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**TECHNICAL TRAINING MANUAL**  
**MAINTENANCE COURSE - T1+T2 - RR Trent XWB**  
**Standard Practices and Structures**





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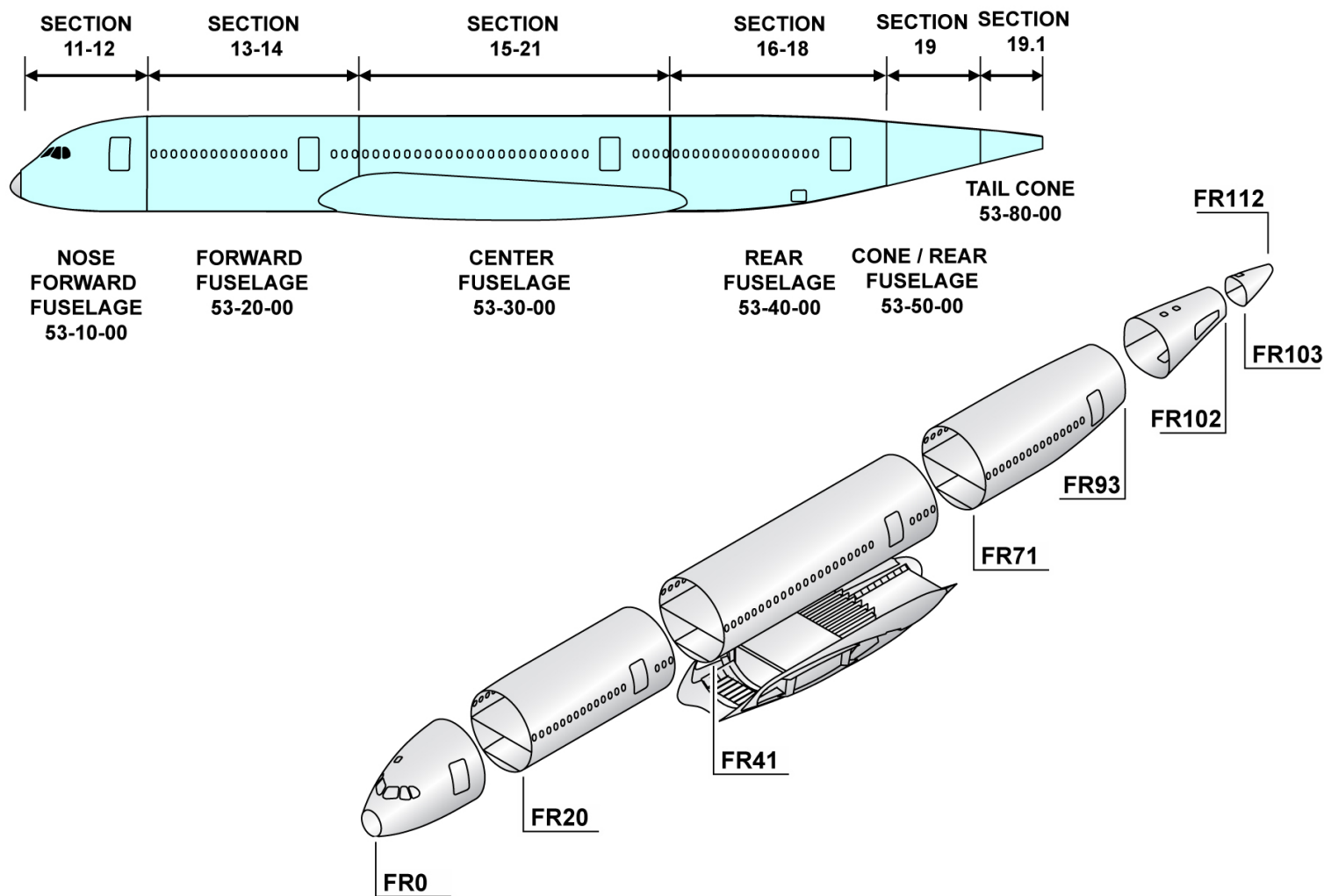
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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **General Arrangement**

The fuselage is divided into six primary parts:

- Nose forward fuselage (section 11 and section 12, from FR0 to FR20)
- Forward fuselage (section 13 and section 14, from FR20 to FR41)
- Center fuselage (section 15 and section 21, from FR41 to FR71)
- Rear fuselage (sections 16 and section 18, from FR71 to FR93)
- Cone/rear fuselage (section 19, from FR93 to FR102)
- Tail cone (section 19.1, FR103 to FR112).



GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

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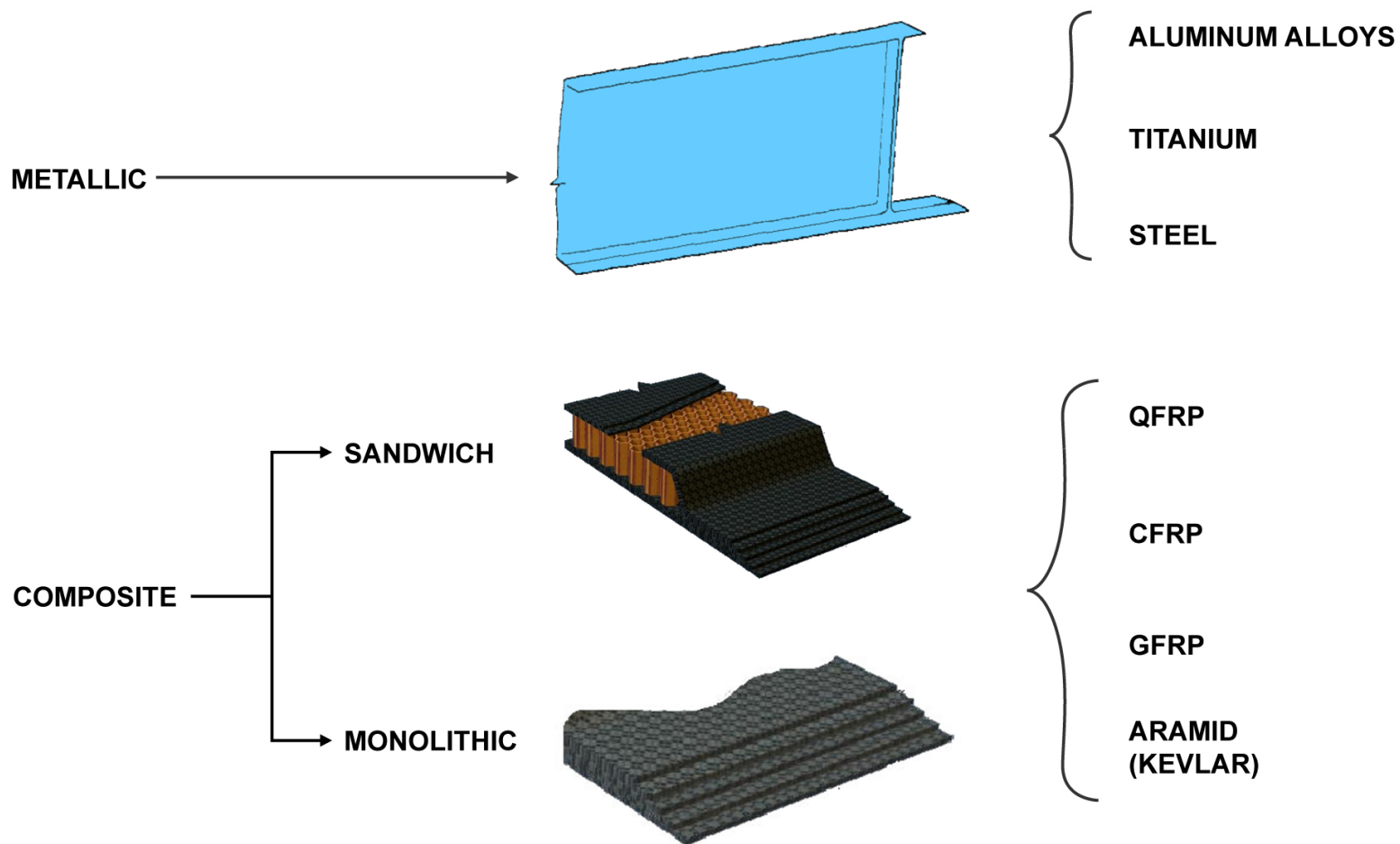
## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **General Fuselage Structure**

The two design types are the metallic and composite design.

The metallic design uses aluminum, titanium, steel and their alloys, depending on the component location and function.

The composite design is divided in two categories: Monolithic (solid blocks) and the sandwich. The types of material can be carbon, quartz, glass or aramid (kevlar) fibers depending on the component location and function.



QFRP: Quartz Fiber Reinforced Plastic  
 CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic  
 GFRP: Glass Fiber Reinforced Plastic

### GENERAL FUSELAGE STRUCTURE

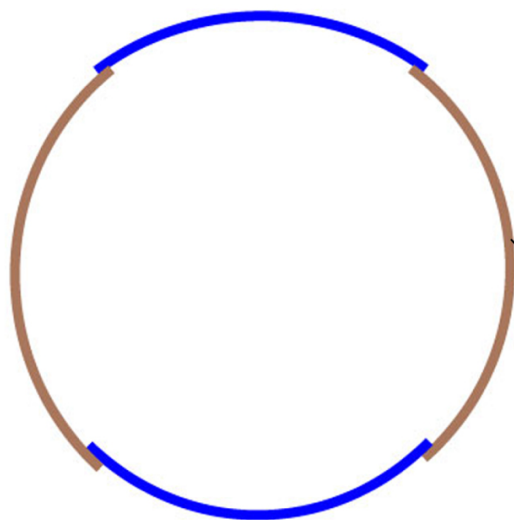
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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Panel Concept**

The forward, center and rear fuselage sections are made of four shells/panels per section.




**FOUR PANELS CONCEPT**

**PANEL DESIGN**
**PANEL CONCEPT**

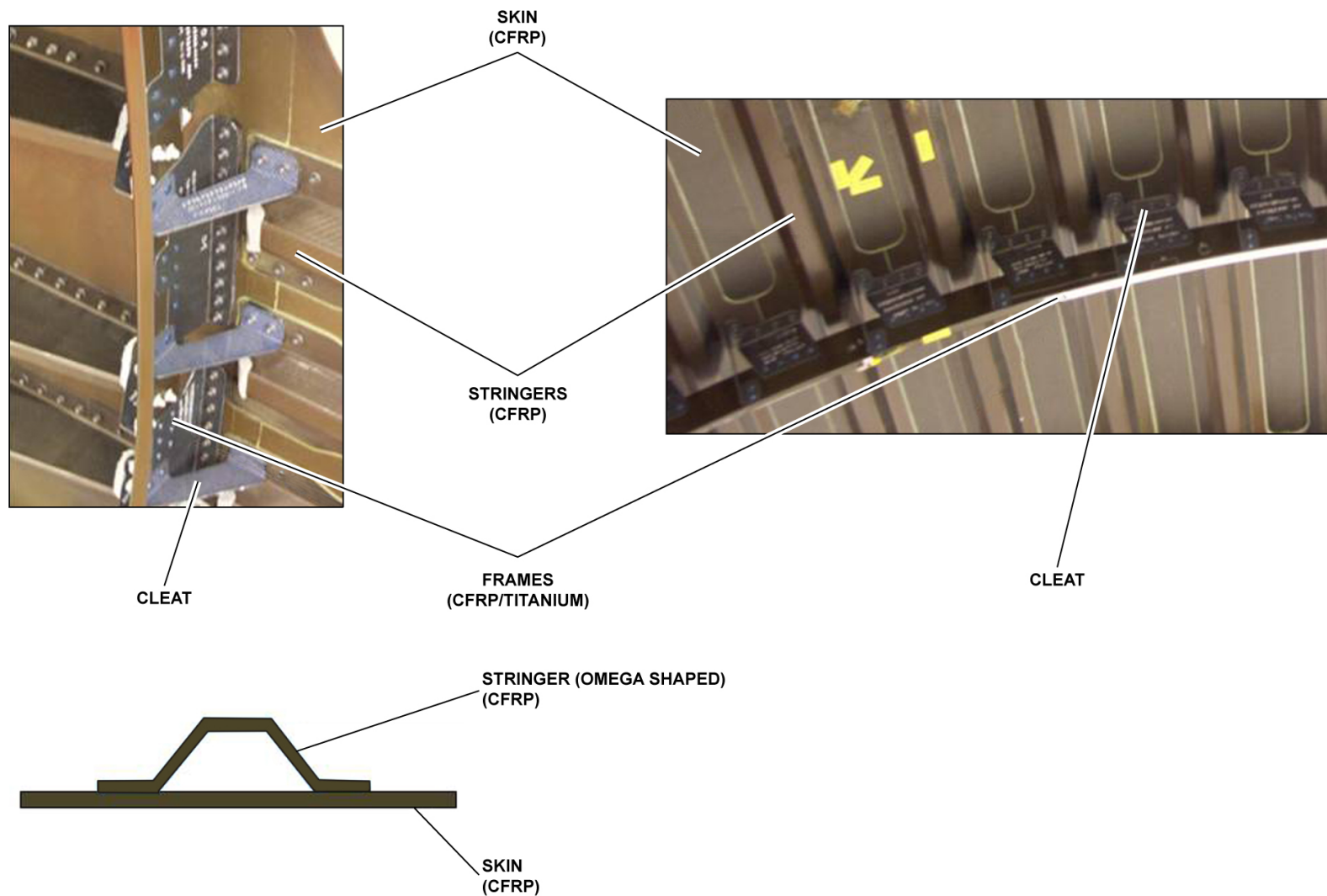
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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Panel Concept (continued)**

#### **Skin, Frame and Stringer Concept**

The aircraft structure includes the frame assembly, stringers (an omega shaped), cleat and skin.



PANEL CONCEPT - SKIN, FRAME AND STRINGER CONCEPT

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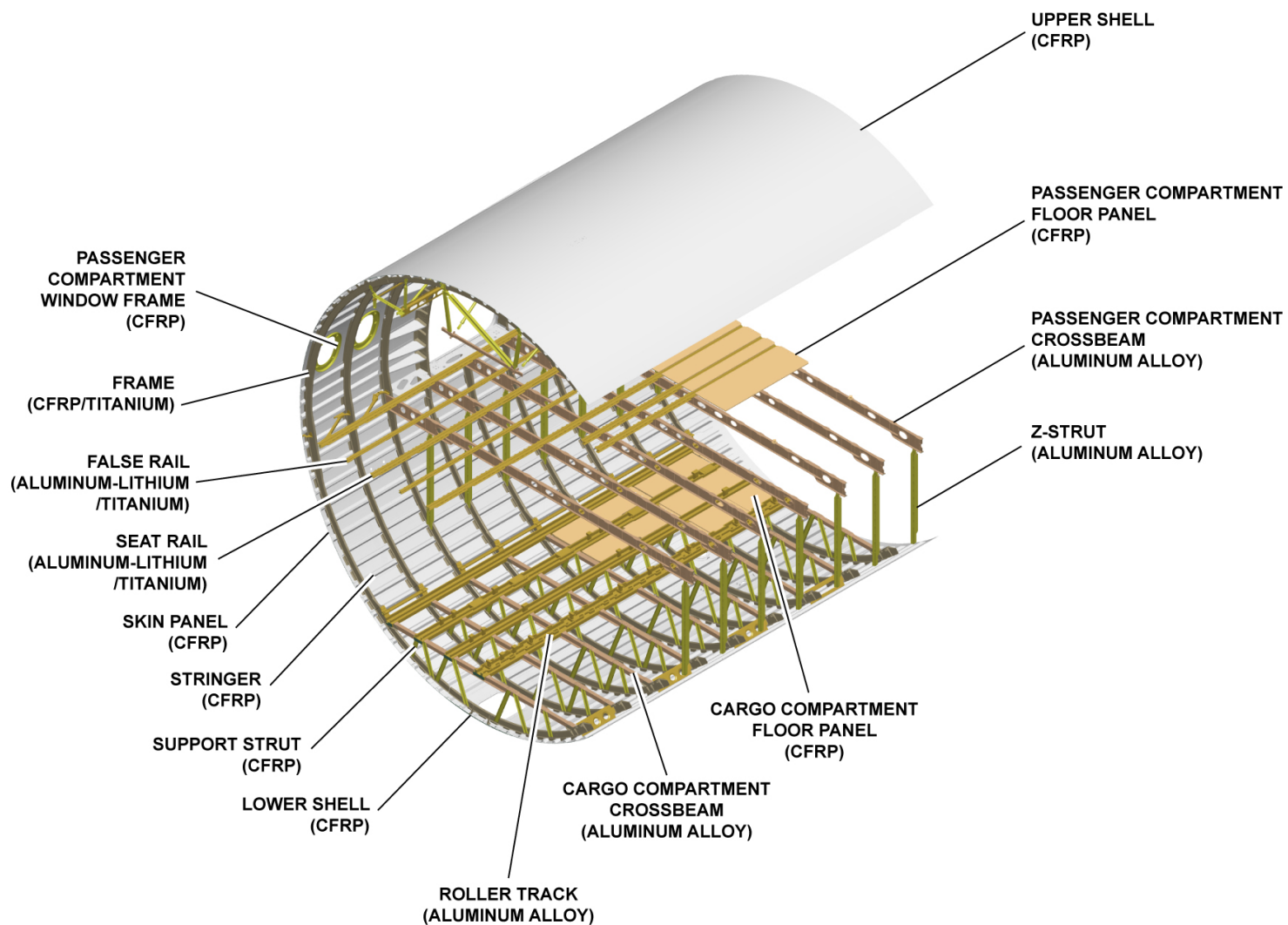
## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### Panel Concept (continued)

#### Typical Fuselage Structure

The structure is made of skin panels (Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP)), frames (CFRP and titanium) and stringers (CFRP). The cabin floor structure has floor panels (sandwich CFRP), supported by seat rails (aluminum-lithium or titanium) and crossbeams (aluminum-lithium). Z-struts (aluminum alloy) give support to the cabin floor structure and are attached to the crossbeams and to the aircraft frames.

The floor structure of the cargo compartment has crossbeams (aluminum). Crossbeams are attached to the aircraft frames. Struts (CFRP) give support to the crossbeams. The roller tracks are attached to the crossbeams.



PANEL CONCEPT - TYPICAL FUSELAGE STRUCTURE

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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### Nose Forward Fuselage

#### Nose Upper Unit

The nose upper unit has these components:

- Skin panels
- Frames and stringers
- The PAX floor
- Two PAX/crew doors.

All these components are made of different materials (aluminum alloys, titanium and CFRP).

#### Nose Lower Unit

The nose lower unit gives access to an avionics compartment. The internal structure gives support to all the electrical equipments and the electronic racks.

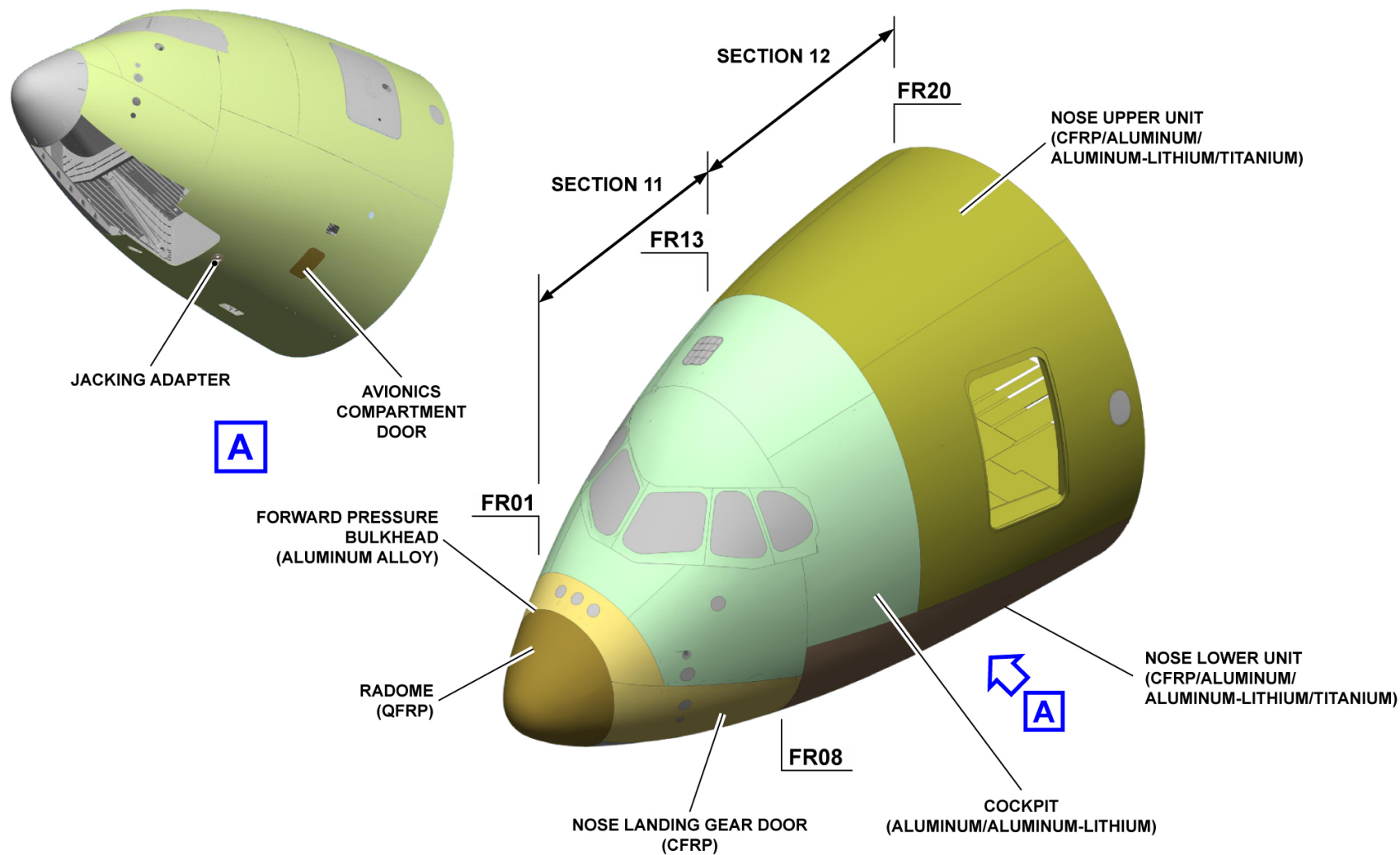
The nose lower unit has these components:

- Skin panels
- Frames and stringers
- The pressure bulkhead with the Nose Landing Gear (NLG) bay
- An avionics-compartment floor structure and access door
- A forward jacking adapter.

All these components are made of different materials (aluminum alloys, titanium and CFRP).

#### Radome

The radome (made of Quartz Fiber Reinforced Plastic (QFRP)) gives protection to the radar antenna. It gives an aerodynamic fairing structure to the nose fuselage. The radome has lightning and rain erosion protection. The radome has quick-release latches and hinges.



NOSE FORWARD FUSELAGE - NOSE UPPER UNIT ... RADOME

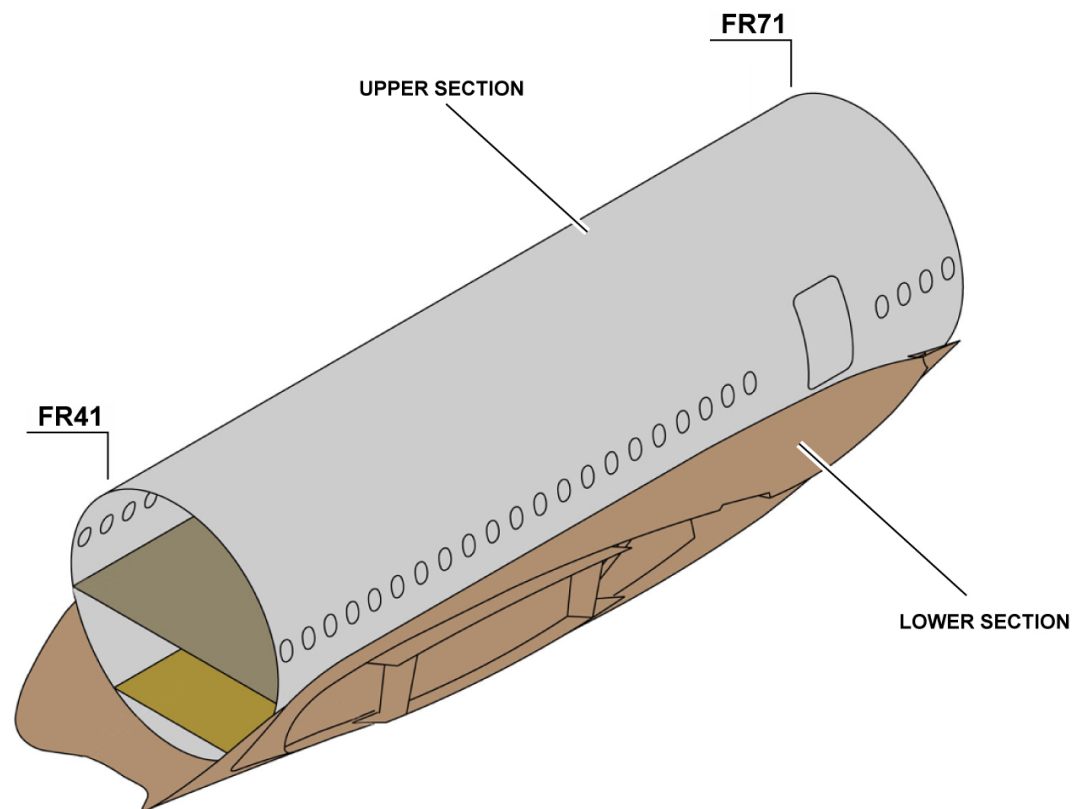
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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Center Fuselage**

The center fuselage (FR41 to FR71) is made of an upper and lower sections.





