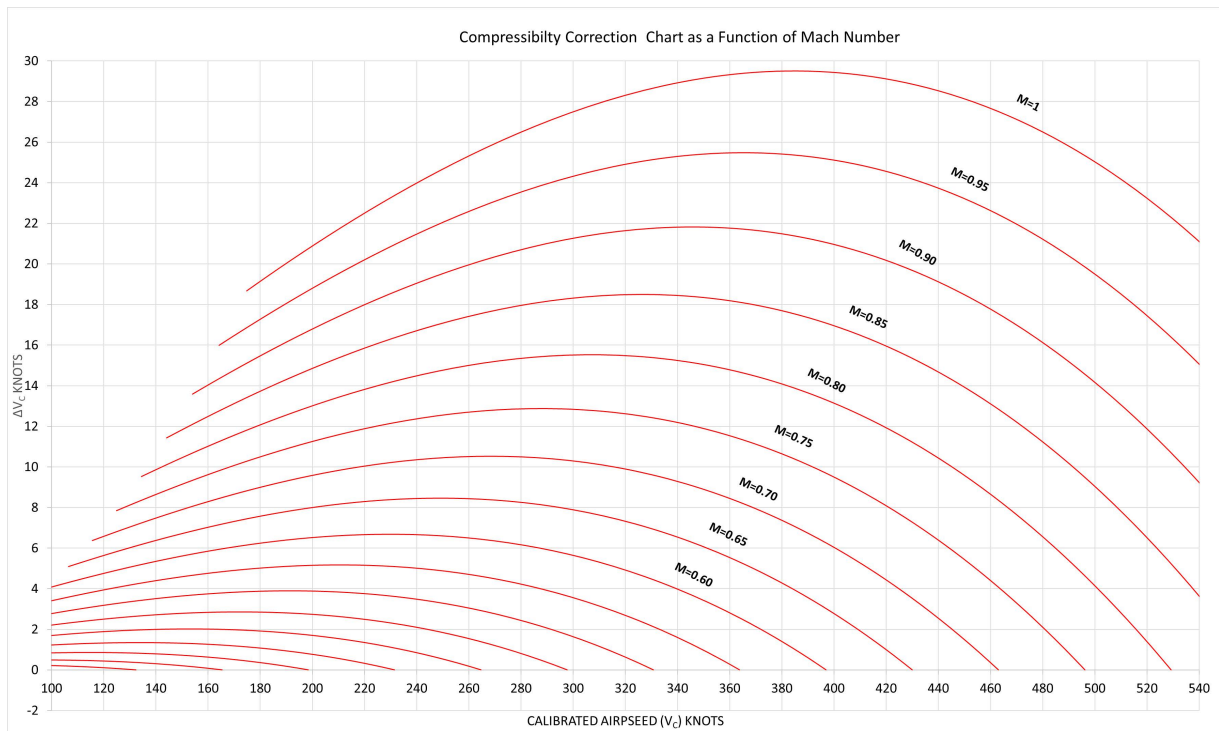
To plot the Calibrated Airspeed and Compressibility Correction Values, begin by ensuring to only select the entire table starting from the corresponding values of  $M = 0.5$  to  $M = 1.00$ . Exclude any variables as well as the pressure altitude ( $H$ ) and relative pressure column ( $\delta$ ). A VBA macro, crafted by Alexander Trifunтов and detailed in Appendix A, is embedded within the worksheet. This macro functions to isolate every alternate even column within the selected range, thereby creating a new range comprising only the  $V_C$  values, as demonstrated briefly in Figure 4.4. These isolated values serve as the x- axis values.

