# Development of a Mass Estimating Relationship Database for Launch Vehicle Conceptual Design

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#### **Abstract**

This report attempts to bring mass estimating relations (MERs) for the conceptual design of launch vehicles into the open, and establish a baseline for their comparison. Data was taken from multiple design organizations from around the country and compiled into a database that is freely available for use. To validate the equations, Space Shuttle component masses were predicted. A percentage error was reported, with the sign indicating the direction of the error. No single set of MERs is uniformly more accurate than another. To improve the utility of the equations, modifications can be made to the equations to model improved technologies, such as those used in advanced launch vehicles. Technology reduction factors are also compiled from multiple sources. No proof of their accuracy is available at this time. The greatest accuracy in predicting the mass of a future launch vehicle would be attained by using the most accurate equation for each component, and an appropriate technology reduction factor.

### **Acronyms & Notation**

AMLS Advanced Manned Launch System

AVID Aerospace Vehicle Interactive Design system

EMA Electro-Mechanical Actuator

ET External Tank from Space Shuttle System

IHOT Integrated Hydrogen Oxygen Technology

LaRC Langley Research Center

LOX Liquid Oxygen

LH2 Liquid Hydrogen

MBS Mass Breakdown Structure

MER Mass Estimating Relation

MSFC Marshall Space Flight Center

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NASP National Aero Space Plane

OMS Orbital Maneuvering System

RBCC Rocket Based Combined Cycle

RCC Reinforced Carbon-Carbon TPS

RCS Reaction Control System

SRB Solid Rocket Booster from Space Shuttle System

SSTO Single Stage To Orbit

TRF Technology Reduction Factor

TSTO Two Stage To Orbit

#### I Introduction

Estimating the mass of future launch vehicles is typically done using parametric equations for each component of the vehicle. While effective, and fast, this method is not perfect. Many design organizations have their own equations, and do not trust equations from other sources. This paper attempts to solve this problem by making mass estimating relations freely available to the design community. Further, the Space Shuttle system is used as a reference point to validate the equations. It turns out there is no single set of mass estimating relations (MER) that is most accurate. The highest accuracy would be gained by taking the best MER for each component, from multiple sources. Additionally, technology reduction factors are supplied to enable designers to model future vehicles using equations derived from current and past technology.

### **II Background**

Mass estimation of future air and space vehicles is typically done using parameterized equations for each component of a vehicle. These equations are then summed to find the total mass of the vehicle. For example, the mass of the anti-vortex baffles in a propellant tank, according to Brothers, is given by:

$$M_{antivortex} = \frac{\dot{m}F_{prop}}{\rho} (0.64 + 0.0184 \rho)$$

Here the mass of the baffles is a function of propellant density, and mass flow rate from the tank. There is not a unique set of parameters to base the mass of the anti-vortex baffles on, and different equations use different parameters. Often a minor component, such as the anti-vortex baffles, may be included in another equation for a larger component, such as the tank mass. Due to the many ways to parameterize a vehicle component, and the available levels of detail that the vehicle can be broken into, different design organizations often have different equations to model launch vehicles. This process works, but contains flaws.

The largest problem with the currently used system is the lack of data available on space vehicles. In particular, there is only one data point for reusable launch vehicles, and none

for air-breathing launch vehicles. This problem is often remedied by fitting curves to aircraft components and then shifting the intercept such that data from the Space Shuttle lies on the curve, as is done by Brothers, and MacConochie. Brothers also fits curves to a combination of expendable launch vehicles and the Space Shuttle. This ensures that all data is for space hardware, but the durability, and hence weight of components is lower for expendable vehicles. The lack of data is exacerbated by the fact that all data is not available to all design organizations. Hence each organization's in-house MERs are based on different data points. All of these methods work, but for different vehicle configurations, and over different parameter ranges. More often that not, the valid range of the parameters is unpublished and often unknown since no data points exist for comparison beyond values of current space vehicles or aircraft.

A further flaw with this approach is the consistency between the mass predictions of different organization's MERs. If one design organization uses their in-house equations for a new vehicle, and a second organization uses their in-house equations for the same vehicle, will they get the same answer? This flaw is inspired by the difficulty in comparing ideas generated at different design organizations. If two different ideas for a launch vehicle are posed and one is lighter, it is typically labeled as the better design. This could actually be the case, or one of the design organizations may be using mass estimating relationships that are heavier (or lighter) than the other organization, producing an invalid comparison of the vehicle concepts.

### III Approach

This paper attempts to solve the problem of comparing vehicles through a two pronged approach. First a database of MERs was created to make a large number of equations available, and second a baseline was used to compare the predicted mass of the equations to a flight vehicle.

By providing a database of equations to the conceptual design community a common set of equations will be available to all design organizations. If the same equations are used for vehicle design at different organizations, then the results should be easy to compare. Even if different equations are used from the database, they can be referenced, and the difference between the equations used can be found.

By comparing the compiled mass estimating equations to a baseline vehicle the validity of the equation is verified against an actual flight vehicle. The chosen reference is the Space Shuttle, specifically orbital vehicle 103 circa 1983, and external tank 7 on a due East mission [i]. Many equations in the database are not intended to model Space Shuttle technology, and are not compared.

Several organizations have provided equations for this database, and in the future users should be encouraged to submit their equations with applicable parameter ranges for inclusion in the database. The database is presented in subsequent sections of this paper. The equations were compiled from multiple sources of data, many of which are unpublished. A description of each primary source (and a sub source if cited) is provided below. On a macro level the data is organized in the order of a typical mass breakdown structure. Within each group in the MBS there are two columns, and a page for each source. The first page of each component group contains the variables used to predict the mass of components in that group, and any supporting illustrations. On each subsequent page, the reference is listed along with a brief description of the data source. The first column under each reference contains the equations and applicable parameters and known limitations. The second column is a percentage error from the Space Shuttle. In the following equation E is the percent error from the Space Shuttle,  $M_i$  is the mass predicted by the MER, and  $M_{shuttle}$  is the corresponding Space Shuttle component mass.

$$E = \frac{M_i - M_{shuttle}}{M_{shuttle}}$$

A positive error percentage indicates that the equation produces a mass higher than that of the Space Shuttle, and a negative error shows an equation that predicts lighter than the Space Shuttle. All equations in the database are set up for use in the English unit system. Standard measures for this database are feet, pounds, and seconds, with pressure in psi, and power in kilowatts, unless otherwise noted.

Equations that predict this vehicle accurately are likely only good for near term technology without adjustment. This adjustment is provided in the form of a technology reduction factor. Provided the trend of the equation is correct, the mass can be reduced by a percentage to represent an improvement in material technology. The mass of a component using improved technology can be found by the following equation:

$$M_{improved} = M_{original} (1-TRF)$$

Here  $M_{improved}$  is the mass of the component being modeled using improved technology,  $M_{original}$  is the mass of that component predicted by an MER for current technology, and TRF is the appropriate technology reduction factor from the last section of this paper (starting on page TRF-1). This technique allows the use of MERs created using current technology to approximate what can be done in the future. In essence, this extends the useful life of an MER.

### **IV Description of Sources**

Each source of MERs is intended to model a different type of vehicle, or has been derived from a particular configuration. This helps decipher the applicable range of the equations, and the vehicle configuration that they will model best. This description attempts to make available to the database user some of this knowledge so that the equations provided can be used in their proper context, and with confidence.

#### 1. I.O. MacConochie and P.J. Klich [ii]

MacConochie worked in the Vehicle Analysis Branch at the Langley Research Center in Hampton Virginia. These equations are from NASA Technical Memorandum 78661, published in 1978. This predates the Space Shuttle first flight, but makes use of known shuttle subsystem masses. Equations are based on commercial and fighter aircraft data.

#### 2. Dr. John R. Olds [iii]

Dr. Olds published these equations in his PhD dissertation in 1993. They are primarily a collection of equations from sources at NASA Langley Research Center, with a few that he created himself. The equations were used for design of

a vertical take off horizontal landing RBCC SSTO vehicle, shown in Figure 1. Projects and authors of the original source are listed in the database where available.

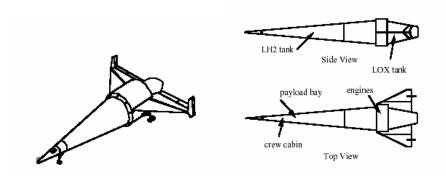


Figure 1: RBCC SSTO vehicle. [ref. 2]

#### 3. Dr. Ted Talay

Dr. Talay worked in the Vehicle Analysis Branch at NASA Langley Research Center. These equations were handed out as class notes for ME250, Launch Vehicle Design, at George Washington University in 1992, which he taught. Their emphasis is on rocket powered vehicles. Many of the equations provided are based on the Space Shuttle.

#### 4. Marquardt report NAS7-377 [iv]

a. These equations are from a report by The Marquardt Corporation in 1966. They are published in NAS7-377, a study of composite propulsion systems on launch vehicle mass. The study vehicle is TSTO, and takes off horizontally. The first stage uses the composite propulsion system on multiple body configurations. The lifting body version of the first stage can be seen in Figure 2 with the second stage attached. Conical and cylindrical body versions were also modeled with these equations.

b. The second stage is a rocket powered lifting body, based on a previously designed second stage by General Dynamics and Convair. These equations originate from report GD/C-DCB-65-018 [v].

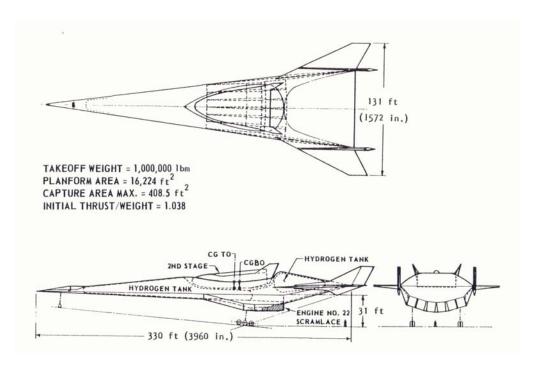


Figure 2: TSTO composite propulsion first stage with rocket powered lifting body second stage nestled on top. [ref. 4]

#### 5. Aircraft Design: A Conceptual Approach, Daniel P. Raymer [vi]

As the title implies, equations from Raymer are intended for use on aircraft. Only his equations for fighter/attack aircraft are provided in this database since they are subject to high speeds and similar redundancy requirements as space vehicles.

#### 6. Bobby Brothers

Brothers' equations are derived primarily from expendable vehicles and the Space Shuttle. He provides the most extensive set of equations, including multiple equations for many components, and careful delineation of parts based on their function and load in a vehicle. Some equations are taken from AVID, a sizing

code developed by A. W. Wilhite at NASA Langley Research Center. When applicable, he also uses aircraft derived equations.

#### 7. Airplane Design, Dr. Jan Roskam [vii]

Roskam's focus is on aircraft, including everything from single propeller planes to fighter jets. For this database, only jet vehicles were considered, and almost exclusively fighter aircraft.

#### 8. Forbis and Kotker, The Boeing Company [viii]

This paper is aimed at the design of hypersonic aerospace vehicles. The only portion of this paper used is for landing gear weight.

#### 9. Forbis and Woodhead, The Boeing Company [ix]

This paper is also aimed at hypersonic aerospace vehicle analysis, and it appears to be an extension of the work done in the other listed paper by Forbis. Only the landing gear weight is used from this source.

#### 10. AC-Sizer, NASA MSFC

This data was taken from a spreadsheet sizing program written by D. R. Komar and company at NASA Marshall Spaceflight Center. Both rocket and airbreathing vehicles are provided. The primary use is for modeling future technology vehicles with wings, both air-breathing and rocket powered.

- a. Many of the equations provided are from Alpha Technologies' MER database. Alpha Technologies is run by Bobby Brothers, so many equations are derived from those in source 6, above.
- b. Wing MERs are from Boeing report AFWAL-TR-87-3056 on hypersonic aerospace vehicles.
- c. Landing gear is from report GDA-DCB-64-073.

#### 11. Hawkins [x]

This source is focused purely on weight growth through the design cycle. The data presented is taken from a paper presented at a Society of Allied Weight Engineers Conference in Detroit Michigan, 23-25 May, 1988.

#### 12. Dr. Ted Talay, NASA LaRC

This is from a presentation from the Space Systems Division at NASA Langley Research Center to Dave Pine, Code B at NASA Headquarters on June 10, 1993. It is titled "Effect of Concept Maturity on Weight Growth and Cost Estimation." Of primary interest is a chart showing dry weight growth on NASA space vehicle projects through the development cycle.

#### V Future Work

This database is only a start towards improving mass estimation for launch vehicles. In the future more equations need to be added as they become available. A second baseline point would also be very useful, especially a vehicle that uses current technologies, and has a different configuration than the Space Shuttle. This would allow verification of nearly all the equations provided in the database, and would lend some merit to the design of future vehicles. Further if an equation could predict the mass of both vehicles well, there would be improved confidence in the accuracy of the trend.

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Due to the nature of the work, much of the data collected would not be available without the help of others. Mr. Bobby Brothers has been very helpful in providing data and information on the topic, and answering questions. D.R. Komar also has been generous in his contributions of equations to the database. Finally, Dr. John Olds has been instrumental in helping find data sources.

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# **1.0 Wing**

AR – Aspect ratio ( $b^2/S_{ref}$ )

 $AR_{exp}$  – Exposed aspect ratio  $(b_{exp}^2/S_{exp})$ 

b – Wing span

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $b_{exp}$  – Span of exposed wing (b-b<sub>body</sub> at wing root)

 $b_{cthru}$  – Width of wing carry through

 $b_{str}$  – Wing structural span along the half chord line (picture)

 $c_{xx}$  – Wing chord at xx location

 $F_{safety}$  – Safety factor

 $M_{wing}$  – Mass of all components in wing group

 $M_{wing\_exp}$  – Mass of exposed wing

 $M_{cthru}$  – Mass of wing carry thru structure

M<sub>elevons</sub> – Mass of elevons and attach structure

M<sub>land</sub> – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

 $P_{exp}$  – Exposed wing planform loading (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $R_t$  – Taper ratio (  $c_{tip}/c_{root}$  )

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of the body

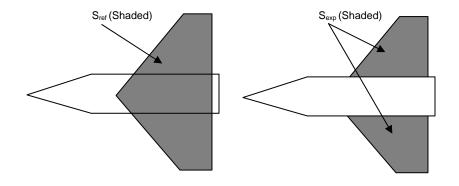
 $S_{csw}$  – Planform of wing mounted control surfaces

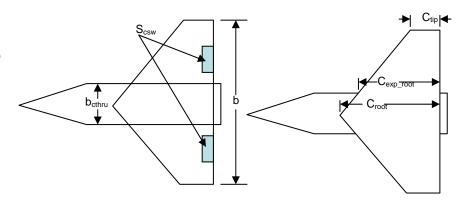
 $S_{exp}$  – Exposed wing planform area

 $S_{fairing}$  – Surface area of wing fairing

 $S_{ref}$  – Theoretical wing planform area

 $S_{strakes}$  – Planform area of wing strakes





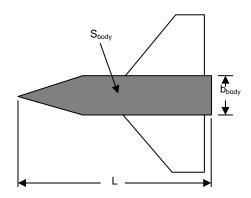
 $S_{TEextensions}$  – Planform area of trailing edge extensions

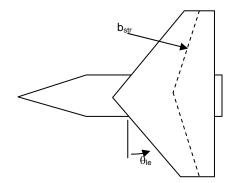
 $t_{xx}$  – Wing max thickness at xx location

TRF – Technology reduction factor

 $\Lambda$  – Wing sweep at 25% MAC

 $\theta_{le}$  – Sweep angle of leading edge





Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Materials, and wing tanks.	
$M_{wing} = \left[ N_z M_{land} \frac{1}{1 + \eta \left( \frac{S_{body}}{S_{exp}} \right)} \right]^{0.386} \left( \frac{S_{exp}}{t_{root}} \right)^{0.572} \left[ K_{wing} b_{str}^{0.572} + K_{ct} b_{body}^{0.572} \right]$	2%
Exposed wing material/configuration constants $K_{wing} = 0.286$ – Aluminum skin/stringer, dry wing, no TPS $= 0.343$ – same as above but wet wing for storable propellants $= 0.229$ – metallic composite (Boron Aluminum) honeycomb dry wing, no TPS $= 0.263$ – same as above but wet wing for storable propellant such as RP $= 0.214$ – Organic composite honeycomb, no TPS $= 0.453$ – Honeycomb dry wing super alloy hot structure, no TPS required	
Wing carry-thru constants	
$K_{ct} = 0.0267 - \text{dry carry-thru (integral)}$	
= 0.0347 – wet carry-thru (integral)	
= 0.100 – dry carry-thru (conventional)	
= 0.120 – wet carry-thru (conventional)	
Wing/body efficiency factor	
$\eta = 0.20$ – for conventional vehicle to	
= 0.15 – for control configured vehicle.	