CENTER FUSELAGE

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### Center Fuselage (continued)

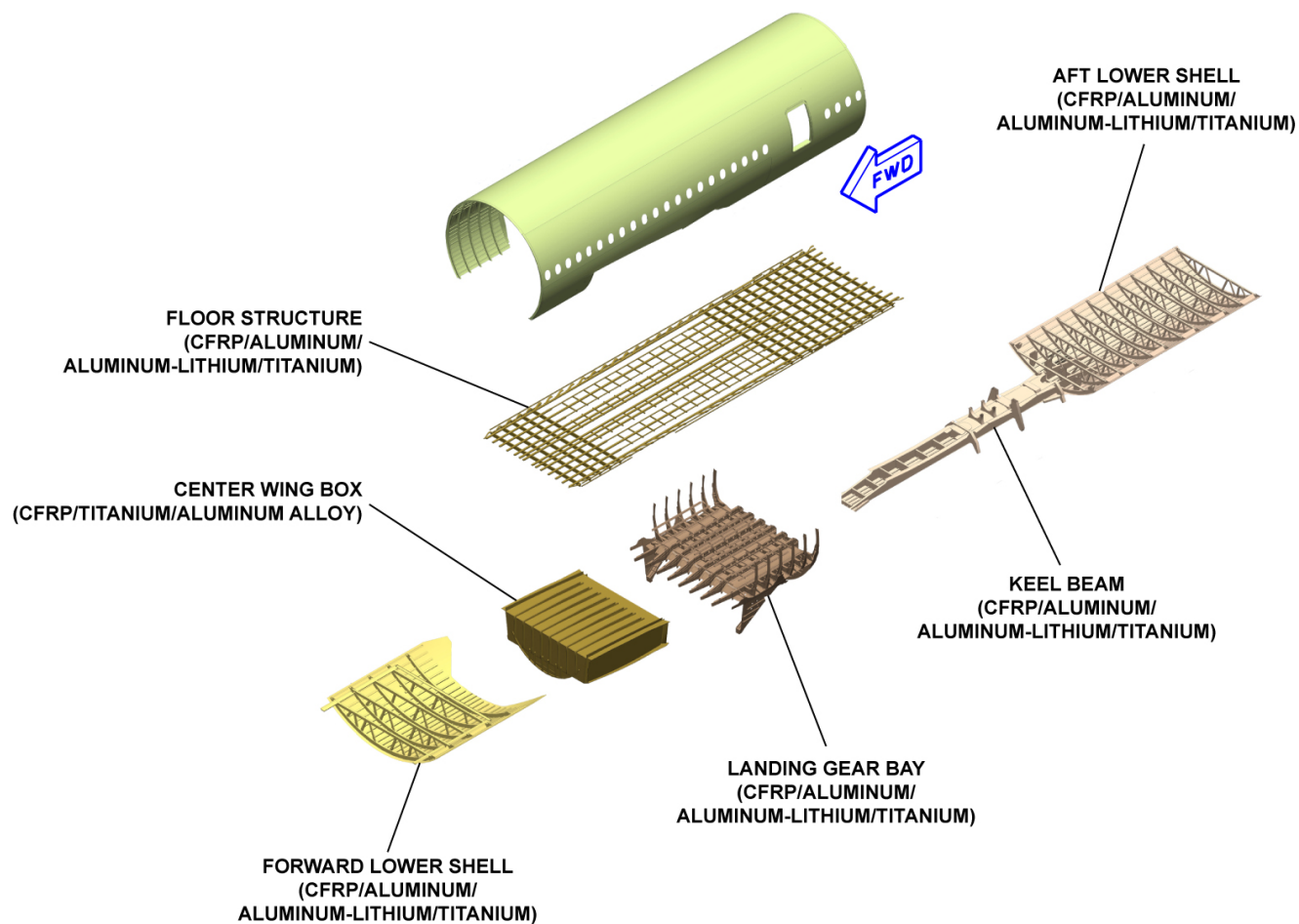
#### Section Layout

The fuselage center section is made of:

- Frames (CFRP/titanium/aluminum alloy), stringers (CFRP), skin panels (CFRP) and the floor support structure (titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum/CFRP).

The fuselage center section includes:

- The center wing box and the floor support structure (CFRP/titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- The keel beam (CFRP/titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- The aft lower shell (CFRP/titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- The forward lower shell (CFRP/titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- The landing gear bay (CFRP/titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum).



**CENTER FUSELAGE - SECTION LAYOUT**

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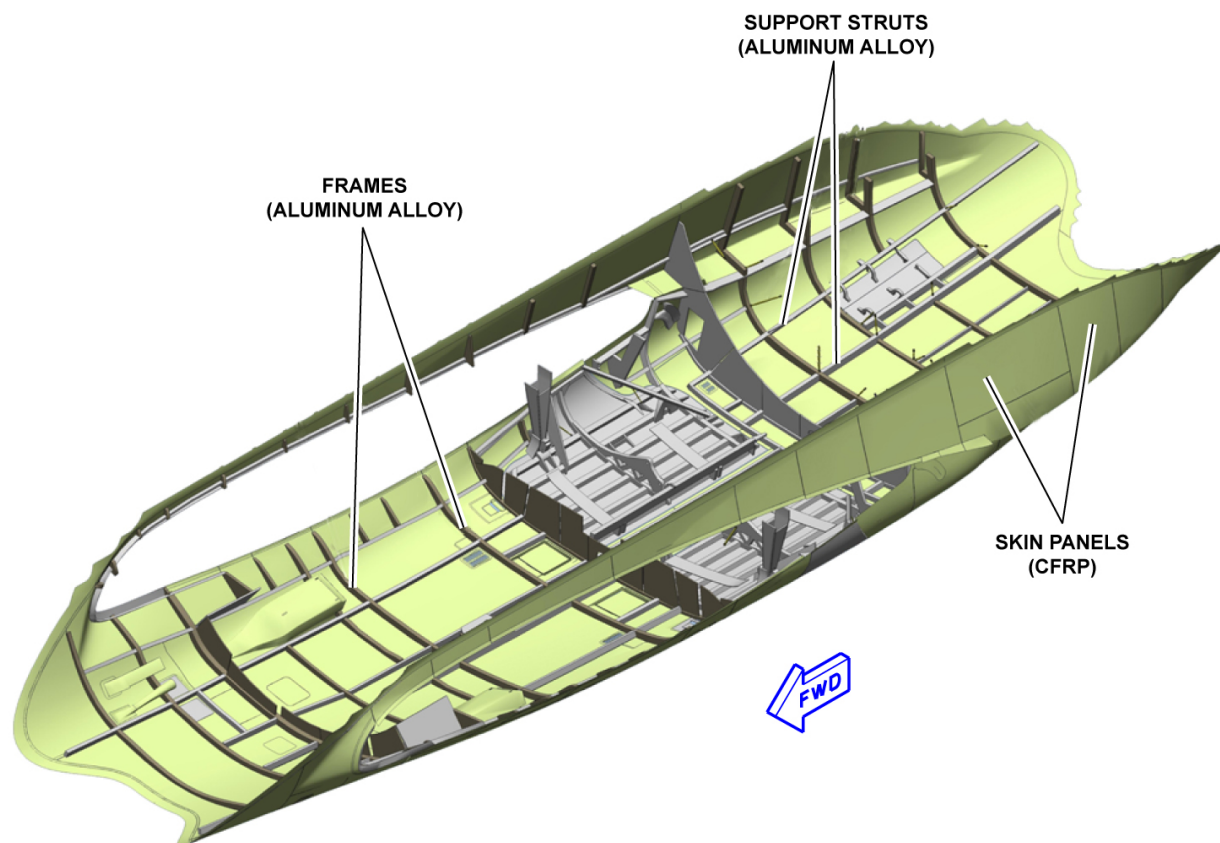
## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Belly Fairing**

The belly fairing includes a sub-structure made of aluminum alloy frames and webs and attached to the fuselage with the fittings and rods.

The sub-structure gives support to the sandwich panels made of composite materials (carbon and glass fiber).

The belly fairing also includes the landing gear doors, external access panels and access doors for maintenance.



**BELLY FAIRING AND MLG DOOR BAY**

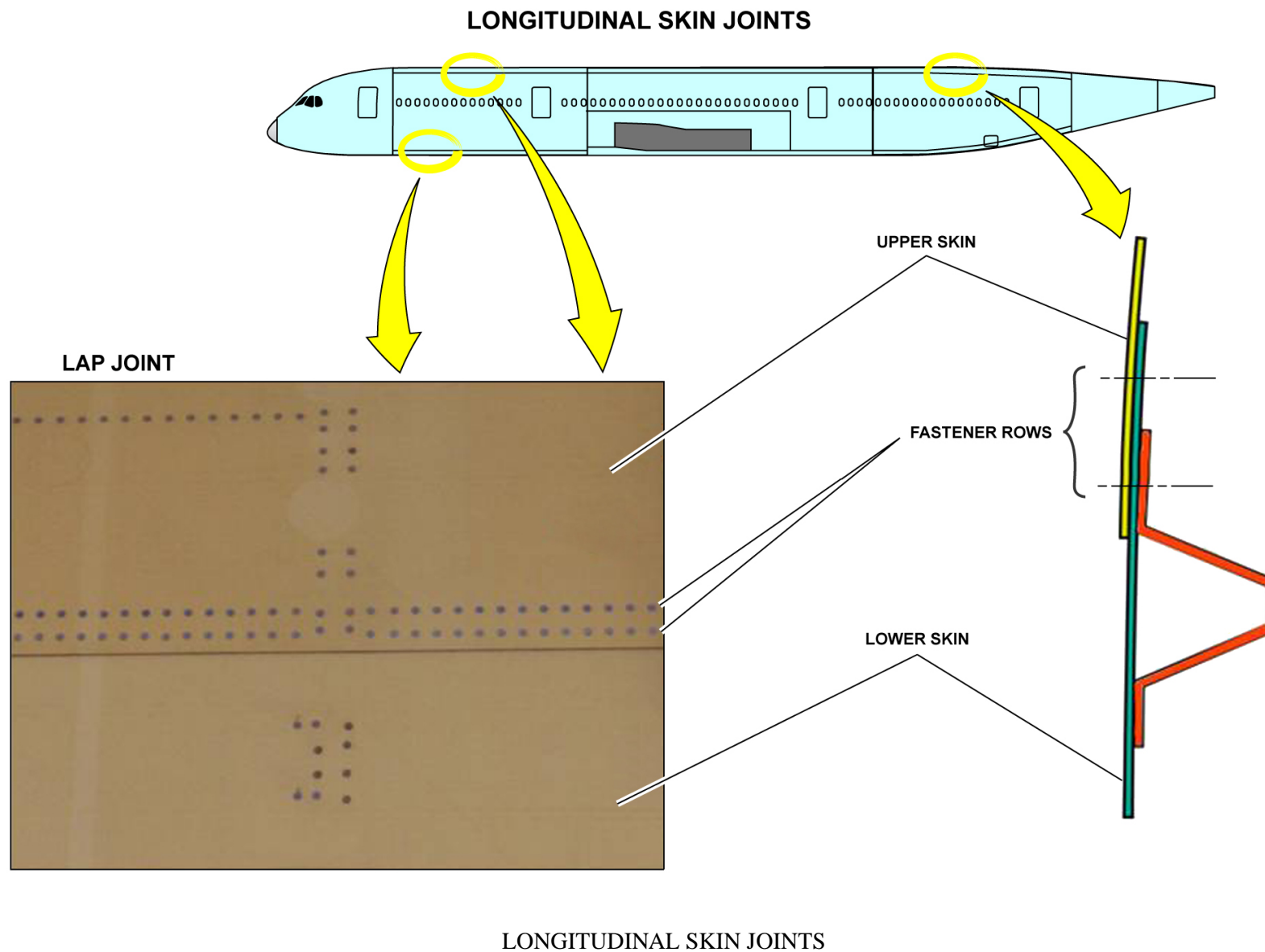
**MLG: Main Landing Gear**

## BELLY FAIRING

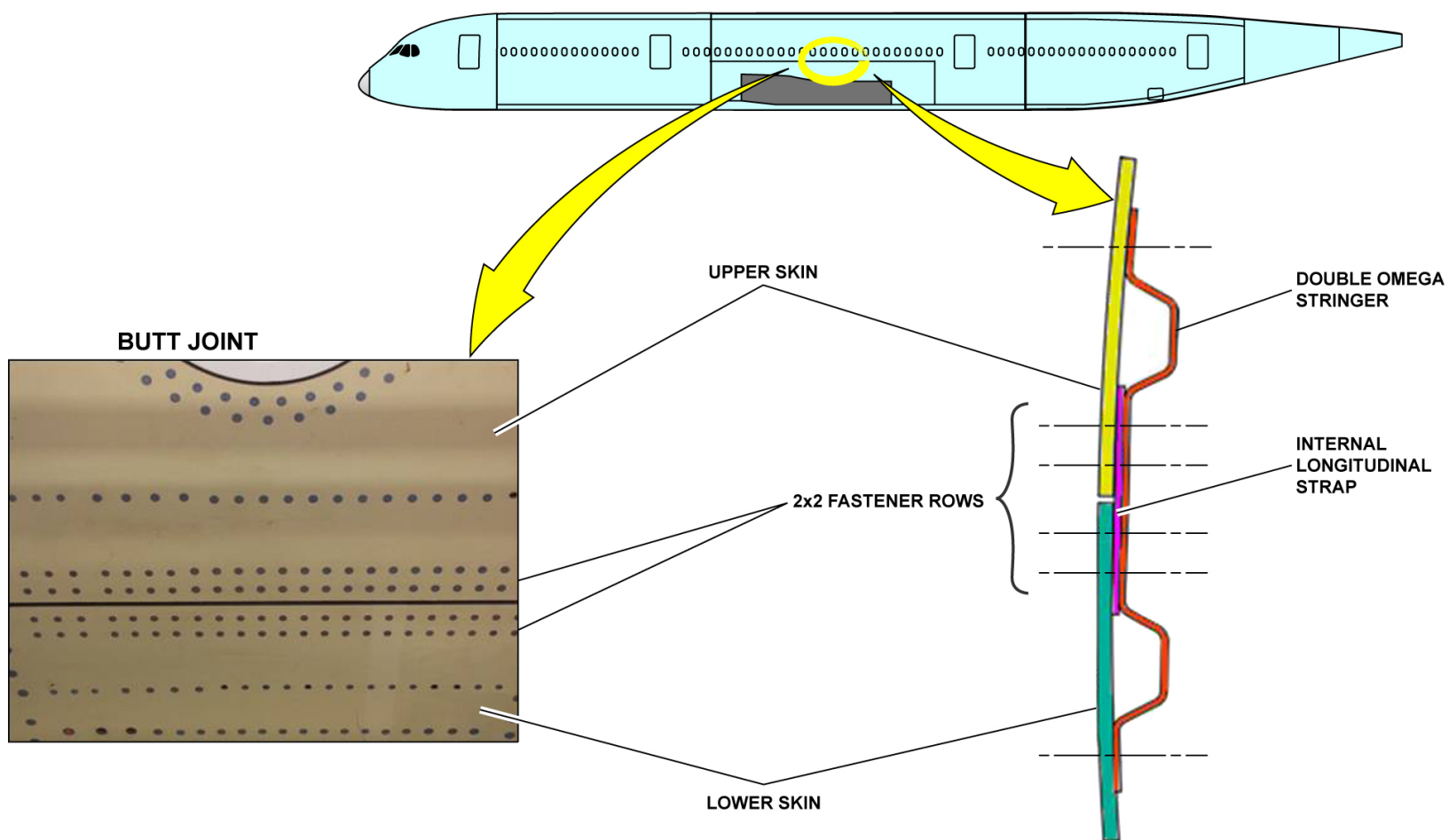
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### **Longitudinal Skin Joints**

The longitudinal skin joints are longitudinal lap or butt joints with fasteners rows.



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**LONGITUDINAL SKIN JOINTS**

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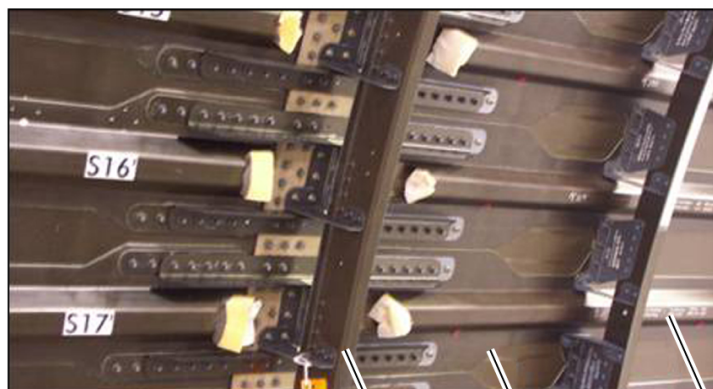
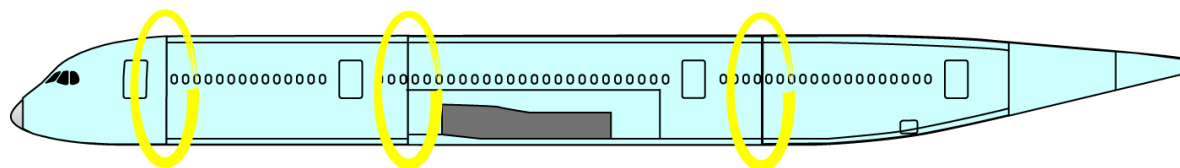


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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Orbital Skin Joints**

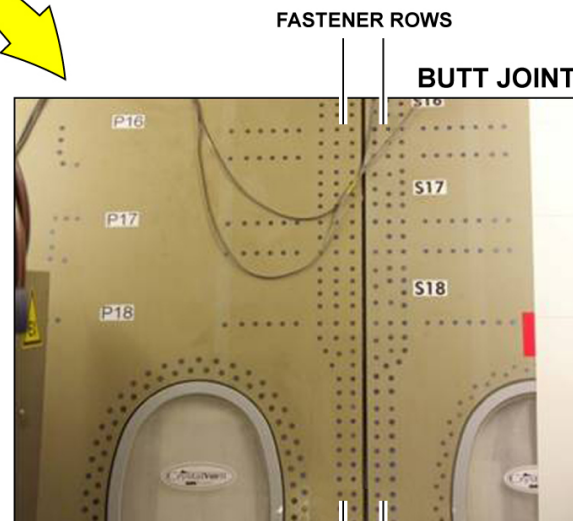
At the typical joints, the skin panels are connected by an orbital (circumferential) strap and fasteners rows. The stringers are coupled by joint pieces. In the area of the orbital joints, all stringers are riveted to the skin.

**ORBITAL SKIN JOINTS**


FRAME

SKIN

STRINGER



FASTENER ROWS

BUTT JOINT

FASTENER ROWS

**ORBITAL SKIN JOINTS**

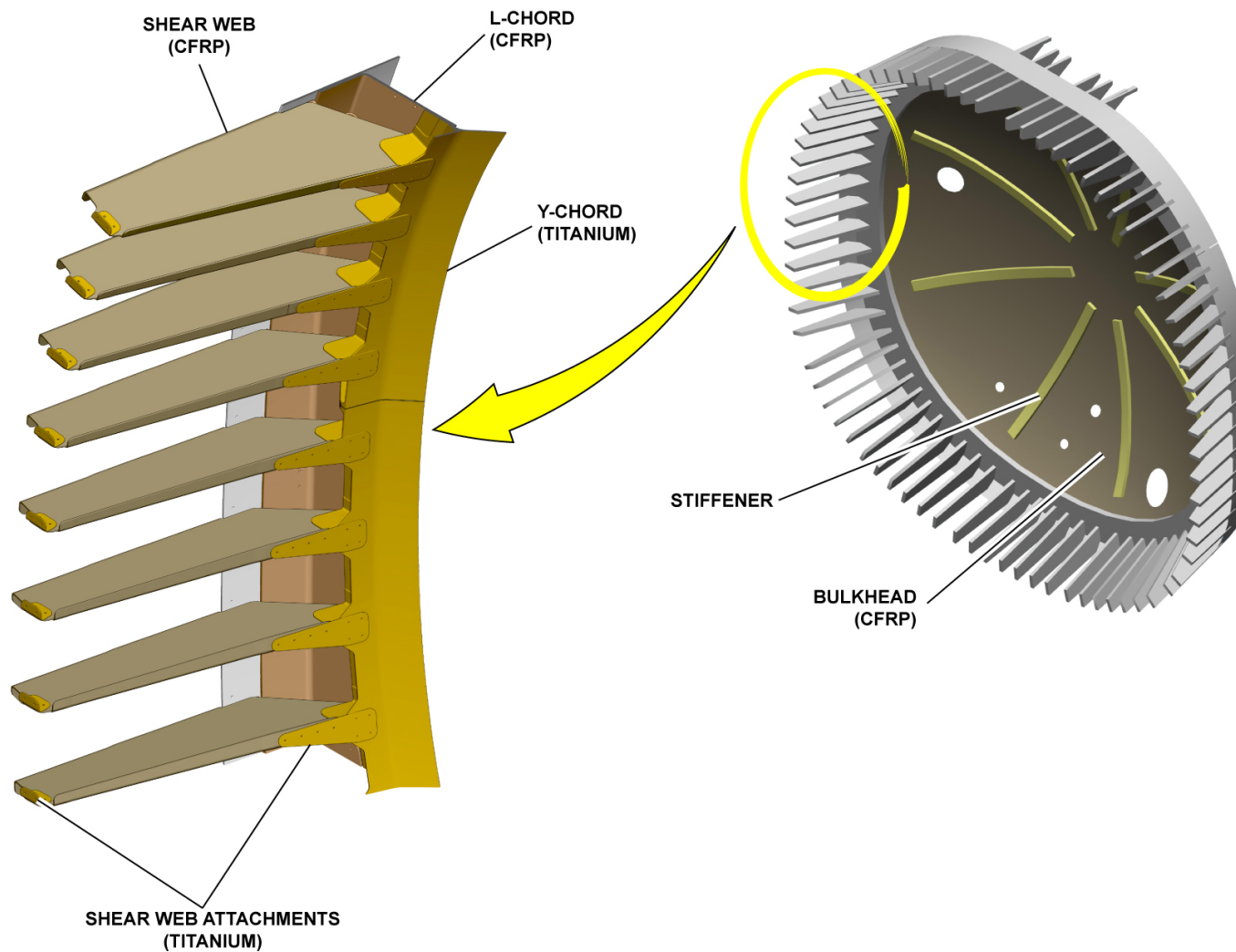
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## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Rear Fuselage**

#### **Rear Pressure Bulkhead**

The rear pressure bulkhead divides the pressurized rear fuselage from the cone/rear fuselage, which is not pressurized. It is a monolithic composite panel, made from CFRP and stiffened by stiffeners integrated to the front face (carbon fiber skin laminated on a foam core).