| H     | Mach #   | 0.05         |             | 0.1          |             | 0.15         |             | 0.2          |             | 0.25         |             | 0.3          |             | 0.35         |             |
|-------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|       |          | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_C$       |
| 0     | 1        | -1.82221E-12 | 33.074      | 2.75396E-14  | 66.148      | -5.69153E-13 | 99.222      | 5.50793E-14  | 132.296     | -2.93756E-13 | 165.37      | 1.10159E-13  | 198.444     | -1.46878E-13 | 231.518     |
| 1000  | 0.964387 | 0.000361204  | 32.48009789 | 0.002883409  | 64.96235678 | 0.009696665  | 97.44890672 | 0.022869963  | 129.9418167 | 0.044382742  | 162.4430662 | 0.076098764  | 194.9545189 | 0.119742978  | 227.4778998 |
| 2000  | 0.929809 | 0.000699062  | 31.89283252 | 0.005580933  | 63.78984785 | 0.018770925  | 95.6951713  | 0.0442808    | 127.6128146 | 0.089555575  | 159.5466229 | 0.147424448  | 191.5002252 | 0.232056995  | 223.4769912 |
| 3000  | 0.896241 | 0.001018458  | 31.31217591 | 0.008100548  | 62.6304232  | 0.027249217  | 93.96073319 | 0.064293654  | 125.308939  | 0.124834207  | 156.6806408 | 0.214169456  | 188.0811374 | 0.337234096  | 215.5153634 |
| 4000  | 0.863662 | 0.001308733  | 30.73809995 | 0.01044996   | 61.4840324  | 0.035157123  | 92.24553078 | 0.082967748  | 123.0301326 | 0.161130867  | 153.845087  | 0.276520727  | 184.697268  | 0.435558575  | 215.5930971 |
| 5000  | 0.832048 | 0.00158246   | 30.17057646 | 0.01263662   | 60.35062462 | 0.042519387  | 90.54950139 | 0.100360431  | 120.7763364 | 0.194954381  | 151.0399244 | 0.334659816  | 181.3486238 | 0.527307057  | 211.7102651 |
| 6000  | 0.801377 | 0.00183667   | 29.60957712 | 0.014667728  | 59.23014862 | 0.049359936  | 88.87258128 | 0.116527217  | 118.547489  | 0.226410229  | 148.2651125 | 0.388762979  | 178.0352057 | 0.612748578  | 207.8669317 |
| 7000  | 0.771629 | 0.002072239  | 29.0550735  | 0.016550239  | 58.12255277 | 0.055701904  | 87.2147057  | 0.131521827  | 116.3453269 | 0.255600616  | 145.5206699 | 0.439001255  | 174.7570088 | 0.692144678  | 204.0631535 |
| 8000  | 0.742781 | 0.002290015  | 28.50703709 | 0.01829087   | 57.02778502 | 0.061567644  | 85.5780887  | 0.145396228  | 114.1643845 | 0.282624531  | 142.8063599 | 0.485540557  | 171.514023  | 0.765749495  | 200.298979  |
| 9000  | 0.714813 | 0.002490815  | 27.96543924 | 0.019896105  | 55.94579296 | 0.066978754  | 83.95582403 | 0.158200675  | 112.0099944 | 0.30757782   | 140.1223199 | 0.528541754  | 168.3062323 | 0.83808959   | 196.5744488 |
| 10000 | 0.687704 | 0.002675426  | 27.43025121 | 0.021372202  | 54.87652377 | 0.071956095  | 82.35468344 | 0.16998375   | 109.8802869 | 0.330553244  | 137.4684322 | 0.568160763  | 165.1336155 | 0.896565392  | 192.8895959 |
| 11000 | 0.661433 | 0.002844609  | 26.90144414 | 0.022725202  | 53.81992426 | 0.076519807  | 80.7723184  | 0.180792402  | 107.7751905 | 0.35164055   | 134.8446382 | 0.604548639  | 161.9961458 | 0.954248616  | 189.2444453 |
| 12000 | 0.635981 | 0.002999098  | 26.37898907 | 0.02396093   | 52.77594088 | 0.080689933  | 79.20865925 | 0.190671986  | 105.6946319 | 0.370926531  | 132.2508764 | 0.637851662  | 158.8937915 | 1.007085055  | 185.6390149 |
| 13000 | 0.611328 | 0.003139598  | 25.86285693 | 0.02508033   | 51.74451967 | 0.08444832   | 77.66363543 | 0.199666301  | 103.6385356 | 0.388495094  | 129.6870818 | 0.668211434  | 155.8265154 | 1.055293347  | 182.0733147 |
| 14000 | 0.587454 | 0.003266791  | 25.35301854 | 0.02610286   | 50.72560634 | 0.087920172  | 76.13717542 | 0.20781763   | 101.6068246 | 0.404427327  | 127.1531861 | 0.695749495  | 152.7942755 | 1.099085355  | 178.5473476 |
| 15000 | 0.564341 | 0.003381324  | 24.84944461 | 0.027019649  | 49.7191462  | 0.09101703   | 74.62920686 | 0.21516675   | 99.59941988 | 0.418801558  | 124.6491179 | 0.720644769  | 149.7970244 | 1.138666281  | 175.0611092 |
| 16000 | 0.54197  | 0.003483857  | 24.35210574 | 0.027840469  | 48.72508423 | 0.093790811  | 73.13965645 | 0.221753098  | 97.6124062  | 0.43169342   | 122.1748028 | 0.742978953  | 146.8347102 | 1.17423478   | 171.6145879 |
| 17000 | 0.520323 | 0.00357497   | 23.86097242 | 0.028570138  | 47.74336504 | 0.096257721  | 71.66845007 | 0.227614555  | 95.65720435 | 0.443175919  | 119.7301632 | 0.762891315  | 143.907276  | 1.205983085  | 168.2077652 |
| 18000 | 0.499381 | 0.003655257  | 23.37601503 | 0.029213318  | 46.77393287 | 0.098433368  | 70.2155127  | 0.232787735  | 93.7222684  | 0.453319494  | 117.3151184 | 0.780501434  | 141.0146601 | 1.234097117  | 164.8406156 |
| 19000 | 0.479126 | 0.003725283  | 22.89720386 | 0.029774497  | 45.81673164 | 0.100332781  | 68.7807685  | 0.23707894   | 91.81122219 | 0.462192078  | 114.9295849 | 0.795924761  | 138.1567962 | 1.258756614  | 161.5131066 |
| 20000 | 0.459543 | 0.003785588  | 22.42450905 | 0.03025799   | 44.87170491 | 0.10197043   | 67.36414081 | 0.241208991  | 89.92401284 | 0.469859163  | 112.5734765 | 0.809272715  | 135.3363135 | 1.280135249  | 158.2251995 |
| 21000 | 0.440612 | 0.003836695  | 21.95790067 | 0.030667948  | 43.93879589 | 0.103360234  | 65.96555215 | 0.244523723  | 88.06071963 | 0.47638386   | 110.2467037 | 0.820652777  | 132.5450366 | 1.298400757  | 154.9768486 |
| 22000 | 0.422318 | 0.003879103  | 21.49734865 | 0.031008365  | 43.01794745 | 0.104515584  | 64.58492421 | 0.247283561  | 86.22116173 | 0.481826962  | 107.9461747 | 0.830168579  | 129.7909885 | 1.313715054  | 151.7680019 |
| 23000 | 0.404644 | 0.003913294  | 21.04282282 | 0.031283074  | 42.10910213 | 0.105449353  | 63.22217793 | 0.249518781  | 84.40515689 | 0.486247001  | 105.6807946 | 0.837919996  | 127.0713772 | 1.326234365  | 148.5986011 |
| 24000 | 0.387574 | 0.003939373  | 20.59429291 | 0.031495763  | 41.21222012 | 0.106173915  | 61.87723345 | 0.2512585    | 82.61267122 | 0.48970031   | 103.4414662 | 0.84400324   | 124.3861223 | 1.33610935   | 145.4685816 |
| 25000 | 0.371091 | 0.003958854  | 20.15172852 | 0.031649969  | 40.3271893  | 0.106701158  | 60.55001015 | 0.252530707  | 80.84360936 | 0.492241081  | 101.2310894 | 0.848510952  | 121.7351289 | 1.343485229  | 142.3778729 |
| 26000 | 0.355181 | 0.003971092  | 19.71509914 | 0.03174909   | 39.45400519 | 0.107042498  | 59.24042664 | 0.253362297  | 79.09787449 | 0.493921425  | 99.04956167 | 0.851532288  | 119.1183006 | 1.348501904  | 139.3263982 |
| 27000 | 0.339827 | 0.003976854  | 19.28437416 | 0.031796386  | 38.592591   | 0.107208894  | 57.94840082 | 0.253779102  | 77.37536833 | 0.494791425  | 96.89677796 | 0.853153014  | 116.5255369 | 1.351294092  | 136.3140752 |
| 28000 | 0.325016 | 0.003976529  | 18.85952284 | 0.031794985  | 37.74288762 | 0.107210863  | 56.67384981 | 0.253805922  | 75.67599118 | 0.494899198  | 94.7263078  | 0.853455559  | 113.9867335 | 1.351991442  | 133.3408156 |
| 29000 | 0.310732 | 0.003970495  | 18.44051435 | 0.031747885  | 36.90483559 | 0.10705849   | 55.41669004 | 0.253466555  | 73.99964196 | 0.494290948  | 92.6770102  | 0.852519263  | 111.4717824 | 1.350718666  | 130.4065256 |
| 30000 | 0.29696  | 0.003959111  | 18.02731771 | 0.031657959  | 36.07837515 | 0.106761446  | 54.17683723 | 0.252783828  | 72.34621821 | 0.493011019  | 90.60980399 | 0.850420051  | 108.9905717 | 1.347595662  | 127.5111058 |

Figure 4.4:  $\Delta V_C$  values selected using the VBA Macro

The user will proceed by manually selecting each Compressibility Correction ( $\Delta V_C$ ) column corresponding to their Mach number, while holding the CTRL button to maintain the pre-selected x-values. These Compressibility Correction data points are the y-values of the plot. By opting for a scatter plot, it seamlessly generates the Compressibility Correction Chart as a function of  $M$ , from 0.05 to 1.00 (Figure 4.5).