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $b_{str}$  – Wing structural span along the half chord line

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of the body

 $S_{exp}$  – Exposed wing planform area  $t_{root}$  – Wing thickness at root

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: Wing material technology.	
$M_{wing-exp} = 0.82954 \left[ \frac{1+R_t}{t_c'} \right]^{0.4} \left[ \frac{N_z M_{land}}{1000} \right]^{0.48} S_{exp}^{0.67} A R_{exp}^{0.67} \left( 1 - TRF \right)$ $M_{cthru} = 0.00636 \left[ (1-R_t) A R_{exp} \right]^{0.5} \left[ \frac{M_{land} N_z}{1000} \right] \left[ \frac{b_{str} b_{body}}{t_{root}} \right] \left( 1 - TRF \right)$	-13%
TRF = 1.0 – for aluminum skin stringer construction = 0.4 – for Ti3Al Beta 21S w/SiC	
$AR_{exp}$ – Exposed aspect ratio ( $b_{exp}^2/S_{exp}$ )	
$b_{body}$ – Maximum width of the body	
$b_{str}$ – Wing structural span along the half chord line	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
$N_z$ – Ultimate load factor = 1.5*2.5 (factor of safety * limit load)	
$R_t$ – Taper ratio ( $c_{\text{tip}}/c_{\text{root}}$ )	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area $t_{root}$ – Wing thickness at root	
$t_{root}$ – Wing thickness at root $(t/c)$ – Thickness to chord ratio on the wing	
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Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	43%
$M_{wing} = 2375 \left[ \frac{M_{entry} N_z b_{str} S_{ref}}{t_{root} \times 10^9} \right]^{0.584}$ $b_{str}$ – Wing structural span along the half chord line $M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle $N_z$ – Ultimate load factor = 1.5*2.5 (factor of safety * limit load) $S_{ref}$ – Theoretical wing planform area $t_{root}$ – Wing thickness at root	

# 1.0 Wing

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: Maximum airbreathing Mach number.	
$M_{wing\_exp} = K_{wing} S_{exp}$ Includes exposed wing and carry through	N/A
$K_{wing} = 9.847$ – for max airbreathing Mach number of 8? $S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$M_{elevons} = K_{elevons} S_{csw}$ Mass of elevons using columbium, including hardware	
$K_{elevons} = 11.51$ – max airbreathing Mach number of 8 = 13.70 – max airbreathing Mach number of 12 $S_{csw}$ – Planform of wing mounted control surfaces	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{elevons} = 9.4(0.14S_{body}) + 0.07S_{body}$	
Elevons and attachment for lifting body second stage.	
$S_{body}$ – Planform area of the body	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Varying wing shapes.	
$M_{wing} = 0.0103K_{dw}K_{vs}\left(M_{gross}N_{z}\right)^{0.5}S_{ref}^{0.622}AR^{0.785}\left(\frac{t}{c}\right)_{root}^{-0.4}\left(1+R_{t}\right)^{0.05}\left(\cos\Lambda\right)^{-1}S_{csw}^{0.04}$	-54%
Wing configuration factors	
$K_{dw} = 0.768 - \text{for delta wing}$	
= 1.0 - otherwise	
$K_{vs} = 1.19$ – for variable sweep	
= 1.0 - otherwise	
$N_z$ here is the ultimate load factor = 1.5*limit load factor	
1.5 is the typical factor of safety and the limit load factor is typically 2.5	
$AR$ – Aspect ratio ( $b^2/S_{ref}$ )	
$M_{gross}$ – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway	
$N_z$ – Ultimate load factor = 1.5*2.5 (factor of safety * limit load)	
$R_t$ – Taper ratio ( $c_{tip}/c_{root}$ )	
$S_{csw}$ – Planform of wing mounted control surfaces	
$S_{ref}$ – Theoretical wing planform area	
$(t/c)_{root}$ – Thickness to chord ratio at the wing root	
$\Lambda$ – Wing sweep at 25% MAC	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: AVID equations from LaRC adjusted to Space Shuttle, includes aircraft for curve fit.	Comparison
Options: Two equations with different parameters.	
$M_{wing-exp} = 1575 \left[ \frac{M_{land} 3.75bS_{exp}}{c_{root} \binom{t/c}{c} \times 10^9} \right]^{0.67}$ Primary wing equation	1%
$M_{wing-carrythru} = \left[\frac{1.06c_{root}(b_{cthru})}{S_{ref}}\right] 1575 \left[\frac{M_{land} 3.75bS_{exp}}{c_{root}(\frac{t}{c}) \times 10^9}\right]^{0.67}$	
$M_{wing-fairing} = S_{fairing} \left[ .0002499 q_{max} + 1.7008 + (.00003695 q_{max}003252) b_{body} \right]$	
b – Wing span	
$b_{body}$ – maximum width of the body	
$c_{root}$ – Wing chord at exposed root	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
$q_{max}$ – maximum dynamic pressure (psf)	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$S_{fairing}$ – Surface area of wing fairing	
$S_{ref}$ – theoretical wing planform area	
(t/c) – Thickness to chord ratio on the wing	
	2%
$M_{wing-exp} = 1.498S_{ref}^{1.176}$ Includes carry through, and is considered a secondary equation.	
$S_{ref}$ – theoretical wing planform area	

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft	Comparison
Options: fixed or variable sweep wings.	
$M_{wing} = 3.08 \left[ \frac{\left( K_w N_z M_{glow} \right)}{\left( \frac{l}{l_c} \right)_{max}} \right] \left\{ \tan(\theta_{le}) - 2 \frac{1 - R_t}{AR(1 + R_t)} \right\}^2 + 1.0 \right\} 10^{-6} \left[ \frac{(1 + R_t)^{0.89} S_{ref}^{0.741}}{(1 + R_t)^{0.89} S_{ref}^{0.741}} \right]$ $K_w = 1.0 - \text{for fixed wing airplanes}$ $= 1.175 - \text{for variable sweep wing airplanes}$ $AR - \text{aspect ratio (b}^2 / S_{ref})$ $M_{glow} - \text{Gross liftoff mass of vehicle}$ $N_z - \text{ultimate load factor} = 1.5 * 2.5 \text{ (factor of safety * limit load)}$ $R_t - \text{taper ratio (c}_{tip} / c_{root})$ $S_{ref} - \text{theoretical wing planform area}$ $(t/c)_{max} - \text{Maximum thickness to chord ratio on the wing}$ $\theta_{le} - \text{sweep angle of leading edge}$	-35%

Reference: 10b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Hypervelocity Aircraft	Comparison
Options: Continuous our discontinuous carry thru, landing gear location, strakes, trailing edge extension, and more.	
M	-34%
$M_{wing\_box} = K_{wing} K_{lcf} K_{trc} K_{arc} K_{tac} K_{swc} K_{bwc} K_{gear} K_{dwr} K_{tm} K_{ps} K_{dc} + K_{dw}$	
Elastic Axis Sweep =30deg ?	
bexp=baero ?	
$K_{wing} = 0.7072S_{ref}^{1.334}$ - for continuous wing/carry-thru structures	
= $0.7072S_{\rm exp}^{1.334}$ - for discontinuous wing/carry-thru structures (mid mount wings)	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$S_{ref}$ – theoretical wing planform area	
$K_{lfc}$ – loading correction factor = $0.00286N_z^{0.581}P_{\rm exp} + 0.1624N_z^{0.5585}$	
$N_z$ – Ultimate load factor = 1.5*2.5 (factor of safety * limit load)	
$P_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform loading (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	
$(t)^{-1.385}$	
$K_{trc}$ - taper ratio correction factor = $0.0141 \left(\frac{t}{c}\right)^{-1.385}$ + $0.758$	
$(t/c)_{struct}$ – Thickness to chord ratio of the wing structure	
$K_{arc}$ – aspect ratio correction factor = $0.0588AR_{\rm exp}^{1.148} + 0.28$	
$AR_{exp}$ – Aspect ratio of the exposed wing $(b^2_{exp}/S_{exp})$	
$K_{tac}$ – taper ratio correction factor = $0.47R_t + 0.833$	

Rt – Wing taper ratio = tip chord over centerline root chord

 $K_{swc}$  – sweepback correction factor = 0.9031cos( $\theta_{elastic\ axis}$ )<sup>-1.282</sup>

 $\theta_{elastic\ axis}$  – unknown number??

 $K_{bwc}$  - body width correction factor = 1.011 - 0.07  $\frac{b_{body}}{b_{exp}}$  - 0.5  $\left(\frac{b_{body}}{b_{exp}}\right)^2$ 

 $b_{body}$  – maximum width of vehicle body

 $b_{exp}$  – Exposed wing span = wing span less  $b_{body}$ 

 $K_{gear}$  – landing gear support penalty = 1.1 – for wing mounted gear, 1.0 – otherwise

 $K_{dwr}$  – dead weight relief factor

= 1.0 -for wing without fuel or vertical tail

$$=-1.2 \left( \frac{M_{f\_wing} D_{f\_wing} + M_{vert\_wing} D_{vert}}{0.5 M_{wing} D_{cp}} \right) - \text{for wings with fuel and vertical tails attached.}$$

 $D_{vert}$  – distance from vehicle centerline to CG of wing mounted vertical tail

 $D_{f wing}$  – distance from vehicle centerline to CG of wing stored fuel

 $D_{cp}$  – distance from vehicle centerline to wing center of pressure

 $M_{f\_wing}$  – mass of fuel in the wing

 $M_{vert\ wing}$  – mass of vertical control surfaces attached to the wing

 $M_{wing}$  – mass of the wing

 $K_{tm}$  – temperature and materials factor

= 1.0 -for aluminum

= 1.15 - for titanium

= 2.8 -for nickel based superalloy

= 0.88 -for cold composite

= 0.92 - for titanium composite

 $K_{ps}$  – panel stiffness factor = 1.92 – for ceramic TPS, 1.0 – otherwise

 $K_{dc}$  – design concept factor = 0.97 – for thick truss structure design, 1.0 – otherwise

 $K_{dw}$  – discontinuous wing structural penalty = 0.0 – for continuous wing/carry-thru structures =  $\frac{1}{3} \left( M_{wing\_box_{continuous}} - M_{wing\_box_{discontinuous}} \right)$  – for discontinuous wing/carry-thru structures

$$M_{wing\_misc} = 0.1716S_{exp}^{1.275} \, 0.564 \left(\frac{b_{body}}{b_{exp}}\right)^{-0.2098}$$

 $b_{body}$  – maximum width of vehicle body

 $b_{exp}$  – Exposed wing span = wing span less  $b_{body}$ 

$$M_{wing\_extensions} = 6(S_{strakes} + S_{TEextensions})$$

 $S_{strakes}$  – planform area of wing strakes

 $S_{TEextensions}$  – planform area of trailing edge extensions

### 2.0 Tail

 $AR_{vert}$  – Aspect ratio of vertical tail or tip fins

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $b_{vert}$  – Span of tail or tip fins

 $c_{tip}$  – Tip chord of vertical tail or wingtip fins

*M* – Maximum flight Mach number

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

 $R_{vert}$  – Taper ratio of vertical tail or tip fins ( $c_{tip}/c_{root}$ )

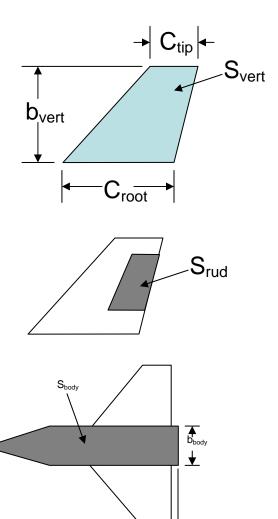
 $S_{rud}$  – Planform area of rudder

 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins

 $(t/c)_{vert}$  – Thickness to chord ratio of the vertical tail or wingtip fins

TRF - Technology reduction factor

 $\Lambda_{vert}$  – Sweep angle at 25% MAC



Reference: 1 Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Materials.	
$M_{tail} = K_t (S_{vert})^{1.24}$ $K_t = 1.872 - \text{aluminum skin/stringer, no TPS}$ $= 1.108 - \text{metallic composite structure, no TPS}$	23%
=1.000 – graphite epoxy composite structure, no TPS $S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: Wing material technology.	
	36%
$M_{tail} = 5.0S_{vert}^{1.09} (1 - TRF)$	
TRF =1.0 – aluminum skin/stringer structure =0.2 – Ti3Al Beta 21s	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	1
$M_{tail} = 1.678S_{vert}^{1.24}$	13%
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: Maximum airbreathing Mach number.	
	22%
$M_{tail} = K_{vert} S_{vert}$	using
idii veri veri	K <sub>vert</sub> =7.68
$K_{vert} = 7.68$ – for max airbreathing Mach number of 8	
= 9.20 – for max airbreathing Mach number of 12	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{tail} = 6.8(0.2S_{body}) + 0.15S_{body}$ Vertical tail mass for a lifting body upper stage.	89%
$S_{body}$ – Planform area of the body	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Varying tail shapes.	
$M_{tail} = 0.452 \left(M_{glow}N_z\right)^{0.488} S_{vert}^{0.718} M^{0.341} b_{vert}^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{S_{rud}}{S_{vert}}\right)^{0.348} A R_{vert} \left(1 + R_{vert}\right)^{0.25} \left(\cos(\Lambda_{vert})\right)^{-0.323}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 28\% \\ N_z = 3.75 \end{array} $
Assumes no T-tail and no rolling tail.	$N_z = 2.25$
$AR_{vert}$ – Aspect ratio of vertical tail or tip fins	
$b_{vert}$ – Span of tail or tip fins	
M – Maximum flight Mach number	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle	
$N_z$ – Ultimate load factor = 1.5*2.5 (factor of safety * limit load)	
$R_{vert}$ – Taper ratio of vertical tail or tip fins	
$S_{rud}$ – Planform area of rudder	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	
$\Lambda_{vert}$ – Sweep angle at 25% MAC	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Boeing aircraft tail equations adjusted for Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Component inclusion.	
The following three equations must be summed to find the total tail mass.	-8%
$M_{tail} = 26.06 \left( S_{vert} \left( \frac{t}{c} \right)_{vert}^{0.244} b_{vert}^{0.0364} \right)^{0.8674}$	
$M_{vert\_spar} = \frac{c_{tip}b_{vert}}{2S_{vert}}M_{tail}$	
$M_{fairing} = S_{fairing} \left( 0.02499 q_{\text{max}} + 1.7008 + \left( 0.003695 q_{\text{max}} - 0.3252 \right) b_{body} \right)$	
$b_{body}$ – Maximum width of the body	
$b_{vert}$ – Span of tail or tip fins	!
$c_{tip}$ – Tip chord of vertical tail or wingtip fins	!
$q_{max}$ – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight	!
$S_{fairing}$ – Surface area of tail fairing	!
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	
$(t/c)_{vert}$ – Thickness to chord ratio of the vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
	9%
$M_{tail} = 28.1 \left[ \left( S_{vert} \right)^{0.901} R_{vert}^{0.244} b_{vert}^{0.0364} \right]^{0.8674}$	
$b_{vert}$ – Span of tail or tip fins	
$R_{vert}$ – Taper ratio of vertical tail or tip fins	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

## 3.0 Body

 $A_{as}$  – surface area of aft structure

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

A<sub>body-tank</sub> – exposed area of body minus exposed area of integral tanks

 $A_{exit}$  – Total exit area of main engines

 $A_{inlet}$  – cross sectional area of inlet

 $A_{tank}$  – Surface area of tank

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $D_{eng}$  – Diameter of a main engine

 $D_{nose}$  – Diameter of the nosecone base

 $F_{ullage}$  – Ullage fraction (typically ~4 to 5%)

 $F_{prop}$  – Propellant fraction of either oxidizer or fuel

 $H_{body}$  – height of body

 $H_{inlet}$  – Height of engine inlet

*Isp* – Specific impulse of engines

L – Length of vehicle

 $L_{inlet}$  – Length of engine inlet

 $L_s$  – Length of single duct (for Y inlet ducts)

 $\dot{m}$  – Total propellant mass flow rate (lbm/s)

 $M_{body}$  – Total mass of body group

 $M_{eng}$  – Mass of a single main engine

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

M<sub>insert</sub> – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass

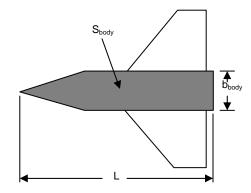
 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{pl}$  – Mass of payload

 $M_{strapon}$  – Mass of strap on boosters

 $M_{tot\ fuel}$  – Mass of all fuel on stage

 $M_{tot \ ox}$  – Mass of all oxidizer on stage



 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_{inlet}$  – Number of inlets

 $N_{struts}$  – Number of struts in engine inlet

 $N_t$  – Number of fuel tanks

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

 $P_2$  – Pressure in inlet

 $P_f$  – Pressure of fuel tank

 $P_{ox}$  – Pressure of oxidizer tank

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $S_{as}$  – Surface area of aft skirt

 $S_{base}$  – Surface area of base closeout

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of vehicle body

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{ec}$  – Surface area of engine compartment

 $S_f$  – Surface area of fuel tanks

 $S_{fwds}$  – Surface area of forward skirt

 $S_{inlet}$  – Surface area of inlet and cowl ring

 $S_{is}$  – Surface area of interstage structure

 $S_{it}$  – Surface area of intertank structure

 $S_{nose}$  – Surface area of nosecone

 $S_{ns\_cowl}$  – Non-inlet surface area of cowl

 $S_{ox}$  – Surface area of oxidizer tanks

 $S_{pl}$  – Surface area of payload bay, not including doors

 $S_{pldoors}$  – Surface area of payload bay doors

 $S_{tc}$  – Surface area of tail cone

SFC – Specific fuel consumption

 $T_{sls}$  – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_{crew}$  – Volume of crew cabin

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $\dot{V_i}$  – Fuel volume in integral tanks

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

 $\rho_f$  – Density of fuel

 $\rho_{ox}$  – Density of oxidizer

 $\theta_{nose}$  – Nose cone angle

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Materials, windshield, and tanks	
$M_{body} = K_c N_{crew}^{0.5} + K_b A_{body} N_z^{1/3} + K_f V_f + K_{ox} V_{ox}^{1.1} + K_t \left( N_{eng} T_{vac} \right) + K_{bf} S_{bf}^{1.15}$ Crew cabin constants $K_c = 2043 - \text{full windshield aluminum construction}$ $= 1293 - \text{aluminum construction with no windshield}$ $= 1740 - \text{full windshield composite construction}$ $= 1140 - \text{composite construction with no windshield}$	-7% Assumes no ascent propellant in orbiter.
Body construction constants $K_b = 2.72$ – composite structure, no TPS $= 3.20$ – aluminum structure, no composites, no TPS $= 3.40$ – hot metallic Ti/Rene HC, no TPS required $= 4.43$ – moldline tankage; tank, body structure, cryogenic insulation integrated	
Tank geometry/propellant constants $K_f$ , and $K_{ox}$ – see table below.	

