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# QUICKSTART MANUAL





THE FIGHTER COLLECTION



# **Health Warning**

Please read before using this computer game or allowing your children to use it.

A very small proportion of people may experience a seizure or loss of consciousness when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or light patterns that can occur in computer games. This may happen even with people who have no medical history of seizures, epilepsy, or "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while playing computer games.

These seizures have a variety of symptoms, including light-headedness, dizziness, disorientation, blurred vision, eye or face twitching, loss of consciousness or awareness even if momentarily.

Immediately stop playing and consult your doctor if you or your children experience any of the above symptoms.

The risk of seizures can be reduced if the following precautions are taken, (as well as a general health advice for playing computer games):

- Do not play when you are drowsy or tired.
- Play in a well-lit room.
- Rest for at least 10 minutes per hour when playing the computer game.

## INSTALLATION AND LAUNCH

Place the Setup.exe file and all .bin files in the same folder and double click on the Setup.exe file to begin installation. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

Note: You will need to be logged into Windows with Administrator rights in order to install the game.

## Launching DCS: Mi-8MTV2

After installation, you will have two icons on your desktop, DCS World and DCS World Multiplayer.



DCS World is the PC simulation environment that the Mi-8MTV2 simulation operates within. When you run DCS World, you in turn launch DCS: Mi-8MTV2.

The DCS World icon starts the game in single-player mode, and the DCS World Multiplayer starts the DCS multiplayer interface.

As part of DCS World, the Su-25T Frogfoot attack aircraft is also included for free.

After executing the DCS World icon on your desktop, the DCS World Main Menu page is opened. From the Main Menu, you can read DCS news, change your wallpaper by selecting either the Mi-8MTV2 or Su-25T Frogfoot icons at the bottom of the page, or select any of the options along the right side of the page. To get started quickly, you can select Instant Action and play any of the missions listed in the Mi-8MTV2 tab.

## Game Problems

If you encounter a problem, particularly with controls, we suggest you back up and then delete your *Saved Games\User Name\DCS\Config* folder, which is created by DCS on your operating system drive at first launch. Restart the game

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and this folder will be rebuilt automatically with default settings, including all of the controller input profiles.

If problems persist, we suggest consulting our online technical support forums at <a href="http://forums.eagle.ru/forumdisplay.php?f=251">http://forums.eagle.ru/forumdisplay.php?f=251</a>

## Game Manuals

Additional documentation for DCS: Mi-8MTV2, including the complete Flight Manual and a key commands guide can be found in the *Wods\aircrafts\Mi-8MTV2\Doc* folder of the game installation directory.

## **Useful Links**

#### DCS Homepage:

http://www.digitalcombatsimulator.com/

#### DCS: Mi-8MTV2 forum:

http://forums.eagle.ru/forumdisplay.php?f=279

#### DCS Wiki:

http://en.wiki.eagle.ru/wiki/Main\_Page

## **ACTIVATION AND DEACTIVAION**

Using the activation number provided (on back of Quick Start Guide or provided by online store), you will be required to activate your game purchase prior to flying a mission. During the Activation process, the copy protection system will create a hardware profile of your system and compare that to your current system each time you start the game. If there has been a significant change to your computer, like replacing significant hardware items or changing your Operating System, you may be required to reactivate your purchase.

Each game license (disk) has 10 activations and 10 deactivations. You can activate your game up to 10 times. The number of installations is unlimited!

This game also allows Activations Automatically ("AAA") technology that enables you to create a new activation once every 31 days. This ensures that you can still play the game, even if Eagle Dynamics no longer exists someday. This function is enabled after all 10 default activations have been used.

If the copy protection system detects changes to your computer hardware/software as described below, an activation will be required. It's important to note that deactivations are utilized to save your activations when altering your PC hardware/software. Before conducting a PC upgrade/OS reinstall, you can deactivate the product and when complete, reactivate without a loss of activations. Again though, you can install the game as much as you wish.

http://www.star-force.com/support/users/deactivate/

An activation will be required if the hardware/software changes exceed 12 points as rated below:

CPU ID: 13

Windows PID: 3

Computer Name: 3

Hard drive volume serial number: 3

MAC address: 6

RAM amount: 6

If you just uninstall the game and then reinstall it again on the same PC **without** reinstalling your operating system or changing hardware, you do not need to use a deactivation.