**Figure 4.5** Compressibility Correction Chart as a function of Mach number-  $V_E = V_C - \Delta V_C$

| $\Delta V_C$ | 0.95        |              | 1           |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| $\Delta V_C$ | $V_c$       | $\Delta V_C$ | $V_c$       |
| -1.46878E-13 | 628.406     | -7.3439E-14  | 661.48      |
| 1.958355698  | 619.0733527 | 2.23234156   | 651.8270753 |
| 3.819936487  | 609.7704722 | 4.35701682   | 642.199686  |
| 5.586881309  | 600.4989465 | 6.37624818   | 632.5994747 |
| 7.261344079  | 591.2603773 | 8.29228022   | 623.0281046 |
| 8.845492023  | 582.056378  | 10.1073781   | 613.4872582 |
| 10.34150395  | 572.8885725 | 11.8238261   | 603.978635  |
| 11.75156847  | 563.7585925 | 13.4439253   | 594.5039506 |
| 13.07788214  | 554.6680766 | 14.9699926   | 585.0649341 |
| 14.32264758  | 545.6186677 | 16.4043578   | 575.6633263 |
| 15.48807153  | 536.6120114 | 17.7493624   | 566.3008781 |
| 16.57636288  | 527.649754  | 19.0073573   | 556.9793479 |
| 17.58973064  | 518.7335402 | 20.1807004   | 547.7004999 |
| 18.53038192  | 509.8650113 | 21.2717549   | 538.4661016 |
| 19.40051987  | 501.0458031 | 22.2828867   | 529.2779217 |
| 20.20234159  | 492.2775438 | 23.2164623   | 520.1377278 |
| 20.93803607  | 483.5618518 | 24.0748465   | 511.0472842 |

**Figure 4.6** Mach 1  $V_C$  values essential for Tab 3

It is imperative to recognize that for  $M = 1$ , the calibrated airspeed values are highlighted in red font as shown in Figure 4.5. These values hold significant importance as they constitute a vital component of the Calibrated Airspeed parameters for Tab 3. As demonstrated in the next section, these values will help produce the  $\Delta V_C$  values, which aligns with the final  $M = 1$  curve

and does not intersect it. With some adjustments to the data series, the pressure altitudes curves can be modified to avoid intersecting the Mach 1 curve. It is essential to remember that intersecting Mach 1 results in supersonic airspeeds, which are beyond the scope of this thesis.

### 4.3 Tab 3: Compressibility Correction, Function of Pressure Altitude

Building upon the foundational concepts outlined in Section 3.2, Tab 3 integrates the same equations and principles (Figure 4.7).

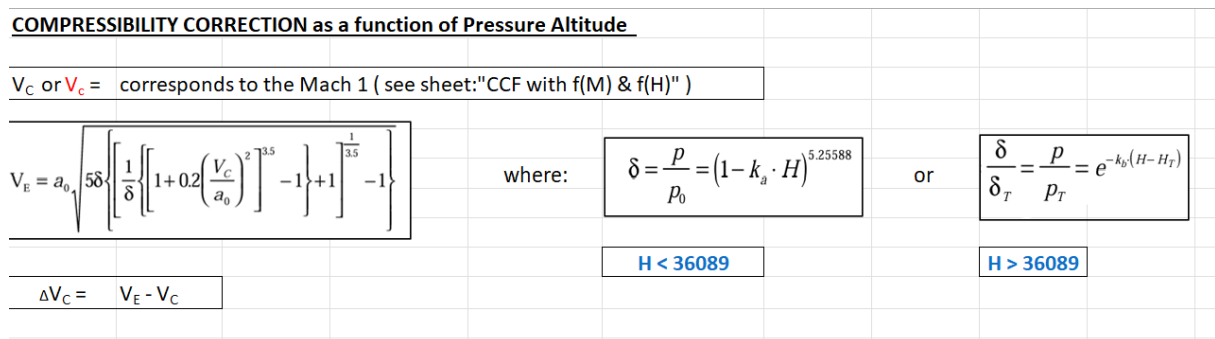


Figure 4.7 Equations necessary for Tab 3

Calibrated airspeed (V<sub>C</sub>) and Pressure Altitude (H), distinguished in blue font, serve as the input parameters. It is worth noting that the calibrated airspeed values in red font correspond to the constraints of the Mach = 1.00 curve, a topic further elaborated upon in this section. Calibrated airspeed values range from 0 to 670 kt in increments of 1, while pressure altitude ranges from 1000 ft to 65000 ft in increments of 1000 and Calibrated Airspeed values in increments of 1 kt. An example of this is shown in Figure 4.8.