REAR FUSELAGE - REAR PRESSURE BULKHEAD

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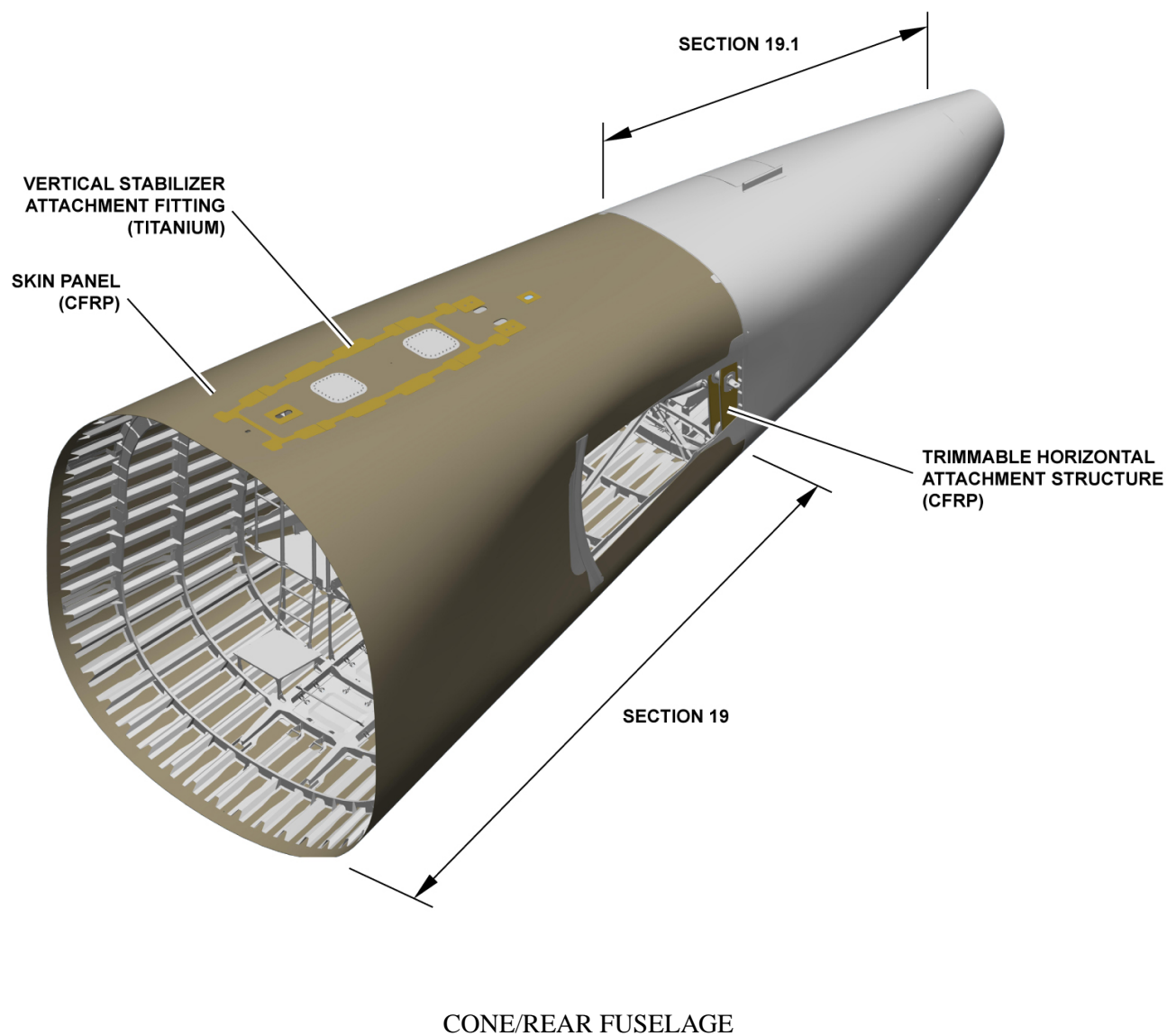
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### **Cone/Rear Fuselage**

The cone/rear fuselage assembly is an unpressurized area of the fuselage.

The cone/rear fuselage has one section (section 19).

The cone/rear fuselage has attachment points for the vertical stabilizer, the THS and the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU).



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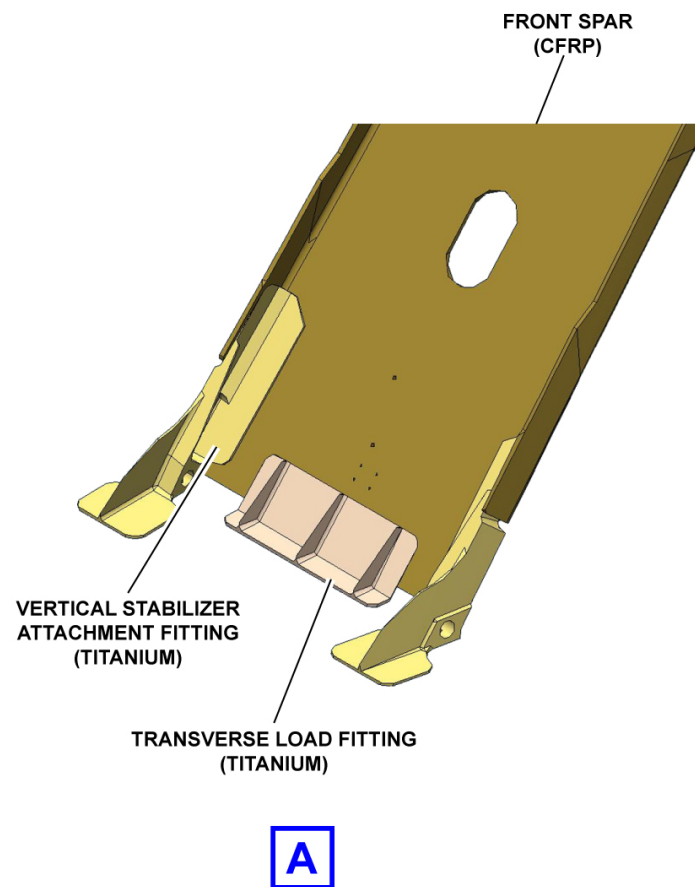
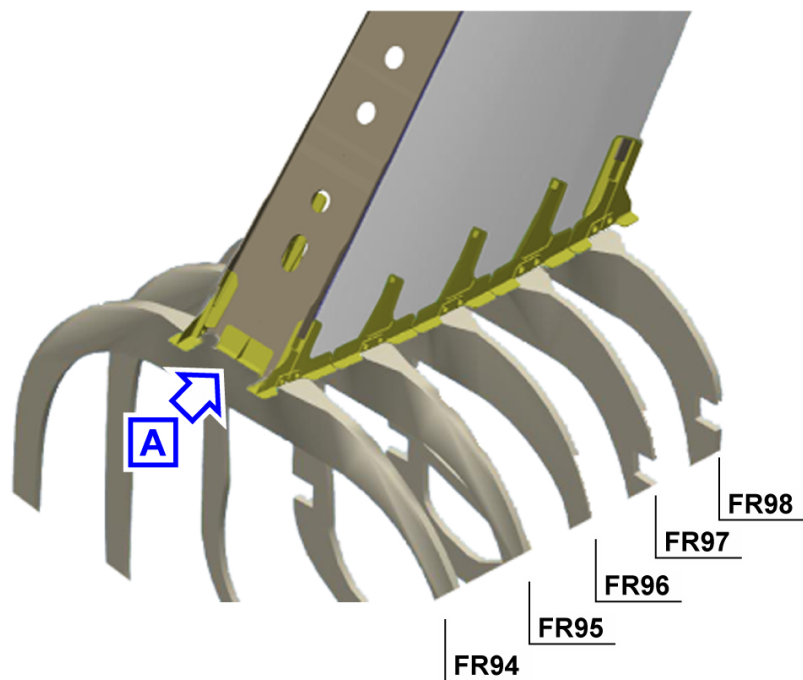
## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Cone/Rear Fuselage (continued)**

#### **Vertical Stabilizer Attachment Fittings**

The vertical stabilizer attachment fittings are made of titanium alloy.





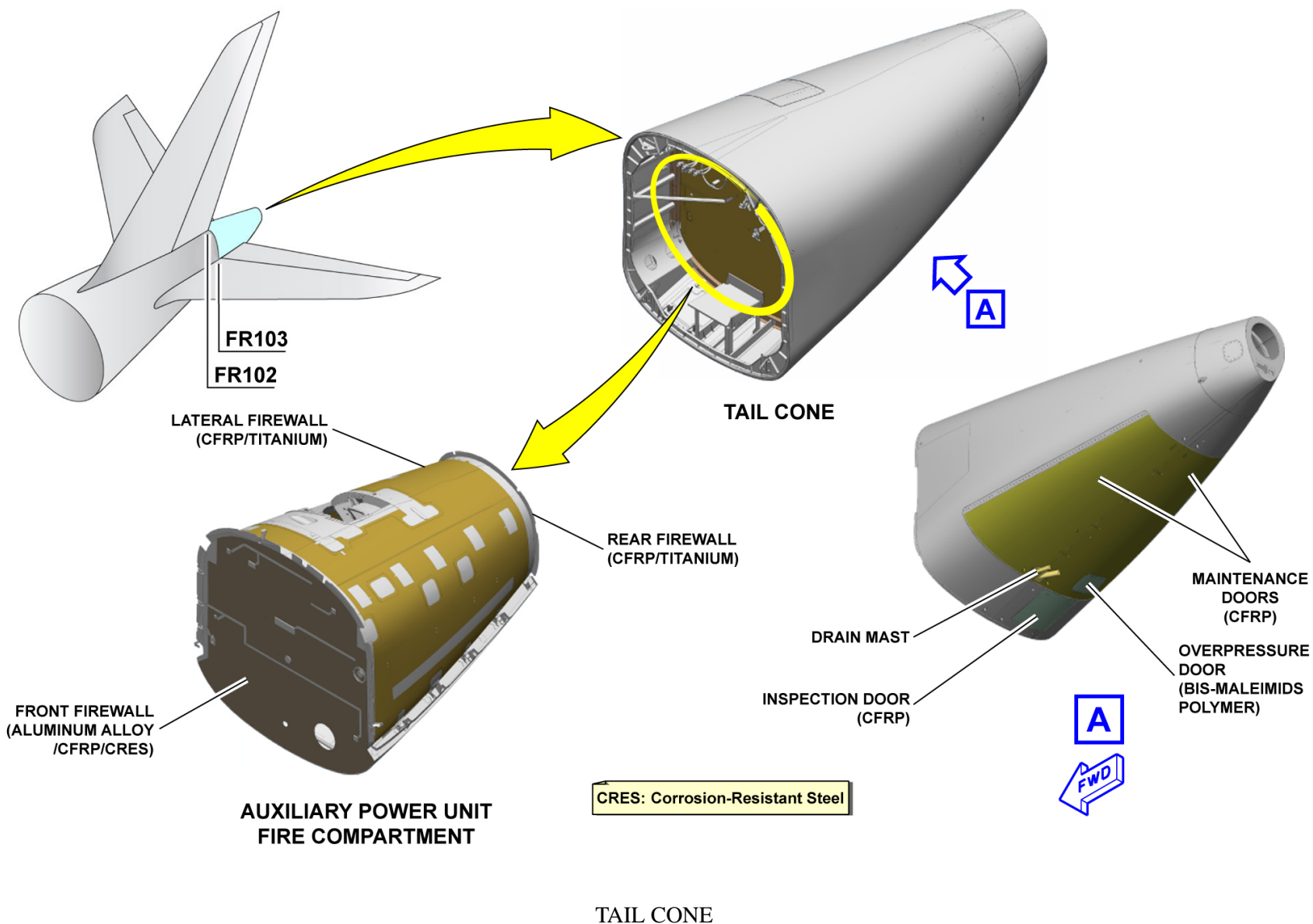
### CONE/REAR FUSELAGE - VERTICAL STABILIZER ATTACHMENT FITTINGS

## FUSELAGE DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Tail Cone**

The tail cone is an unpressurized area and is attached to the cone/rear fuselage. It is possible to remove the tail cone as a unit. The tail cone is divided into three primary zones:

- The inspection zone: This zone allows access for inspection tasks.
- The APU compartment zone: This zone includes the APU and the related systems.
- The exhaust muffler zone: The exhaust muffler is installed in this zone of the tail cone.



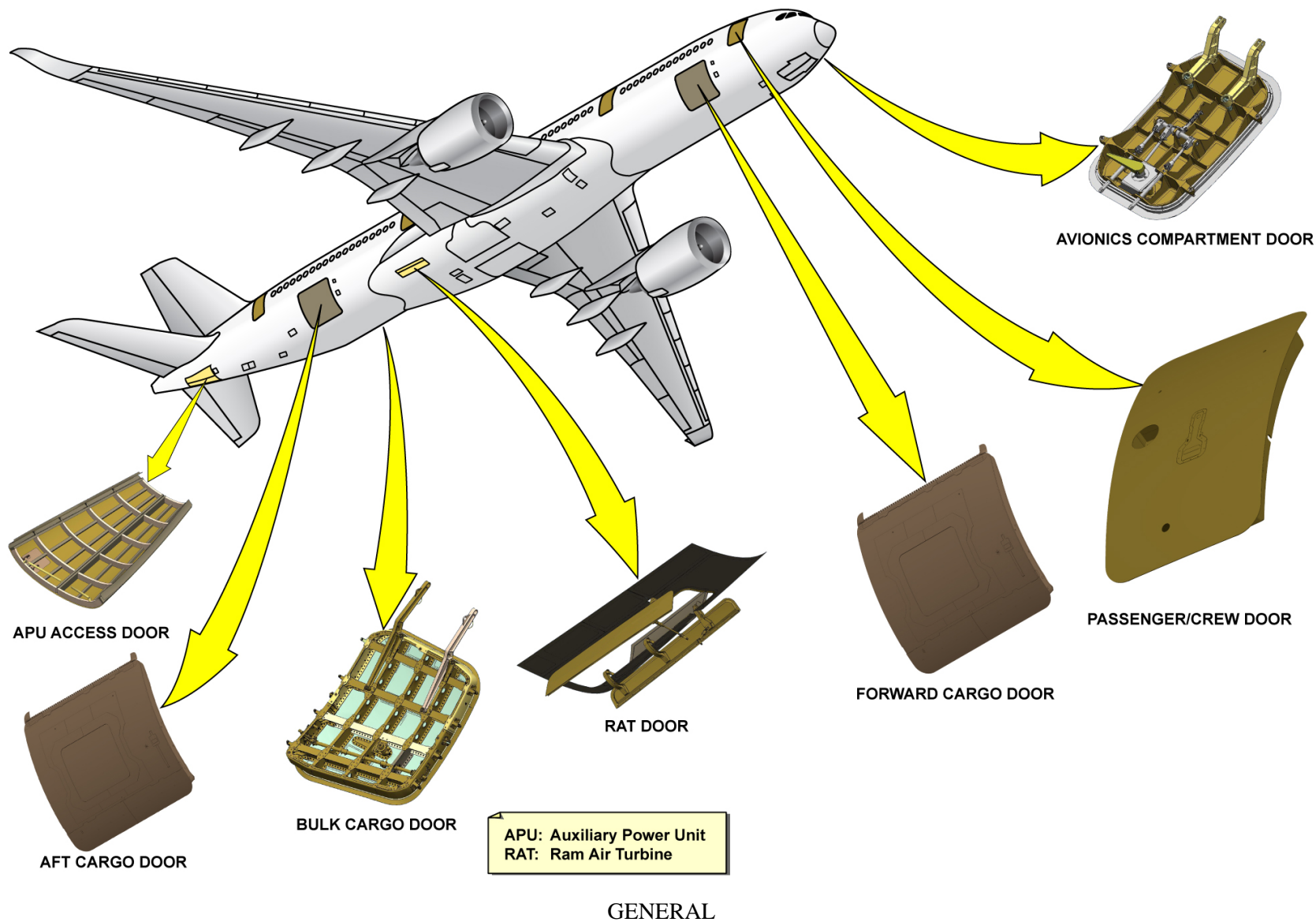
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## DOORS DESCRIPTION (3)

### General

The fuselage has:

- The type A (2.1 m (83 in.) x (1.3 m (51 in.)) Passenger (PAX) doors
- The type C (2.1 m (83 in.) x (1.3 m (51 in.)) PAX doors
- Two cargo compartment doors
- One bulk cargo door
- Access doors for servicing and maintenance.



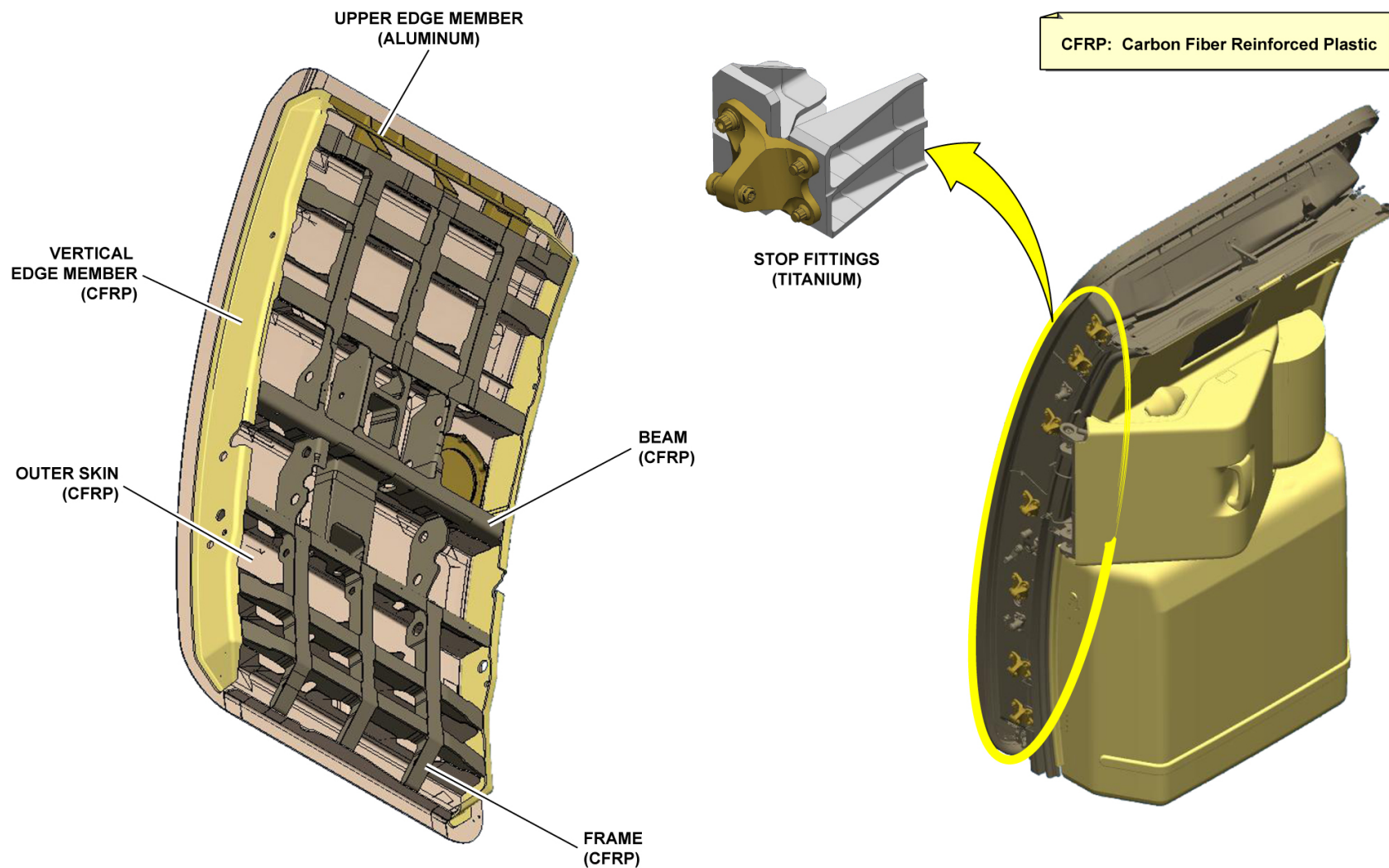
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## DOORS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Passenger (PAX) Doors**

PAX doors:

The aircraft has eight PAX doors (type A and/or C), installed on each side of the fuselage made of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP). The PAX doors are of fail-safe, plug-type construction. The PAX door structure is of the standard design. It has outer and inner skins, segments, beams and two lateral frames on which hinge fittings and locking mechanisms are installed. Seven stop fittings installed on each side of the door transmits the resulting loads from the cabin pressure.



**PASSENGER (PAX) DOORS**

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## DOORS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Cargo Compartment Doors

#### Forward and Rear Cargo Doors

Two doors in the lower RH side of the fuselage give access to the main cargo compartments and are made of CFRP.

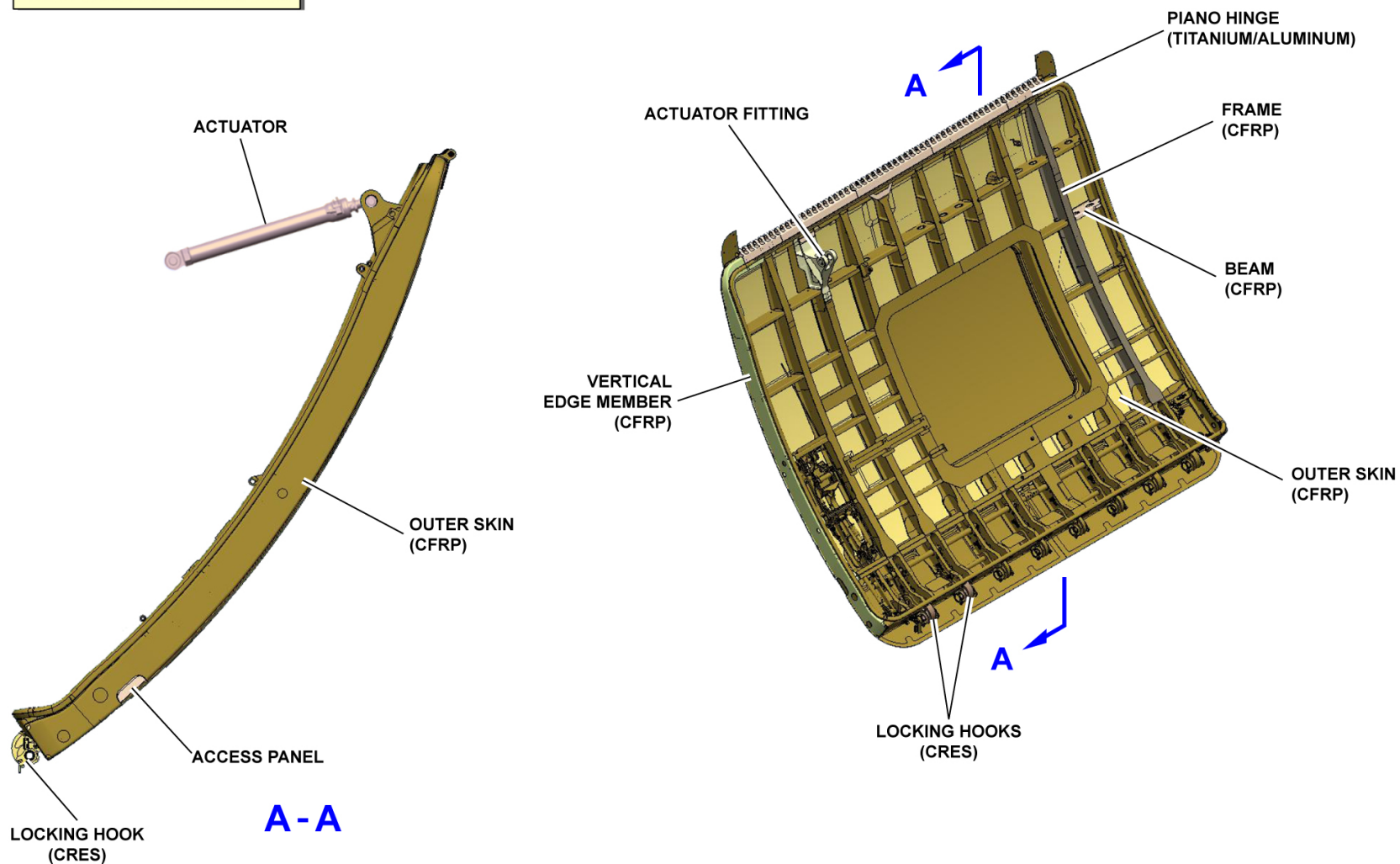
The doors are designed to carry the hoop tension loads from internal pressure. To resist the loads, the doors are of the standard design and have:

- Outer and inner skins
  - An internal structure of drop-forged machined circumferential frames.
- The upper ends of these frames have hinges for the door and the lower ends have attachment for the locking hooks.