For further details on the copy protection system, please see the StarForce FAQ:

http://www.star-force.com/support/users/group2.php

In addition, a step-by-step (de)activation guide is available below: <u>http://www.star-force.com/support/users/group4.php#6</u>

## Automatic Activation

The Automatic Activation method is the preferred method; an Internet connection is necessary.

Install the game to your computer. Launch it and fly a mission.

The Activation window will be displayed. Please follow the directions.

Enter your Activation Number which is printed on the DVD Quick Start Guide sticker or was provided to you via e-mail. Press the **Next** button.



The Automatic Activation is now complete.

#### **OTHER ACTIVATION METHODS**

If the automatic process fails, you may use one of two other activation means (Internet connection is necessary for both):

Activation via E-mail. Using this activation, you will be provided a hardware code that can be sent to the provided e-mail address for activation.

Activation via ProActive Web-site. A hardware code will be entered into the ProActive Web-site for activation.

## Activation via E-mail

If the automatic activation fails, press the Other link just below the edit-box.



Press the E-mail tab in the Information window.

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Hardware code (identifies computer):	
QWND-J8W6NX-APHN7N-FVUD67-2S98NJ	
For activation, submit specified Serial Number and Hardware Code to the activation site <u>http://activate.actcontrol.net</u> /during one day. The activation site will create a personal Activation Key for you.	
	Press the <b>E-mail</b> tab

If you cannot send an e-mail now, copy your Serial Number, Hardware Code, and e-mail address shown in the Information window.

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For activation, submit specified Serial Number and Hardware Code to the e-mail address: <u>activation@digitalcombatsimulator.com</u> during one day. You will receive an email with your personal Activation Key in response.	
To run the application, enter the Activation Key into this field and press "Next".	
	Help

When convenient, open your e-mail and send your Serial Number and Hardware Code to the indicated e-mail address. You will be sent an Activation Key shortly afterwards. Enter your Activation Key to the Activation field and press the **Next** button. Activation by e-mail will now be complete.

Activation via ProActive Web-site. If the automatic activation fails, press the **Other** link in the Activation window.

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Press the <b>Other</b> link	

Your Hardware Code is then displayed in the Activation window. Copy the Serial number and Hardware Code and save them to a safe location.

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Press the link	

Press the <u>proactive.star-force.com/2.0/activate.php</u> link in the Activation window. In case your computer is not connected to the Internet, you can save your Serial Number and Hardware Code and go to the link using another computer.

Enter the Serial Number and the Hardware Code to the corresponding fields of the ProActive Web-site and press the **Get Activation Key** button.

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You will then be provided your Activation Key. Copy it to a safe location.



Enter the Activation Key to the Activation field and press the Next button.

Activation via ProActive Web-site is now complete. If restrictions on game usage have been implemented, the Activation window will display the details. Press Ok to launch the game.

## Deactivation

To avoid using a product Activation, you may first Deactivate your installed game, make your changes, and then Activate again. You are provided 10 Deactivations.

You can launch the deactivation procedure by one of the two means:

The Automatic Deactivation

Deactivation via ProActive Web-site

### The Automatic Deactivation

Run the **<aircraft name>\_protect.exe** file, which is located in associated aircraft folder into DCS World\Mods\aircraft folder. For example, the P-51D Mustang: DCS World\Mods\aircrafts\P-51D\bin\x86\_6\p51\_protect.exe

Select the **Activate or deactivate application** command as displayed in the window, then press the **Next** button.

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After pressing the **deactivate** link a window requesting deactivation confirmation is displayed.

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Check your Internet connection and press "Deactivate" to deactivate the product.	Back
If you have no Internet connection, you can perform deactivation by <u>other</u> means.	Exit
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Press the **Deactivate** button; the following message is then displayed.