| V <sub>C</sub> | 1000           |                 | 2000           |                 | 3000           |                 | 4000           |                 | 5000           |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                | V <sub>E</sub> | ΔV <sub>C</sub> | V <sub>E</sub> | ΔV <sub>C</sub> | V <sub>E</sub> | ΔV <sub>C</sub> | V <sub>E</sub> | ΔV <sub>C</sub> | V <sub>E</sub> | ΔV <sub>C</sub> |
| 1              | 1              | 1.04649E-08     | 0.999999978    | 2.15952E-08     | 0.999999967    | 3.314E-08       | 1              | 4.51E-08        | 0.9999999      | 5.76639E-08     |
| 2              | 2              | 8.44095E-08     | 1.999999828    | 1.72486E-07     | 1.999999735    | 2.646E-07       | 1.9999996      | 3.608E-07       | 1.9999995      | 4.6132E-07      |
| 3              | 3              | 2.84845E-07     | 2.999999418    | 5.82268E-07     | 2.999999107    | 8.93E-07        | 2.9999988      | 1.218E-06       | 2.9999984      | 1.55696E-06     |
| 4              | 3.999999       | 6.75134E-07     | 3.99999862     | 1.38018E-06     | 3.999997883    | 2.117E-06       | 3.9999971      | 2.886E-06       | 3.9999963      | 3.69052E-06     |
| 5              | 4.999999       | 1.31869E-06     | 4.999997304    | 2.69569E-06     | 4.999995866    | 4.134E-06       | 4.9999944      | 5.637E-06       | 4.9999928      | 7.20804E-06     |
| 6              | 5.999998       | 2.27864E-06     | 5.999995342    | 4.65807E-06     | 5.999992856    | 7.144E-06       | 5.9999903      | 9.741E-06       | 5.9999875      | 1.24553E-05     |
| 7              | 6.999996       | 3.61831E-06     | 6.999992603    | 7.39681E-06     | 6.999988656    | 1.134E-05       | 6.9999845      | 1.547E-05       | 6.9999802      | 1.97784E-05     |
| 8              | 7.999995       | 5.40105E-06     | 7.999988959    | 1.10411E-05     | 7.999983067    | 1.693E-05       | 7.9999769      | 2.309E-05       | 7.9999705      | 2.9523E-05      |
| 9              | 8.999992       | 7.69009E-06     | 8.999984279    | 1.57205E-05     | 8.999975891    | 2.411E-05       | 8.9999671      | 3.287E-05       | 8.999958       | 4.20351E-05     |
| 10             | 9.999989       | 1.05486E-05     | 9.999978436    | 2.15642E-05     | 9.999966929    | 3.307E-05       | 9.9999549      | 4.509E-05       | 9.9999423      | 5.76604E-05     |
| 11             | 10.99999       | 1.40401E-05     | 10.9999713     | 2.87015E-05     | 10.99995598    | 4.402E-05       | 10.99994       | 6.002E-05       | 10.999923      | 7.67447E-05     |
| 12             | 11.99998       | 1.82275E-05     | 11.99996274    | 3.72617E-05     | 11.99994286    | 5.714E-05       | 11.999922      | 7.792E-05       | 11.9999        | 9.96335E-05     |
| 13             | 12.99998       | 2.31742E-05     | 12.99995263    | 4.7374E-05      | 12.99992735    | 7.265E-05       | 12.999901      | 9.907E-05       | 12.999873      | 0.000126673     |
| 14             | 13.99997       | 2.89435E-05     | 13.99994083    | 5.91678E-05     | 13.99990926    | 9.074E-05       | 13.999876      | 0.0001237       | 13.999842      | 0.000158207     |
| 15             | 14.99996       | 3.55985E-05     | 14.99992723    | 7.27723E-05     | 14.9998884     | 0.0001116       | 14.999848      | 0.0001522       | 14.999805      | 0.000194583     |
| 16             | 15.99996       | 4.32025E-05     | 15.99991168    | 8.83166E-05     | 15.99986456    | 0.0001354       | 15.999815      | 0.0001847       | 15.999764      | 0.000236146     |
| 17             | 16.99995       | 5.18185E-05     | 16.99989407    | 0.00010593      | 16.99983755    | 0.0001625       | 16.999778      | 0.0002215       | 16.999717      | 0.000283241     |
| 18             | 17.99994       | 6.15099E-05     | 17.99987426    | 0.000125741     | 17.99980717    | 0.0001928       | 17.999737      | 0.0002629       | 17.999664      | 0.000336212     |
| 19             | 18.99993       | 7.23397E-05     | 18.99985212    | 0.00014788      | 18.99977321    | 0.0002268       | 18.999691      | 0.0003092       | 18.999605      | 0.000395406     |
| 20             | 19.99992       | 8.43711E-05     | 19.99982753    | 0.000172475     | 19.9997355     | 0.0002645       | 19.999639      | 0.0003607       | 19.999539      | 0.000461167     |
| 21             | 20.9999        | 9.76673E-05     | 20.99980034    | 0.000199655     | 20.99969381    | 0.0003062       | 20.999583      | 0.0004175       | 20.999466      | 0.00053384      |
| 22             | 21.99989       | 0.000112291     | 21.99977045    | 0.00022955      | 21.99964797    | 0.000352        | 21.99952       | 0.00048         | 21.999386      | 0.00061377      |
| 23             | 22.99987       | 0.000128306     | 22.99973771    | 0.000262287     | 22.99959776    | 0.0004022       | 22.999452      | 0.0005485       | 22.999299      | 0.000701301     |
| 24             | 23.99985       | 0.000145775     | 23.999702      | 0.000297997     | 23.999543      | 0.000457        | 23.999377      | 0.0006231       | 23.999203      | 0.000796779     |
| 25             | 24.99984       | 0.000164761     | 24.99966319    | 0.000336809     | 24.99948348    | 0.0005165       | 24.999296      | 0.0007043       | 24.999099      | 0.000900546     |
| 26             | 25.99981       | 0.000185327     | 25.99962115    | 0.000378849     | 25.99941901    | 0.000581        | 25.999208      | 0.0007922       | 25.998987      | 0.001012949     |

**Figure 4.8** Format of Tab 3

The calibrated airspeed values are the x-axis values for the plot, ensuring consistency throughout the calculation of Equivalent Airspeed ( $V_E$ ) and Compressibility Correction ( $\Delta V_C$ ) for every indicated pressure altitude level.

The procedure of calculating relative pressure mirrors the IF () syntax used in Tab 2 . However, in Tab 3, this calculation is integrated within the formula of the Equivalent Airspeed cells that is incorporated within the Equivalent Airspeed cell columns. Thus, an example from D16 cell demonstrates the process as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &=IF(D\$13<36089,a\_0\_kt*SQRT(5*(1-6.8756*10^{(-6)}*D\$13)^{(5.25588)}*((1/(1- \\
 &6.8756*10^{(-6)}*D\$13)^{(5.25588)}*((1+0.2*(\$C16/a\_0\_kt)^2)^{3.5-1})+1)^{(1/3.5)- \\
 &1)),a\_0\_kt*SQRT(5*0.223361*EXP(-k\_b\_ft*(D\$13- \\
 &H\_T\_ft)))*((1/(0.223361*EXP(-k\_b\_ft*(D\$13- \\
 &H\_T\_ft)))*((1+0.2*(\$C16/a\_0\_kt)^2)^{3.5-1})+1)^{(1/3.5)-1)))
 \end{aligned}$$

Subsequently,  $\Delta V_C$  values can be calculated with regard to the arbitrary pressure altitude, constituting the y-axis values of the plot.