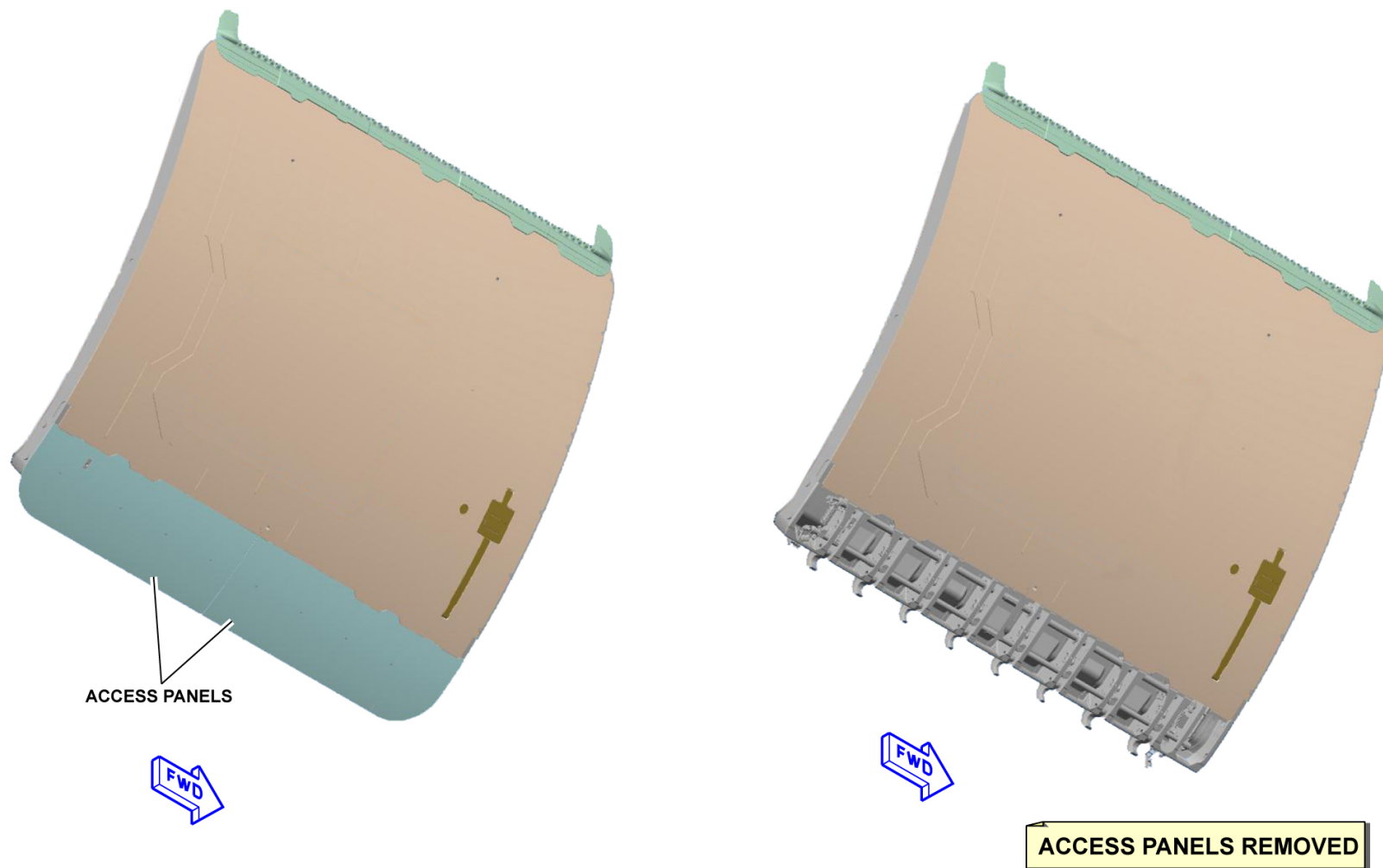
The bottom of the outer skin has access panels (aluminum) for the inspection and maintenance of the door latch and locking mechanism.



**CRES: Corrosion-Resistant Steel**



### CARGO COMPARTMENT DOORS - FORWARD AND REAR CARGO DOORS



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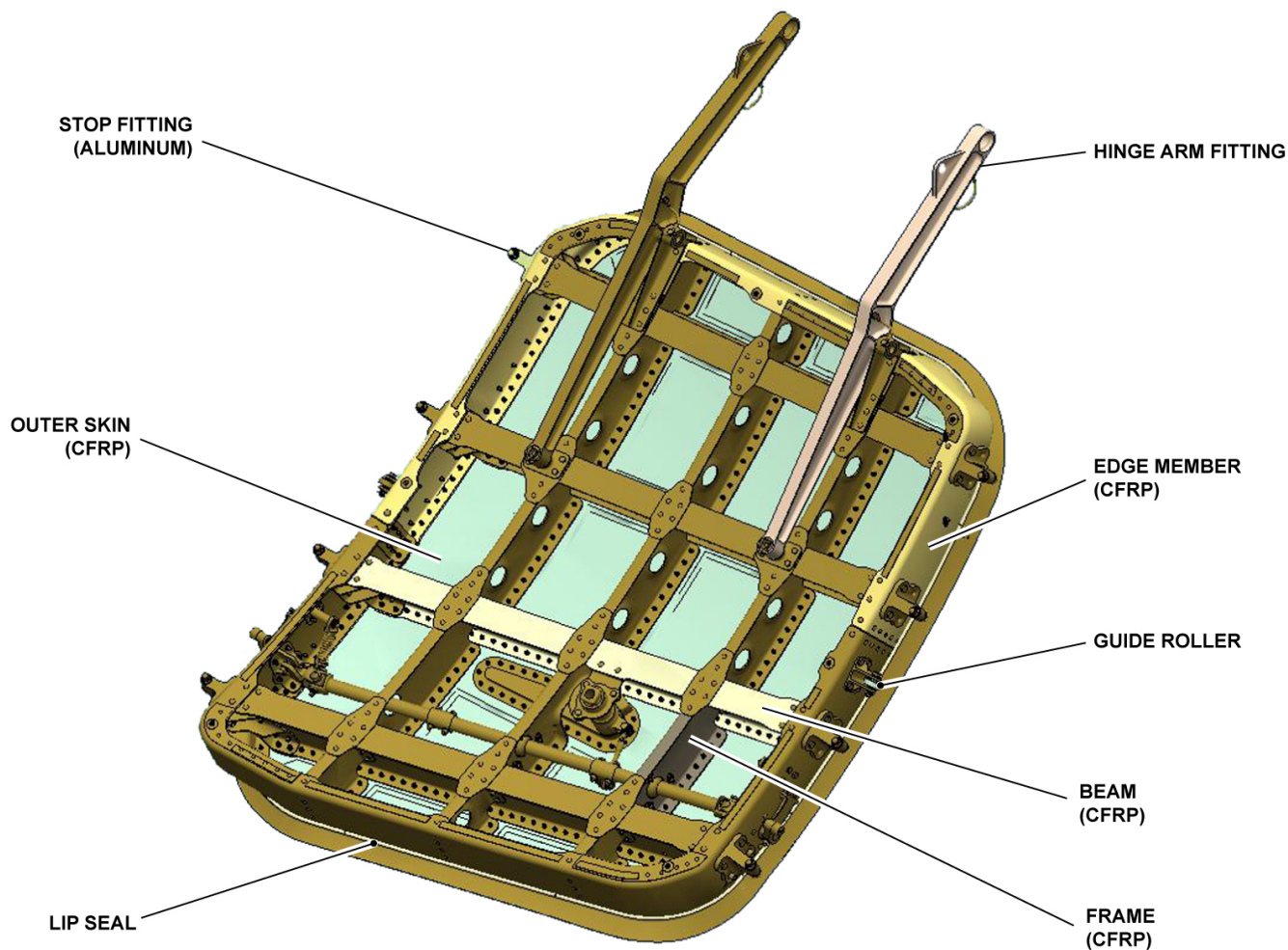
## DOORS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Cargo Compartment Doors (continued)**

#### **Bulk Cargo Door**

The bulk cargo door is installed on the lower LH side of the fuselage and is made of CFRP. The bulk cargo door gives access to the bulk cargo compartment.

The bulk cargo door is a fail-safe, plug-type door. The bulk cargo door opens from an inner side and an outer side of the aircraft.



**CARGO COMPARTMENT DOORS - BULK CARGO DOOR**

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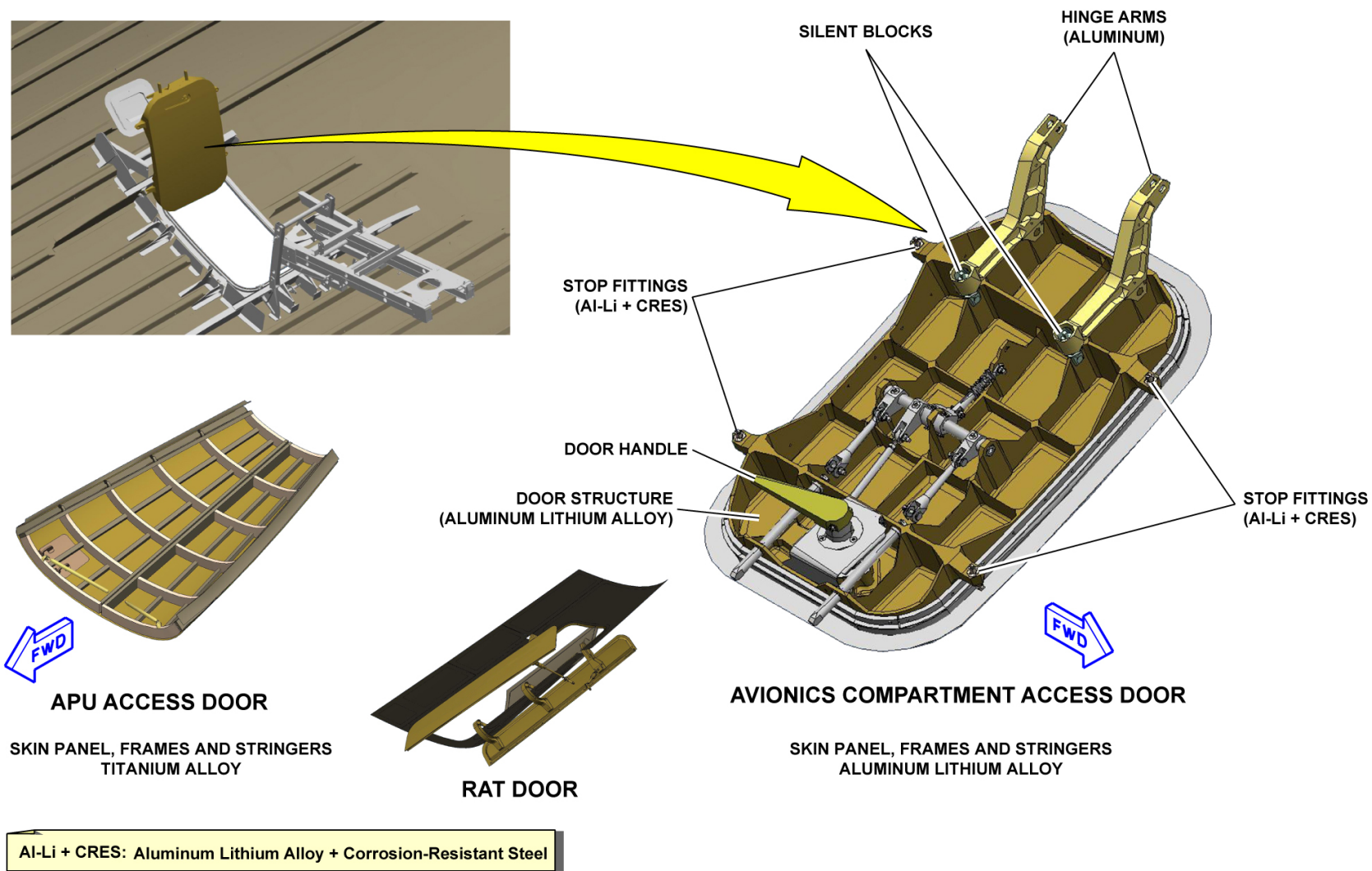
### Access and Service Doors

The access door gives access for the maintenance of system and equipments and the inspection of the structure. Service doors in the fuselage give access to the servicing of the systems.

All the access and service doors which open and close manually are as follows:

- Avionics-compartment access door: The avionics-compartment access door (CFRP) is installed at the bottom of the fuselage in a pressurized area of the aircraft. The avionics-compartment access door opens from an inner side or an outer side.
- Ram Air Turbine (RAT) door: The RAT door is installed in an aft belly fairing. A spring strut keeps the RAT door in the closed position.
- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) access doors.

The aircraft has access and service doors which are not illustrated. These doors are installed in the fuselage and belly fairing for the water, waste, external power and maintenance works.



### ACCESS AND SERVICE DOORS

## WINDOWS DESCRIPTION (3)

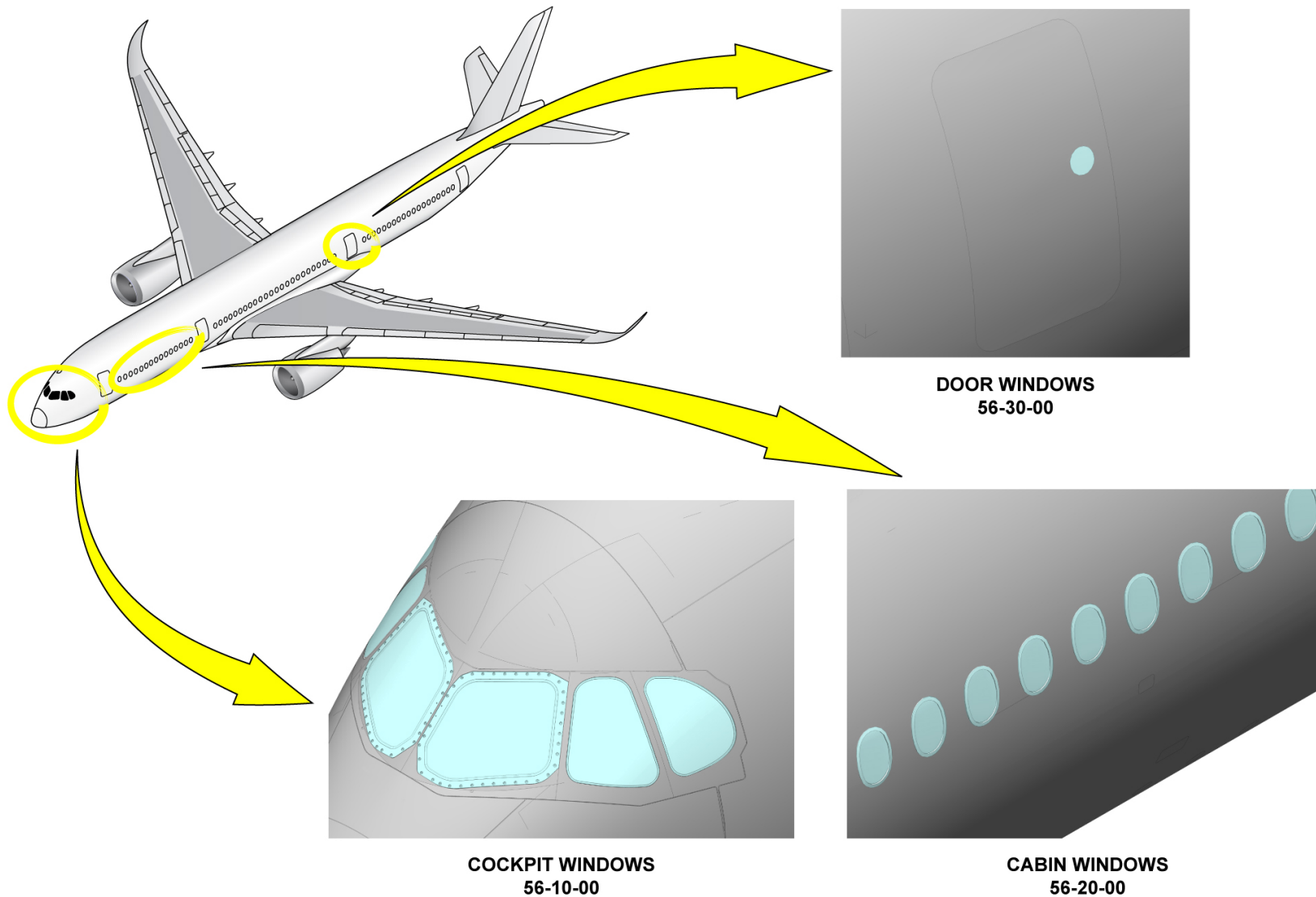
### General

The windows are installed:

- In the cockpit
- In the cabin
- On the doors.

All the windows installed in pressurized areas of the fuselage structure are fail-safe.





GENERAL

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## **WINDOWS DESCRIPTION (3)**

### **Cockpit Windows**

#### **General Arrangements**

There are six fixed windows in the cockpit. The windows are at the front and on the left and right side of the cockpit.

The cockpit has:

- Two front windshields
- Two forward lateral windows
- Two aft lateral windows.

The left and right windows are symmetrical.

#### **Windshields**

Frame:

The windshield panels are installed in a frame integrated into the nose structure.

The retainers hold the panels in their position and are bolted to the outer face of the frame. Caps give protection to the fasteners.

Windshield panel assembly:

Windshields are replaced from outside.

#### **Side Fixed Windows**

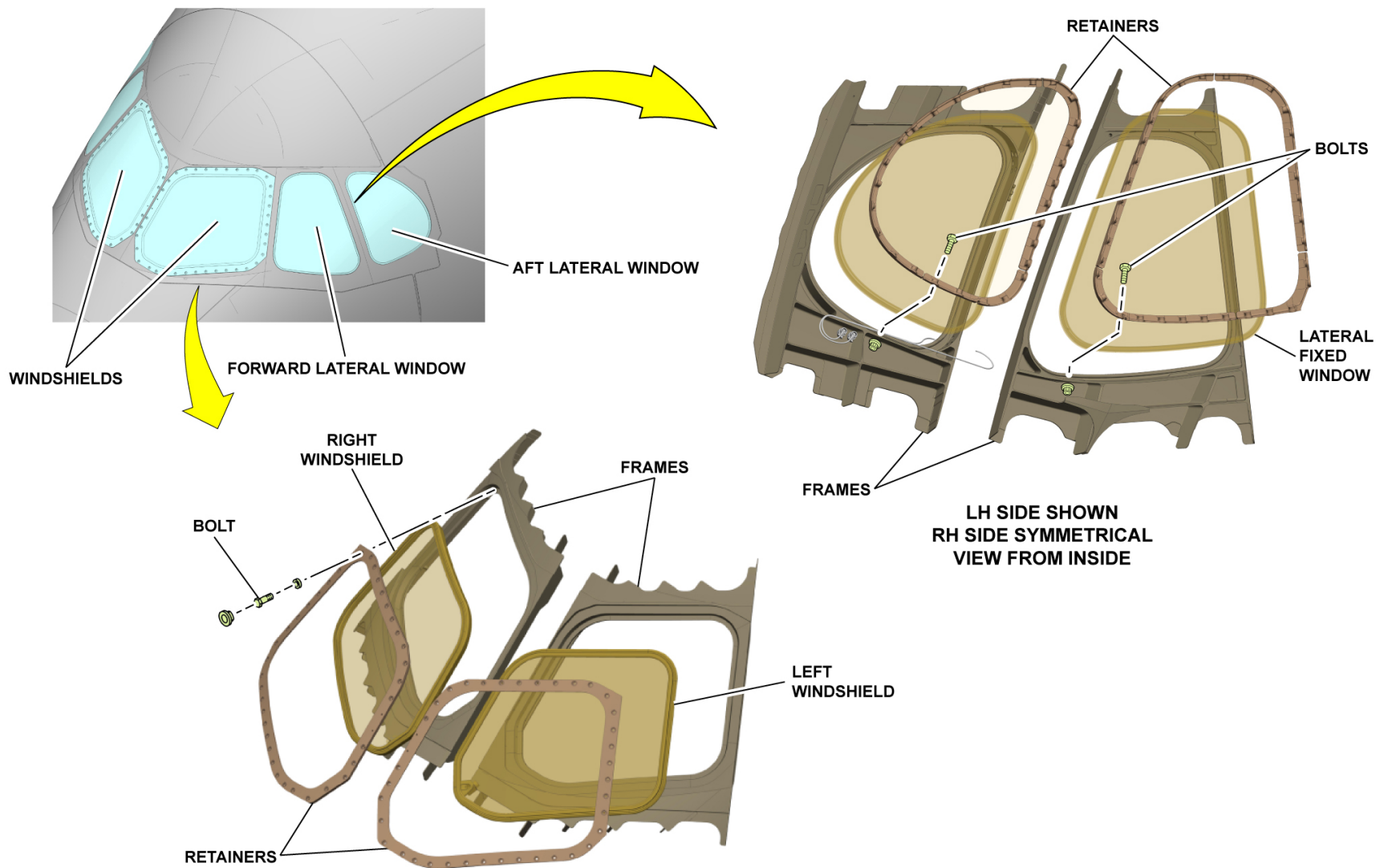
Frame:

The forward and aft lateral windows are installed directly on to the frame in the aircraft structure.

Retainers hold the fixed window panel in position in its frame. The retainers are bolted to the inner face of the frame.

Window panel assembly:

Fixed windows are replaced from inside.



### COCKPIT WINDOWS - GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS ... SIDE FIXED WINDOWS

## WINDOWS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Cabin Windows**

The windows are installed in window frames and make a smooth surface with the fuselage skin.

The cabin windows are installed/removed from the inner side of the aircraft.

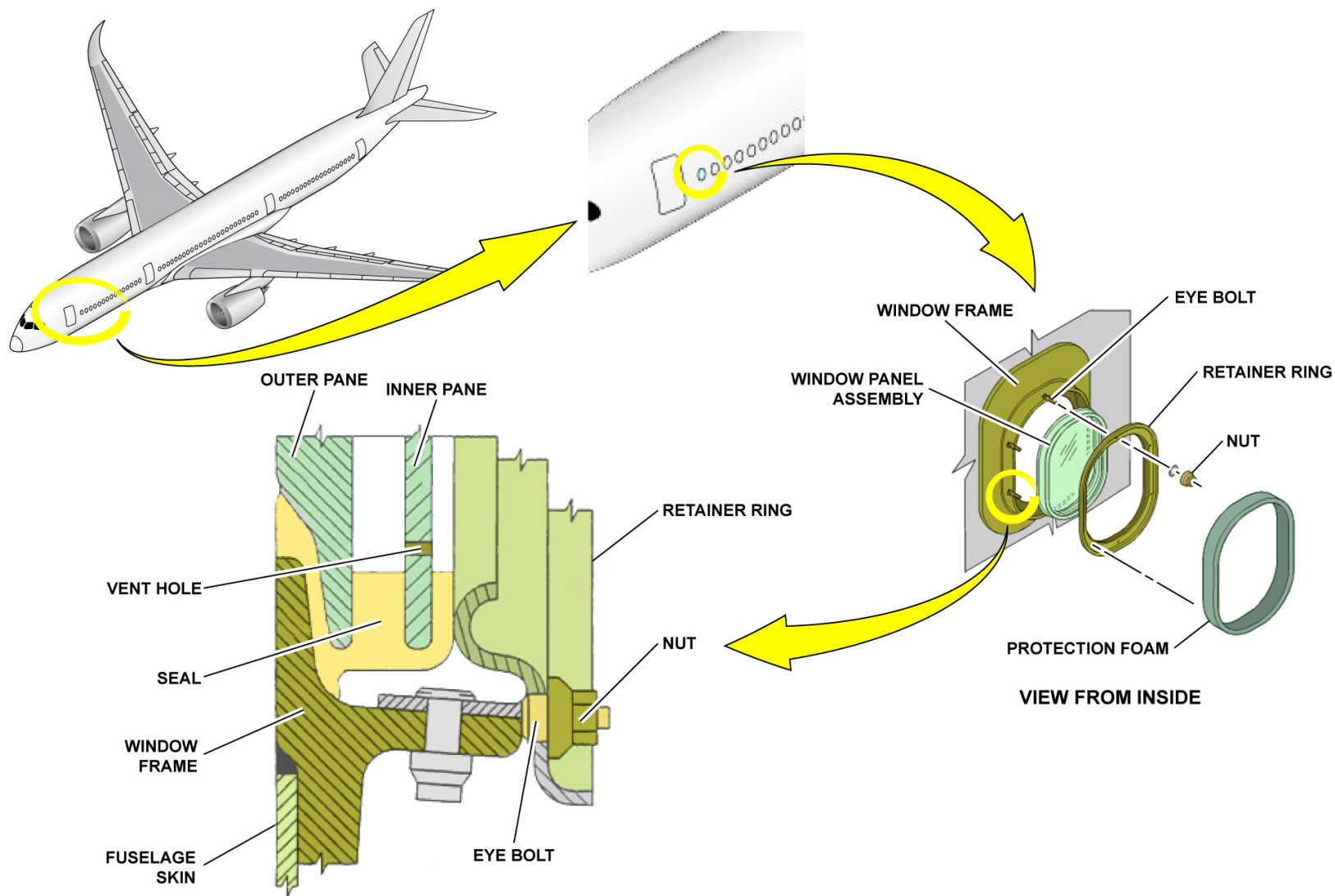
### **Cabin Windows**

The cabin windows are installed in the seating areas of the cabin.