					TAI	NK DESCRIPTION		
SOURCE	PROPELLANT	LB/FT <sup>3</sup>	VOL _FT <sup>3</sup>	ULLAGE PRESSURE	INTEGRAL OR NON- INTEGRAL	MATERIAL	GEOMETRY	COMMENTS
SHUTTLE E/T	LH <sub>2</sub>	.5918	53,515	36	INTEGRAL	AL2219		DOES NOT INCLUDE INSULATION
EN-155*	LH <sub>2</sub>	.8430	60,387	30	INTEGRAL	INC 718		HONEYCOMB SANDWICH ADDED HONEYCOMB FOR THERMAL PROTECTION
EN-178*	LH <sub>2</sub>	.5760	41,646	20	INTEGRAL	AL2219		ISOGRID INCLUDES 4,364 LB INSULATION
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SHUTTLE E/T	LOX	.6458	19,609	38	INTEGRAL	AL2219	00	DOES MOT INCLUDE INSULATION
EN-155*	LOX	.7660	18,355	20	NON INTEGRAL	AL2219	8	POLYMIDE HONEYCOMB FOR INSULATION AND STRUC-TURAL STABILIZATION
EN-178	LOX	.5160	21,841	15	INTEGRAL	AL2219		ISOGRID INCLUDES 1,704 LB INSULATION
S-1C	LOX	.804	47,250		INTEGRAL	AL2219		
EN- 155	JP-5	.7000	4,819	5	NON INTEGRAL	AL 2219		CONVENTIONAL SKIN STIFFENED CONSTRUCTION W/O INSULATION
	JP-5	.28					N/A	PENALTY FOR DRY-WET WING
S-1C	RP-1	.867	30,000		INTEGRAL	AL2219	0	

EN designates in-house LARC study vehicles.

 $K_t = 0.0030 - \text{aluminum thrust structure}$ = 0.0024 - composite thrust structure

Body flap construction constants

 $K_{bf} = 1.59 - \text{hot structure}$ 

= 1.38 – aluminum skin/stringer, no TPS

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $M_{body}$  – Total mass of body group

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: Material technology.	
	-42%
$M_{no\text{sec}one} = K_{nc}S_{nose}$	
$M_{crew\_cabin} = 1455N_{crew}^{0.5}$	
$M_{pl\_bay} = K_{pl}S_{pl} + K_{pldoors}S_{pldoors} + 0.15M_{pl}$	
L'	
$M_{fuel\_tan k} = K_f V_f + K_{f\_ins} S_f$ includes insulation	
$M_{ox tan k} = K_{ox}V_{ox} + K_{ox ins}S_{ox}$ includes insulation	
OX_tank OX OX OX_ins OX	
$M_{aft\ body} = K_{tc}S_{tc} + K_{base}S_{base}$	
aft_body	
$M_{coul} = K_{re}  coul S_{re}  coul + 2K_{inlet} S_{inlet} + K_{strutt} L_{inlet} H_{inlet} N_{strutt}$ airbreather only	
$M_{cowl} = K_{ns\_cowl} S_{ns\_cowl} + 2K_{inlet} S_{inlet} + K_{struts} L_{inlet} H_{inlet} N_{struts}$ airbreather only	
$K_{nc} = 2.21 - \text{Ti3Al Beta 21S}$	
$K_{nc}$ = 2.21 – 113Al Beta 213 $K_{pl}$ = 2.21 – Ti3Al Beta 21S	
$K_{pldoors} = 2.21$ 11374 Beta 213 $K_{pldoors} = 3.5 - 20\%$ less than STS honeycomb doors (incl. fittings & mechanisms)	
$K_f = 0.255$ – Hydrogen, wound integral Gr/PEEK	
$K_{f\_ins} = 0.26$ – Based on rohacell insulation	
$K_{ox}$ = 0.33 – LOX, aluminum lithium, non-integral	
$K_{ox\_ins} = 0.20 - \text{Based on rohacell insulation}$	
$K_{tc} = 2.21 - \text{Ti3Al Beta 21S}$	
$K_{base} = 1.99 - \text{Secondary structure (10\% lower than baseline?)}$	

## 3.0 Body

 $K_{ns\ cowl}$ =2.21 – Ti3Al Beta21S

 $K_{inlet} = 2.75 - \text{Advanced materials}, 150 \text{psi}, \text{top } \& \text{ bottom required}$ 

 $K_{struts} = 2.21 - \text{Baseline structural unit weight}$ 

 $S_{nose}$  – Surface area of nosecone

 $S_{pl}$  – Surface area of payload bay, not including doors

 $\hat{S}_{pldoors}$  – Surface area of payload bay doors

 $M_{pl}$  – Mass of payload

 $S_f$  – Surface area of fuel tanks

 $S_{ox}$  – Surface area of oxidizer tanks

 $S_{tc}$  – Surface area of tail cone

 $S_{base}$  – Surface area of base closeout

 $S_{ns\_cowl}$  – Non-inlet surface area of cowl

 $S_{inlet}$  – Surface area of inlet and cowl ring

 $L_{inlet}$  – Length of engine inlet

 $H_{inlet}$  – Height of engine inlet

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{struts}$  – Number of struts in engine inlet

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	-3%
$M_{fuse} = 3.4 A_{body-tanks}$ Includes fore, aft, mid fuselage, and payload bay doors	
$M_{\text{sec ondary}} = 2.0(S_{\text{base}} + S_{pl})$ Add any other secondary structures' areas specific to vehicle	
$M_{crew\_cabin} = 2347N_{crew}^{0.5}$	
$M_{bf} = 3.135 S_{bf}$	
$M_{thrust\_struct} = 0.0023T_{vac}N_{eng}$	
$M_{fuel\_tank} = \frac{K_f V_f}{(1 - F_{ullage})}$	
$M_{ox_{-}\tan k} = \frac{K_{ox}V_{ox}}{(1 - F_{ullage})}$	
$K_f = 0.5595$ – Shuttle technology $K_{ox} = 0.8086$ – Shuttle technology	
A <sub>body-tank</sub> – Exposed area of body minus exposed area of integral tanks	
$F_{ullage}$ – Ullage fraction (typically ~4 to 5%) $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	

 $S_{base}$  – Surface area of base closeout

 $S_{bf}$  - Planform area of body flap  $S_{pl}$  - Surface area of payload bay, not including doors  $T_{vac}$  - Vacuum thrust per main engine  $V_f$  - Total fuel volume

 $\dot{V}_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: Maximum airbreathing Mach number, engine type, and body type.	
$M_{aft\_struct} = K_{as}A_{as}$ Inconel 718 aft structure mass	N/A Air-breathing vehicles only
$K_{as} = 2.86 - \text{Max}$ airbreathing Mach number of 8	
= 3.10 – Max airbreathing Mach number of 12	
$A_{as}$ – surface area of aft structure	
$M_{thrust} = K_{thrust}T_{sls}$ Thrust structure mass for aibreathing booster vehicle	
$K_{thrust} = 0.01025$ – Thrust acting below body (ie. Ramjet)	
= 0.0070 – Thrust acting on aft expansion surface (ie. Scramjet)	
$T_{sls}$ – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions	
$M_{fuel\_tan  ks} = K_{fuel} M_{tot\_fuel}$	
Mass of liquid hydrogen tanks for an airbreathing booster vehicle. This tank is integral with the forebody of	
the vehicle and includes structure.	
$K_{fuel} = 0.259 - \text{Augmented rocket}$	
= 0.409 – Ejector ramjet, or supercharged ejector ramjet	
= 0.416 – Ejector scramjet, or supercharged ejector scramjet	
= 0.341 - RL, or RRL, or SRL, or RSRL	
= 0.339 - SL, or RSL, or RSSL	
$M_{tot\_fuel}$ – Mass of all fuel on stage	

 $M_{ox tan ks} = 0.0255 M_{tot ox}$  Mass of liquid oxygen tanks for an airbreathing booster vehicle

 $M_{tot \ oxl}$  – Mass of all oxidizer on stage

 $M_{cowl} = K_{cowl} A_{inlet}$  Mass of inlets

 $K_{cowl} = 175$  – Cylindrical body with wing configuration, 120 psia inlet pressure

= 154 – Lifting body configuration, subsonic combustion, 120 psia inlet pressure

= 125 – Lifting body configuration, supersonic combustion, 120 psia inlet pressure

= See chart for different inlet pressures.

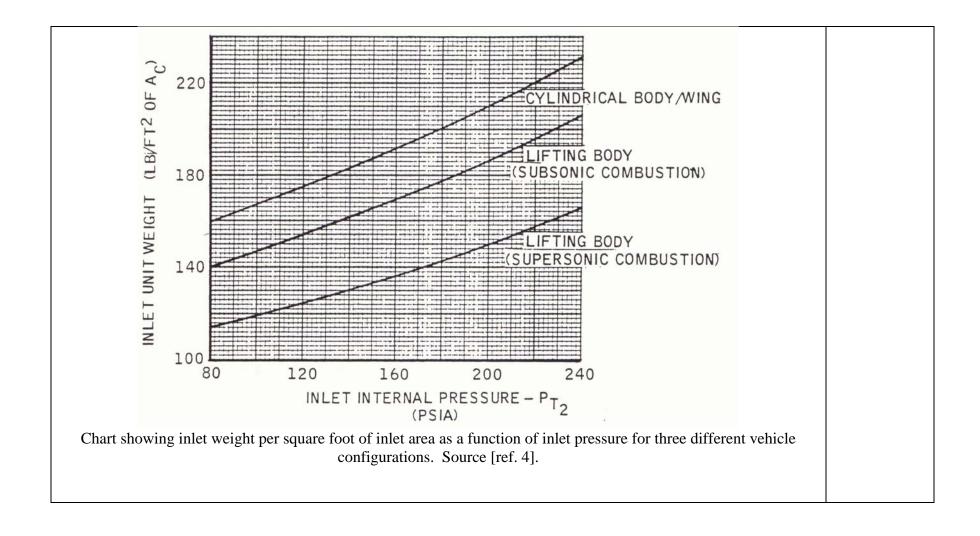
 $A_{inlet}$  – cross sectional area of inlet

 $M_{crew-cabin} = 1400 + 860$  Fixed mass for crew cabin structure, and personnel compartment.

 $M_{separation} = 0.0133 M_{insert}$ 

Separation system on booster stage, piggy-back configuration. Includes separation rockets, mounting system, and controls.

 $M_{insert}$  – Orbital insertion mass of vehicle, sometimes called burnout mass.



Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{body} = 3.0724 A_{body} + 0.0008 T_{vac} N_{eng}$ Body mass including fuselage, thrust structure, and miscellaneous, for a lifting body upper stage.	N/A Lifting body design
$M_{crew\_cabin} = 1801 + 1.15V_{crew} + 180$	
Mass of crew cabin and windscreen/canopy. This reference recommends that the volume for the crew be calculated as: $V_{crew} = 60N_{crew} + 255$	
$M_{aft\_skirt} = 0.224S_{body}$	
Mass of aft skirt, aerodynamic fairing over engines. $S_{body}$ – Planform area of vehicle body	
$M_{ox\_\tan k} = 0.0181 M_{tot\_ox}$	
Mass of liquid oxygen tank for lifting body second stage	
$M_{tot\_ox}$ – Mass of all oxidizer on stage	
$M_{f_{-}\tan k} = 0.1188 M_{tot_{-}fuel}$	
Mass of liquid hydrogen tank for lifting body second stage, including mounting. $M_{tot\_fuel}$ – Mass of all fuel on stage	
$M_{f_{-}ins} = 1.555V_f^{0.666}$	
Mass of insulation for liquid hydrogen tank on lifting body second stage. $V_f$ – Total fuel volume	

 $M_{plbay} = 1.4 V_{plbay}$ 

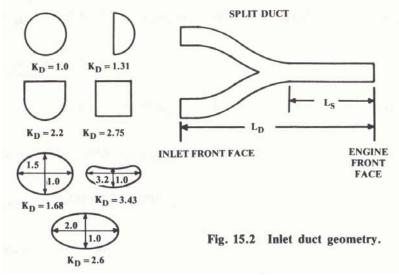
Mass of payload bay, including doors.

Recommended cargo volume is:  $V_{plbay} = 0.111 M_{pl}$  $V_{plbay}$  – Volume of payload bay

$$M_{sep\_syst} = 220$$

Mass of separation system on second stage lifting body, piggy-back config.

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Different inlet geometry including variable shape, and wing shape.	
$M_{fuse} = 0.499 K_{dwf} M_{gross}^{0.35} N_z^{0.25} L^{0.5} H_{body}^{0.849} b_{body}^{0.685}$	-26%
$M_{thrust\_struct} = 0.013 N_{eng}^{0.795} T_{vac}^{0.579} N_z + 0.01 M_{eng}^{0.717} N_{eng} N_z$	
$M_{cowl} = 13.29 K_{vg} L_{inlet}^{0.643} K_{duct}^{0.182} N_{eng}^{1.498} \left(\frac{L_s}{L_{inlet}}\right)^{0373} D_{eng} $ based on fighter aircraft inlet ducts	
$M_{fuel\_tan  ks} = 7.45 V_f^{0.47} \left( 1 + \frac{V_i}{V_f} \right)^{-0.095} N_t^{0.066} N_{eng}^{0.052} \left( \frac{T_{vac} SFC}{1000} \right)^{0.249}$ JP fuel tanks only	
$K_{dwf} = 0.774 - \text{for delta wing}$	
= 1.0 – otherwise	
$K_{vg} = 1.62$ – for variable geometry inlet	
= 1.0 - fixed geometry inlet	
$K_{duct} = 1.0 - \text{circular inlet}$	
= 1.31 – half circle inlet	
= 2.2 – square and circle combination inlet (stretched D)	
= 2.75 – square inlet	
= 1.68 – ellipsoid, height to width ratio of 1.5:1	
= 2.6 – ellipsoid, height to width ratio of 2:1 = 3.43 – smile shape (ie. F-16), height to width ratio of 1:3.2	
- 5.45 - Shine shape (ie. F-10), height to width ratio of 1.5.2	



Inlet duct geometry coefficients [ref. 5].

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $D_{eng}$  – Diameter of a main engine

 $H_{body}$  – height of body

L – Vehicle length

 $L_s$  – Length of single duct (for Y inlet ducts)

 $M_{eng}$  – Mass of a single main engine

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_t$  – Number of fuel tanks

 $N_z$  – Ultimate load factor = 1.5\*2.5 (factor of safety \* limit load)

SFC – Specific fuel consumption

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $V_i$  – Fuel volume in integral tanks

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Fuselage from aircraft & Space Shuttle, others from Space Shuttle and expendable vehicles.	Comparison
Options: Stage number, attachment configuration.	
Shuttle comparison includes fuselage, nosecap, thrust structure, payload bay and doors, crew cabin, and stage to stage attachment structure.	2%
$M_{fuse} = 2.167 A_{body}^{1.075}$ Mass of vehicle body, including base	
$M_{nose} = S_{nose} \left[ \frac{(14.31 - 0.003462 q_{\text{max}}) \theta_{nose}^{(0.0001034 q_{\text{max}} - 0.5878)} + (4.385e^{-5} q_{\text{max}} - 3.252e^{-3}) D_{nose}}{(0.0006864 - 6.1e^{-9} q_{\text{max}}) \theta_{nose} + (4.385e^{-5} q_{\text{max}} - 3.252e^{-3}) D_{nose}} \right] $ right cone	
$M_{nose} = S_{nose} \left[ 2.499 e^{-4} q_{\text{max}} + 1.7008 + \left( 3.695 e^{-5} q_{\text{max}} - 3.252 e^{-3} \right) D_{nose} \right] \text{ ellipsoid}$	
$M_{ox_{-\tan k}} = (2.44 - 0.007702 \rho_{ox}) V_{ox}^{(0.8548 + 0.0003189 \rho_{ox})} $ P<55psi	
$M_{ox_{-\tan k}} = (1.3012 + 0.0099 P_{ox}) V_{ox}^{(0.8647 P_{ox}^{0.01645})}$ 150 <p<1200psi, steel="" tank<="" td=""><td></td></p<1200psi,>	
$M_{f_{-\tan k}} = (2.44 - 0.007702 \rho_f) V_f^{(0.8548 + 0.0003189 \rho_f)} $ P<55psi	
$M_{f_{-\tan k}} = (1.3012 + 0.0099 P_f) V_f^{(0.8647 P_f^{0.01645})}$ 150 <p<1200psi, steel="" tank<="" td=""><td></td></p<1200psi,>	
$M_{antivortex} = \frac{\dot{m}F_{prop}}{\rho} (0.64 + 0.0184\rho)$ adapt for propellant type	

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M_{slosh\_baffles} = 6.77e^{-7}b_{body}V\frac{\rho^2}{1.01} adapt for propellant type
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For  $M_{antivortex}$  and  $M_{slosh\_baffles}$  the volume, density and  $F_{prop}$  need to have the correct subscript for the fluid in the tank. For example for a LOX tank  $F_{prop}$  would be the oxidizer fraction, V would be the oxidizer tank volume, and  $\rho$  would be the density of LOX.