Warthog 64bit - Deactivation	
Are you sure you want to deactivate the application on this computer? You will not be able to start the application until it is reactivated.	Yes
	No
	Exit
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Press Yes button to begin the deactivation process.



Confirm the application deactivation with the **OK** button. **The Automatic Deactivation is now complete.** 

### Deactivation via ProActive Web-site

If automatic deactivation failed, or your computer is not connected to the Internet, a window suggesting deactivation appears. You click **other means** link in the Deactivation window.

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Check your Internet connection and press "Deactivate" to deactivate the product.	Back
If you have no Internet connection, you can perform deactivation by other means.	Exit
	Help
Click other means link	

Press Yes button to begin the deactivation process.

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	No
	Exit
	Help

In the next window you should click <u>http://proactive.star-</u> force.com/2.0/deactivate.php link to go to ProActive Web-site.



Copy your Serial Number and Hardware Code shown in the window. When you get to the ProActive Web-site enter the indicated Serial Number and Hardware Code in the corresponding fields of the ProActive Web-site. And press the Deactivate button.



After that the following window with deactivation information will be displayed.

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Deactivation via ProActive Web-site is now complete.

LAN and Internet play require Internet Authorization

## HELICOPTER CONTROLS

Primary helicopter flight controls include the cyclic control stick, collective control lever, and anti-torque pedals. The cyclic is the equivalent of a joystick and is used to raise or lower the nose and roll the helicopter left and right for turns. The collective is positioned by the pilot's side and is moved up and down to control the amount of lift being generated by the main rotor, essentially used to gain or lose altitude (climb/descend). The pedals are used to turn (yaw) the nose left or right along the horizon with minimal roll and can be used to rotate the helicopter when hovering.

When flying from the cockpit, you can toggle the Controls Indicator display by pressing **RCTRL + ENTER** to see a visual reference of the positions of your flight controls. This can be very helpful when learning how to fly.



Flight controls seen in the cockpit and indicated on the Controls Indicator

You can control the helicopter by either joystick or keyboard. However a joystick with a rudder axis or separate rudder pedals are recommended. We have provided a sample control configuration for both joystick and keyboard below:



### DCS: Mi-8MTV2 HELICOPTER CONTROLS

Helicopters are generally unstable and require constant and coordinated control input. A change in one of the controls will always require corresponding adjustments in the other controls. If you find the flight model too difficult or if you lack sufficient flight control hardware to fly it effectively, you can enable the Control Helper mode in the OPTIONS > SPECIAL > Mi-8MTV2 menu. This will enable a kind of AI copilot that will attempt to stop you from getting into too much trouble.

Pressing Climb **Num+** or Descend **Num-** on the keyboard will increase and decrease the amount of lift being generated by the main rotor, resulting in a gain or loss of altitude.

Pressing Nose Down f on the keyboard or pushing the joystick forward will lower the helicopter's nose and begin forward acceleration. Pressing Nose Up on the keyboard or pulling the joystick back will raise the nose and slow the helicopter down or make it fly backwards from a hover.

Pressing Roll Right  $\rightarrow$  or Roll Left  $\leftarrow$  on the keyboard or pushing the joystick to the sides will cause the helicopter to roll and begin a turn in the direction of roll. The greater the roll angle, the faster the rate of turn. To stop the turn and return to level flight, roll the helicopter in the opposite direction of the turn until the horizon is level again.

Pressing Nose Left **2** or Nose Right **X** on the keyboard will cause the helicopter to turn its nose to the left or right (yaw) with minimal roll, similar to turning the wheel in a car. The amount of yaw available is limited and depends largely on airspeed. When flying fast, the oncoming airflow makes it difficult for the helicopter to yaw against it. Yaw control is primarily used to control the helicopter's direction in a hover and maintain straight and level flight when flying at higher speeds.

## COCKPIT

The Mi-8 includes three crewmember stations in the cockpit – Pilot-Commander in the left seat, Pilot-Navigator in the right seat, and Flight Engineer in the center slightly behind the two pilots. You can select your position of choice by pressing **1**, **2**, or **3** on the keyboard. For the most part, you will only need to play from the left seat, which includes most of the weapons controls and the aiming sight used to aim weapons.