A retainer ring, eye-bolts and nuts hold each cabin window in a window frame.

Each window panel assembly has an inner pane and an outer pane (acrylic).

There is a small hole (vent hole) at the bottom of the inner pane. This lets the pressure between the two panes stay the same as in the cabin.



CABIN WINDOWS - CABIN WINDOWS

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## WINDOWS DESCRIPTION (3)

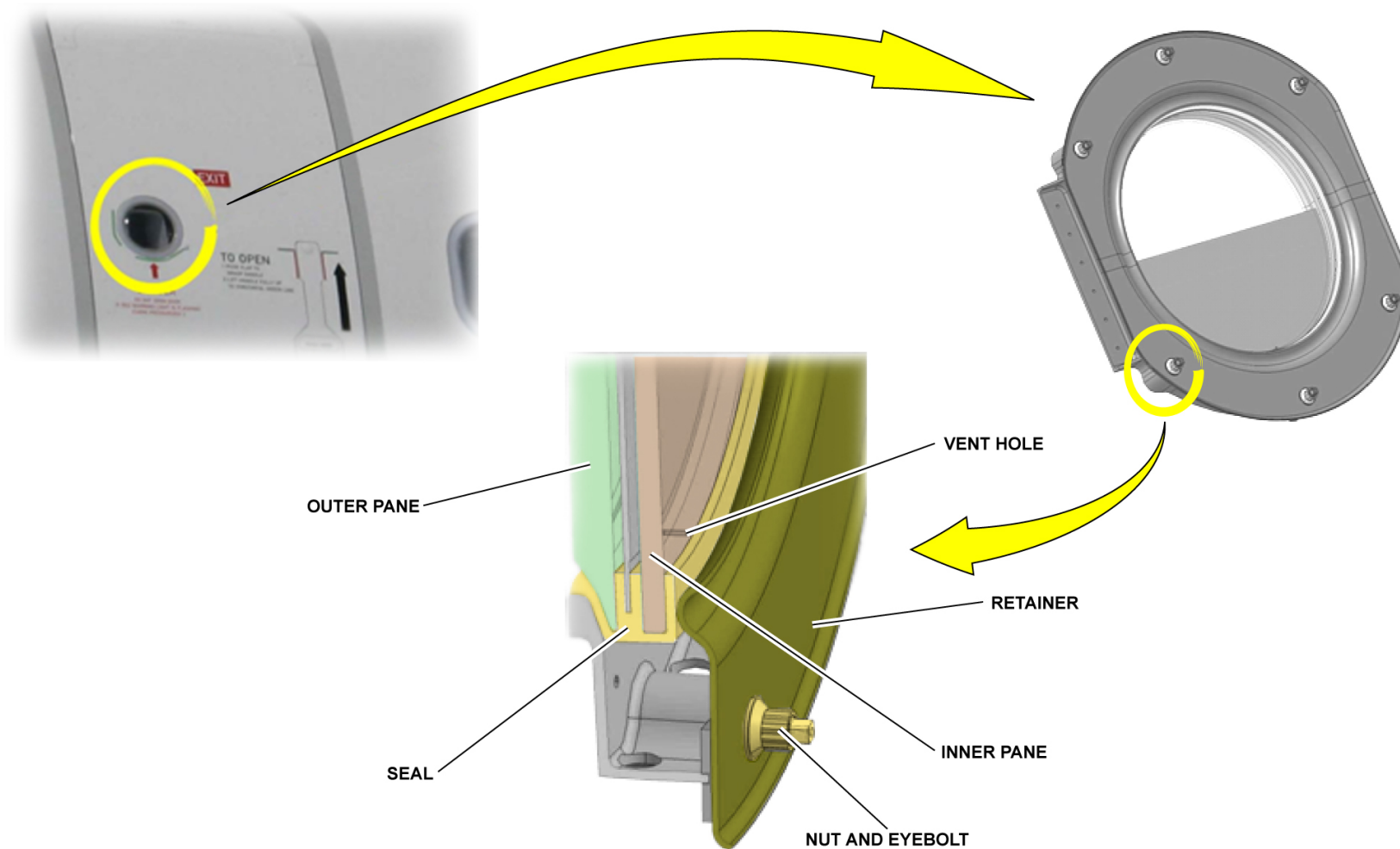
### **Door Windows**

The PAX/crew doors and emergency exit doors have a circular window installed in a window frame. These windows are used for inspection and observation.

Each door window is installed near the inner handle. It is installed in a window frame, attached to the outer skin of the door. A retainer ring holds the door window in a window frame.

Each window panel assembly has an inner pane and an outer pane.

There is a small hole (vent hole) at the bottom of the inner pane. This lets the pressure between the two panes stay the same as in the cabin.



**DOOR WINDOWS**

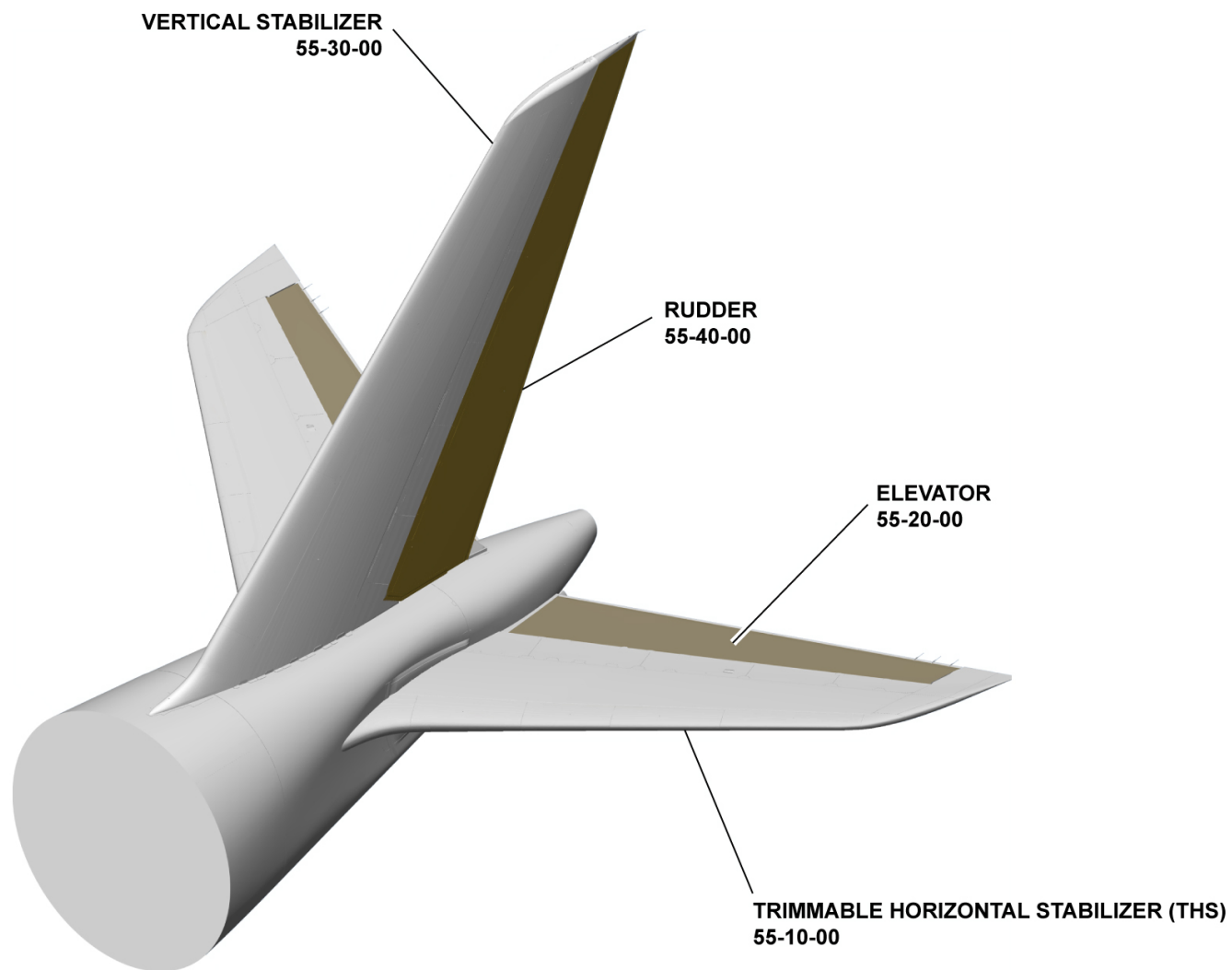
## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Stabilizers - General Arrangement**

The stabilizers have:

- The THS
- Elevators
- The vertical stabilizer
- The rudder.





**STABILIZERS - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**

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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

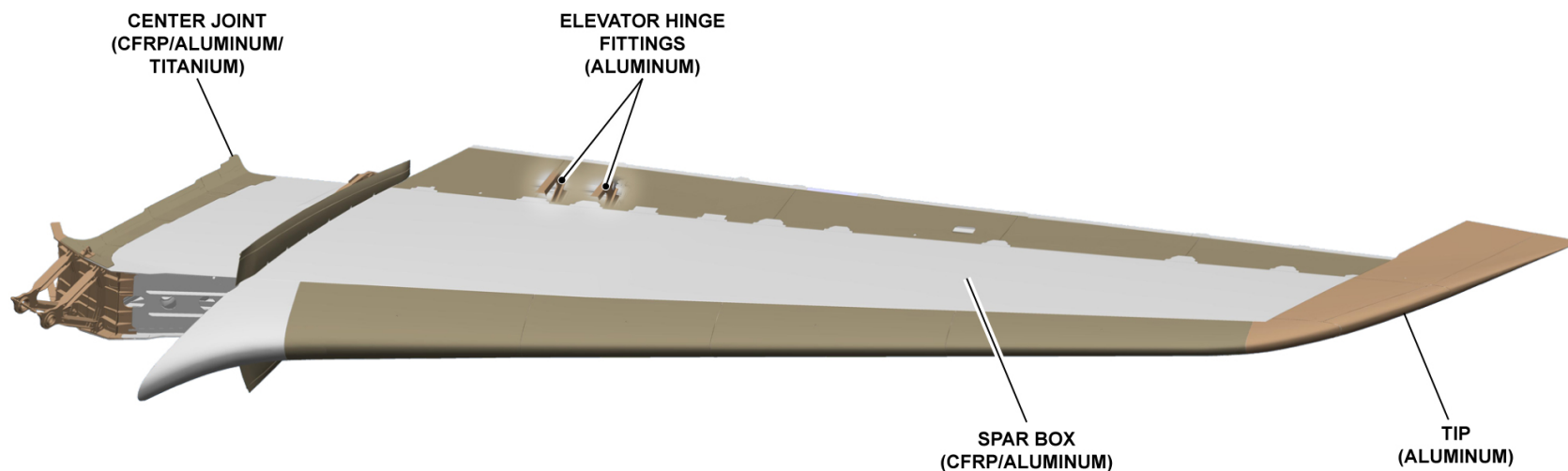
### Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS)

#### General Arrangement

The THS primary structure includes:

- Spar boxes (center joint, LH side and RH side)
- The LE
- The TE
- The tip.

The spar boxes are the primary structure of the THS and hold all other components.



**CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic**

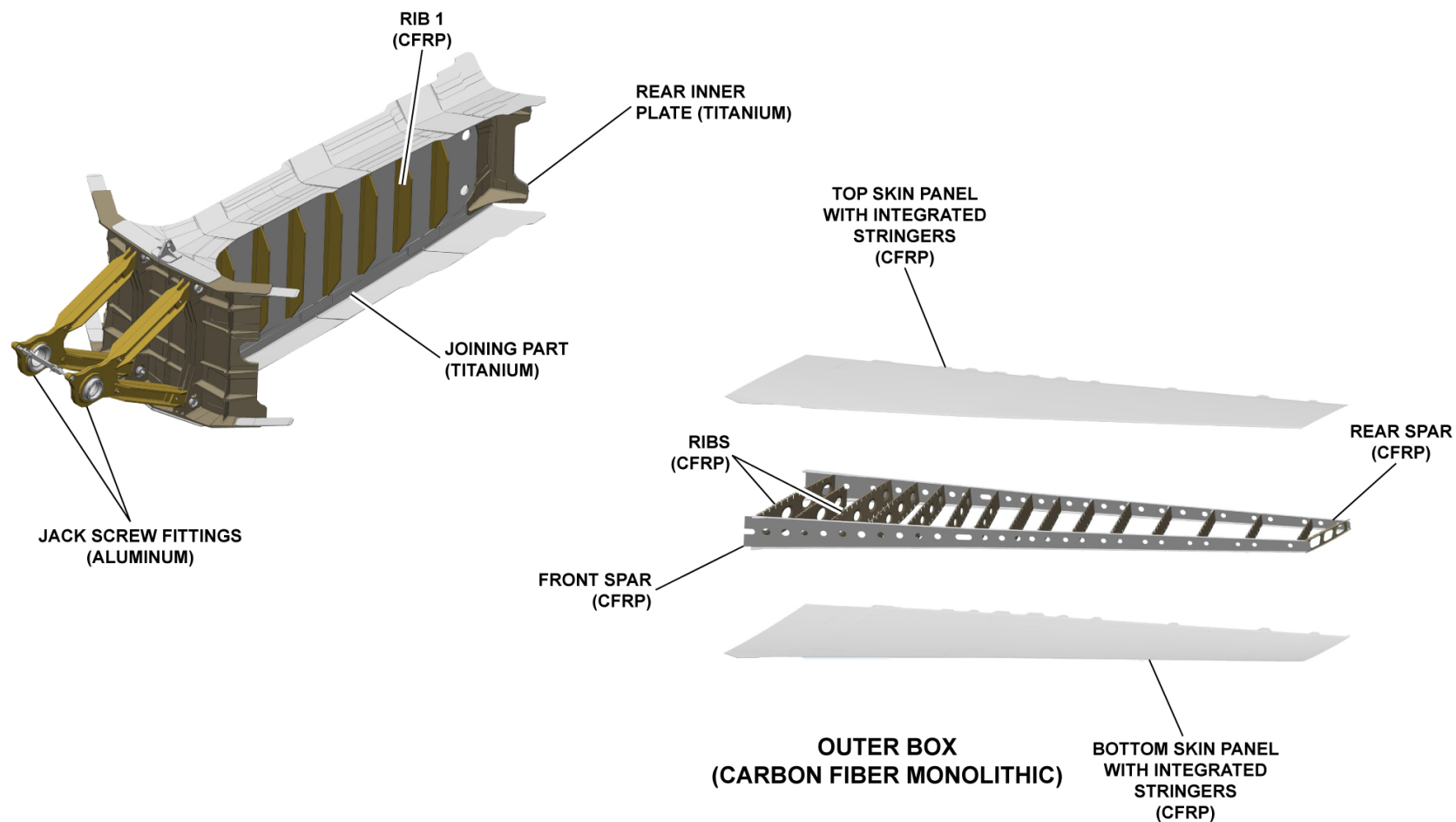
### TRIMMABLE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER (THS) - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS) (continued)**

#### **Spar Boxes**

The full spar box assembly has the LH and RH side boxes and the center joint. The center joint connects the LH and RH side spar-boxes to make one unit. Each spar box has a top and bottom skin panels, a front spar, a rear spar and ribs. The LH and the RH spar boxes are made of CFRP and aluminum. The center joint is made of aluminum, titanium and CFRP parts.

**CENTER JOINT (CFRP / TITANIUM / ALUMINUM)**

**TRIMMABLE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER (THS) - SPAR BOXES**

## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS) (continued)**

#### **Leading Edge (LE)**

The LE makes the front aerodynamic contour of the THS.

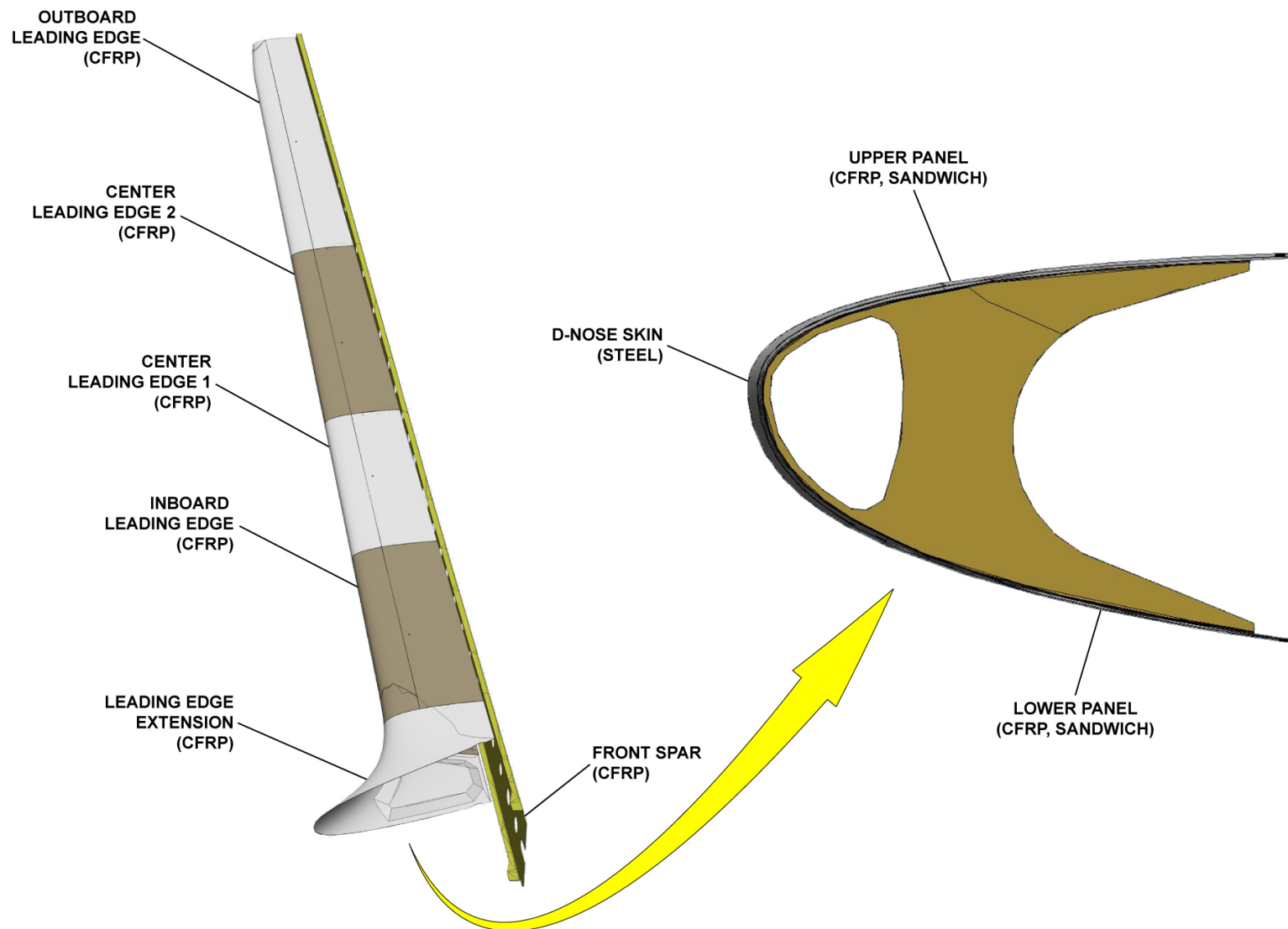
The THS LE includes LE ribs. LE ribs are made of CFRP.

The THS LE has an aerodynamic D-shape contour and attached to the front spar and the skin panels of the THS.

The THS LE is made of CFRP material. Each THS LE part has an anti-erosion stainless steel strap.

Each THS LE section is a full component, which includes an upper and lower panel, and a LE nose plate.

The upper and lower LE panels are made of CFRP sandwich construction.



TRIMMABLE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER (THS) - LEADING EDGE (LE)

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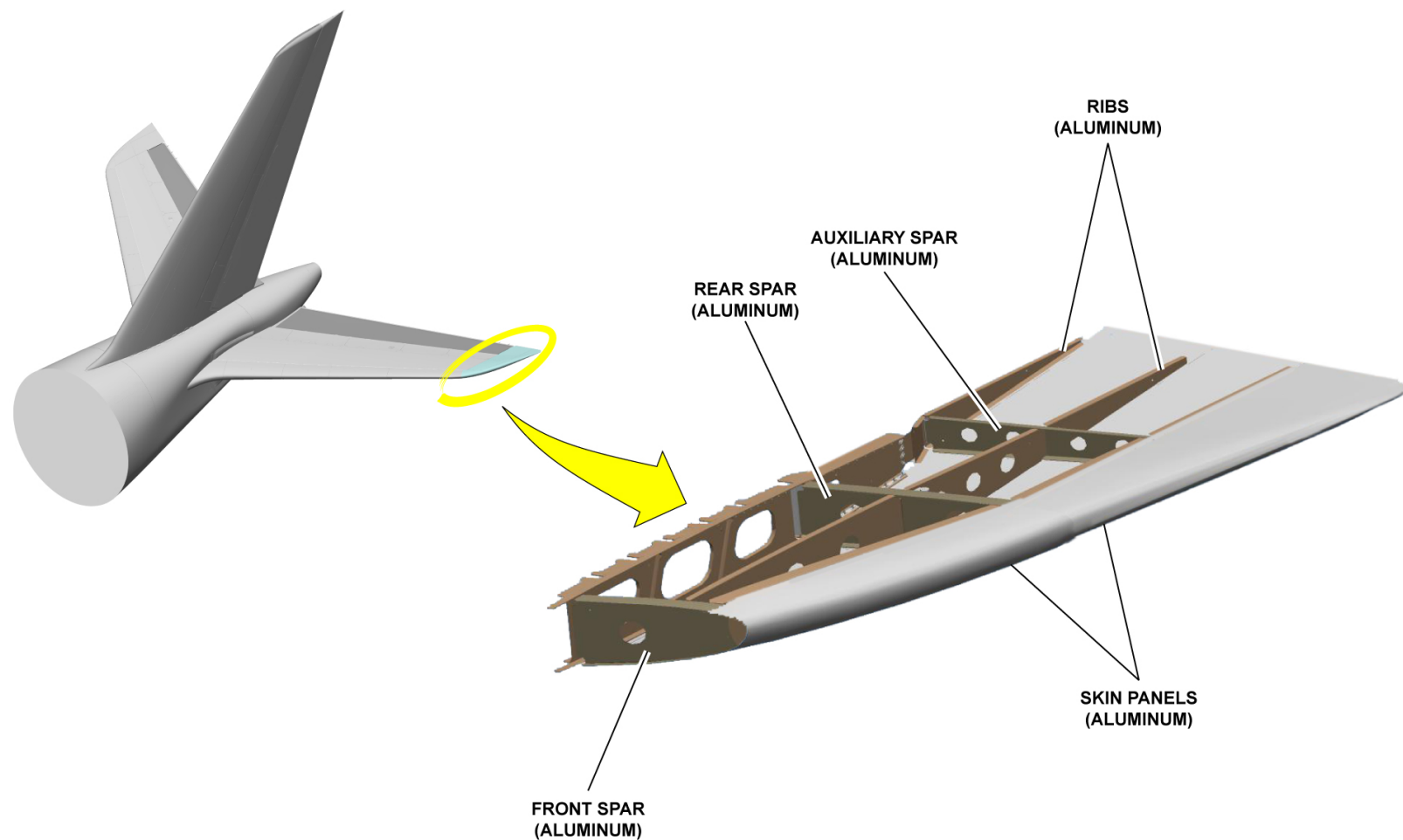
## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS) (continued)**

#### **Tips**

The THS tips complete the aerodynamic shape of the THS LE. The skin panels, spars and ribs are made of aluminum alloy. Static dischargers are attached to the rear and outboard edges of the tips.