 $M_{\text{int} er \tan k} = S_{it} K_{it} b_{body}^{k_{it2}}$  Structure between tanks for inline configuration

$$K_{it}$$
 = 26.36 - stage 1 of 1  
= 27.04 - stage 1 of 2  
= 21.47 - stage 2 of 2

$$K_{ii2}$$
 = 0.5169 – stage 1 of 1 or stage 1 of 2  
= 0.6025 – stage 2 of 2

 $M_{\text{interstage}} = S_{is} K_{is} b_{body}^{K_{is2}}$  Structure connecting two stages of an inline vehicle

$$K_{is}$$
 = 17.92 - stage 1 of 1  
= 18.57 - stage 1 of 2  
= 22.94 - stage 2 of 2

$$K_{is2}$$
 = 0.4856 – stage 1 of 1 or stage 1 of 2  
= 0.6751 – stage 2 of 2

 $M_{fwd\_skirt} = S_{fwds} K_{fwds} b_{body}^{K_{fwds}}$  Mass of structure between forward tank and payload or next stage

$$K_{fwds}$$
 = 37.35 - stage 1 of 1  
= 38.70 - stage 1 of 2  
= 15.46 - stage 2 of 2

$$K_{fwds2} = 0.6722 - \text{stage 1 of 1 or stage 1 of 2}$$
  
= 0.5210 - stage 2 of 2

$$M_{thrust} = K_{thrust} T_{vac}^{1.0687}$$
 Thrust structure mass

 $K_{thrust}$  = 1.949e-3 – inline launch vehicle = 7.995e-4 – side mount propulsion module (orbiter type)

 $M_{eng\_comp} = S_{ec} K_{ec} b_{body}^{K_{ec2}}$  structure from aft tank to interstage or pad tie-down

$$K_{ec}$$
 = 31.66 - stage 1 of 1  
= 32.48 - stage 1 of 2  
= 15.97 - stage 2 of 2

$$K_{ec2}$$
 = 0.5498 – stage 1 of 1 or stage 1 of 2  
= 0.4676 – stage 2 of 2

$$M_{aft\_skirt} = S_{as} \left[ 2.499e^{-4} q_{max} + 1.7008 + \left( 3.695e^{-5} q_{max} - 3.252e^{-3} \right) b_{body} \right]$$
 aerodynamic fairing

$$M_{stg\_attach} = 0.0148 \left( M_{gross} + M_{pl} \right)$$

Orbiter type vehicle to ET or booster stage where attach structure stays with ET or booster stage.

$$M_{stg\_attach} = 0.00148 M_{strapon}$$

SRB to ET or core stage where attach structure stays with ET or booster stage

 $M_{stg\_attach} = 0.000314 M_{strapon}$  SRB attach structure stays with SRB

$$M_{crew\_cabin} = 28.31 \Big[ 39.66 \Big( N_{crew} N_{days} \Big)^{1.002} \Big]^{0.6916}$$

$$M_{pldoors} = 0.257 \frac{A_{body}}{2}$$
 Payload bay doors including hardware

$$M_{plbay} = 0.4808 A_{body} + 0.2336 \frac{A_{body}}{2}$$
 Internal cargo bay mass, including support structure (ie.STS)

 $A_{body}$  – Surface area of the vehicle body

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $D_{nose}$  – Diameter of the nosecone base

 $F_{prop}$  – Propellant fraction of either oxidizer or fuel

 $\dot{m}$  – Total propellant mass flow rate (lbm/s)

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

 $M_{pl}$  – Mass of payload

 $M_{strapon}$  – Mass of strap on boosters

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

 $P_f$  – Pressure of fuel tank

 $P_{ox}$  – Pressure of oxidizer tank

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $S_{as}$  – Surface area of aft skirt

 $S_{ec}$  – Surface area of engine compartment

 $S_{fwds}$  – Surface area of forward skirt

 $S_{is}$  – Surface area of interstage structure

 $S_{it}$  – Surface area of intertank structure

 $S_{nose}$  – Surface area of the nosecone

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

 $\rho_f$  – Density of fuel

 $\rho_{ox}$  – Density of oxidizer

 $\theta_{nose}$  – Nose cone angle

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Inlet geometry and pressure.	
Options: Inlet geometry and pressure. $M_{fuse} = 20.86 K_{inl}^{1.42} \left(\frac{q_{\text{max}}}{100}\right)^{0.283} \left(\frac{M_{glow}}{1000}\right)^{0.95} \left(\frac{L}{H_{body}}\right)^{0.71}$ Fuselage mass based on fighter planes using the General Dynamics method. $M_{cowl} = K_{inlet} N_{inlet} \left(S_{inlet}^{0.5} L_{inlet} P_2\right)^{0.731}$ Cowl mass based on aircraft inlets $K_{inlet} = 3.0 - \text{turbojet}$ $= 7.435 - \text{turbofan}$ $q_{max} - \text{Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft^2)}$ $M_{glow} - \text{Gross liftoff mass}$ $L - \text{Length of vehicle}$ $H_{body} - \text{height of body}$ $N_{inlet} - \text{Number of inlets}$	3%
$L_{inlet}$ – Length of engine inlet	
$P_2$ – Pressure in inlet	
$S_{inlet}$ – Surface area of inlet and cowl ring	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle	
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).		
Options: Integral or non-integral tanks.		
Shuttle comparison includes the rocket fuselage, body flap, payload bay and doors, crew cabin, stage to stage	-9%	
attachment, and separation system.		
$M_{fuse} = 2.8279 \left( 0.682 + 0.272 \rho_{veh} / 9.55 + 0.046 (\rho_{veh} / 9.55)^2 \right) A_{body}$ Airbreather smeared fuse		
$M_{fuse} = (2.0833A_{body}^{1.075}) + \begin{bmatrix} 0.000011689(T_{sls}N_{eng}b_{body})^{0.9846} \\ + 5.02(S_{base} - A_{exit}) \end{bmatrix}$ Rocket smeared fuse		
Integral tanks are included in the body area for these equations.		
$M_{non-integral-tanks} = 1.68 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} (2.44 - 0.007702\rho)V^{(0.8548 + 0.0003189\rho)} \\ V^{(0.8548 + 0.0003189\rho)} \\ V$		
Valid for all propellant types, includes slosh baffles, anti-vortex baffles, and are intended for use with pump fed engines in the horizontal mounting position.		
$M_{insulation\_nonintegral\_tank} = 0.2A_{tank}$ For non-integral tanks only		
$M_{bf} = 3.421S_{bf}$ Body flap mass		
$M_{plbay} = 0.5108S_{pl}$ Payload bay mass		

 $M_{pldoors} = 0.5623 S_{pldoors}$  Payload bay doors mass

 $M_{crew\_cabin} = 28.31V_{crew}^{0.6916}$  Crew cabin mass

 $M_{attach} = 0.00155 M_{land}$  State to stage attachment structure, for either booster or orbiter

 $M_{sep} = 0.0404 M_{insert}^{0.7728}$  Booster side of separation system

 $M_{sep} = 0.00989 M_{gross}^{0.9182}$  Orbiter side of separation system

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $A_{exit}$  – Total exit area of main engines

 $A_{tank}$  – Surface area of tank

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

*Isp* – Specific impulse of engines

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

M<sub>insert</sub> – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

R – fraction of total ascent propellant that is the propellant used in this tank

 $S_{base}$  – Surface area of base closeout

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{pl}$  – Surface area of payload bay, not including doors

 $S_{pldoors}$  – Surface area of payload bay doors

 $T_{sls}$  – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions

V – volume of propellant stored in tank

 $V_{crew}$  – Volume of crew cabin

 $\rho$  – density of propellant stored in tank

## 3.0 Body

$ ho_{veh}$ – Vehicle bulk density	

## 4.0 TPS

 $A_{acc}$  – Area of advanced carbon-carbon TPS

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $A_{body\_tps}$  – Wetted area of TPS on vehicle body

 $A_{exit}$  – Exit area of main engines

 $A_{ins}$  – Wetted area of vehicle covered by insulation

 $A_{ref}$  – reference aerodynamic area (front projected shadow area)

 $A_{sa\_standoff}$  – Area of superalloy standoff TPS

 $A_{sb}$  – exposed surface area of speed brakes

 $A_{ti\_standoff}$  – Area of titanium standoff TPS

 $A_{tvs}$  – Wetted area of vehicle covered by TPS

 $C_L$  – Average coefficient of lift from orbit to Mach 10

 $D_{nose}$  – Diameter of base of nosecone

 $H_{le}$  – Height of leading edge

 $L_{cowl\_le}$  – Length of cowl leading edge

 $L_{le}$  – Length of leading edges (wing and nose if applicable)

 $L_{wing\_le}$  – Length of wing leading edge

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of vehicle body

 $S_{exp}$  – Planform area of exposed wing

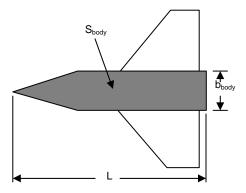
 $S_f$  – Surface area of fuel tanks

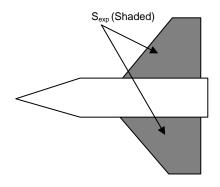
S<sub>mono tank</sub> – Surface area of monopropellant tank

 $S_{ox}$  – Surface area of oxidizer tanks

 $S_{tps}$  – Planform area covered by TPS

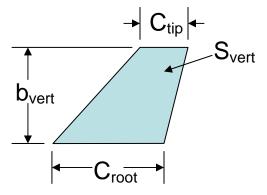
 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins





 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine  $V_{crew}$  – Volume of crew cabin

 $\psi_{le}$  – Leading edge angle (? Sweep or angle of airfoil nose)



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Materials.	
Shuttle comparison uses $C_1 = 0.65$ and $K_{flow} = 0.556$ .	0%
$M_{tps} = K_r \left(\frac{1}{K_t}\right)^{0.302} \left(\frac{M_{entry}}{\left(S_{body} + S_{exp}\right)C_L}\right)^{K_{flow}} \left(A_{body} + 2S_{exp}\right) $ Rocket vehicle, lifting re-entry.	
$K_r = 0.140 - \text{RSI}$ (shuttle technology) – material/config. constant	
= 0.110 – RSI Advanced	
= 0.145 - metallic	
$K_t = 0.100$ – aluminum skin/stringer – equivalent thermal thickness of backup structure (in.)	
= 0.085 - titanium	
= 0.115 – graphite epoxy	
$K_{flow}$ – Flow constant in the range below.	
= 0.5 – Pure laminar flow	
= 0.8 – Pure turbulent flow	
$A_{body}$ – surface area of vehicle body	
$C_L$ – Average coefficient of lift from orbit to Mach 10	
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	
$S_{body}$ – Planform area of vehicle body	
$S_{exp}$ – Planform area of exposed wing	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: Material technology.	
$M_{active\_cooling} = 150 + 2.70 L_{cowl\_le} + 2.70 L_{wing\_le} + 3.50 A_{exit}$ Based on 5deg. Cone for heat rates (Wilhite) Includes nosecap (150 lbs.), wing leading edges, cowl leading edges, and cooled engine exit are. Primarily intended for airbreather.	N/A Different technology
$M_{acc} = 2.0 A_{acc}$ Advanced carbon/carbon, based on advanced NASP TPS, Shideler. For T>1800F Typically used on wing, body, and cowl windward sides.	
$M_{sa\_s  an doff} = 1.06 A_{sa\_s  an doff}$ Superalloy standoff, based on advanced metallic NASP, Shideler. For T>1200F	
$M_{ti\_s \tan doff} = 0.508 A_{ti\_s \tan doff}$	
Titanium standoff, based on advanced metallic NASP, Shideler. For T<1200F $A_{acc}$ – Area of advanced carbon-carbon TPS $A_{exit}$ – Exit area of main engines $A_{sa\_standoff}$ – Area of superalloy standoff TPS $A_{ti\_standoff}$ – Area of titanium standoff TPS $L_{cowl\_le}$ – Length of cowl leading edge $L_{wing\_le}$ – Length of wing leading edge	

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{tps} = 0.35 \left(\frac{M_{entry}}{S_{tps}}\right)^{0.5} A_{tps}$ Shuttle technology.	39%
$A_{tps}$ – Wetted area of vehicle covered by TPS $M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle $S_{tps}$ – Planform area covered by TPS	
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Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: Maximum airbreathing Mach number.	
$M_{tps} = K_{tps} A_{tps}$ TPS mass for an airbreathing booster stage using reusable metallic (inconel and columbium shingles) TPS, including 2% contingency.	N/A Different technology
$K_{tps} = 1.42$ – for maximum airbreathing Mach number of 8 = 1.54 – for maximum airbreathing Mach number of 12	
$M_{ins} = K_{ins}A_{ins}$	
Insulation mass for an airbreathing booster stage, including 2% contingency. $A_{ins}$ – surface area requiring insulation. $K_{ins}$ = 1.07 – for max airbreathing Mach number of 8  = 1.23 – for max airbreathing mach number of 12	
$A_{ins}$ – Wetted area of vehicle covered by insulation $A_{tps}$ – Wetted area of vehicle covered by TPS	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None. $M_{ins} = 1.51A_{body}$ Mass of external insulation on a lifting body second stage. No cover panels are used. $M_{crew\_ins} = 5.2V_{crew}^{0.6666}$ Insulation protecting the crew cabin. This reference recommends that the volume for the crew be calculated as: $V_{crew} = 60N_{crew} + 255$ $A_{body} - \text{surface area of vehicle body}$ $N_{crew} - \text{Number of crew}$ $V_{crew} - \text{Volume of crew cabin}$	-57% compared to all TPS  249% compared to insulation only

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle, ET, and Saturn launch vehicles.	Comparison
Options: None. Shuttle uses the first 7 equations listed.	2%
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$M_{tps\_fuse} = 1.366 A_{body}$ Fuselage TPS	
$M_{tps\_wing} = 2.845(2S_{exp}) $ Wing TPS	
$M_{tps\_vert} = 1.572(2S_{vert})$ Vertical control surface TPS	
$M_{tps\_bf} = 3.468(2S_{bf})$ Body flap TPS	
$M_{tps\_base} = 0.82 A_{ref} T_{vac} N_{eng} / 1e^6$ Base TPS	
For boosters $T_{\text{vac}}N_{\text{eng}}$ should be replaced with $T_{\text{sls}}$ .	
$M_{tps\_sb} = 1.366A_{sb}$ Speed brake TPS	
$M_{insulation} = 0.508 A_{body}$ Body insulation	
$M_{ox\_tan k\_ins} = 0.2574 S_{ox}$ Oxidizer tank insulation. For boosters only cryogenic oxidizer is insulated.	
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$M_{f_{-}\tan k_{-}ins} = 0.2361S_{f}$	
Fuel tank insulation. All cryogenic fuels are insulated. Non cryogenic fuels are not.	

 $M_{mono\_\tan k\_ins} = 0.2574S_{mono\_\tan k}$ 

Mono-propellant tank insulation. All cryogenic mono-propellants are insulated except on booster stages.

 $A_{ref}$  – reference aerodynamic area (front projected shadow area)

 $A_{sb}$  – exposed surface area of speed brakes

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $S_{exp}$  – Planform area of exposed wing

 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $S_{ox}$  – Surface area of oxidizer tanks

 $S_f$  – Surface area of fuel tanks

 $S_{mono\_tank}$  – Surface area of monopropellant tank

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: TPS technology.	
Shuttle comparison uses tiles, and blankets, not including wing leading edge, or nose cap RCC.	-16%
$M_{tps} = K_{tps} A_{body\_tps} R_{type} + K_{wtps} R_{type} \left( 2S_{exp} + 2S_{vert} + 2S_{bf} \right) + 0.2 A_{body\_tps}$ Including insulation.	
$R_{type}$ – Percentage of TPS area covered by the type of TPS used for $K_{tps}$	
$K_{tps}$ – Mass per area of chosen TPS type	
= 0.63 – body metallic TPS	
= 1.67 – body blanket TPS	
= 1.50 - body tile TPS	
= 2.25 – body HEX panel TPS (active cooling)	
$K_{wtps}$ – wing, body flap, tail, and control surface TPS mass per area	
= 1.59 – wing metallic TPS	
= 0.49 – wing blanket TPS	
= 1.50 - wing tile TPS	
$M_{nose} = \pi \left(\frac{D_{nose}}{2}\right)^{2} \left(0.0002499 q_{\text{max}} + 1.7008 + \left(0.00003695 q_{\text{max}} - 0.003252\right) D_{nose}\right)  \text{(source 10a) Body or TPS}$ For semispherical nose cap with passive TPS.	
$M_{sharp} = 280H_{le}^2 \tan(\psi_{le})L_{le}$	
For thin leading edges using the sharp TPS (density = $280 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ )	
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$M_{active} = L_{le} 5.75$	
For thin nose leading edge and wing and tail leading edges with active cooling.	

