The Chengdu Jian-20

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Configuration and Geometry



- Geometry estimated using 3-view drawing and graphics application
- Relatively long, high-volume fuselage compared to existing 5th generation fighters

J-20 AIRFRAME GEOMETRY						
LengthHeightSpanS wetV fuse(ft)(ft)(ft)(ft²)(ft³)						
70.5	14.4	42.6	3025.7	2377.3		

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J-20 PLANFORM GEOMETRY										
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493.2	42.6	829.9	2.19	34.0	4.9	19.5	0.15	49.9	-8.4	-3.9

Wing-Mounted	Area (ft²)	% C _{ave}	% b/2	Centroid Location Relative to Nose (ft)			
Control Surface				х	У	z	
Aileron	20.8	13.0	38.7	55.7	17.2	0.1	
Trailing Edge Flap	30.8	23.2	32.0	56.1	10.3	0.6	
Leading Edge Slat	17.9	9.7	44.6	44.0	14.8	0.3	

Non-Wing-Mounted	Area	Average	Length Dihedra		Cent Relati	roid Locatio ve to Nose (n ft)
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Canard	48.0	6.6	7.3	10.7	25.2	8.3	1.8
Tail	53.5	6.6	8.2	59.8	60.2	4.1	3.9
Aft Ventral Fin	16.7	4.9	3.4	-60.3	59.6	7.1	-2.2

Weight Estimation

Aircraft	Multiplier and Reference	Reference	Weights	CG Location Aft of
Component	wultiplier and kelerence	Value	(lb)	Nose Apex (ft)
Main Wing	9.0×Wing Area (ft ²)	493.2	4438.8	48.8
Horizontal Tail	4.0×Horizontal Tail Area (ft ²)	125.3	501.2	40.0
Vertical Tails	5.3×Vertical Tail Area (ft ²)	73.0	386.9	60.7
Fuselage	4.8×Fuselage Wetted Area (ft ²)	1566.7	7520.3	33.0
Landing Gear	0.033× GTOW Guess (lb)	75000	2475.0	37.9
Installed Engine	1.3×Engine Weight (lb)	5000	6500.0	53.2
"All-Else Empty"	0.17×GTOW Guess (lb)	75000	12750.0	33.0

Empty Weight (lb)	34572.2
Fuel and Payload (lb)	40427.8
CG Location (%MAC)	20
CG Estimate based on Gear Placement (%MAC)	18.6

Wing Loading (lb/ft ²)	90.5
Thrust-to-Weight	0.507
Thrust-to-Weight (Afterburners)	0.853

Gear Placement Guidelines



- Tipback angle between
 12 and 15 degrees
- Overturn angle between 54 and 63 degrees
- Results in CG location of approximately 18.6% MAC

Stability Characteristics

AVL 3.27 Model (960 Panels)





- Varied Number of Panels
 - Chordwise
 - Spanwise
- Multiple Runs Varying
 - Mach Number
 - Angle of Attack
 - Sideslip Angle
 - CG Location
- Produced
 - Stability Derivatives
 - Lift Induced Drag
 - Trim Drag
- Wing Airfoil: NACA 64206
- Tail Airfoils: 7% Thick Biconvex

Convergence History



Stability Derivatives



Drag Estimation: Viscous Drag



- Viscous Drag calculated using friction2k6 code on course website, at Mach 0.1 to 2.9 and altitudes of 15, 25, and 35 kft
- Combined skin friction and form drag coefficient did not vary with altitude (identical to four decimal places)

Drag Estimation: Lift-Induced Drag



- Calculated using AVL and FRICTION.exe
 - FRICTION.exe for profile drag
 - AVL for induced drag
- Trim drag included

Drag Estimation: Trim Drag

- Balanced 14% unstable
- Minimum trim drag near 30% unstable
- Suggests other factors drive static margin
- Varies little with Mach number



Drag Estimation: Wave Drag



- Wave drag estimated using AWAVE and awaveFileMake.m updated to include arbitrary fuselage shapes
- Little variation with angle-of-attack for small $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

Drag Estimation: Wave Drag



 Volumetric wave drag represents a high percentage of the available thrust at high Mach

Drag Estimation: Total Drag





- Note the jump in drag at the sonic speed due to onset of wave drag
- Maximum Mach clearly impacted by engine performance

Performance: Maximum Speed

- M = 2.13 (shock forms on nose cone)
- M = 2.81 (shock forms on probe)
- Enough thrust to achieve $M \approx 2.5$





M = 2.25





M = 1.6+

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M = 2.1-2.5

Performance: Range



- Max range calculated using Breguet Range equation and weight fractions
- V/C assumed constant at each speed for these calculations

Performance: Takeoff Distance & Climb Rate



- Ground roll required: 1398ft (black)
- Distance to achieve MIL 50' clearance requirement: 144ft (red)
- Total take-off distance: 1542ft
- Climb angle for best rate of climb: 19.2°

Conclusions

- Configuration characteristics
 - large internal volume (i.e. munitions capacity)
 - long range
 - supercruise capability
- Optimized for use as a long-range interceptor and air-to-surface attack platform
- Actual performance dependent upon engine development

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