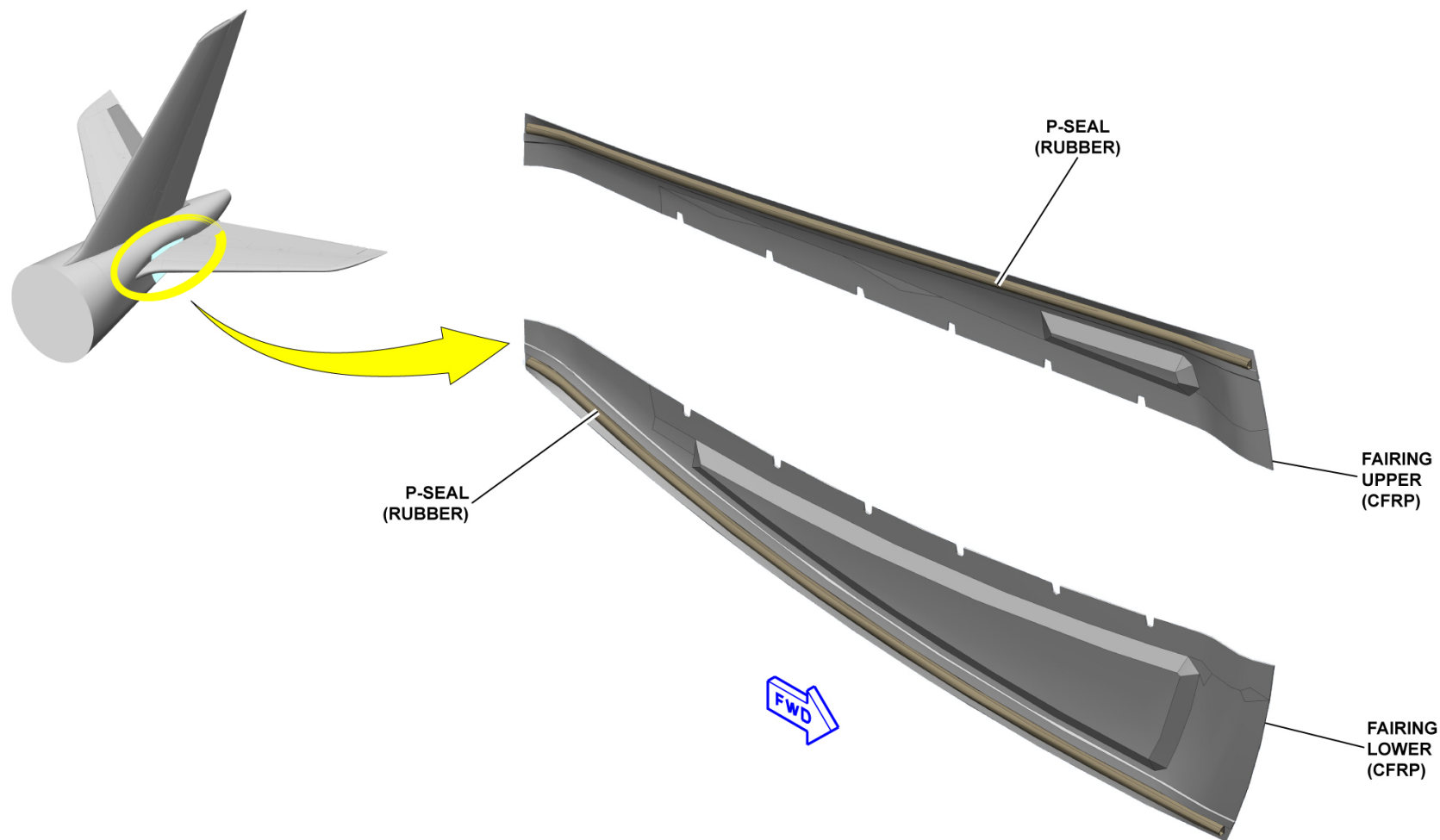
### TRIMMABLE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER (THS) - TIPS

## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS) (continued)**

#### **Aprons**

The THS aprons give an aerodynamic seal between the THS and the fuselage. The THS aprons are made of CFRP. To decrease the friction between the THS aprons and the fuselage, the flexible p-seal is attached to the THS aprons.



TRIMMABLE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER (THS) - APRONS

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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

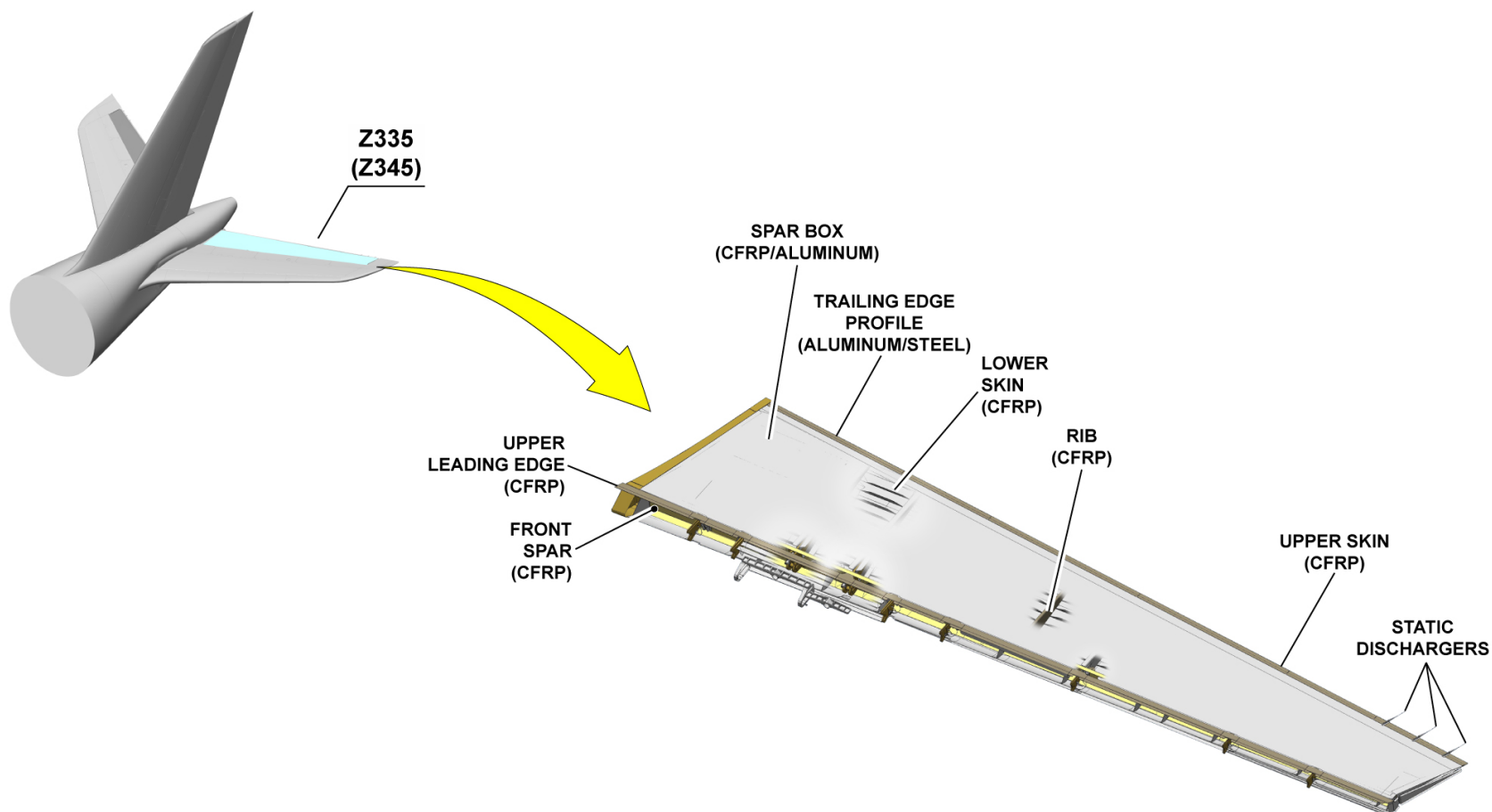
### **Elevators - Structure Layout**

The elevator spar box is the primary structural component of the left and right elevators. All other components of the elevator are attached to the elevator spar box.

The primary components of the elevator spar box are:

- Spars
- Ribs
- A skin
- TE profiles.

All components are made of CFRP. The TE profiles are made of corrosion resistance steel or aluminum alloy. The TE profiles are attached to the skin bronze mesh for protection from the lightning strike.



### ELEVATORS - STRUCTURE LAYOUT

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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

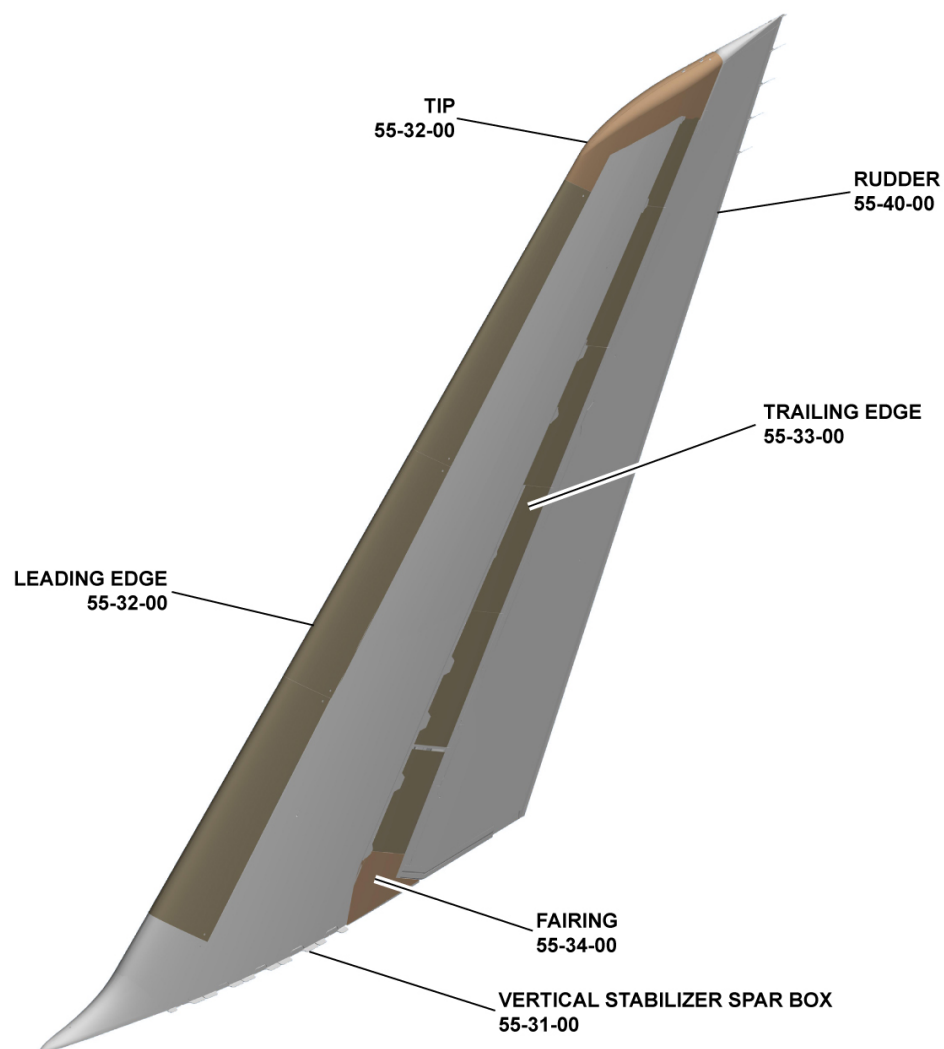
### Vertical Stabilizer

#### General Arrangement

The vertical stabilizer is attached to the top of the rear fuselage. It holds the rudder which is operated by three servo control units. The High Frequency (HF) antenna and the Very High Frequency (VHF) Omnidirectional Range (VOR) antenna are installed on the top of the rear fuselage.

The primary components of the vertical stabilizer are:

- The spar box
- The LE
- The TE
- The Tip.



**VERTICAL STABILIZER - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**

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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Vertical Stabilizer (continued)

#### **Spar Box**

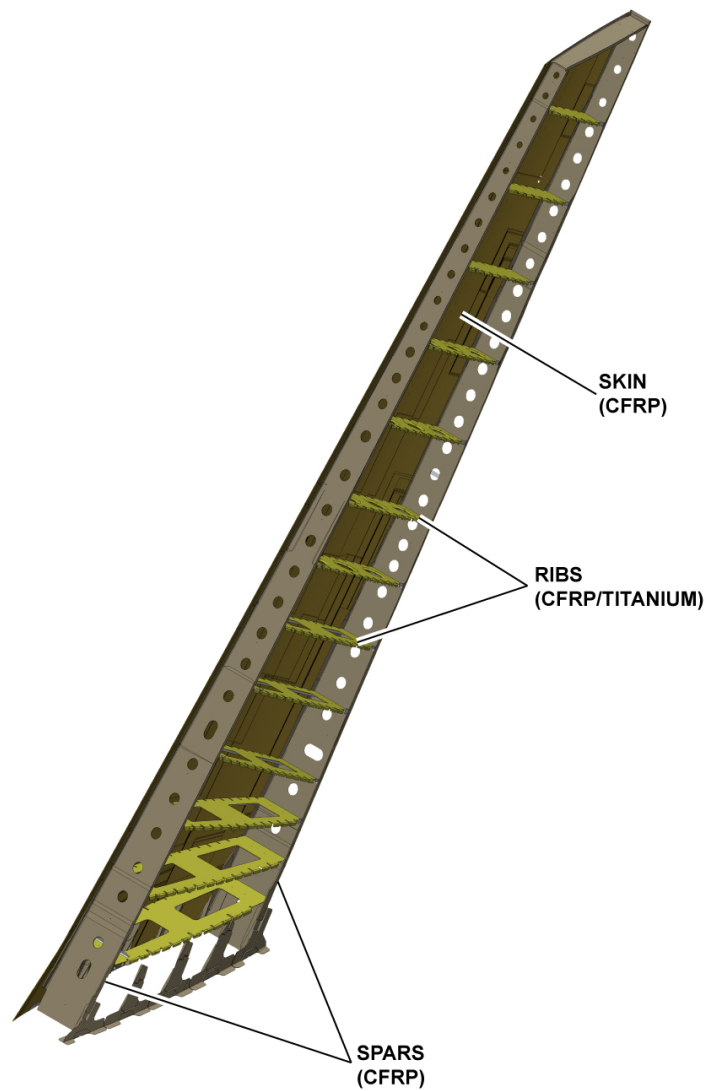
The spar box is the primary structural component of the vertical stabilizer. All other primary components of the vertical stabilizer are attached to the spar box.

The primary components of the spar box are:

- The front and rear spars
- The ribs
- The side panels with integrated stiffeners.

All these components are made of CFRP.





VERTICAL STABILIZER - SPAR BOX

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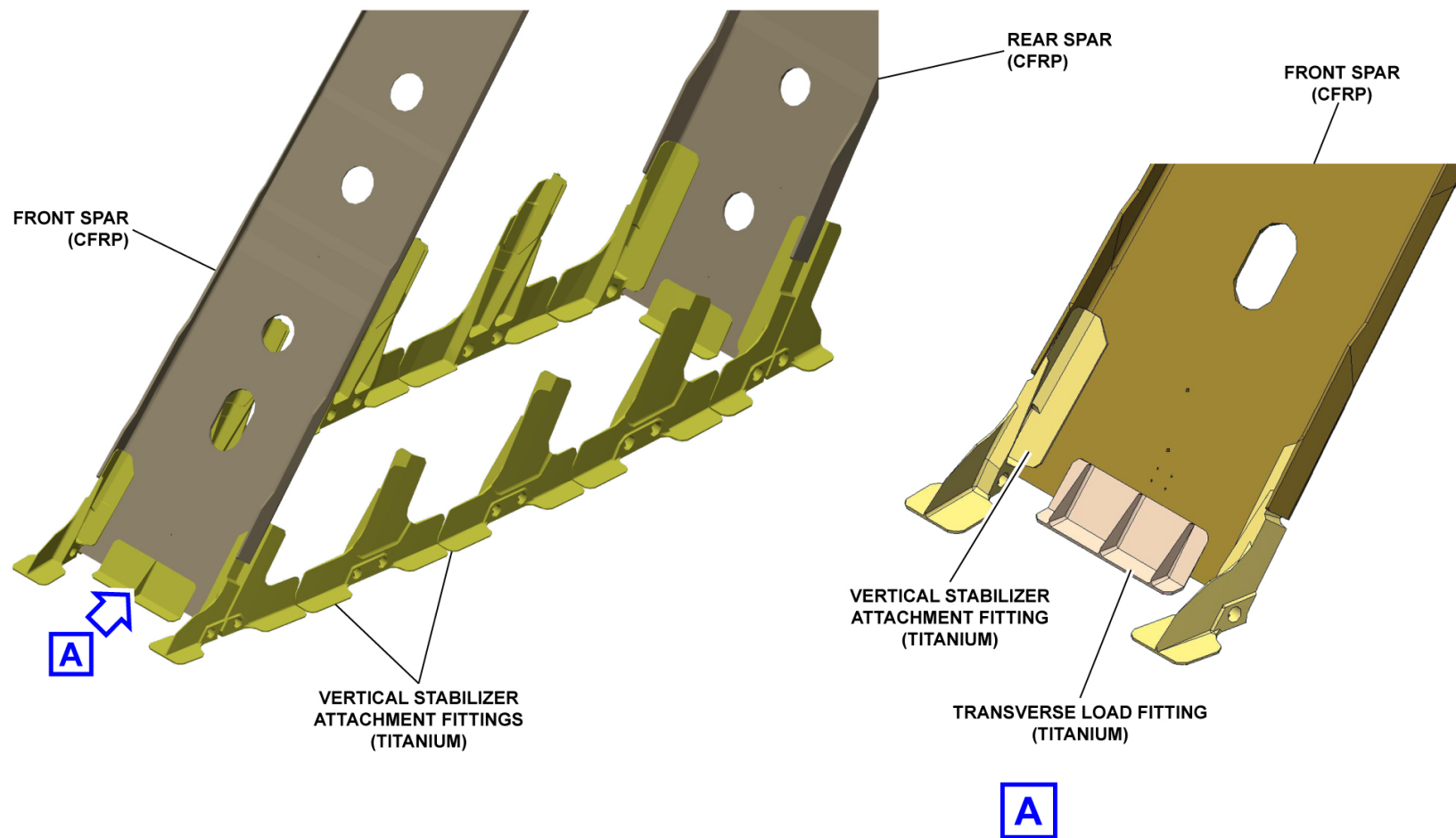
## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Vertical Stabilizer (continued)

#### **Fuselage Attachment**

The vertical stabilizer has vertical stabilizer attachment-fittings. They are made of titanium and are riveted to the lower end of the skin panels (the skin, the stringers, the flanges and vertical stabilizer attachment-fittings are one unit). The vertical stabilizer attachment-fittings are installed in pairs from the front spar to the rear spar.

The two transverse load fittings are made of titanium. They are riveted to the lower end of the front and the rear spar. The transverse load fittings transmit the transverse loads of the vertical stabilizer to the fuselage.



### VERTICAL STABILIZER - FUSELAGE ATTACHMENT

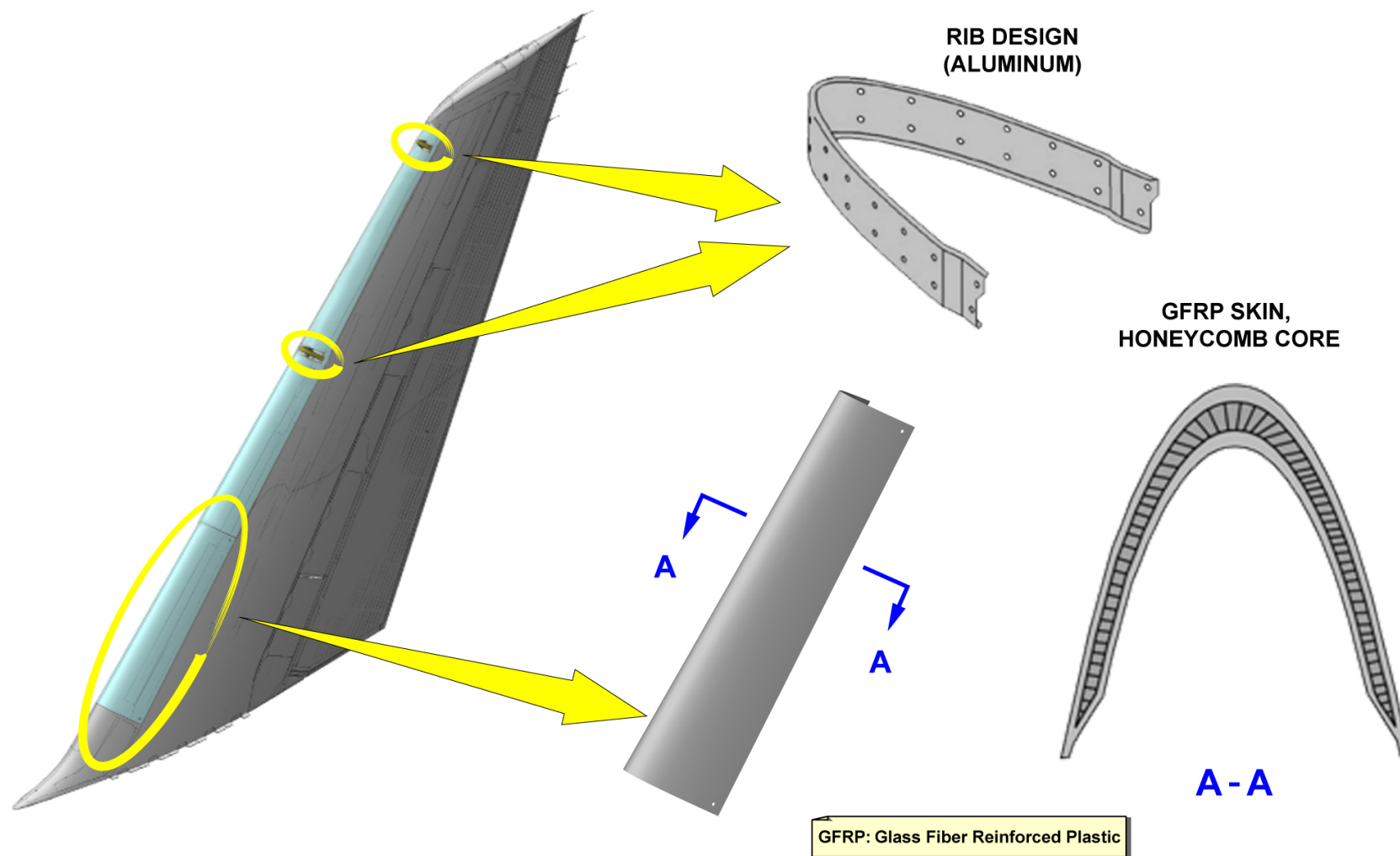
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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Vertical Stabilizer (continued)

#### Leading Edge (LE)

The vertical stabilizer LE gives an aerodynamic shape to the front of the vertical stabilizer. The vertical stabilizer LE has removable sections. They are attached to the forward edge of the spar-box side panels and to the LE ribs. It gives protection against damage to the structural parts, the HF antenna and the ETACS camera. The LE sections are made of GFRP sandwich construction.