 $A_{body\_tps}$  – Wetted area of TPS on vehicle body

 $D_{nose}$  – Diameter of base of nosecone

 $H_{le}$  – Height of leading edge

 $L_{le}$  – Length of leading edges (wing and nose if applicable)

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{exp}$  – Planform area of exposed wing

 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins

 $\psi_{le}$  – Leading edge angle (? Sweep or angle of airfoil nose)

 $L_{mg}$  – Length of main landing gear

 $L_{ng}$  – Length of nose landing gear

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{land}$  = (number of gear)\*1.5 – ultimate landing load factor

 $N_{mgw}$  – Total number of wheels on main gear

 $N_{ngw}$  – Total number of wheels on nose gear

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Materials, and skids or wheels.	
	15%
$M_{ m lg} = K_{ m lg} M_{\it land}$	
$K_{lg} = 0.033$ – shuttle gear	
= 0.030 – advanced composite gear	
= 0.0255 – composite skid system with no brakes	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 2 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Same equation as above, but additionally the ratio of nose gear/main gear is $15\%/85\%$ $K_{lg} = 0.026$ – advanced landing gear	-9%

- 1	Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
	Same equation as above. $K_{lg} = 0.033 - \text{shuttle technology}$	15%

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{\rm lg} = 0.0357 M_{\rm gross}$	Horizontal
Gear weight for horizontal takeoff airbreathing booster vehicle	takeoff only
$M_{gross}$ – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	56%
$M_{\text{lg}} = (0.036 + 0.0061 + 0.002 + 0.0008) M_{land}$	
Landing gear for a second stage vehicle. Includes nose and main gear, gear bays, and attachment.	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Different gear styles.	
$M_{maingear} = K_{cb} K_{tpg} (M_{land} N_{land})^{0.25} L_{mg}^{0.973}$ $M_{noseeear} = (M_{land} N_{land})^{0.29} L_{no}^{0.5} N_{now}^{0.525}$	-44%
$K_{cb}$ = 2.25 – for cross beam (F-111) = 1.0 – all other gear $K_{tpg}$ = 0.826 – for tripod gear (A-7) = 1.0 – all other gear	
$N_{land}$ = (number of gear)*1.5 – ultimate landing load factor $L_{ng}$ – Length of nose landing gear $L_{mg}$ – Length of main landing gear $N_{ngw}$ – Total number of wheels on nose gear	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle and aircraft.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	8%
$M_{maingear} = 0.00927 M_{land}^{1.0861}$	
$M_{nosegear} = 0.001514 M_{land}^{1.0861}$	
For shuttle technology.	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Wing location.	
Used $M_{land}$ instead of $M_{glow}$ for comparison to Shuttle.	37%
$M_{\rm lg} = K_{\rm lg} \left[ K_a + K_b M_{glow}^{3/4} + K_c M_{glow} + K_d M_{glow}^{3/2} \right]$ Torenbeek method For USAF airplanes, coefficients for other civil planes with retractable gear.	
$K_{lg}$ = 1.0 – low wing planes = 1.08 – high wing planes $K_a$ = 40.0 – main, 20.0 – nose $K_b$ = 0.16 – main, 0.10 – nose $K_c$ = 0.019 – main, 0.00 – nose $K_d$ = 1.5e-5 – nose, 2.0e-6 – nose	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	100
Used $M_{glow}$ for comparison to Shuttle. Use of $M_{land}$ produced very low gear weight.	10%
$M_{\rm lg} = 62.61 \left(\frac{M_{glow}}{1000}\right)^{0.84}$ General Dynamics method	
For USAF airplanes, fighter/attack aircraft.	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass $M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Used  $M_{glow}$  for comparison to Shuttle. Use of  $M_{land}$  produced very low gear weight.

-17%

$$M_{\rm lg} = 129.1 \left(\frac{M_{glow}}{1000}\right)^{0.66}$$
 Torenbeek method

For USN airplanes, fighter/attack aircraft.

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

Reference: 8	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Skid or wheel gear.	
Method A	-2%
$M_{\rm lg} = 0.096 M_{\it land}^{0.9} K_{1}$	
$K_1 = 0.6$ – for skid gear	
= 1.0 - for wheeled gear ?	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
Method B	-41%
$M_{maingear} = \left[0.001 M_{land}^{0.75} \left(173 N_{mgw}^{0.14} K_1 + 35.2 L_{mg}^{0.44} K_2\right)\right] \left(1 + 0.06 K_3\right)$ Skid gear $-K_1 = 0.21, K_2 = 0.52, K_3 = 0.27$ ; wheeled gear $-K_1 = K_2 = K_3 = 1.0$	
$M_{nosegear} = \left[0.001M_{land}^{0.75} \left(18.9K_1 + 9.48L_{ng}^{0.44}K_2\right)\right] \left(1 + 0.08K_3\right)$ Skid gear $-K_1 = 1.59$ , $K_2 = 1.77$ , $K_3 = 0.063$ ; wheeled gear $-K_1 = K_2 = K_3 = 1.0$	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 9	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Development risk, number of wheels.	
For this reference use $M_{glow}$ even for vertical take-off vehicles. This was used for Shuttle comparison since using $M_{land}$	5%
produces very low weight gear.	
For comparison to Shuttle, <i>TRF</i> =1.0 for both main and nose gear.	
25	
$M_{main\_running\_gear} = 9.61 M_{glow} 0.001 N_{mgw}^{0.14}$	
$N_{mgw}$ – rule of thumb = $M_{glow}/50,000$	
$M_{main\_gear\_struct} = \left(3.1M_{land}  0.001 L_{mg}^{0.44}\right) TRF$	
$M_{main\_gear\_control} = 0.18 \left( M_{main\_running\_gear} + \frac{M_{main\_gear\_struct}}{TRF} \right)$ $TRF = 0.85 - \text{low development risk}$ $= 0.80 - \text{moderate to high development risk}$ $= 0.70 - \text{very high development risk}$	
$M_{nose\_running\_gear} = 1.25 M_{glow} 0.001$	
$M_{nose\_gear\_struct} = \left(0.5M_{land}  0.001L_{ng}^{0.44}\right)TRF$	
$M_{nose\_gear\_control} = 0.3 \left( M_{nose\_running\_gear} + \frac{M_{nose\_gear\_struct}}{TRF} \right)$	
TRF = 0.80 – advanced materials, all risk levels	

 $L_{mg}$  – Length of main landing gear  $L_{ng}$  – Length of nose landing gear  $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{mgw}$  – Total number of wheels on main gear

Reference: 10c Derived from: Aircraft from General Dynamics Study.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: TPS technology.	Comparison
$M_{nose\_gear} = 0.0033995M + 402$	19%
$M_{main\_gear} = 0.02366M + 1161$ The mass, $M$ , in these equations can be either the landing mass or the GLOW depending on whether the vehicle is vertical or horizontal take-off.	

 $A_{mixer}$  – is the cross sectional area of the mixer.

 $F_{ullage}$  – Ullage fraction (typically ~4 to 5%)

*Isp* – Specific impulse of engines

 $Isp_{sl}$  – Specific impulse of engine at sea level

 $\dot{m}$  – Total propellant mass flow rate (lbm/s)

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $P_c$  – Pressure of main engine combustion chamber

 $P_{tank}$  – Pressure of propellant tanks

 $R_{aox}$  – ascent oxidizer fraction

 $R_{eng}$  – engine thrust to weight at vacuum conditions, installed

 $R_{v lo}$  – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of vehicle body

 $T_{sls}$  – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions

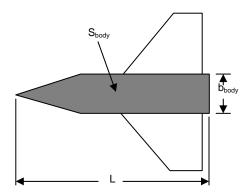
 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_f$  – Total fuel volume

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

 $V_{prop\ tot}$  – total volume of propellant carried.

 $\varepsilon_i$  – Expansion ratio of nozzle of engine number i



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Propellant type, and chamber pressure.	
	-15%
$M_{main\_prop} = \left[K_{ph} + K_{n}\left(\varepsilon_{1} - 1\right) + K_{ne} \frac{\left(\varepsilon_{2} - \varepsilon_{1}\right)}{P_{c}} + K_{na} \frac{\left(\varepsilon_{2}^{0.5} - 1\right)}{\left(\dot{m}P_{c}\right)^{0.5}} + K_{pf} + K_{ga}I_{sp}\right]N_{eng}\dot{m}$	
Rocket engine prediction only.	
Power head constants	
$K_{ph} = 5.34 - \text{LOX/LH2}, \text{Pc} = 3000 \text{psi}$	
= 5.18 – dual fuel engine, Pc = 3000psi	
= 2.48 – LOX/hydrocarbon staged combustion, Pc = 4000psi	
= 2.10 – LOX/hydrocarbon LH2 generator, Pc = 4000psi	
Nozzle constants	
$K_n = 0.01194 - LOX/LH2$	
= 0.00727 – LOX/hydrocarbon	
= 0.015 – EN 155 (dual fuel)	
Nozzle extension constants	
$K_{ne} = 9.943 - \text{LOX/LH2}$	
= 6.054 – LOX/hydrocarbon	
Nozzle extension actuator	
$K_{na} = 60.54 - \text{LOX/LH2}$	
= 36.86 – LOX/hydrocarbon	
Pressurization and feed system constants	

= 1.64 - current technology (1978) $K_{pf}$ 

= 1.40 – composite/metallic feedlines

Gimbal actuators

= 0.00129 – hydraulic system (assumed due to publish date)

 $\dot{m}$  – Total propellant mass flow rate (lbm/s)

*Isp* – Specific impulse of engines

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage  $P_c$  – Pressure of main engine combustion chamber

 $\varepsilon_i$  – Expansion ratio of nozzle of engine number i

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: Supercharging or not, supersonic combustion or not.	
Rocket based combined cycle engine mass. $M_{engines} = M_{glow} \frac{R_{v_{-}lo}}{R_{eng_{-}ui}}$ $R_{eng_{-}ui} = \text{Engine uninstalled thrust to weight}$ $= 3.99 \dot{m} + 114 A_{mixer}  \text{no inlet, no supercharging fan}$ $= 4.04 \dot{m} + 200.5 A_{mixer}  \text{no inlet, with supercharging fan}$ $M_{press_{-}feed} = 1.616 M_{glow} \frac{R_{v_{-}lo}}{Isp_{sl}}$ $M_{murge_{-}syst} = \left(0.05V_f + 0.075V_{ot}\right) \left(1 - TRF\right)  \text{for purging lines and tanks with He}$	N/A RBCC only
$A_{mixer}$ – is the cross sectional area of the mixer. $Isp_{sl}$ – Specific impulse of engine at sea level $M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass $R_{v\_lo}$ – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff $TRF = 0.6$ – AMLS (from Lepsch) $V_f$ – Total fuel volume $V_{ox}$ – Total oxidizer volume	

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-7%
$M_{main\_prop} = (0.0205T_{vac})N_{eng}$	
Equation for rocket engines	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	
$T_{vac}$ – Vacuum thrust per main engine	

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: Airbreathing engine type.	
$M_{engines} = M_{glow} \frac{R_{v_{-}lo}}{R_{eng_{-}ui}}$ For airbreathing booster vehicle using composite propulsion	N/A RBCC only
$R_{eng\ ui}$ – uninstalled engine thrust to weight	
= 160 – Air augmented rocket	
= 31.40 – Ejector ramjet, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 29.00 – Ejector scramjet, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
= 26.45 – Supercharged ejector ramjet, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 24.07 – Supercharged ejector scramjet, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
= 19.36 – RL, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 16.80 – SL, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
= 16.21 – RRL, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 13.95 – RSL, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
= 17.92 – SRL, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 14.80 – SSL, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
= 15.29 – RSRL, max internal pressure of 150 psia	
= 12.53 – RSSL, max internal pressure of 100 psia	
$M_{eng\_controls} = 0.0012T_{sls}$ Mass of engine control system	
$M_{fuel\_dist} = 0.004T_{sls}$ Mass of liquid hydrogen distribution, purge, and vent system	
$M_{ox\_dist} = 0.003T_{sls}$ Mass of liquid oxygen distribution, purge, and vent system	

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass  $R_{v\_lo}$  – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff  $T_{sls}$  – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{engines} = 0.0146T_{vac}N_{eng} + 300$ Mass of LOX/LH2 engines for a second stage vehicle.	-4% Uses ET volume
$M_{eng\_attach} = 0.00138T_{vac}N_{eng}$ Mass of engine attachment hardware.	
$M_{prop\_dist} = 0.445 S_{body}$ Mass of propellant distribution system for LOX/LH2	
$M_{press\_vent} = 0.0672V_{prop\_tot}$ Mass of pressurization and vent system for LOX/LH2	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	
$S_{body}$ – Planform area of vehicle body	
$T_{vac}$ – Vacuum thrust per main engine	
$V_{prop\_tot}$ – total volume of propellant carried.	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle, ET, and Saturn launch vehicles.	Comparison
Options: Feed system type.	
Shuttle comparison uses the LOX/LH2 engines and includes engine install, subsystems, TVC, feed ( $K_{feed}$ =2.197), purge (using volume of ET), and pressurization for pump fed engines.	-5%
$M_{engines} = \frac{T_{vac}N_{eng}}{\min(75:(5.11\ln(T_{vac}N_{eng}) + 4.2))}$ For rocket powered vehicles, LOX/LH2	
$M_{engines} = \frac{T_{vac}N_{eng}}{\min(104.4 : \max(20.3 : 26.04 \ln(T_{vac}N_{eng}) - 207))}$ For rocket powered vehicles using LOX/RP or N2O4/MMH propellants	
$M_{eng\_install} = 5.6e^{-4}T_{vac}N_{eng}$ Engine installation (bolts, connectors, etc)	
$M_{eng\_subsystem} = 5.6e^{-4}T_{vac}N_{eng}$ Engine subsystems.	
$M_{tvc} = 0.001185 T_{vac} N_{eng}$ Thrust vector control	
$M_{feed} = K_{feed} \dot{m} (1 + 0.04 * if (crossfeed, 1, 0))$ Propellant feed system	
$K_{feed}$ – Propellant feed system constant	
= 2.197 – Orbiter & ET configuration	
= 1.482 – Orbiter without propellant tanks	
= 0.715 – ET type tank only	

= 2.133 – Upper stage/orbiter with internal tanks

= 1.022 – Booster or monopropellant feed system (upper or lower stage)

 $M_{purge} = 0.053 V_{body}$  Purge system

 $M_{press} = 0.192\dot{m}$  Booster or US type configuration, cryo propellants, autogenous system, pump-fed engines

 $M_{press} = 50 + 0.192\dot{m} + \frac{F_{ullage}}{26} 0.18V_{prop\_tot}$  Storable stage, ambient stored He with heat exchange system.

$$M_{press} = K_{press} (1.3012 + 0.99 P_{tan k}) V_{prop\_tot}^{(0.8647 P_{tan ks}^{0.01645})}$$

 $K_{press}$  – pressure fed engine system constant

= 0.55 – pressure fed engine, cold N2/GH2

= 0.25 - pressure fed engine, hot N2/GH2

= 0.19 – pressure fed engine, gas generator system

 $F_{ullage}$  – Ullage fraction (typically ~4 to 5%)

 $\dot{m}$  – Total propellant mass flow rate (lbm/s)

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $P_{tank}$  – Pressure of propellant tanks

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $V_{body}$  – Volume of vehicle body

 $V_{prop\ tot}$  – total volume of propellant carried.