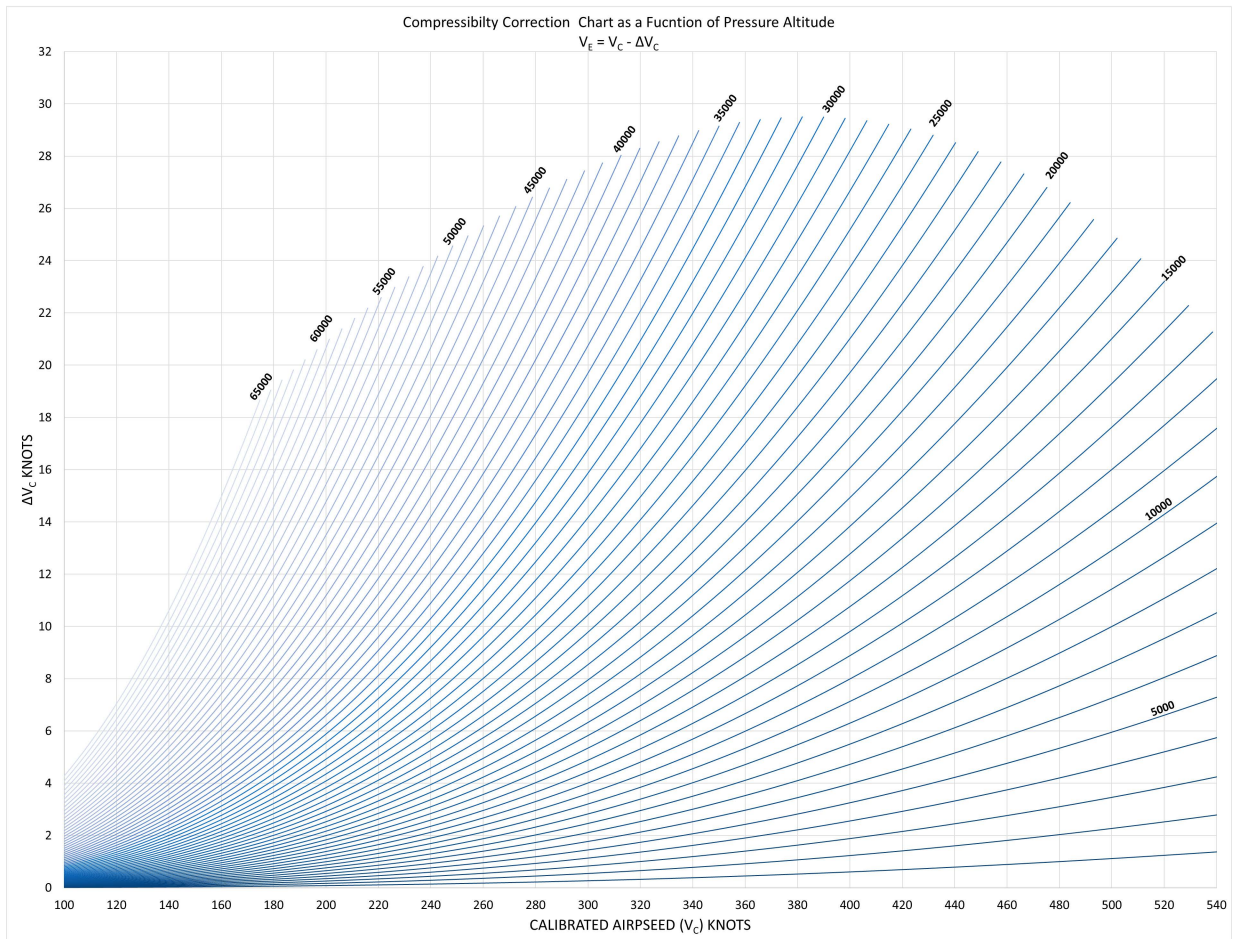
To plot the Calibrated airspeed and Compressibility Correction Values, begin by selecting the entire table starting from the first data of  $V_E$  and  $\Delta V_C$  from  $H = 1000$  ft to  $H = 650000$  ft. Utilize the VBA macro to isolate the  $\Delta V_C$  values. Simultaneously, while holding down CTRL key, select the  $V_C$  values in column C and generate a scatter plot. At the moment, if the Compressibility Correction chart as a function of Mach number from Tab 2 were plotted into

the recently created chart in Tab 3, all the pressure altitude curves would interest the  $M = 1.00$  curve.

| <b>65000</b> |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| $V_E$        | $\Delta V_C$ |
| 0.999995     | 4.84694E-06  |
| .            | .            |
| .            | .            |
| .            | .            |
| 142.7354     | 14.26464647  |
| 143.5027     | 14.49725472  |
| 144.2682     | 14.73179251  |
| 145.0317     | 14.96825556  |
| 145.7934     | 15.2066395   |
| 146.5531     | 15.44693991  |
| 147.3108     | 15.68915224  |
| 148.0667     | 15.93327191  |
| 148.8207     | 16.17929424  |
| 149.5728     | 16.42721448  |
| 150.323      | 16.6770278   |
| 151.0713     | 16.92872932  |
| 151.8177     | 17.18231408  |
| 152.5622     | 17.43777706  |
| 153.3049     | 17.69511316  |
| 154.0457     | 17.95431725  |
| 154.7846     | 18.21538412  |
| 156.0562     | 18.67055622  |

**Figure 4.9**  $\Delta V_C$  Series selected for Plotting

Given that the correlated calibrated airspeed values, highlighted in red font, correspond to Mach 1, and were utilized for the calculations in this tab, users are only required to adjust the constraints of the compressibility correction data,  $\Delta V_C$ , for each distinct altitude in the plot series. An example is illustrated in Figure 4.9, where, for  $H = 65000$  ft, the y-values depicted in the plot are restricted to the corresponding Compressibility Correction value of,  $\Delta V_C = 18.67056$  kt, which is obtained from the calculated  $V_C = 174.7268$  kt from Tab 2. Thus, generating the Compressibility Chart as a function of pressure altitude in Figure 4.10.



**Figure 4.10** Compressibility Chart as a function of pressure altitude-  $V_E = V_C - \Delta V_C$

It is important to note that any values exceeding Mach 1.0 are classified as supersonic. As previously discussed, commercial aircraft can encounter phenomena associated with supersonic flight, potentially leading to stability loss and various control malfunctions.