**VERTICAL STABILIZER - LEADING EDGE (LE)**

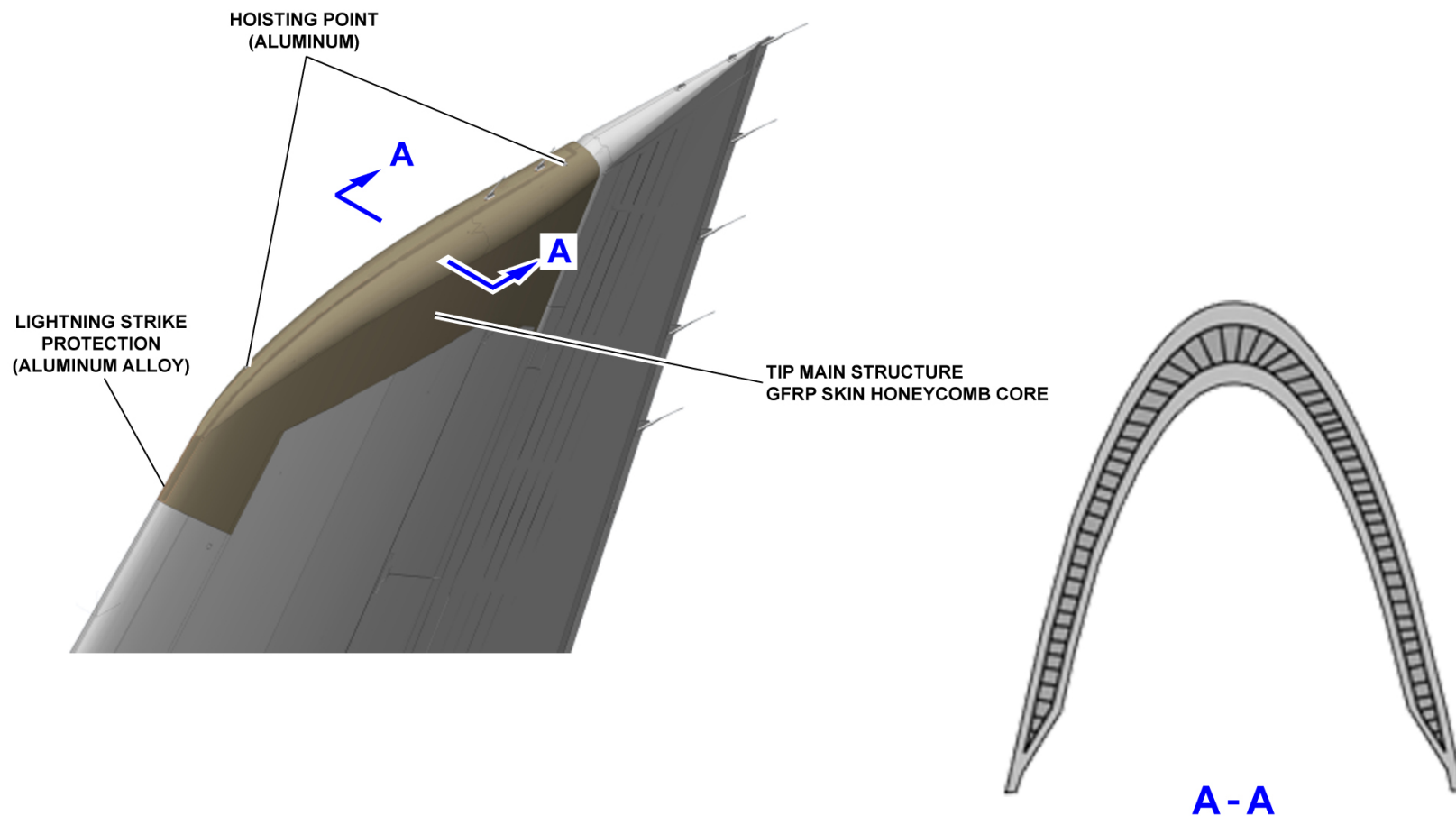
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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Vertical Stabilizer (continued)

#### **Tip**

The tip is the upper fairing of the vertical stabilizer. It is attached to the top of the spar box and to the front spar. It is made of GFRP skin bonded to a honeycomb core. An aluminum alloy is embedded in the tip structure for lightning strike protection.



VERTICAL STABILIZER - TIP

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## STABILIZERS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Rudder**

The primary components of the rudder are:

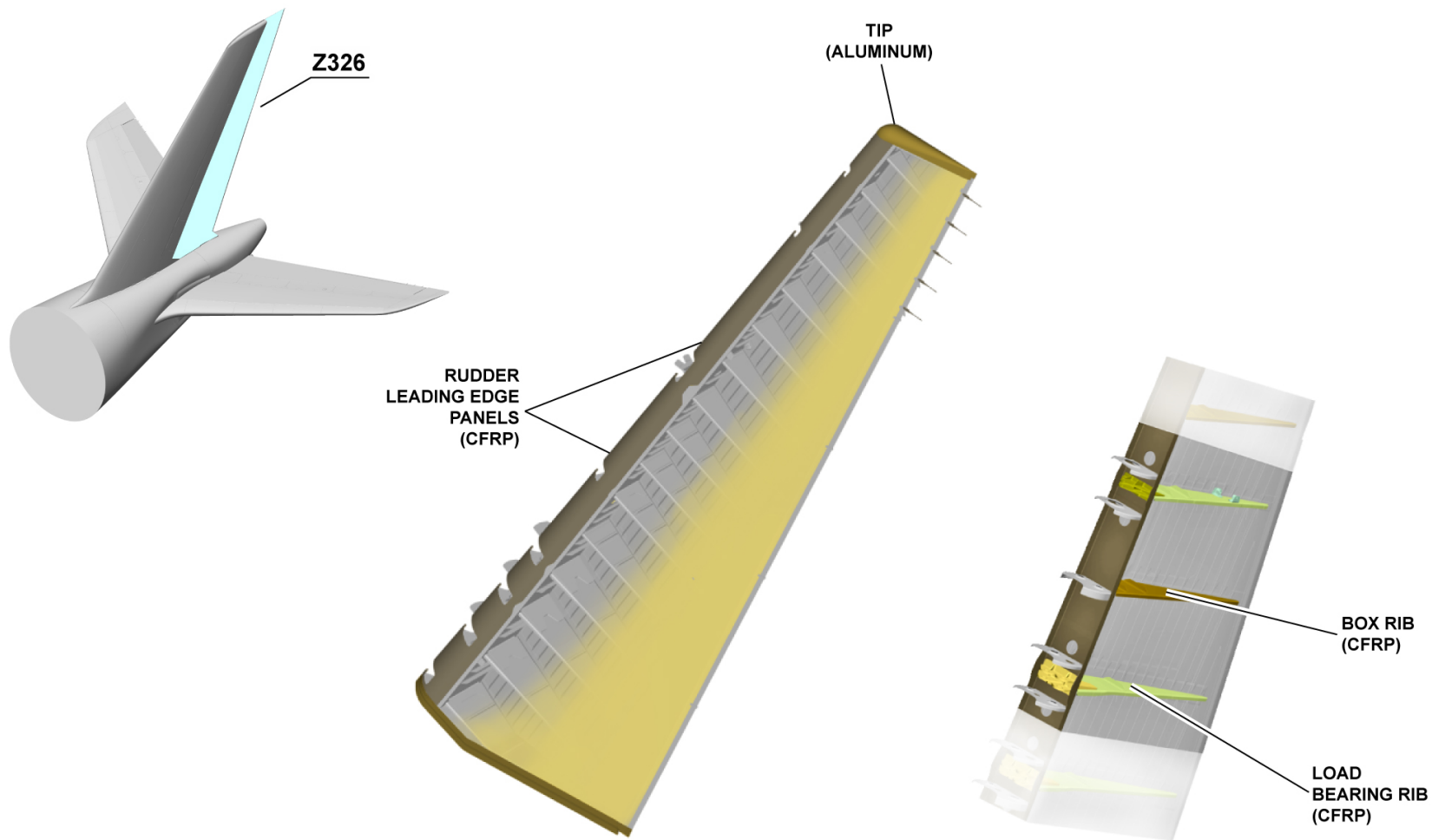
- The main structure
- LE panels and ribs made of CFRP
- An aluminum alloy tip.

The rudder main structure is the primary structural component of the rudder.

It has an assembly of:

- Two skin panels made of CFRP sandwich construction
- A carbon fiber front spar
- A bottom carbon fiber closing rib
- A top carbon fiber closing rib.





**RUDDER**

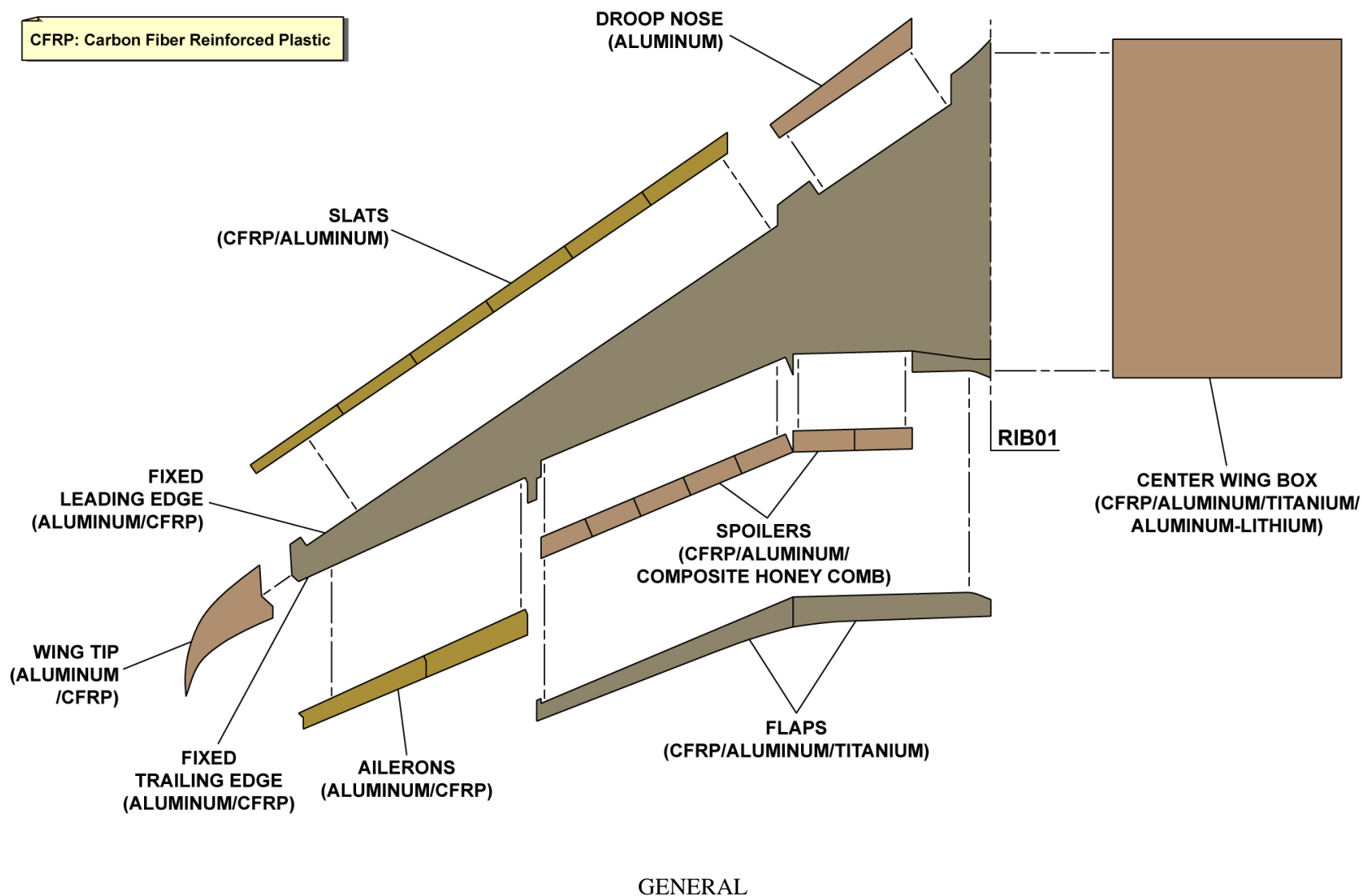
## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### General

The aircraft wing is a continuous structure which goes through the fuselage. The aircraft wing is divided into three parts:

- Center wing
- Left outer wing
- Right outer wing.

The center wing box has cantilever attachment for the outer wings and transmits the loads to the fuselage structure.



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## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Center Wing Box

#### General Arrangement

The center wing is installed in the center fuselage and makes an integral fuel tank.

The center wing box structure includes:

- Front and rear spars respectively (Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) /titanium/aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- Top and bottom skin panels (CFRP /aluminum-lithium/aluminum)
- Two main frames (aluminum-lithium)
- Internal carbon-fiber rods (CFRP)
- Longitudinal beams (aluminum alloy).

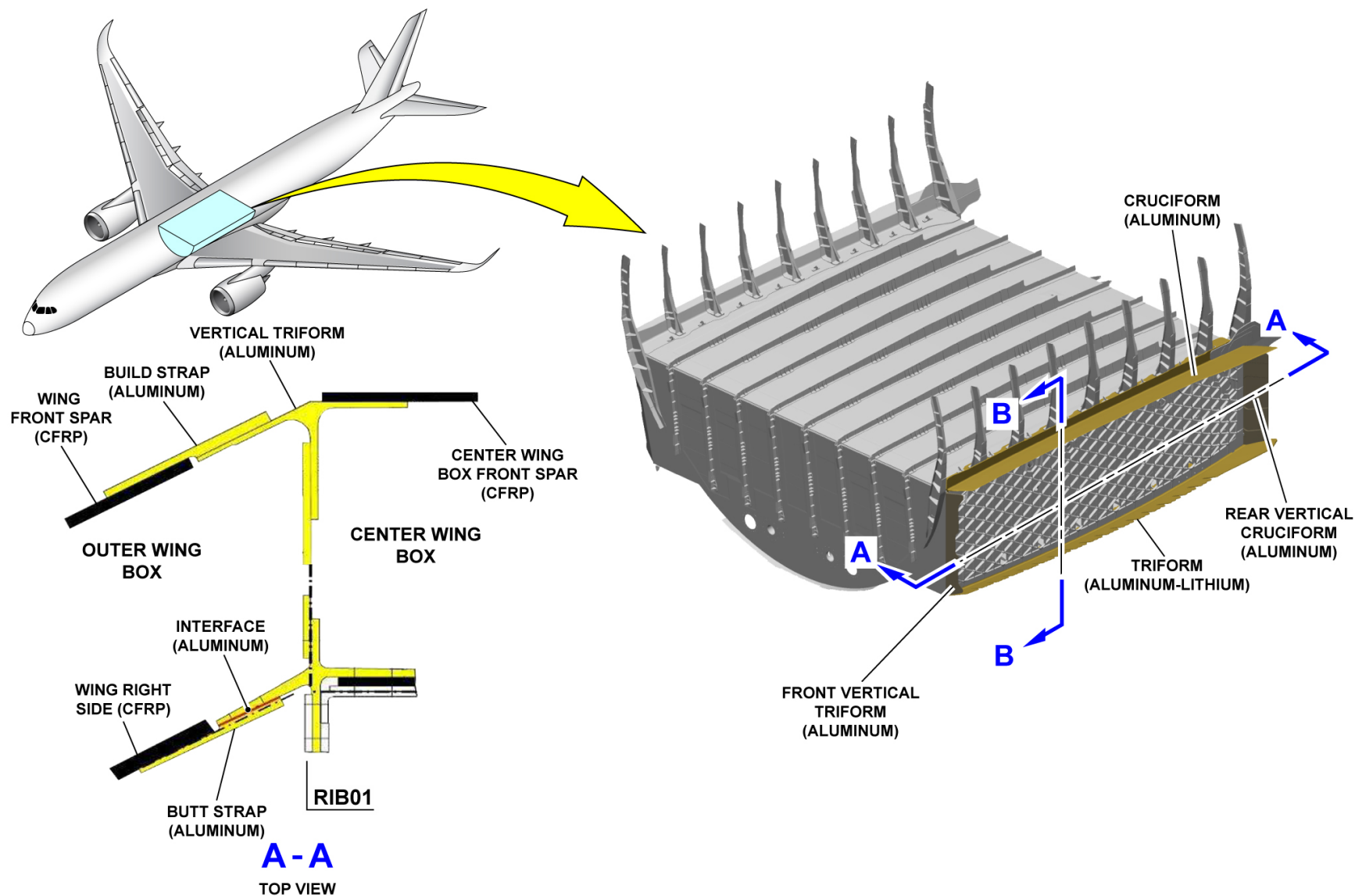
#### Wing Root Joint

The outer wing boxes are connected to the center wing box at Rib1.

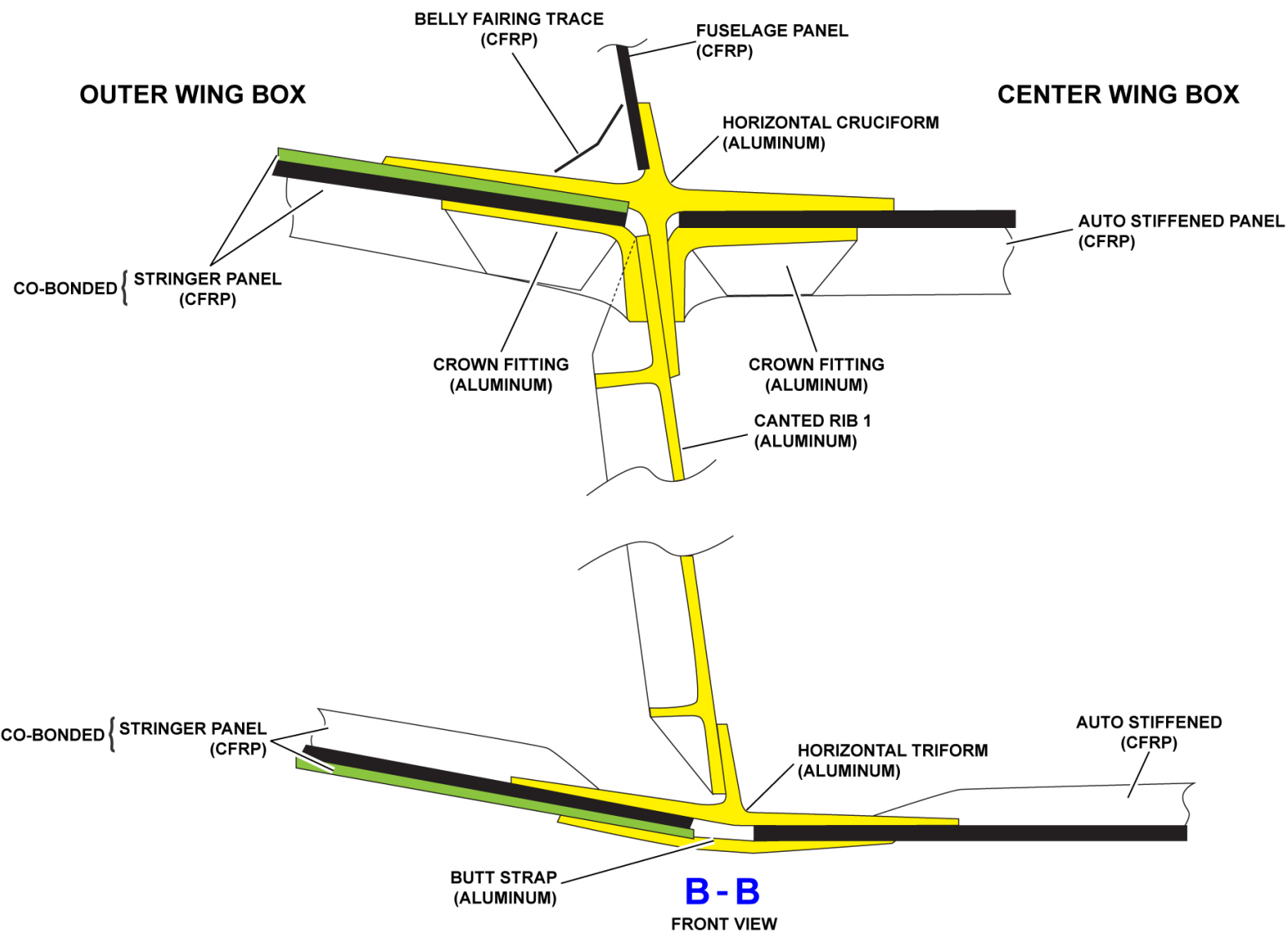
An upper cruciform fitting makes the junction between:

- The center wing box and the outer wing box top skin panels
- Fuselage and Rib1.

A lower triform fitting makes the junction between center wing box panels, bottom skin panels of the outer wing box and the Rib1.



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**CENTER WING BOX - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & WING ROOT JOINT**

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## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Outer Wing Box

#### General Arrangement

The wing box tapers and includes:

- Wing spars (front and rear)
- Ribs
- Top and bottom skin panels
- Top and bottom stringers.

#### Structure Layout

The top and bottom covers of the outer wing box are made of composite material (CFRP).

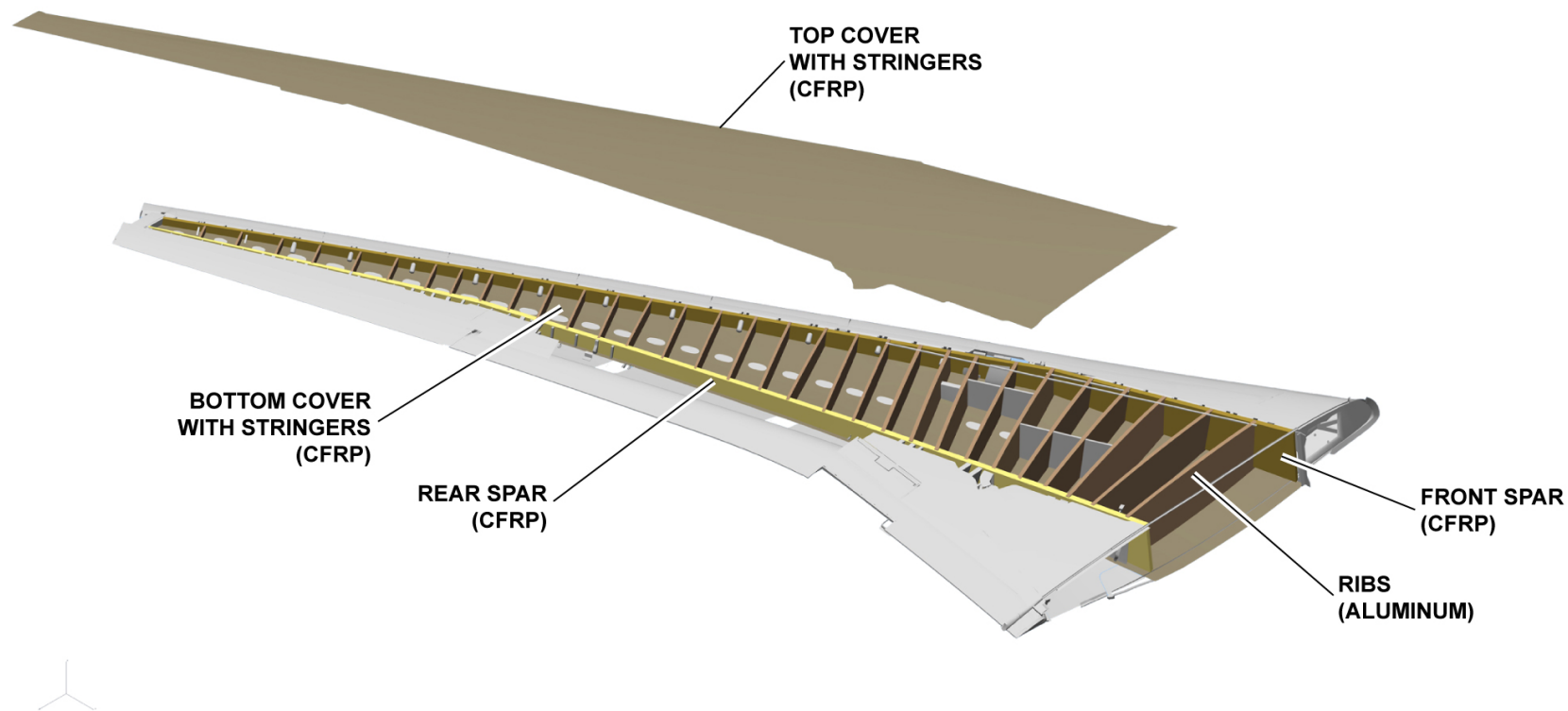
The top cover has no access holes, thus it is a solid surface. There are twenty seven access holes in the bottom cover that gives access into the wing-box fuel tanks. To make the bottom cover stronger, skin is thicker around the access holes. Stringers are attached to the top and bottom covers. They are made of composite material (CFRP / titanium) and give the covers more strength. They are installed from inboard to outboard direction.