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{engines} = rac{T_{vac}N_{eng}}{R_{eng}}$	-34%
$M_{f\_dist} = 6.625 \left(\frac{T_{sls}}{Isp_{sl}}\right) (1 - R_{aox}) (1 + 0.04 * if (crossfeed, 1, 0))$ fuel distribution	
$M_{ox\_dist} = 6.625 \left(\frac{T_{sls}}{Isp_{sl}}\right) (R_{aox}) (1 + 0.04 * if (crossfeed,1,0))$ oxidizer distribution	
$M_{vppd} = 0.001366T_{sls} + 0.192 \left(\frac{T_{sls}}{Isp_{sl}}\right)$ Vehicle purge, pressurization, and dump system (source 10a)	
$Isp_{sl}$ – Specific impulse of engine at sea level $N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	
$R_{aox}$ – ascent oxidizer fraction	
R <sub>eng</sub> – engine thrust to weight at vacuum conditions, installed	
$T_{vac}$ – Vacuum thrust per main engine	
$T_{sls}$ – Total stage thrust at sea level static conditions	

L – Length of vehicle

 $M_{dry}$  – Dry mass of vehicle

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

M<sub>insert</sub> – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{pl}$  – Mass of payload

 $M_{rcs\_propellants}$  – Total mass of all RCS propellants

 $M_{resid}$  – Mass of residual propellants

 $N_{vt}$  – Number of vernier thrusters

 $P_{rcs\_press}$  – Pressure of rcs pressurization system tanks

 $P_{rcs\_tank}$  – Pressure of RCS tank

 $R_{vt}$  Vernier thruster thrust to weight

 $T_{req}$  – Required thrust from vernier thrusters for RCS system

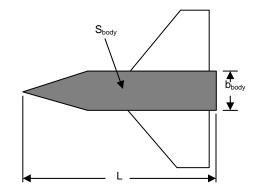
 $T_{req\_p}$  – Required thrust for primary thrusters

 $V_{rcs_f}$  – Volume of RCS fuel

 $V_{rcs\ ox}$  – Volume of RCS oxidizer

 $V_{rcs\_press}$  – Volume of He required as pressurant

 $V_{rcs\_tanks}$  – Volume of all RCS tanks



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Storable or cryogenic propellants.	
$M_{rcs} = K_{rcs} M_{entry} L$ $K_{rcs} = 1.36\text{e-}4 - \text{based on shuttle storable system}$ $= 1.51\text{e-}4 - \text{based on advanced cryogenic system}$ $M_{entry} - \text{Entry mass of vehicle}$	10%

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	690/
For shuttle comparison the larger thrusters (both front and rear) were considered primary, and the smaller were vernier. The actual thrust was used instead of the estimating equation provided.	-68%
Forward RCS	
$M_{rcs\_vt} = N_{vt} \frac{T_{req}}{R_{vt}}$	
Pressure fed LOX/LH2 from Rockwell IHOT study and AMLS	
$T_{req}$ - Required thrust from vernier thrusters = $\left[\frac{M_{entry}L50}{147141(143)}\right]$	
$N_{vt} = 15 - (3 \text{ in each direction plus forward})$ for forward RCS	
$M_{rcs_{tan k}} = 0.01295 P_{rcs_{tan k}} V_{rcs_{tan k}}$ Al 2219, yield at 140% Prcs_tank, 1.75 NOF, 5% ullage	
$M_{rcs\_press} = 0.0143 P_{rcs\_press} V_{rcs\_press} (1 - TRF) + 0.671 (V_{rcs\_ox} + V_{rcs\_f})$ Pressurization system Ti 6/4 tank, 3000psia, He, yield at 400% Prcs_press, 1.25 NOF, 400 R storage temp.	
11 0/4 tank, 5000psia, He, yield at 400% Fics_piess, 1.25 NOF, 400 K storage temp.	
$M_{rcs\_install} = 0.74 M_{rcs\_vt}$ Installation hardware, lines, manifolds, etc	
Aft RCS	
$M_{rcs\_vt} = N_{vt} \frac{T_{req}}{R_{vt}} + N_{primary} \frac{T_{req\_p}}{R_{primary}}$	

#### LOX/LH2 from Rockwell IHOT study and AMLS

$$T_{req}$$
 – Required thrust for vernier thrusters = 
$$\left[\frac{M_{entry}L50}{147141(143)}\right]$$

$$T_{req\_p}$$
 - Required thrust for primary thrusters =  $\left[\frac{M_{entry}L870}{147141(143)}\right]$ 

$$N_{vt} = 12$$
 for aft RCS

Propellant tanks, pressurization system, and lines & manifolds use the same equations as for the forward RCS list above.

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

 $N_{primary}$  – number of primary thrusters, recommended = 10

 $N_{vt}$  – number of verier thrusters

 $P_{rcs\_press}$  – Pressure of rcs pressurization system tanks, typically = 3000 psia for He

 $P_{rcs\_tank}$  – Pressure of RCS tank = 195 – for both LOX and LH2 tanks

 $R_{primary}$  – thrust to weight of primary thrusters = 39.5

 $R_{vt}$  – thrust to weight of vernier thrusters = 9.4

 $T_{req\_p}$  – required thrust for primary thrusters

 $T_{req}$  – Required thrust for RCS system

TRF – Techology reduction factor = 0.0 for baseline, = 0.25 – for composite wound tanks

 $V_{rcs\ ox}$  – Volume of RCS oxidizer

 $V_{rcs_f}$  – Volume of RCS fuel

 $V_{rcs\_press}$  – Volume of He required as pressurant= 0.24( $V_{rcs\_ox}$  +  $V_{rcs\_f}$ )

 $V_{rcs\ tanks}$  – Volume of all RCS tanks

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{rcs} = 0.014 M_{entry}$ Assumes shuttle technology	6%
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	1
$M_{rcs} = 0.0171 M_{land}$ Mass of attitude control system (includes OMS and RCS) for second stage.	20%
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 6 Derived from: Space Shuttle.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{rcs} = 0.0126 M_{insert}$ Assumes shuttle technology $M_{insert}$ – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass	8%

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{rcs} = 1184 \left[ \left( \left( M_{dry} + M_{pl} + M_{resid} \right) / 234948 \right)^{0.217} \left( \frac{L}{205} \right)^{0.434} \right]$ RCS system for airbreathing vehicle	
L – Length of vehicle	
$M_{dry}$ – Dry mass of vehicle	
$M_{pl}$ – Mass of payload	
$M_{resid}$ – Mass of residual propellants (group 20.0)	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: TPS technology.	
	13%
$M_{rcs} = 0.008 M_{insert} + 0.0046 M_{insert} \left( \frac{\sum M_{rcs\_propellants}}{6600} \right)$ RCS system for a rocket vehicle	
$M_{insert}$ – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass $M_{rcs\_propellants}$ – Total mass of all RCS propellants	

#### 8.0 OMS

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

*M*<sub>insert</sub> – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass

 $M_{oms\_prop}$  – Mass of all OMS propellants

 $N_{oms}$  – Number of OMS engines

 $P_{oms\ press}$  – Design pressure of OMS pressurization system tanks

 $P_{oms\_tank}$  – Design pressure of OMS propellant tank

 $R_{oms}$  – OMS engine thrust to weight

 $T_{oms\_vac}$  – Vacuum thrust of each OMS engine

 $T_{req\_oms}$  – Required thrust from OMS engines

 $V_{oms\ f}$  – Volume of OMS fuel

 $V_{oms\_ox}$  – Volume of OMS oxidizer

 $V_{oms\_press}$  – Volume of pressurant required

 $V_{oms\_tank}$  – Volume of OMS tank

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Storable or cryogenic propellants.	
	-15%
$M_{oms} = K_{oms}N_{oms}T_{oms\_vac} + K_{pps}M_{oms\_prop}$	
$K_{oms}$ – Orbital maneuver system thruster constant	
= 0.0863 – based on shuttle storable propellants	
= 0.035 – based on advanced cryogenic propellants/engine	
$K_{pps}$ – OMS propellant supply system	
= 0.119 – for storable propellants including pressurization	
= 0.152 – for cryogenic propellants including pressurization and feed	
$M_{oms\ prop}$ – Mass of all OMS propellants	
$N_{oms}$ – Number of OMS engines	
$T_{oms\ vac}$ – Vacuum thrust of each OMS engine	
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Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{oms\_eng} = \frac{T_{req\_oms}}{R_{oms}}$ $M_{oms\_tank} = 0.01295 P_{oms\_tank} V_{oms\_tank}  \text{Al 2219, yield at 140\% Prcs\_tank, 1.75 NOF, 5\% ullage}$ $M_{oms\_press} = 0.0143 P_{oms\_press} V_{oms\_press} (1 - TRF) + 0.167 (V_{oms\_ox} + V_{oms\_f})  \text{Pressurization system}$ $\text{Ti 6/4 tank, 3000psia, He, yield at 400\% Prcs\_press, 1.25 NOF, 400 R storage temp.}$ $M_{oms\_install} = 0.74 M_{oms\_eng}  \text{Installation hardware, lines, manifolds, etc}$ $R_{oms} - \text{OMS engine thrust to weight = 22}  \text{(includes mounts, supports, igniters, etc.)}$ $P_{oms\_press} - \text{Design pressure of OMS pressurization system tanks, typically = 3000 psia for He}$ $P_{oms\_tank} - \text{Design pressure of OMS propellant tank}$ $TRF - \text{Techology factor = 0.0 for baseline, = .25 - \text{for composite wound tanks}}$ $V_{oms\_f} - \text{Volume of OMS tiel}$ $V_{oms\_press} - \text{Volume of OMS oxidizer}$ $V_{oms\_press} - \text{Volume of OMS oxidizer}$ $V_{oms\_press} - \text{Volume of OMS tank}$ $T_{req\_oms} - \text{Required thrust from OMS engines} = M_{entry}/16  (1/16^{th} \text{ g accel/decal})$	Not intended for 7 ksi tank pressure used in shuttle

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{oms} = 0.0146 M_{entry}$	14%
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	

### 8.0 OMS

Reference: 6 Derived from: Space Shuttle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{oms} = 0.0121 M_{insert}$	7%
$M_{insert}$ – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-5%
$M_{oms} = 0.0045 M_{insert} + 0.0076 M_{insert} \left( \frac{\sum M_{oms\_prop}}{24175} \right)$ OMS for a rocket vehicle	
$M_{insert}$ – Insertion mass, sometimes called burnout mass	
$M_{oms\_prop}$ – Mass of all OMS propellants	

L – Length of vehicle

Mapu\_prop - mass of all APU propellants on board

 $M_{av}$  – Mass of avionics (group 13.0)

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{sca}$  – Mass of surface control & actuators (group 12.0)

 $N_{apu}$  – Number of APUs

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days on orbit

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_{fc}$  – number of fuel cells

 $P_{apu}$  – Power required per APU

 $P_{fc}$  – power required per fuel cell

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

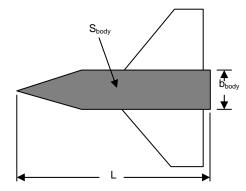
 $S_{exp}$  – Exposed wing planform area

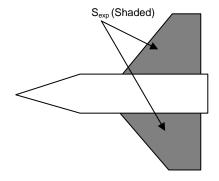
 $S_{tot\_cont}$  – Total planform area of all control surfaces

 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins

 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $T_{vac\_gimb}$  – Total vacuum thrust of gimbaled engines





Reference: 1 Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: Standard or accumulators.	
$M_{pp} = K_{pc}S_{tot\_cont} + K_{pe}T_{vac\_gimb} + K_{pb}M_{av}$	-18%
$K_{pc}$ = 0.712 – Standard hydraulic system = 0.610 – Hydraulic with accumulators for peak load $K_{pe}$ = 0.97e-4 – Engine gimbal power demand $K_{pb}$ = 0.405 – Battery power demand constant	
$S_{tot\_cont}$ – Total planform area of all control surfaces $T_{vac\_gimb}$ – Total vacuum thrust of gimbaled engines $M_{av}$ – Mass of avionics (group 13.0)	

Reference: 2 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{pp} = 396 + 176.9(N_{days} + 1) + 0.05166M_{sca}$ Based on NASP technology (Stanley). Assumes fuel cells are 396 lb. $M_{sca}$ – Mass of surface control & actuators (group 12.0) $N_{days}$ – Number of days on orbit	-36%

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options. Notic. $M_{pp} = 977 + 139.6N_{days} + 39.9N_{days}N_{crew}$ Includes fuel cells, batteries, and associated systems. $N_{days}$ – Number of days on orbit $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	32%

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-52%
$M_{pp} = 1400 + 0.0017 M_{glow}$ Primary power for airbreathing booster vehicle.	
Entire power system, including conversion and distribution?	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	1
$M_{apu} = 10N_{crew} + 831$ Mass of auxiliary power unit for manned second stage.	-57%
$M_{elec\_power} = 800$ Mass of other components, 12 people.	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-17%
$M_{batt} = 216 + 952 \frac{N_{days}}{7} * if(N_{crew} > 0,1,0)$ Battery mass, unmanned missions only	
Batteries in unmanned or manned?	
$M_{batt} = 216$ Battery mass for manned missions	
$M_{fuel\_cell} = 3030 \frac{N_{crew}}{7}$ Fuel cell mass for manned missions only	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew $N_{days}$ – Number of days on orbit	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{pp} = 227 \frac{L}{205} \frac{N_{apu}}{4} + 18.97 P_{apu}^{0.5} + \left(613.8 \frac{L}{205} + 0.66 P_{apu}\right) \frac{N_{apu}}{4}$ Power system for airbreather	
L – Length of vehicle	
$N_{apu}$ – Number of APUs	
$P_{apu}$ – Power required per APU	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alhpa Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
The following equations should be summed to get $M_{pp}$ for a rocket powered vehicle.	93%
$M_{batt} = \left(216 + 952 \frac{N_{days}}{7}\right) * if(N_{crew} > 0,1,0)$	
$M_{fuel\_cell} = 51.8N_{fc}P_{fc} + 0.76(52.143N_{crew}N_{days})$	
$M_{apu} = 0.118 \left( 0.00124 T_{vac} N_{eng} + 0.55 S_{exp} + 3.4 S_{vert} + 2.6 S_{bf} + 0.000485 M_{land}^{1.0861} \right) + 0.318 M_{apu\_prop}^{1.15}$	
$M_{apu\_prop}$ – mass of all APU propellants on board	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days on orbit	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	
$N_{fc}$ – number of fuel cells	
$P_{fc}$ – power required per fuel cell	
$S_{bf}$ – Planform area of body flap	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	
$T_{vac}$ – Vacuum thrust per main engine	

b – Wing span

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $H_{body}$  – Height of body

L – Length of vehicle

 $M_{dry}$  – Dry mass of vehicle

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{sca}$  – Mass of surface control & actuators (group 12.0)

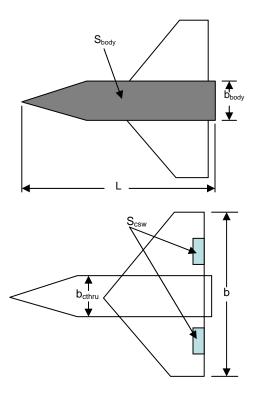
 $M_{pascent}$  – Mass of ascent propellants

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

 $N_{gen}$  – Number of power sources onboard

 $R_{kva}$  – System electrical rating = Kvolts \* Amps



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Advanced technology or Shuttle technology.	
	-20%
$M_{ecd} = K_{ecd} M_{land}$	
$K_{ecd} = 0.02 - \text{advanced ECD system}$	
= 0.038 – shuttle technology ECD system	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-65%
$M_{ecd} = 1875 + 0.324 M_{sca} + K_{ecd} 8.56 (L + H_{body} + b_{body}) + 0.00043 (L + b) M_{sca}$	
Assumes use of electro mechanical actuators for control surface actuation.	
$K_{ecd} = 0.6$ – shape factor for RBCC SSTO (low due to proximity of payload bay and crew cabin)	
b – Wing span	
$b_{body}$ – Maximum width of the body	
$H_{body}$ – height of body	
L – Length of vehicle	
$M_{sca}$ – Mass of surface control & actuators (group 12.0)	

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{ecd} = 0.062 M_{dry}$	-1%
$M_{dry}$ – Dry mass of vehicle	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
See notes under 11.0 (hydraulics) for this.	N/A

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Mission redundancy.	
	-91%
$M_{ecd} = 172.2 K_{ecd} R_{kva}^{0.152} N_{crew}^{0.1} L^{0.1} N_{gen}^{0.091}$	
$K_{ecd}$ = 1.45 – If mission completion required after failure = 1.0 – Otherwise	
L – Length of vehicle	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{gen}$ – Number of power sources onboard	
$R_{kva}$ – System electrical rating = Kvolts * Amps	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{ecd} = 793 + 506 \frac{M_{pascent}}{1.6e^{-6}} + 2226 \left(\frac{N_{days}}{7}\right) + 7633 \left(\frac{N_{crew}}{7}\right)$	2%
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew $N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

Reference: 10 Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing). Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{ecd} = 1201 \left( 0.90674 + 0.09326 \frac{L}{205} \right)$ For an airbreathing vehicle	N/A
L – Length of vehicle	

Reference: 10a Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{ecd} = 793 + 3.31L + 318N_{days} + 1096.4N_{crew}$ For a rocket powered vehicle	6%
$L$ – Length of vehicle $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew $N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $b_{exp}$  – Span of exposed wing (b-b<sub>body</sub> at wing root)

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_{hvd}$  – Number of hydraulic functions on the vehicle

 $q_{max}$  – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of vehicle body

 $S_{ref}$  – Theoretical wing planform area

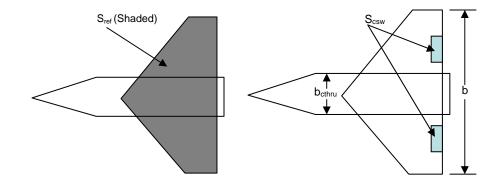
 $S_{tot\_cont}$  – Total planform area of all control surfaces