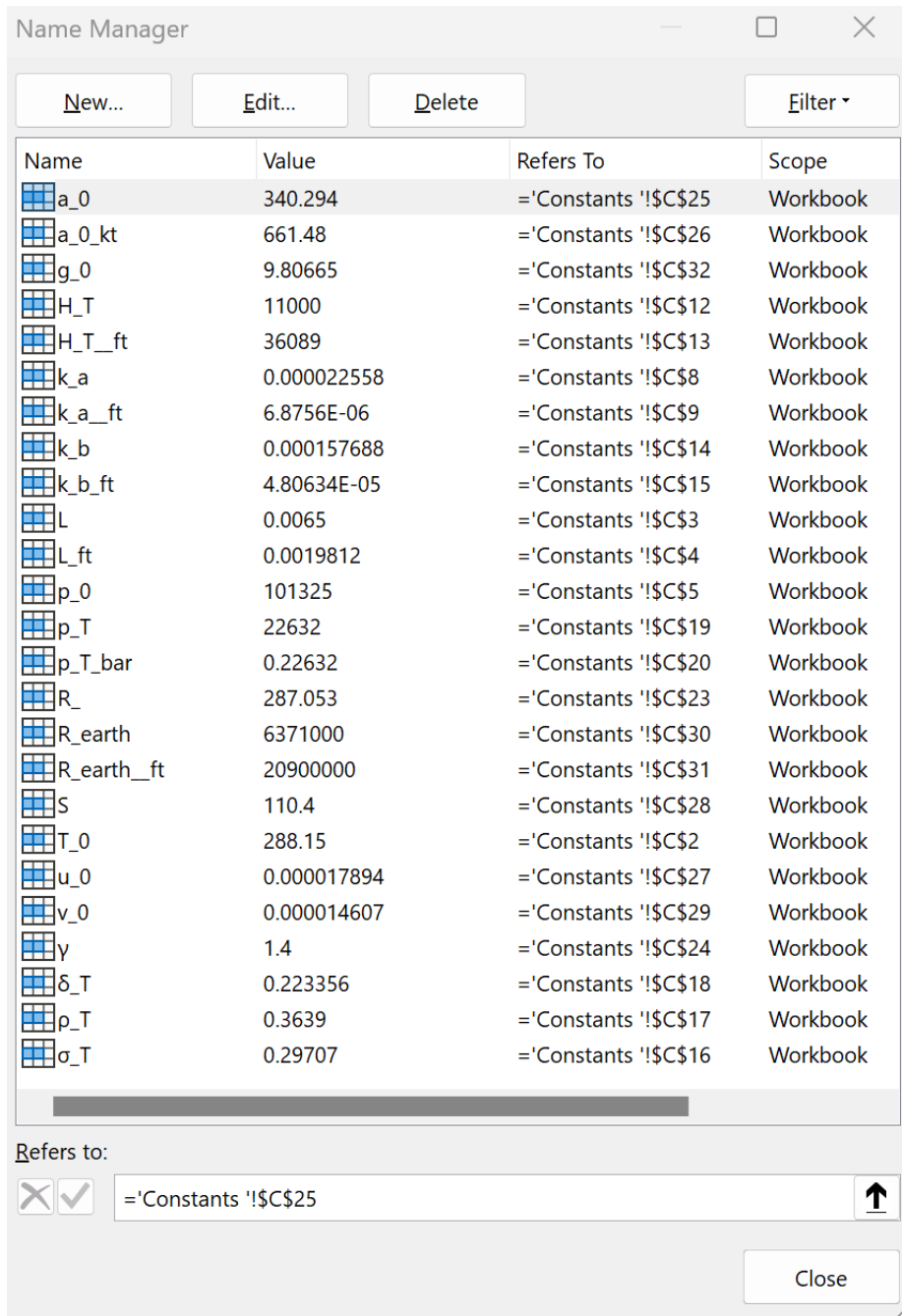
#### 4.4 Tab 4: Constants Tab

The constant tab depicts all necessary International Standard Atmosphere standard values used for the calculations (Figure 4.11).

|                                     |              |             |                   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Troposphere Constants</b>        |              |             |                   |
| Temperature at sea level            | T_0          | 288.15      | K                 |
| Lapse Rate                          | L            | 0.0065      | K/m               |
|                                     | L (ft)       | 0.0019812   | K/ft              |
| Sea Level Pressure                  | p_0          | 101325      | Pa                |
|                                     | p_0 (bar)    | 1.01325     | bar               |
| Sea Level Density                   | $\rho_0$     | 1.225       | kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
|                                     | k_a          | 0.000022558 | 1/m               |
|                                     | k_a (ft)     | 6.8756E-06  | 1/ft              |
| <b>Stratosphere Constants</b>       |              |             |                   |
|                                     | H_T          | 11000       | m                 |
|                                     | H_T (ft)     | 36089       | ft                |
|                                     | k_b          | 0.000157688 | 1/m               |
|                                     | k_b(ft)      | 4.80634E-05 | 1/ft              |
|                                     | $\sigma_T$   | 0.29707     |                   |
|                                     | $\rho_T$     | 0.3639      | kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
|                                     | $\delta_T$   | 0.223356    |                   |
|                                     | p_T          | 22632       | Pa                |
|                                     | p_T(bar)     | 0.22632     | bar               |
| <b>Troposphere and Stratosphere</b> |              |             |                   |
| Specific gas constant               | R            | 287.053     | J/K/kg            |
| Ratio of specific heats of air      | $\gamma$     | 1.4         |                   |
| Speed of sound at sea level         | a_0          | 340.294     | m/s               |
|                                     | a_0(kt)      | 661.48      | kt                |
|                                     | u_0          | 0.000017894 | kg/m/s            |
|                                     | S            | 110.4       | K                 |
|                                     | v_0          | 0.000014607 | m <sup>2</sup> /s |
|                                     | R_earth      | 6371000     | m                 |
|                                     | R_earth (ft) | 20900000    | ft                |
|                                     | g_0          | 9.80665     | m/s <sup>2</sup>  |

**Figure 4.11** ISA Standard Values in the Constants tab

The Excel NAME MANGER will substitute formulas, which in this case are the description of the ISA sea level values, for their corresponding standard value (Figure 4.12).

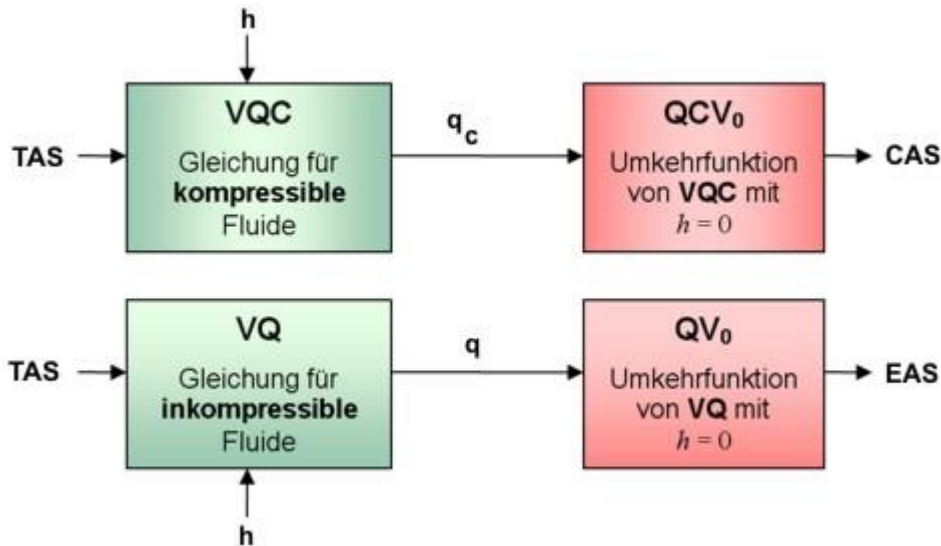


**Figure 4.12** Name Manager dialog box for the Worksheet

## 5 Comparison with Other Results

### 5.1 Walter Bislin: Interactive Compressibility Chart

Walter Bislin Compressibility Chart follows a mathematical model between TAS to CAS and TAS to EAS (Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2).



**Figure 5.1** Different Airspeed Mathematical model (Bislin 2016)

$$\text{CAS} = \text{QCV}(\text{VQC}(\text{TAS}, h), 0)$$

$$\text{EAS} = \text{QV}(\text{VQ}(\text{TAS}, h), 0)$$

$$V_c = \text{EAS} - \text{CAS}$$

**Figure 5.2** Summary of formulas used (Bislin 2016)

For a thorough explanation of these equations, refer to Walter Bislin's work (Bislin 2016), which clarifies the full derivations. Notice that the correction, **V<sub>c</sub> is defined as a negative value!** This is in contrast to the definition used by Trevor Young and throughout this thesis.

Bislin's methodology follows the same fundamental equations used in this work; however, a notable deviation between Bislin's approach and the chart presented in this work lies in his utilization of True Airspeed (TAS). Bislin's approach is distinguished by his derivation of CAS, where it functions as a variable dependent on TAS and altitude, contrasting with the method used in this study where CAS serves as an input value in the Excel worksheet.