- 1. Left Side Panel
- 2. Left Triangular Panel
- 3. Left Overhead Panel
- 4. Left Circuit Breaker Panel
- 5. Center Overhead Panel
- 6. Right Circuit Breaker Panel
- 7. Right Overhead Panel
- 8. Right Triangular Panel
- 9. Right Side Panel
- 10. Electrical Control Panel

- 11. Navigator's Weapons Control Panel
- 12. Left Instrument Panel
- 13. Right Instrument Panel
- 14. Center Console
- 15. Right Auxiliary Panel
- 16. Rotor break handle
- 17. Collective control
- 18. Cyclic control
- 19. Pitot tube selector
- 20. Anti-torque pedals

### Left Instrument Panel (Pilot-Commander)

The left instrument panel includes the primary flight indicators, highlighted below:



- 1. Radar altimeter (altitude above surface in meters)
- 2. Pressure altimeter (altitude above sea level in meters)
- 3. Heading indicator

- 4. Airspeed indicator (km/h)
- 5. Attitude indicator (artificial horizon)
- Vertical velocity indicator (rate of climb/descent in meters/second)

## STARTING THE HELICOPTER

The automatic start-up procedure can be activated by pressing **LWIN + HOME**. Automatic shut down can be activated by pressing **LWIN + END**.

- 1. Ensure the controls are properly set for start:
  - Rotor brake DOWN (unlock)
  - Cyclic CENTER
  - Collective- DOWN Num-
  - Throttle FULL LEFT (Idle Power) PgDn
  - Engine Power Levers MIDDLE (nominal power setting) RCTRL
     HOME / RCTRL + END



- 2. Turn on onboard electrical power:
  - Right Side Panel DC POWER:
    - о АККУМУЛ I, II (Battery 1, 2) ON



- Electrical Control Panel AC POWER:
  - ~115, ~36 (115V, 36V Inverters) down to ABTOMAT (AUTO)



- Left and Right Circuit Breaker Panels:
  - All circuit breakers ON RCTRL + RSHIFT + 1... 9
  - ПРОТИВООБЛЕДИНЕНИЕ (Anti-ice Control, Left Engine, Right Engine) circuit breakers – OFF (unless required)



- 3. Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) and engines start:
  - Center Overhead Panel:
    - Set fire suppression:
      - OFHETYШЕНИЕ (Fire detector test/ON) UP
      - Rotary CHECK FIRE CIRCUITS switch BblK (OFF)
    - Open fuel flow
      - РАСХОД, ЛЕВЫЙ, ПРАВЫЙ (Service, Left, Right tank pumps) – UP

- ПЕРЕКРЫВ КРАНЫ (Left, Right shutoff valves) UP
- о AИ-9B APU start:
  - 3AПУCK switch (APU start mode) UP
     LALT + E
  - 3AПУСК push-button (APU start) SHORT PRESS
  - APU spool up should be under 20 seconds and running temp. below 720°C. Allow 1 minute warm-up time before engine start.



- Left engine start:
  - ЛЕВ ↔ ПРАВ (Select engine) LEFT  $\mathbf{E}$
  - ПРОКРУТ (Engine start mode) UP to ЗАПУСК (Start) position
  - ЗАПУСК push-button (Engine start ON) LONG PRESS (2-3 sec) HOME
  - Left Engine Stop (roof) OPEN (forward)
     RCTRL + PgUp



Right engine start:

- ЛЕВ ↔ ПРАВ (Select engine) RIGHT Е
- ЗАПУСК push-button (Engine start ON) LONG PRESS (2-3 sec) HOME
- Right Engine Stop OPEN (forward)
   RCTRL + PgDn
- With both engine at Idle Power, main rotor RPM should be 55-70%.