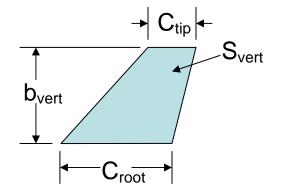
 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins

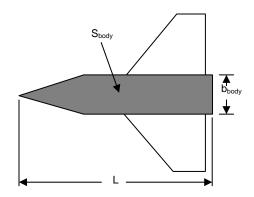
 $T_{vac}$  – Vacuum thrust per main engine

 $T_{vac\_gimb}$  – Total vacuum thrust of gimbaled engines

 $\theta_{le}$  – Sweep angle of leading edge







Reference: 1 Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle. Options: System pressure.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{hyd} = K_{hyd} S_{tot\_cont} + K_e T_{vac\_gimb}$ $K_{hyd} = 2.10 - \text{Shuttle technology base for hydraulic system}$ $= 1.23 - \text{For a 5000 psi system}$ $K_e = 3.00e-4 - \text{Shuttle gimbal technology}$ $= 1.68e-4 - \text{For a 5000 psi gimbal system}$ $S_{tot\_cont} - \text{Total planform area of all control surfaces}$ $T_{vac\_gimb} - \text{Total vacuum thrust of gimbaled engines}$	-2%

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{hyd} = 15.8 \frac{M_{land}}{S_{body}}$ For a lifting body rocket powered second stage.	
This was originally listed as support systems, and likely includes electrical conversion and distribution since the MBS it was included in did not have that as a separate item.	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle $S_{body}$ – Planform area of vehicle body	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Variable or fixed sweep wings.	
$M_{hyd} = 37.23 K_{vsh} N_{hyd}^{0.664}$	-87%
$K_{vsh}$ = 1.425 – for variable sweep wings = 1.0 – for fixed wings	
$N_{hyd}$ – Number of hydraulic functions on the vehicle	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Power curve from Sigma (JSC study) adjusted to Space Shuttle.  Options: None.	Comparison
•	714%
$M_{hyd} = 0.426 \left[ \left( S_{ref} + S_{vert} + S_{bf} \right) \frac{q_{\text{max}}}{1000} \right]^{1.1143} + 0.001785 T_{vac} N_{eng}$	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage $q_{max}$ – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	
$S_{bf}$ – Planform area of body flap $S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	
$T_{vac}$ – Vacuum thrust per main engine	

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Hydraulic constant.	
For the Space Shuttle comparison $K_{hyd} = 0.0068$	0%
$M_{hyd} = K_{hyd} M_{glow}$	
$K_{hyd} = 0.005 \text{-} 0.0180$	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	455%
$M_{hyd} = 0.326 \left[ \left( q_{\text{max}} S_{ref} / 1000 \right)^{1.3125} + \left( L + \frac{\left( b_{\text{exp}} + b_{body} \right)}{\cos(\theta_{le})} \right)^{1.6125} \right]^{0.849}$ For rocket powered vehicles	
$b_{body}$ – Maximum width of the body	
$b_{exp}$ – Span of exposed wing (b-b <sub>body</sub> at wing root)	
$q_{max}$ – Maximum dynamic pressure during flight (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	
$S_{ref}$ – Theoretical wing planform area	
$\theta_{le}$ – Sweep angle of leading edge	

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{cs}$  – Number of flight control systems (redundancy)

 $R_{elevon}$  – Percent of wing that is elevon area

 $R_{vert}$  – Percent of vertical surfaces that are control surface

 $S_{bf}$  – Planform area of body flap

 $S_{body}$  – Planform area of the body

 $S_{canard}$  – canard planform area

 $S_{csw}$  – Planform of wing mounted control surfaces

 $S_{exp}$  – Exposed wing planform area

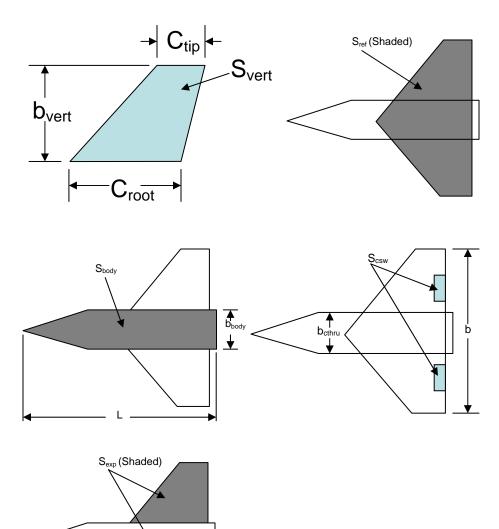
 $S_{htail}$  – horizontal tail planform area

 $S_{ref}$  – Theoretical wing planform area

 $S_{sb}$  – speed brake planform area

S<sub>tot cont</sub> – Total planform area of all control surfaces

 $S_{vert}$  – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: System pressure.	
	-8%
$M_{sca} = K_{sca}S_{tot\_cont} + K_{ms}$ based on hydraulic system from the Space Shuttle	
$K_{sca} = 3.75$ – for shuttle surface control and actuation technology	
= 3.80 – for 5000 psi system	
= 3.32 – for 5000 psi system using advanced materials	
$K_{ms} = 200$ – additional miscellaneous systems	
$S_{tot\_cont}$ – Total planform area of all control surfaces	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{sca} = 0.0163R_{elevon}M_{entry} + 0.00428R_{vert}M_{entry}$ Assumes EMA technology	-58% different technology than shuttle
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	
$R_{elevon}$ – Percent of wing that is elevon area = $\frac{S_{csw}}{S_{exp}}$	
$R_{vert}$ – Percent of vertical surfaces that are control surface = $\frac{S_{rud}}{S_{vert}}$	
$S_{csw}$ – Planform of wing mounted control surfaces	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{sca} = 0.0048 M_{entry}$ Assumes EMA technology	-59% different technology
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	than shuttle

Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	51%
$M_{sca} = 640 + 0.013 M_{glow}$	
Control and actuation mass for airbreathing booster vehicle. May include hydraulics, though source is not clear on this.	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{sca} = 28 \frac{M_{land}}{S_{body}}$ Control system and actuation mass for a lifting body upper stage.	-32%
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle $S_{body}$ – Planform area of the body	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{sca} = 36.28 M_{cont}^{0.003} S_{tot\_cont}^{0.489} N_{cs}^{0.484} N_{crew}^{0.127}$ $N_{cs} - \text{Number of flight control systems (redundancy)}$ $S_{tot\_cont} - \text{Total planform area of all control surfaces}$ $N_{crew} - \text{Number of crew}$	-44%

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Boeing equation adjusted to Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	29%
$M_{sca} = 0.55(S_{ref} + S_{htail} + S_{canard}) + 3.4S_{vert} + 2.6(S_{bf} + S_{sb}) + 70$	
$S_{bf}$ – Planform area of body flap	
$S_{canard}$ – canard planform area	
$S_{htail}$ – horizontal tail planform area	
$S_{ref}$ – Theoretical wing planform area	
$S_{sb}$ – speed brake planform area	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: Control surface configuration.	
	-1%
$M_{sca} = K_{fcf} \left(\frac{M_{glow}}{1000}\right)^{0.581}$	
$K_{fcf}$ = 106 – for airplanes with elevon control, and no horizontal tail = 138 – for airplanes with a horizontal tail = 168 – for airplanes with a variable sweep wing	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass of vehicle	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	4%
$M_{sca} = (0.55S_{exp} + 30) + (3.4S_{vert} + 30) + (2.6S_{bf} + 10)$ For rocket powered vehicles	
wing vert. tail body flap	
$S_{bf}$ – Planform area of body flap	
$S_{exp}$ – Exposed wing planform area	
$S_{vert}$ – Total planform area of vertical tail or wingtip fins	

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $M_{dry}$  – Dry mass of vehicle

 $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

 $N_{pil}$  – number of pilots

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: 1978 or 1990 technology.	
$M_{av} = K_{av} M_{dry}^{0.125}$ $K_{av} = 1350 - \text{for current technology (~1978)}$	-7%
$= 710 - \text{for } 1990 \text{ technology}$ $M_{dry} - \text{Dry mass of vehicle}$	

Reference: 2 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{av} = 3300$ Constant based on NASP technology AMLS SSTO	-50% not shuttle technology

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{av} = 6564$ Constant based on Space Shuttle avionics mass	0%

Reference: 4a Derived from: Airbreathing booster. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{av} = 670 + 440 + 240$ Includes 670 lbs for instruments, 440 lbs for guidance and navigation, and 240 lbs for communication. For an airbreathing booster vehicle.	-79%

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Compared to Space Shuttle avionics mass less instruments and displays.	-85%
$M_{av} = 261 + 302$	
Includes 261 lbs. for guidance and navigation, and 302 lbs. for communications. No instruments.	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Data from EHLLV, Shuttle C studies, and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-2%
$M_{av} = 544 + 1067 \frac{N_{days}}{7} + 3027 \frac{N_{crew}}{7} + 0.27 A_{body}$	
Includes range safety weight.	
$A_{body}$ – surface area of vehicle body	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

Reference: 7	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Compared to only the instruments and displays for the space shuttle.	23%
	only
$M_{inst} = N_{pil} \left[ 15 + 0.032 \left( \frac{M_{glow}}{1000} \right) \right] + N_{eng} \left[ 5 + 0.006 \left( \frac{M_{glow}}{1000} \right) \right] + 0.15 \left( \frac{M_{glow}}{1000} \right) + 0.012 M_{glow}$	instruments and displays
Mass for instruments and displays only.	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	
$N_{pil}$ – number of pilots	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-2%
$M_{av} = 544 + 1067 * if (N_{days} > 0.1,1,0) + 3012 * if (N_{crew} > 0,1,0) + 0.27 A_{body}$ For rocket vehicle	
$A_{body}$ – surface area of vehicle body	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

 $b_{body}$  – Maximum width of the body

 $H_{body}$  – Height of body

L – Length of vehicle

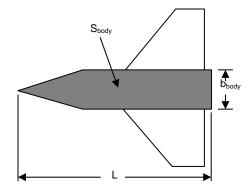
 $M_{av}$  – Mass of avionics (group 13.0)

 $M_{ecd}$  – Mass of electronic conversion & distribution (group 10.0)

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

 $V_{crew}$  – Volume of crew cabin



Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	5%
$M_{eclss} = K_{pv}V_{crew}^{0.75} + K_{os}N_{crew}N_{days} + K_{ah}M_{av}$	
$K_{pv} = 5.85$ – pressurized volume constant	
$K_{os} = 10.9$ – oxygen supply tank constant	
$K_{ah} = 0.44$ – avionics heat load constant	
$M_{av}$ – Mass of avionics (group 13.0)	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	
$V_{crew}$ – Volume of crew cabin	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-60%
$M_{eclss} = 141 + 729 + K_{htl} 6.79(L + b_{body} + H_{body}) + 512 + 163$	
$K_{htl} = 0.6$ – Shape factor for RBCC SSTO (Payload bay close to crew cabin with radiators in payload bay doors).	
This equation is composed of:	
141 lb – personnel systems	
729 lb – equipment cooling system	
512 lb – radiators	
163 lb – flash evaporators	
All masses are based on AMLS SSTO study by Stanley	
$b_{body}$ – Maximum width of the body	
$H_{body}$ – Height of body	
L – Length of vehicle	

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	0%
$M_{eclss} = 2652 + 54.1N_{crew}N_{days}$	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

Reference: 4a Derived from: Airbreathing booster. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{eclss} = 550$ Constant mass for environmental control. System is designed for a booster, so is for short duration and small crew to pilot the vehicle only.	N/A Short duration only

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-89%
$M_{eclss} = 464 + 20N_{crew}$	
Mass of environmental control system.	
Maybe add long term facilities	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Shuttle comparison to the cooling system mass only.	1%
$M_{cooling} = 32.24 (N_{crew} N_{days})^{1.18}$ Cooling system mass only $N_{crew} - \text{Number of crew}$ $N_{days} - \text{Number of days spent on orbit}$	

Reference: 10a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Alpha Technologies, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	53%
For rocket powered vehicles.	
$M_{eclss} = (0.3M_{av} + 0.15M_{ecd}) + (1410*if(N_{crew} > 0,1,0)) + (870*if(N_{crew} > 0,1,0)) + 15.4[N_{crew}(N_{days} + 3)]^{1.18}$	
Equipment cooling Crew controls Crew displays Crew Env. Cooling	
For airbreathing vehicles.	
$M_{eclss} = 1235 \left\{ 1 + 0.27 \left( \frac{L}{205} - 1 \right) + 0.069 \left[ \left( \frac{L}{205} \right)^3 - 1 \right] \right\}$	
$M_{av}$ – Mass of avionics (group 13.0)	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	
$M_{ecd}$ – Mass of electronic conversion & distribution (group 10.0)	

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew  $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Mission duration.	
	-17%
$M_{pe} = K_{fww} + K_{fum} N_{crew}$	
$K_{fww}$ – food, waste, and water management system: for 1 to 4 crew = 0 – for missions less than 24 hours	
= 353 – for missions greater than 24 hours	
$K_{furn}$ – seats and other pilot/crew related items = 167	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-15%
$M_{pe} = 502 + 150 N_{crew}$	
Based on NASP technology AMLS (Stanley)	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 3 Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{pe} = 555 + 164 N_{crew}$	-7%
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{pe} = 52N_{crew}$ Mass of cabin furnishings.	-80%
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 5	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Compared only to space shuttle personnel accommodations and furnishings and equipment.	34%
$M_{furn} = 217.6N_{crew}$ Furnishings and seats only, no galley or water or waste management $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
For space shuttle comparison the mass of the personnel group was added to the mass of the personnel equipment.	38%
$M_{pe} = 2444 \frac{N_{crew}}{7} + 645N_{crew} + 86.4N_{days}$ Includes personnel in addition to personnel equipment. $N_{crew}$ – Number of crew $N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

 $M_{dry}$  – Dry mass of vehicle

 $M_{eng}$  – Mass of a single main engine  $M_i$  – Total mass of group i in MBS

 $N_{eng}$  – Number of main engines on stage

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \left( M_{dry} - N_{eng} M_{eng} \right)$	
$K_{margin} = 0.10$	
$M_{dry}$ – Dry mass of vehicle	
$M_{eng}$ – Mass of a single main engine	
$N_{eng}$ – Number of main engines on stage	

Reference: 2 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=1.0}^{15.0} M_i$	N/A
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Recommends $K_{margin} = 10\%$ margin	

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=1.0}^{15.0} M_{i}$	
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Recommends $K_{margin} = 15\%$ margin	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=1.0}^{15.0} M_{i}$	
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Recommends $K_{margin} = 3\%$ margin	

Reference: 6	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Data developed by Program Development PD24 (80-22).	Comparison
Options: None.	
	N/A
15.0	
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=10}^{15.50} M_i$	
i=1.0	
V Marsin representate	
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
M. Total mass of group;	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Pacammandad margin based on dayalanmant status: V =	
Recommended margin based on development status: $K_{margin} = 0.00$	
0% - masses based on existing structures, hardware, engines, which require no modification	
5% - masses based on existing structures, hardware, engines, which require some modification	
10% - masses based on new designs which use existing type materials and subsystems	
15% - masses based on new designs which use existing type materials and subsystems which require limited	
development in materials technology	
20%-25% - weights based on new designs which require extensive development in materials technology	

Reference: 10 Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	27//
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=1.0}^{15.0} M_{i}$	N/A
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Recommends $K_{margin} = 15\%$ margin	

Reference: 11	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Program data from space hardware.	Comparison
15.0	N/A
$M_{m \arg in} = K_{m \arg in} \sum_{i=1.0}^{15.0} M_i$	
$K_{margin}$ – Margin percentage	
$M_i$ – Total mass of group i	
Hawkins shows that historically dry weight growth from proposal to first flight is 25.5%.	

Reference: 12	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA space programs.	Comparison
Talay shows a 30% historical increase in vehicle weight from first concept documentation to time of proposal. The following chart also shows dry weight growth for NASA programs only.	N/A
NASA SPACECRAFT WEIGHT GROWTH	
60 - Skylab workshop	
50 Apollo command module	
Dry 40 - Skylab spacecraft	
weight growth, 30 Mercury reentry module	
percent 20 Apollo lunar module ascent stage	
Gemini reentry module & spacecraft	
0 20 40 60 80 100 Program completion, percent	
Chart showing dry weight growth of NASA space vehicle programs from [ref. 12].	

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew  $N_{days}$  – Number of days spent on orbit

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	18%
$M_{cg} = 400 + 560 N_{crew}$	
$N_{crew}$ is limited to between 1 and 4 people.	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 2 and 3	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	23%
$M_{cg} = 1176 + (311 + 23N_{days})N_{crew}$	
Includes crew consumables (food), personal items, crew, and suits (Talay)	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

Reference: 4a Derived from: Airbreathing booster. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{cg} = 650$	N/A
Constant mass, for a small crew to pilot a booster stage.	