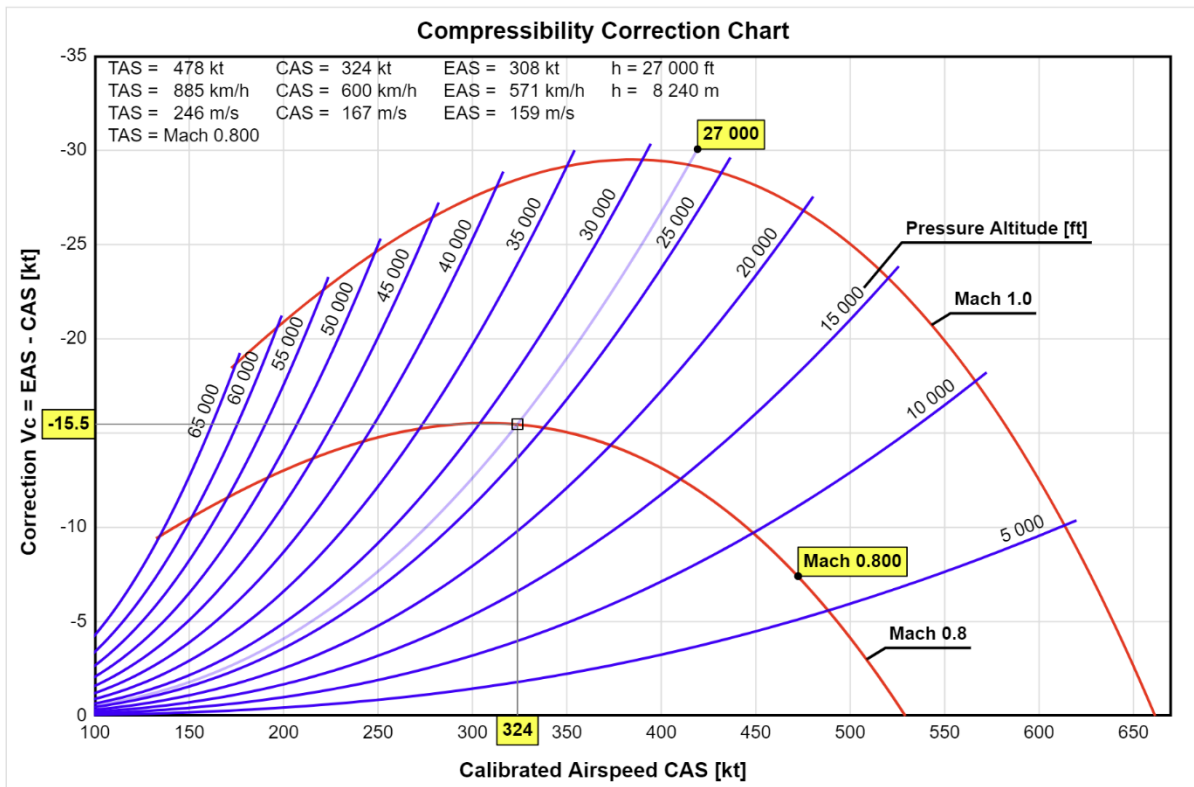
True airspeed, in this Bislin's text, is expressed as a function of Mach number from 0 to 1 for various altitudes different height as the equation listed below.



$$\text{TAS} = \text{Ma} \cdot a = \text{Ma} \cdot \sqrt{\kappa \cdot R_S \cdot T(h)} = \text{Ma} \cdot \sqrt{\kappa \cdot R_S \cdot (T_{\text{ref}} + \alpha_i \cdot (h - h_{\text{ref}}))}$$

Additionally, unlike Excel's limitations of 255 data series, Bislin's compressibility chart transcends these constraints. This is evident when navigating through his interactive chart (Figure 5.3), where Mach numbers are iterated in increments of 0.001, and pressures are presented in 100 ft intervals. This implies that a TAS value must have been computed for each of the 1000 ft individual Mach numbers, along with calculating the corresponding parameters as depicted in Figure 5.2. It is highly possible that Bislin utilized more sophisticated programming languages such as JavaScript or Python to effectively manage larger datasets while also implementing the interactive mode.

As previously stated, Mach numbers are in iterations of 0.001, while the pressure altitude is presented in 100 ft intervals. CAS, EAS, and TAS are in increments of 1 kt. This precision is readily apparent through the interactive chart display, where hovering over data points reveals the intricacies of the calculations as shown in Figure 5.3.



**Figure 5.3** Interactive CAS-EAS Compressibility Correction Chart (Bislin 2019)

Bislin Compressibility Chart in Figure 5.3 results in:

CAS = 324 kt

$H = 27000$  ft

Mach number = 0.800

$\Delta V_C = 15.5$  kt

Comparing it this works closest results (which are highlighted yellow):

From Tab 3:

At  $H = 27000$  ft and  $M = 0.8$ :

$\Delta V_C = 15.45275426$  kt  $\approx 15.5$  kt (Cell: AI46)

$\Delta V_C$  percent difference from Bislins  $\Delta V_C$ : 0%

From Tab 4:

At CAS = 373.7564 kt and  $H = 21000$  ft

$\Delta V_C = 15.46045056$  kt  $\approx 15.5$  kt (Cell: BD338)

$\Delta V_C$  Percent difference from Bislins  $\Delta V_C$ : 0%

When approximating the  $\Delta V_C$  to the tenths place, following the methodology displayed in Figure 5.3, the percent differences in  $\Delta V_C$  are 0%. Despite Bislins approach of deriving the CAS values through TAS, as opposed to having them as input values as done in this work, both methodologies adhere to the same fundamental equations. Consequently, it can confidently be asserted that the CAS-EAS Compressibility Chart developed in this work demonstrates a high level of accuracy.

## 5.2 Dennis Lucht: Accuracy of Rules of Thumb

Dennis Lucht's research aimed to validate the applicability of the rule of thumb for converting CAS to TAS within a range of viability. To effectively utilize the CAS-EAS Compressibility Chart for this purpose, a comprehensive range of values derived from the results of the rules of thumb is essential. Lucht primarily focused on the dynamic temperature differentials  $\Delta T$  within the atmosphere as altitude increased, consistently emphasized throughout his study via the use of the ICAO table. In contrast, the Compressibility Correction Chart in this work overlooks variations of temperature.

The rules of thumb presented are

$$v_{ROT} = \frac{6 \cdot FL}{10} + v_c + T_t$$

which is for high altitudes and high velocities, and

$$v_{ROT_H} = v_c + 2\% \cdot \frac{H}{1000 ft}$$

for low altitudes and low velocities. The calibrated airspeed,  $v_c$ , flight level,  $FL$ , absolute temperature,  $T_t$ , and the calculated velocity,  $v_{ROT}$  from the rule of thumb  $ROT$  are displayed.