- Increase power to Full:
  - Throttle full RIGHT to increase engine power and set automatic main rotor RPM regulation by the governor system PgUp



Check main rotor RPM to stabilize at 95%

• Turn OFF APU:

- ВЫКЛ АИ-9В (APU Stop) SHORT PRESS
   END
- Right Side Panel turn on engine dust protection (if required):
  - ПЗУ ДВИГАТЬ ЛЕВ, ПРАВ (Dust Protection Left, Right) – UP



- o Electrical Control Panel turn on generators:
  - ГЕНЕРАТОРЫ I, II (Generator 1, 2) UP
- Right Side Panel DC POWER:
  - ВЫПРЯМИТЕЛИ I, II, III (Rectifier 1, 2, 3) UP

#### 4. Setup avionics:

- Right Triangular Panel:
  - ДИСС (Doppler Navigation Power) UP RALT + RSHIFT + T
  - FMK-1 (GMC Power) UP RALT + RSHIFT + U
  - ABИAГОРИЗ (Right Attitude Indicator Power) UP
     RCTRL + RALT + P



- Left Triangular Panel:
  - ABИАГОРИЗ (Left Attitude Indicator Power) UP LALT + LSHIFT + G
  - BK-53 (VK-53 power) UP LALT + LSHIFT + F
  - о РИ-65 (RI-65) UP
  - о СПУУ-52 (SPUU-52 power) UP LALT + LSHIFT + T



- Set up the command radio
  - Overhead panel:



Central Panel:

Set desired VHF frequency



- Turn on the radar altimeter:
  - о РАДИОВЫС (Radar altimeter power) UP



- Turn on stability augmentation for pitch and roll
  - PITCH/ROLL green push-light SHORT PRESS LWIN + A



## **FLYING THE HELICOPTER**

## Takeoff

Because the Mi-8 is equipped with a wheeled undercarriage, it can takeoff either vertically or after a rolling start, called a running takeoff. A running takeoff can be used to gain some initial airspeed when the helicopter is too heavy to lift off vertically. Performing takeoffs can be challenging at first as they require coordinated, continuous, and smooth control of the cyclic, pedals, and collective.



To begin the takeoff, release the parking brake by pressing  $\mathbf{W}$ . The helicopter's nose may begin to move slightly as the wheels are freed. Use very slight pedal and cyclic corrections to keep the nose straight and steady.

Begin to raise the collective very slowly (**Num+**). The cyclic will generally need to be pulled slightly back and to the right (about 10-20% in each direction) to maintain a stable attitude. The right pedal will also need to pressed in about 10-20% of the way to prevent the helicopter from yawing to the left as collective is increased. Continue to **slowly** raise the collective and use careful stick and pedal control to maintain the position of the nose and minimize any sliding along the ground. When done correctly, the helicopter will slowly lift off the ground and into a stable, low altitude hover with minimum changes in position and direction. A slight right bank angle will be necessary to maintain a hovering position and prevent a slide to the left.

After lifting off to an altitude of a few feet off the ground, lower the nose slightly by releasing some back pressure on the stick to begin accelerating forward.

Slightly increase collective as you move the stick forward to prevent a loss of altitude as the nose lowers.

Here is an example of the approximate positions of the flight controls during a vertical takeoff, hover, and vertical landing:



To accelerate forward, keep the helicopter's nose slightly down. To slow down, raise the nose up (pull the stick back) to put it slightly above the horizon. If you keep the helicopter's nose raised after it stops moving forward, it will begin to fly backwards. Use the collective (Num+ / Num-) to increase/decrease the amount of lifting power being generated by the rotor and control altitude as the nose is raised or lowered. Used pedals (Z / X) to maintain your heading.



As your airspeed builds, the nose will tend to rise up. Anticipate this and compensate for it by pushing the cyclic forward. As you transition from a hover into forward flight above 50 km/h, the cyclic will move from a back-and-right position to an approximate forward-and-center position. Similarly, as airspeed builds the amount of pedal input required will be reduced. At fast airspeeds,

such as above 150 km/h, the helicopter will tend to roll right, so increasing cyclic to the left will also be necessary to maintain level flight.

## Turning

If the helicopter is in forward flight, turn by rolling in the direction of the turn

 $(\vdash I \rightarrow \text{or cyclic to the left/right})$ . Turn rate can be increased with some additional pedal input into the turn and a slight pull of the cyclic.