Reference: 4b Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{cg} = (220 + 35.5)N_{crew}$	-51%
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

Reference: 6 Derived from: Space Shuttle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Equations under group 15.0 includes crew.	N/A

	Space Shuttle
	Comparison
Options: None.	
	109%
$M_{cg} = 2550 * if (N_{crew} > 0,1,0) + 645N_{crew} + 77.6N_{days}$	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	
$N_{days}$ – Number of days spent on orbit	

# **18.0 Payload Provisions**

 $M_{pl}$  – Mass of payload

# 18.0 Payload Provisions

Reference: 2 and 3 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{payp} = 0.0$ Mass of provisions included in payload mass.	N/A

# 18.0 Payload Provisions

Reference: 6 Derived from: Space Shuttle. Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{payp} = 0.025M_{pl}$	431%
$M_{pl}$ – Mass of payload	

# 19.0 Cargo (up and down)

Reference: All	Space Shuttle Comparison
Fixed value based on mission.  For worst case the payload must be assumed to be returned for sizing re-entry and landing loads.	N/A

 $V_{ox}$  – Total oxidizer volume

 $M_{main\_usable\_prop}$  — Usable main propellant, typically  $M_{pascent}$   $M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$  — Usable OMS and RCS system propellants  $M_{pascent}$  — Mass of ascent propellants (group 27.0)  $M_{tot\_fuel}$  — Mass of all fuel on stage  $M_{tot\_ox}$  — Mass of all oxidizer on stage  $V_f$  — Total fuel volume

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-98%
$M_{resid} = 0.05 M_{pascent}^{0.79}$	Orbiter
Includes main propellant tank pressurization gas.	-15%
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	ET

Reference: 2 and 3	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Shuttle comparison only uses equation for OMS/RCS residuals.	-37%
	Orbiter
$M_{oms/rcs\_resid} = 0.05 M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$	OMS/RCS
M = 0.005M	70%
$M_{mainprop\_resid} = 0.005 M_{main\_usable\_prop}$	ET
$M_{main\_usable\_prop}$ – Usable main propellant, typically $M_{pascent}$	
$M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$ – Usable OMS and RCS system propellants	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	
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Reference: 4a	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Airbreathing booster.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	816%
$M_{ox\_resid} = 0.027 M_{tot\_ox}$ Residual liquid oxygen for an airbreathing booster vehicle	ET
$M_{f\_resid} = 0.027 M_{tot\_fuel}$ Residual liquid hydrogen for an airbreathing booster vehicle	
$M_{tot\_fuel}$ – Mass of all fuel on stage	
$M_{tot\_ox}$ – Mass of all oxidizer on stage	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	195%
$M_{ox\_resid} = 0.005 M_{tot\_ox}$ Residual liquid oxygen for a rocket second stage	ET
$M_{f\_resid} = 0.03 M_{tot\_fuel}$ Residual liquid hydrogen for a rocket second stage	
$M_{tot\_fuel}$ – Mass of all fuel on stage	
$M_{tot\_ox}$ – Mass of all oxidizer on stage	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
Shuttle comparison only uses equation for OMS/RCS residuals.	-37%
	Orbiter
$M_{oms/rcs\_resid} = 0.05M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$	
ons/res_resid ons/res_asable_prop	18%
(0.00529V_)	ET
$M_{resid\_ascent\_fuel} = 4 \frac{(0.00327V_f)}{-1}$	
$M_{resid\_ascent\_fuel} = 4 \frac{\left(0.00529V_f\right)}{K_{f\_package}}$	
$(0.11V_{\rm cr})$	
$M_{resid\_ascent\_ox} = 2 \frac{(0.11V_{ox})}{K_{ox\_package}}$	
ox_package	
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$K_{f\_package}$ – Fuel tank internal packaging efficiency, takes into account baffles, spars, etc	
$K_{ox\_package}$ – Oxidizer tank internal packaging efficiency, takes into account baffles, spars, etc	
M Uachla OMC and DCC system manuflants	
M <sub>oms/rcs_usable_prop</sub> – Usable OMS and RCS system propellants	
$V_f$ – Total fuel volume	
$V_{ox}$ – Total oxidizer volume	

g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth

*Isp<sub>oms</sub>* – Specific impulse of OMS engines

 $Isp_{rcs}$  – Specific impulse of RCS engines

 $M_{land}$  – Landed mass of vehicle

 $M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$  – Usable OMS and RCS system propellants

 $M_{pascent}$  – Mass of ascent propellants

 $\Delta V_{oms}$  – Total velocity change possible using OMS engines (fps)

 $\Delta V_{rcs}$  – Total velocity change possible using RCS engines (fps)

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
For shuttle comparison maximum $\Delta V$ was calculated from the maximum usable propellants available. For OMS $\Delta V = 700$ fps, RCS $\Delta V = 200$ fps. $M_{oms/rcs\_res} = M_{land} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{0.005 \Delta V_{oms}}{lsp_{oms}g} \right)} + e^{\left( \frac{0.005 \Delta V_{rcs}}{lsp_{rcs}g} \right)} - 2 \right]$	-94% OMS/RCS residual only
g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth	
<i>Isp<sub>oms</sub></i> – Specific impulse of OMS engines	
$Isp_{rcs}$ – Specific impulse of RCS engines	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
$\Delta V_{oms}$ – Total velocity change possible using OMS engines (fps)	
$\Delta V_{rcs}$ – Total velocity change possible using RCS engines (fps)	

Reference: 2 and 3  Derived for Airbreathing harizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a realization	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket.  Options: None.	Comparison
Options. I tolic.	43%
$M_{oms/rcs\_res} = 0.1 M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$	
$M_{oms/rcs\_usable\_prop}$ – Usable OMS and RCS system propellants	

Reference: 10 Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing). Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{oms/rcs\_res} = 0.0075 M_{pascent}$ $M_{pascent} - \text{Mass of ascent propellants}$	-98% Using ascent propellant in shuttle only
	595% Using ascent propellant in ET

# **22.0 RCS Entry Propellants**

g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth  $Isp_{rcs}$  – Specific impulse of RCS engines  $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle  $\Delta V_{rcs\_entry}$  – entry velocity change required

# 22.0 RCS Entry Propellants

Reference: 1, 2, and 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Physics based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$\boldsymbol{M}_{rcs\_entry} = \boldsymbol{M}_{entry} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{\Delta V_{rcs\_entry}}{Isp_{rcs}g} \right)} - 1 \right]$	8%
g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth	
$Isp_{rcs}$ – Specific impulse of RCS engines	
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	
$\Delta V_{rcs\_entry}$ – entry velocity change required (Shuttle = 40 fps)	

# 22.0 RCS Entry Propellants

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-16%
$M_{rcs\_entry} = 0.00336M_{entry}$	
Assumes approximately 40 fps of $\Delta V$ .	
M <sub>entry</sub> – Entry mass of vehicle	

g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth

*Isp<sub>oms</sub>* – Specific impulse of OMS engines

 $Isp_{rcs}$  – Specific impulse of RCS engines

 $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

*M*<sub>land</sub> – Landed mass of vehicle

 $N_{crew}$  – Number of crew

 $\Delta V_{oms}$  – Total velocity change possible using OMS engines (fps)

 $\Delta V_{rcs}$  – Total velocity change possible using RCS engines (fps)

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Physics based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
For shuttle comparison maximum $\Delta V$ was calculated from the maximum usable propellants available. For OMS $\Delta V =$	-4%
700 fps, RCS $\Delta V = 200$ fps.	Using actual
	shuttle Isp and
$M_{oms/rcs\_orbit} = M_{entry} \left[ e^{\left(\frac{\Delta V_{oms}}{Isp_{oms}g}\right)} + e^{\left(\frac{\Delta V_{rcs}}{Isp_{rcs}g}\right)} - 2 \right]$	ΔV
Isp <sub>oms</sub> – OMS propulsion specific impulse	
= 313s - storable	
= 440s – cryogenic	
$Isp_{rcs}$ – RCS propulsion specific impulse	
= 289s – storable pulsing system	
= 398s – cryogenic pulsing system	
g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth	
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	
$\Delta V_{oms}$ – Total velocity change possible using OMS engines (fps)	
$\Delta V_{rcs}$ – Total velocity change possible using RCS engines (fps)	

Reference: 2, 3, and 10	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Physics based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
For shuttle comparison maximum $\Delta V$ was calculated from the maximum usable propellants available.	-4%
For OMS $\Delta V = 700$ fps, RCS $\Delta V = 200$ fps.	Using actual
	shuttle Isp and
$M_{oms\_orbit} = M_{entry} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{\Delta V_{oms}}{Isp_{oms}g} \right)} - 1 \right]$	$\Delta V$
$M_{rcs\_orbit} = M_{entry} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{\Delta V_{rcs}}{Isp_{rcs}g} \right)} - 1 \right]$	
$\Delta V_{rcs}$ – Typically 15 fps for front RCS, and 35 fps for aft RCS	
$\Delta V_{oms}$ – Typically 500-800 fps for ascent, 50 fps for on orbit maneuvers, and 200 fps de-orbit	
$Isp_{rcs} = 420s - LOX/LH2$ pressure fed thrusters based on Rockwell IHOT work, O/F=4.0.	
$Isp_{oms} = 462s - LOX/LH2$ pump fed engines based on Rockwell IHOT work, O/F=6.0.	
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$g$ – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth $Isp_{oms}$ – Specific impulse of OMS engines	
$Isp_{rcs}$ – Specific impulse of RCS engines	
$M_{entry}$ - Entry mass of vehicle	
$\Delta V_{oms}$ – Total velocity change possible using OMS engines (fps)	
$\Delta V_{rcs}$ – Total velocity change possible using RCS engines (fps)	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-76%
$M_{rcs\_prop} = 0.0215M_{land}$	
All RCS propellant, including entry, for a rocket powered lifting body second stage.	
$M_{apu\_prop} = 543 + 30N_{crew}$	
Propellant required for APU while on orbit.	
$M_{land}$ – Landed mass of vehicle	
$N_{crew}$ – Number of crew	

# 24.0 Cargo Discharged

Reference: All	Space Shuttle Comparison
Constant value dependent on the mission.  Mass of payload carried to orbit, and not back to Earth.	N/A

g – Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth  $Isp_{vac}$  – Vacuum specific impulse of main engines  $M_{pascent}$  – Mass of ascent propellants  $\Delta V_{ideal}$  – Ideal  $\Delta V$  for ascent

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Space Shuttle comparison uses ascent propellant in the ET. $\Delta V$ is based on Orbiter and ET together (no SRBs).	64%
$M_{pascent\_res} = M_{insert} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{\Delta V_{ideal} 0.005}{Isp_{vac} B} \right)} - 1 \right] + 0.004 M_{pascent}$ $\Delta V_{ideal} - \text{Ideal } \Delta V \text{ for ascent} = 24,994 \text{ fps calculated from maximum usable propellant load on Space Shuttle and ET combination.}$ $g - \text{Gravitational acceleration at the surface of the Earth}$ $Isp_{vac} - \text{Vacuum specific impulse of main engines}$ $M_{pascent} - \text{Mass of ascent propellants}$ $\Delta V_{ideal} - \text{Ideal } \Delta V \text{ for ascent}$	

Reference: 2, 3, and 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket, and lifting body upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Space Shuttle comparison uses ascent propellant in the ET.	50%
$M_{pascent\_res} = 0.005 M_{pascent}$	
Main propellant reserves are vented to orbit or transferred off-board before entry.	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None.	
Space Shuttle comparison uses ascent propellant in the ET.	125%
$M_{pascent\_res} = 0.0075 M_{pascent}$	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	

# 26.0 Inflight Losses & Vents

 $M_{pascent}$  – Mass of ascent propellants  $M_{entry}$  – Entry mass of vehicle

#### 26.0 Inflight Losses & Vents

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: None.	
Shuttle comparison uses ascent propellant in the ET, and compares to losses in the Orbiter.	83%
$M_{plosses} = 0.0043 M_{pascent}$	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	

#### 26.0 Inflight Losses & Vents

Reference: 2, 3, and 10 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle, and from a rocket.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	Comparison
$M_{plosses} = 0.01 M_{entry}$ Includes waste, purge gasses, excess fuel cell reactants, vented and lost propellants.  Note: Reference 10 includes this mass after the insertion weight, meaning that it is treated as propellant lost during ascent.	-35%
$M_{entry}$ – Entry mass of vehicle	

 $M_{f\_ascent}$  – Total ascent fuel  $M_{glow}$  – Gross liftoff mass MR – Mass ratio for ascent  $R_f$  – Fuel ascent propellant fraction:  $M_{f\_ascent}$  over  $M_{p\_ascent}$ 

Reference: 2	Space Shuttle
Derived for: Physics based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
$M_{f\_ascent} = R_f M_{glow} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{MR} \right)$ Ascent fuel mass	2
$M_{ox\_ascent} = M_{f\_ascent} \left( \frac{1}{R_f} - 1 \right)$ Ascent oxidizer mass	
$M_{f\_ascent}$ – Total ascent fuel	
$M_{glow}$ – Gross liftoff mass	
MR – Mass ratio for ascent	
$R_f$ – Fuel ascent propellant fraction: $M_{f\_ascent}$ over $M_{p\_ascent}$	

Reference: 4b  Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.  Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Use the same equations as reference 2, but add 60 lbs. of total propellant lost during thrust decay.	4b

Reference: 10 Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing). Options: None.	Space Shuttle Comparison
$M_{pascent} = \frac{MR - 1}{MR} M_{glow}$ $M_{glow} - \text{Gross liftoff mass}$ $MR - \text{Mass ratio for ascent}$	10

 $A_{body}$  – surface area of vehicle body

 $Isp_{sl}$  – Specific impulse of engine at sea level

 $M_{gross}$  – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff

 $M_{pascent}$  – Mass of ascent propellants

 $M_{prop\_tot}$  – Total propellant onboard

 $R_{v\_lo}$  – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff

 $T_{start}$  – Main engine startup time

Reference: 1	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Aircraft and Space Shuttle.	Comparison
Options: Startup loss factor.	
	-22% using
$M_{start\_loss} = M_{prop\_tot} K_{su}$	$K_{su}=0.002$
$K_{su}$ – startup losses = 0.001 to 0.002	
$M_{prop\_tot}$ – Total propellant onboard	

Reference: 2 Derived for: Airbreathing horizontal takeoff vehicle.	Space Shuttle Comparison
Options: None.	Comparison
	44%
$M_{start\_loss} = 2M_{gross} \frac{R_{v\_lo}}{Isp_{sl}}$	
Assumes a 4 second ramp up of engines before hold down is released.	
$Isp_{sl}$ – Specific impulse of engine at sea level $M_{gross}$ – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff $R_{v\_lo}$ – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff	

Reference: 3	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Dr. Talay, LaRC, rocket based.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	291%
$M_{start\_loss} = 0.01 M_{pascent}$	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	

Reference: 4b	Space Shuttle
Derived from: Lifting body rocket upper stage.	Comparison
Options: None.	
	-44% Using
$M_{start\_loss} = 0.00128 M_{pascent}$ Startup losses.	ET ascent
	propellant
$M_{buildup\_loss} = 210 + 30$ Propellant lost during thrust buildup (210 lbs. LOX and 30 lbs. LH2)	
$M_{pascent}$ – Mass of ascent propellants	

Reference: 10	Space Shuttle
Derived from: NASA MSFC 3rd generation launch vehicle office (mostly airbreathing).	Comparison
Options: None. $M_{start\_loss} = T_{start} M_{gross} \frac{R_{v\_lo}}{Isp_{sl}}$ Losses while starting the engines	351% Based on 6s from ignition to release
$M_{boiloff} = K_{boil} \frac{A_{body}}{21357}$ Boiloff while waiting on the pad or runway	1% at 1.4s
$K_{boil}$ = 4359 - for LH2 = 104 - for LOX	
$A_{body}$ – surface area of vehicle body $Isp_{sl}$ – Specific impulse of engine at sea level $M_{gross}$ – Gross vehicle mass on the pad or runway prior to liftoff $R_{v\_lo}$ – Vehicle thrust to weight at liftoff $T_{start}$ – Main engine startup time	

#### **Technology Reduction Factors**

#### Reference: 3

These TRFs represent near term improvements. For example AMLS or NASP.

Near term mass reduction by system. The technology reduction factor (*TRF*) is listed on the right. The new mass (improved technology) is found using the following equation:

 $M_{new} = M_{original}(1-TRF)$ 

1.0 Wing	44%
2.0 Tail	44%
3.0 Body & secondary struct.	38%
Crew cabin	38%
Body flap	44%
Thrust structure	38%
LOX & LH2 tank	0%
4.0 TPS	35%
5.0 Landing gear	9%
6.0 Main Propulsion	15%
7.0 RCS	0%
8.0 OMS	0%
9.0 Primary Power	0%
10.0 ECD	18%
11.0 Hydraulics	0%
12.0 Surface Control (EMA)	0%
13.0 Avionics	50%
14.0 ECLSS	10%
15.0 Personnel Equipment	0%

#### Reference: 6

Derived from data provided by Airframe Team, September 1999.

Technology mass reduction factors by material. The *TRF* is listed on the left. The new mass (improved technology) is found using the following equation:

$$M_{new} = M_{original}(1-TRF)$$

- 0% Structural designs based on current aluminum alloy, ie. Saturn V, original ET
- 10% Structural designs based on aluminum lithium alloy, ie new lightweight ET
- 20% Wing structural designs based on advanced composites and materials
- 25% Propellant tanks structural designs based on advanced composites and materials
- 30% Interstages and body structural designs based on advanced composites and materials