To apply the rules of thumb effectively, Lucht ensures that these variables are derived with the same variables to use to build the Compressibility Correction Chart in flight mechanics. Summarizing the derivations: the parameters resulted in following equations

$$v = 661,48 \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\Delta T - 0,0019812 H}{288,15} \right)}$$

$$\cdot \sqrt{5 \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{\delta} \left\{ \left[ 1 + 0,2 \left( \frac{v_c}{661,48} \right)^2 \right]^{3,5} - 1 \right\} + 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{3,5}} - 1 \right\}}$$

$$v_{ROT} = \frac{288,15 H}{100 (288,15 + \Delta T)} \cdot \frac{6}{10} + v_c + (288,15 - 1,9812 \cdot 10^{-3} H + \Delta T)$$

$$\cdot \left( 1 + \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{\delta} \left\{ \left[ 1 + 0,2 \left( \frac{v_c}{661,48} \right)^2 \right]^{3,5} - 1 \right\} + 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{3,5}} - 1 \right\} \right)$$

$$\delta = \left( 1 - \frac{0,0019812 H}{288,15 + \Delta T} \right)^{5,2558}$$

Where  $v$  is the true airspeed from the flight mechanics equations, while  $v_{ROT}$  is the true airspeed from the high velocities and high altitude rule of thumb. Correct units need to be used: kt, ft, K.

Thus, the relative error can be calculated from

$$\epsilon = \left| \frac{v - v_{ROT}}{v} \right| \cdot 100 \ .$$

By incorporating the ISA table and the preceding equations into Excel, Lucht evaluates the viability of range of the rule of thumb cross various altitudes and calibrated airspeeds. Using conditional formatting in a color gradient from green to red, the application of the rule of thumb results in TAS values with a relative error of less than 5% (colored green) under cruising conditions as demonstrated in Figure 5.4. A similar analysis is conducted for lower velocity and altitude; for further details, please refer to Dennis Lucht's Work (Lucht 2019).

| H | CAS [kt] |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        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| 0 | 180.15   | 73.35 | 65.45 | 58.95 | 52.75 | 46.85 | 41.35 | 36.25 | 31.55 | 27.25 | 23.35 | 19.85 | 16.75 | 14.05 | 11.75 | 9.85 | 8.35 | 7.25 | 6.45 | 5.85 | 5.45 | 5.15 | 4.95 | 4.85 | 4.85 | 4.95 | 5.15 | 5.45 | 5.85 | 6.35 | 6.95 | 7.65 | 8.45 | 9.35 | 10.35 | 11.45 | 12.65 | 13.95 | 15.35 | 16.85 | 18.45 | 20.15 | 21.95 | 23.85 | 25.85 | 27.95 | 30.15 | 32.45 | 34.85 | 37.35 | 39.95 | 42.65 | 45.45 | 48.35 | 51.35 | 54.45 | 57.65 | 60.95 | 64.35 | 67.85 | 71.45 | 75.15 | 78.95 | 82.85 | 86.85 | 90.95 | 95.15 | 99.45 | 103.85 | 108.35 | 112.95 | 117.65 | 122.45 | 127.35 | 132.35 | 137.45 | 142.65 | 147.95 | 153.35 | 158.85 | 164.45 | 170.15 | 175.95 | 181.85 | 187.85 | 193.95 | 200.15 | 206.45 | 212.85 | 219.35 | 225.95 | 232.65 | 239.45 | 246.35 | 253.35 | 260.45 | 267.65 | 274.95 | 282.35 | 289.85 | 297.45 | 305.15 | 312.95 | 320.85 | 328.85 | 336.95 | 345.15 | 353.45 | 361.85 | 370.35 | 378.95 | 387.65 | 396.45 | 405.35 | 414.35 | 423.45 | 432.65 | 441.95 | 451.35 | 460.85 | 470.45 | 480.15 | 489.95 | 499.85 | 509.85 | 519.95 | 530.15 | 540.45 | 550.85 | 561.35 | 571.95 | 582.65 | 593.45 | 604.35 | 615.35 | 626.45 | 637.65 | 648.95 | 660.35 | 671.85 | 683.45 | 695.15 | 706.95 | 718.85 | 730.85 | 742.95 | 755.15 | 767.45 | 779.85 | 792.35 | 804.95 | 817.65 | 830.45 | 843.35 | 856.35 | 869.45 | 882.65 | 895.95 | 909.35 | 922.85 | 936.45 | 950.15 | 963.95 | 977.85 | 991.85 | 1005.95 | 1020.15 | 1034.45 | 1048.85 | 1063.35 | 1077.95 | 1092.65 | 1107.45 | 1122.35 | 1137.35 | 1152.45 | 1167.65 | 1182.95 | 1198.35 | 1213.85 | 1229.45 | 1245.15 | 1260.95 | 1276.85 | 1292.85 | 1308.95 | 1325.15 | 1341.45 | 1357.85 | 1374.35 | 1390.95 | 1407.65 | 1424.45 | 1441.35 | 1458.35 | 1475.45 | 1492.65 | 1509.95 | 1527.35 | 1544.85 | 1562.45 | 1580.15 | 1597.95 | 1615.85 | 1633.85 | 1651.95 | 1670.15 | 1688.45 | 1706.85 | 1725.35 | 1743.95 | 1762.65 | 1781.45 | 1800.35 | 1819.35 | 1838.45 | 1857.65 | 1876.95 | 1896.35 | 1915.85 | 1935.45 | 1955.15 | 1974.95 | 1994.85 | 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## 6 Summary

The CAS to EAS Compressibility Correction Chart was developed using the Excel software, following a review of flight mechanics. Detailed derivations were provided to explain the process behind plotting the fundamental equations needed. The construction of the chart involved integrating plots that depict the compressibility correction relationship with Mach number and altitude, as well as its correlations with CAS and altitude.

A user guide was formed with all tabs within Excel spreadsheet, to aid the user in understanding the tool's structure and functionality. Additionally, a comparative analysis with the works of Dennis Lucht and Walter Bislin was conducted to offer insights into similarities and differences in results and methodologies.

## 7 Recommendations

There remains room for further optimization of this chart to enhance its utility for future applications. Several recommendations are proposed:

1. To streamline graph interpretations for users, an interactive model should be implemented, allowing users to hover over the chart and instantly view precise data including Mach number, pressure altitude, CAS, and  $\Delta V_c$  values at the point of interest.
2. Incorporating Dennis Lucht's supplementary rules of thumb enables the consideration of relative deviations in true airspeed and altitude ranges, along with accounting for temperature variations within the atmosphere. This ensures pilots are equipped with precise adjustments for utilizing the Compressibility Correction Chart during instrument flight under cruising conditions.

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## Appendix A – VBA Macro for Column Selection

```
Sub SelectOddColumns()  
  Dim selectedRange As Range  
  Dim i As Integer  
  Dim newRange As Range  
  
  ' define selected range  
  Set selectedRange = Selection  
  
  ' for each column in the selected range  
  For i = 1 To selectedRange.Columns.Count Step 2  
    ' add every even column to a new range  
  
    If newRange Is Nothing Then  
      Set newRange = selectedRange.Columns(i)  
    Else  
      Set newRange = Union(newRange, selectedRange.Columns(i))  
    End If  
  
  Next i  
  
  ' select new Range  
  If Not newRange Is Nothing Then  
    newRange.Select  
  End If  
  
End Sub
```