In a hover or at very low airspeeds, the helicopter can be turned using the pedals ( $\mathbf{Z} / \mathbf{X}$ ) to rotate the nose along the horizon.

### Hover

One of the essential skills of helicopter control is hovering. Like takeoff, hovering requires careful, smooth, and coordinated control input.

To enter a hover from forward flight, you will need to first reduce your airspeed without losing altitude. To do so, simultaneously raise the nose up about 20° by pulling the cyclic back and **decrease** collective to prevent altitude gain. Keep a careful eye on the vertical velocity and airspeed indicators. As your speed drops below 50 km/h, be ready to **increase** collective and lower the nose to attain a near hovering position at a low airspeed. Timely increase of the collective is critical as your airspeed drops below 50 km/h in order to avoid entering a vortex ring state (VRS), where the helicopters gets "sucked" into its own downwash and begins to plummet toward the ground.

Keep in mind that increasing and decreasing collective will always require corresponding adjustments in cyclic and pedals in order to maintain stable flight. In general, *increasing* collective will tend to also pull the nose *left*, requiring additional *right* pedal input to compensate. Conversely, *decreasing* collective will tend to pull the nose to the *right*, requiring increased *left* pedal input to compensate.

## Landing

To perform a landing, begin a stable descent toward the landing point. Keep your airspeed around 120 km/h and rate of descent under control by using the collective and cyclic controls. Try to enter a hover a few feet over the landing point and then carefully reduce collective to lower the helicopter to the ground.

A running landing is also possible and is easier to perform. In a running landing, the helicopter lands with some forward speed and rolls forward on the wheels until stopped using back stick pressure or the wheel brakes ( $\mathbf{W}$ ).

## Trim

The helicopter is rarely flown with either the cyclic or pedals in the neutral position. In the real helicopter, the pilot is able to press a trim button on the cyclic to set the controls in their current position. However, because most PC controllers don't have a similar trim capability, a special trim function is available in the simulation.

To trim the controls in their current position, press and release the Trimmer button  $\mathbf{T}$ , then quickly return the stick and pedals to the neutral position. You can cancel trim at any time by pressing **LCTRL + T**.



 Establish a stabilized flight attitude



 Press and release the Trimmer button, return the stick to neutral



3. The helicopter will continue to fly in the trimmed attitude

## WEAPONS EMPLOYMENT

The Mi-8MTV2 is equipped with 6 external hardpoints that can be loaded with the following weapon systems:

- E-8B20A (B-8V20A) rocket pod with 20 S-8 80 mm unguided rockets
- УΠК-23-250 (UPK-23-250) gun pod armed with the twin-barrel GSh-23 23 mm cannon
- ΓУΒ-8700 (GUV-8700) gun pod, which includes two variants:
  - o 9-A-800: single 30 mm automatic grenade launcher
  - 9-A-624/622: one 12.7 mm and two 7.62 mm four-barrel gatling machines guns in a single pod

The hardpoints are numbered 1 - 6 left to right (if facing forward from the cockpit). Not every hardpoint can support every weapon type. The image below demonstrates the weapon systems supported by each hardpoint:



## ΠKB (PKV) aiming sight

The Pilot-Commander's position (left seat) includes the primary aiming device used when firing weapons – the PKV reflector sight. The sight includes a

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Depression knob used to lower or raise the vertical angle of the sight to provide a correct aimpoint for the given attack run, depending on the planned dive angle, airspeed, range to the target, and the weapon type. For complete instructions on using the PKV sight, please reference the Flight Manual. For general use, it is recommended to set to sight to a depression angle of 70-80 mils by using the Depression knob to alight the desired position on the scale with the scale index. This setting will provide an approximate aimpoint for all weapons within a firing range of 1 - 2 km.

The red triangle marker on the Depression scale indicates the depression angle corresponding to the helicopter's longitudinal axis, or where the aimpoint becomes directly parallel with the helicopter's fuselage.



Because the 70-80 mil setting is only a rough estimate of the true aimpoint, you may wish to initially fire a short burst to see the actual impact location and adjust your aim accordingly.

All weapons are fired using the **SPACE** command.

## Weapon Selection

When preparing the helicopter for weapon employment, you can turn on Active Pause mode by pressing **RWIN + RSHIFT + PAUSE** to freeze in mid-air and allow yourself time to configure the systems.

Warning! Enemy AI does not freeze during Active Pause!

When preparing to fire any weapon, perform these preliminary steps:

Turn on all of the weapon systems circuit breakers (<u>RCTRL + RSHIFT</u> + 1...3)



Turn on the Master Arm switch (roof) LALT + S



• Set the ΠKB (PKV) aiming sight depression angle to 70-80 mil or other desired value for the planned attack

## Firing unguided rockets

After performing the preliminary weapon employment steps, do the following to setup unguided rockets for fire:

- Left Circuit Breaker Panel:
  - о РС ГУВ ВКЛ ВЫКЛ (RS/GUV Arm) switch UP P
  - B3BEДЕНИЕ ПУС (PUS Arming) push-button LONG PRESS (1-3 sec) LCTRL + R



- Left Overhead Panel:
  - Set the desired number of rockets to be fired from each rocket pod with each press of the trigger between 4, 8, and 16 using the ΠΟ 4 ΠΟ 8 ΠΟ 16 (8/16/4) switch RSHIFT
     + 1 / RSHIFT + 1
  - УΠΚ ΠΚΤ PC (UPK / PKT / RS) switch DOWN to PC (RS) RCTRL + / RCTRL + ]

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## Firing the YNK-23-250 gun pods

The procedure for setting up the  $\forall \Pi K$ -23-250 twin-barrel 23 mm cannon pods for fire is the same as for rockets, except the  $\forall \Pi K - \Pi KT - PC$  (UPK / PKT / RS) switch must be placed UP in the  $\forall \Pi K$  (UPK) position. **RCTRL + 1** / **RCTRL + 1** 

## Firing the ГУВ-8700 gun pods

#### 9-A-624/622

The 9-A-624/622 version of the GUV-8700 gun pod features a single YakB 12.7 mm 4-barrel gatling machine gun and two GShG 7.62 mm 4-barrel gatling machine guns. Only one of the two systems can be fired at a time.



After performing the preliminary weapon employment steps, do the following to setup the "624" 12.7 mm guns for fire:

- Left Circuit Breaker Panel:
  - PC ГУВ ВКЛ ВЫКЛ (RS/GUV Arm) switch UP (same as rockets)
- Navigator's Weapons Control Panel:
  - о ВАРИАНТЫ ПОДВЕСКИ (Pod variants) ГУВ (GUV)



- Left Overhead Panel:
  - BAPUAHTЫ (IN 800 OUT 800 IN OR 624 622) 800
     IN OR 624 <u>RCTRL + RALT + 1</u> / <u>RCTRL + RALT + 1</u>
  - о ВАРИАНТЫ (800 624/622+800) 624/622+800 **О**



To fire the two "622" 7.62 mm machine guns of the pod, the procedure is the same, except the IN 800 OUT – 800 IN OR 624 – 622 switch must be placed in the 622 position. **RCTRL + RALT + []** / **RCTRL + RALT + ]** 

#### 9-A-800

The 9-A-800 version of the GUV-8700 gun pod features a single AP-30 automatic grenade launcher. When using this weapon, keep in mind that it has a very high dispersion area and is only effective as an area weapon against groups of soft targets such as infantry and unarmored vehicles.

To fire the 9-A-800 gun pod, repeat the steps for firing the 9-A-624/622 gun pod, except set the IN 800 OUT – 800 IN OR 624 - 622 switch UP to the IN 800 OUT position (**RCTRL + RALT + 1** / **RCTRL + RALT + 1**).

Note, it is possible to carry up to four 9-A-800 gun pods. If is the case, you will also need to place the 800 - 624/622+800 switch UP to the 800 position ( $\bigcirc$ ). You can then either fire from all four pods simultaneously if the IN 800 OUT – 800 IN OR 624 – 622 switch is in the 800 position, or only from the inner pods if the switch is in the 800 IN OR 624 position.

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