The wing spars are made of composite materials (CFRP) and gives the strength to the wing box.

There are thirty three ribs in the wing box of each outer wing (aluminum alloy).

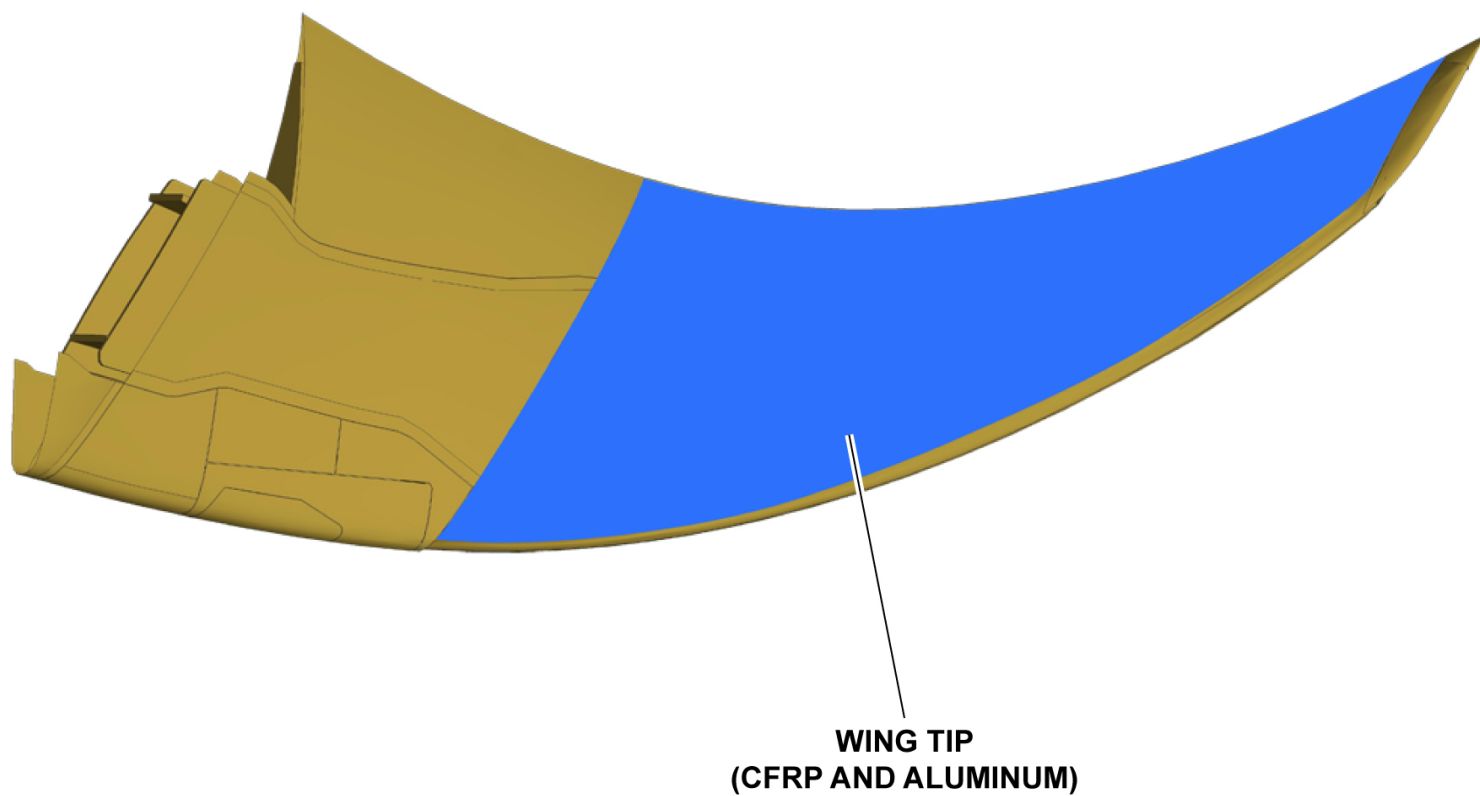
Each wing has a tip made of CFRP and aluminum.





**OUTER WING BOX - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & STRUCTURE LAYOUT**

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**OUTER WING BOX - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & STRUCTURE LAYOUT**

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## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Outer Wing Box (continued)

#### Access Holes / Covers

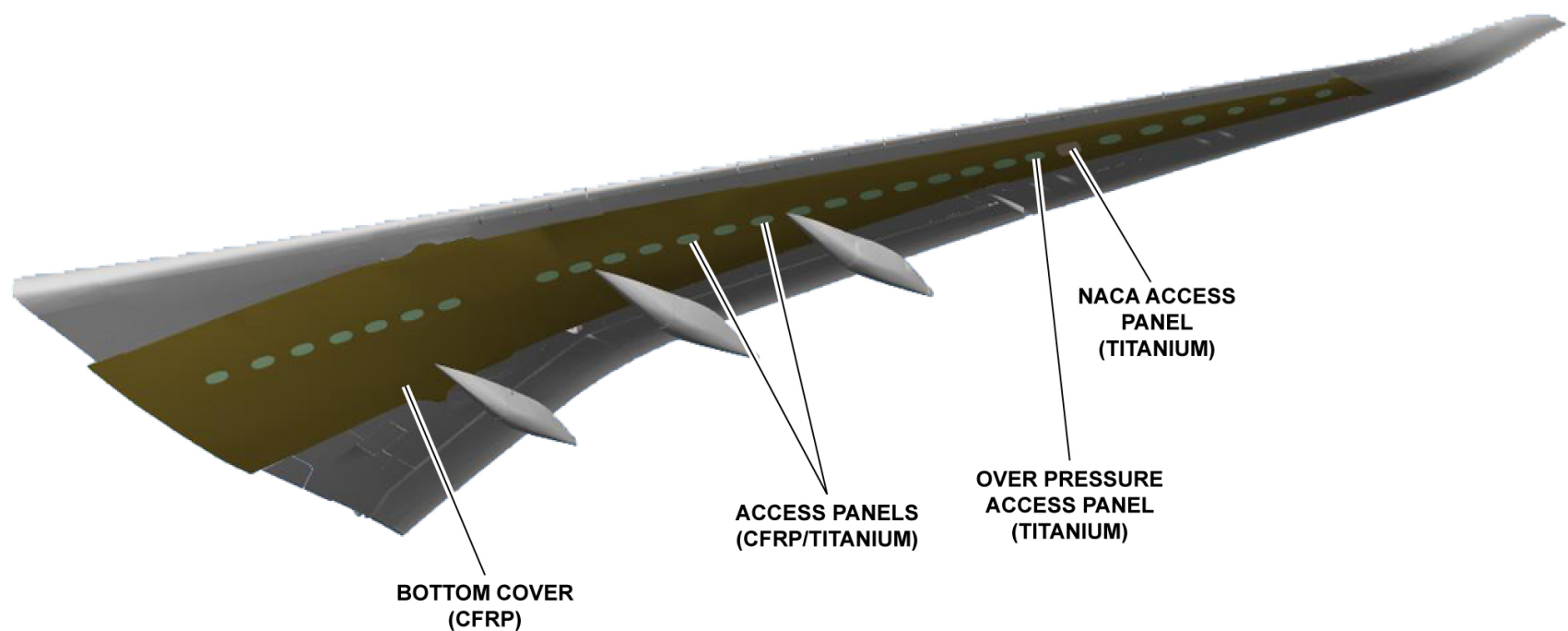
There are access covers (panels) installed in the bottom skin panels of the wing box.

All the access panels close the openings that give access to the wing box.

The bolts and the clamp rings attach the access panels to the bottom cover of the wing.

The access panels are made of composite material (CFRP / titanium).

NOTE: Torque the access cover bolts correctly in a symmetrical diagonal pattern to prevent leaks.



**OUTER WING BOX - ACCESS HOLES / COVERS**

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## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

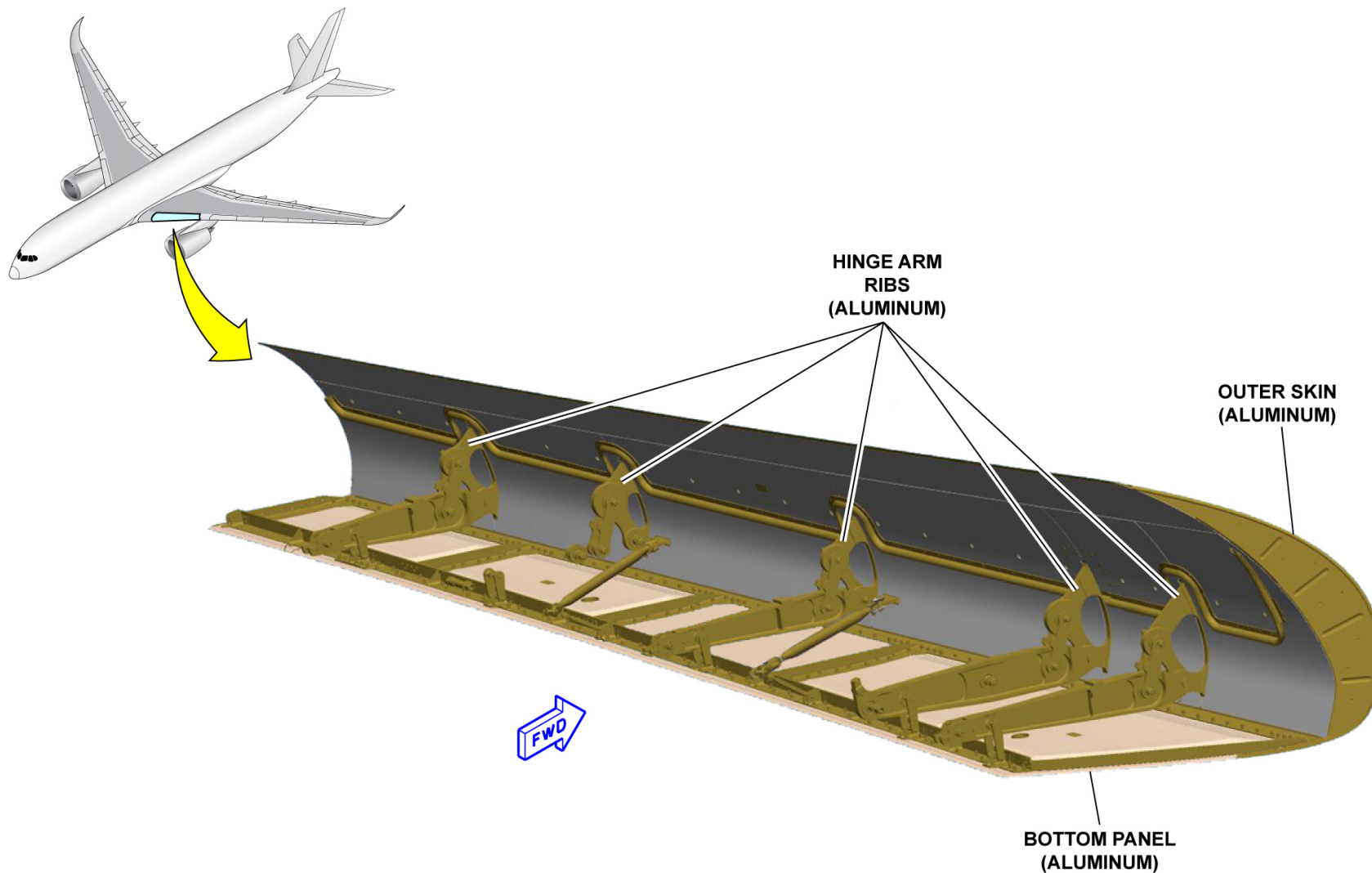
### Slats

#### **Droop Nose (Slat 1)**

The droop nose is installed between the pylon fixed structure (inboard side) and the bath tub assembly. Metallic hinge ribs attach each droop nose to the fixed LE.

The droop nose has:

- An aerodynamic seal installed on the inner skin panel
- Hinge arm ribs
- A fixed Trailing Edge (TE)
- A composite bottom panel (aluminum)
- An outer metallic top skin (aluminum).



SLATS - DROOP NOSE (SLAT 1)

## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### Slats (continued)

#### **Slats 2 to 7**

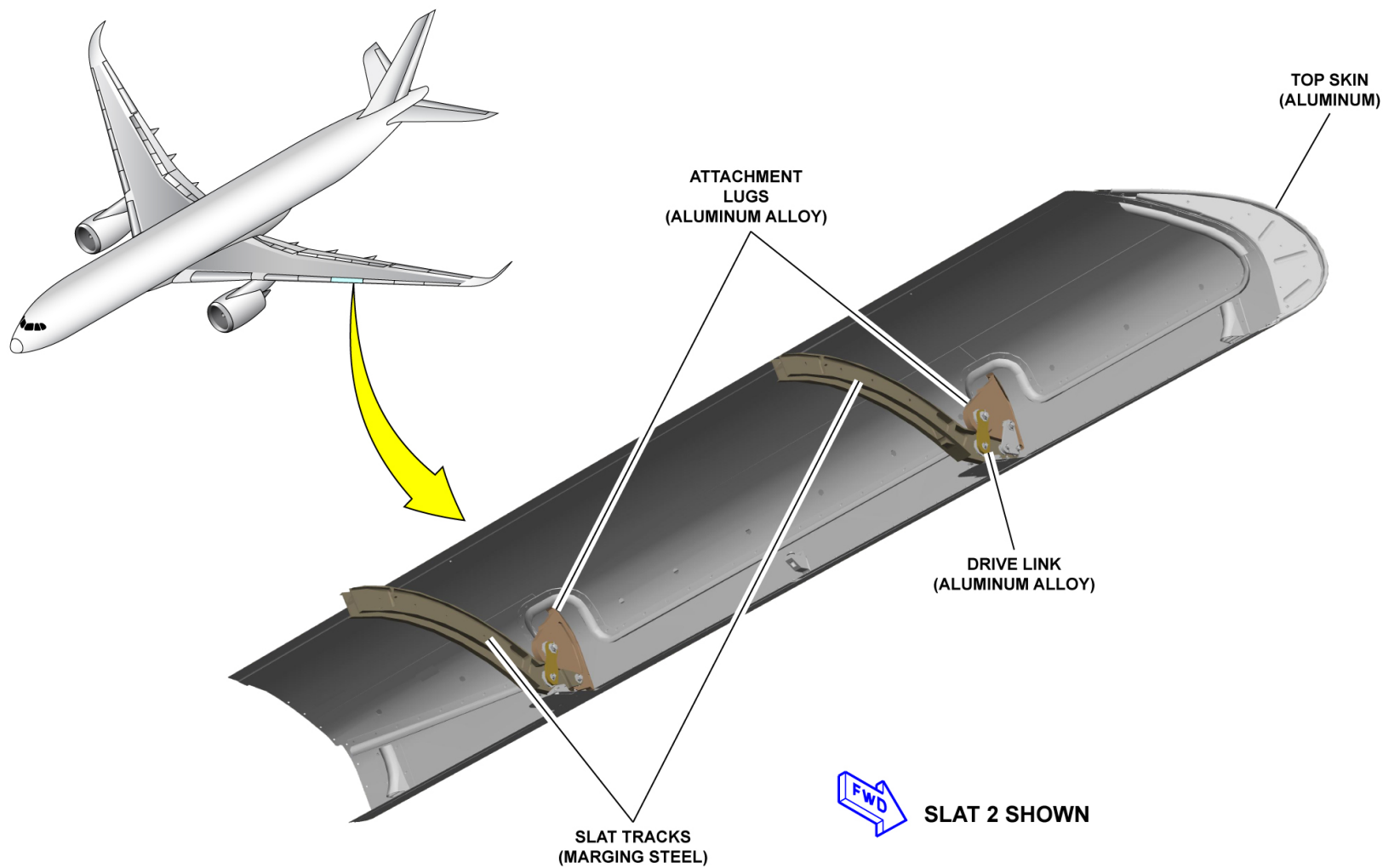
Slats two to seven are installed between the pylon fixed structure (outboard side) and the wing tip. The slats have metallic top skin and are attached to their tracks with metallic drive links.

Slats two to five have a metallic rear skin and a flexible TE.

Slats three to five have sub-spars and riblets.

Slats six and seven have a composite and metallic box structure (aluminum alloy).





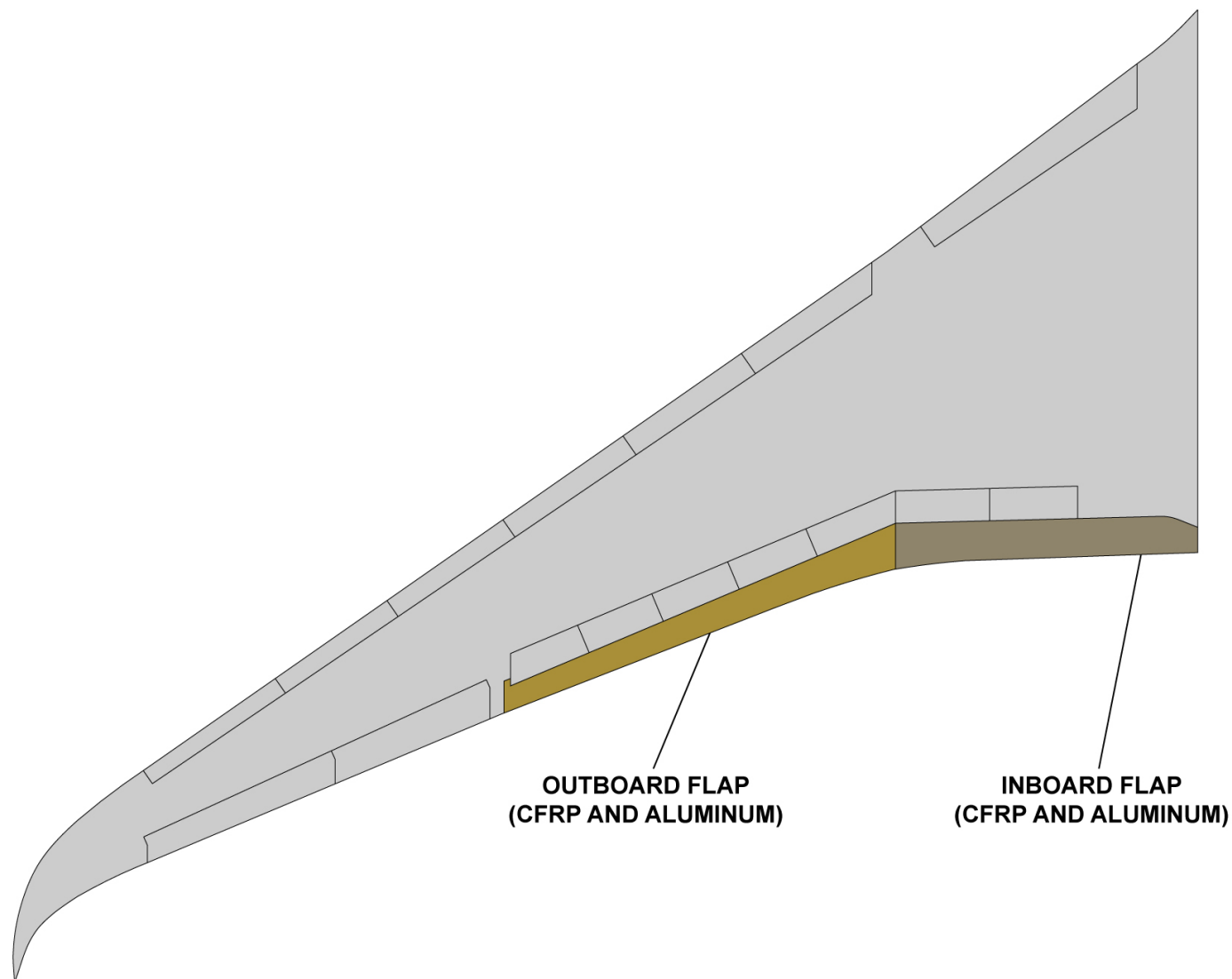
SLATS - SLATS 2 TO 7

## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trailing Edge (TE) Devices**

#### **Flaps - General Arrangement**

Two single-element flaps are installed on the TE of the outer wing (CFRP and aluminum).



**TRAILING EDGE (TE) DEVICES - FLAPS - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**

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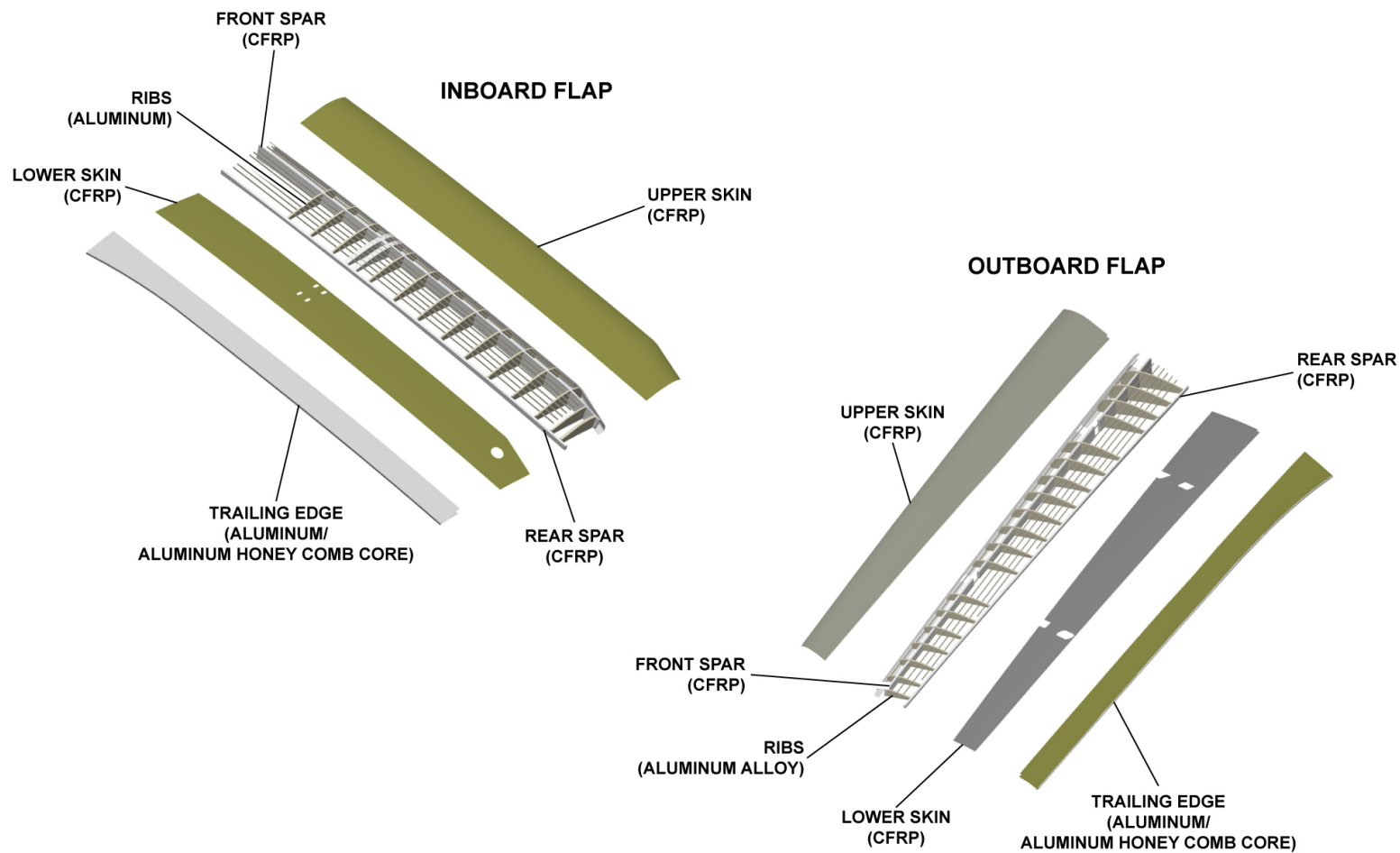
## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trailing Edge (TE) Devices (continued)**

#### **Flap Structure**

The flap structure is made of standard aluminum alloy construction with an aluminum sandwich TE.

The outer flap has a main box structure, a carbon fiber LE and a segmented aluminum sandwich TE.



**TRAILING EDGE (TE) DEVICES - FLAP STRUCTURE**

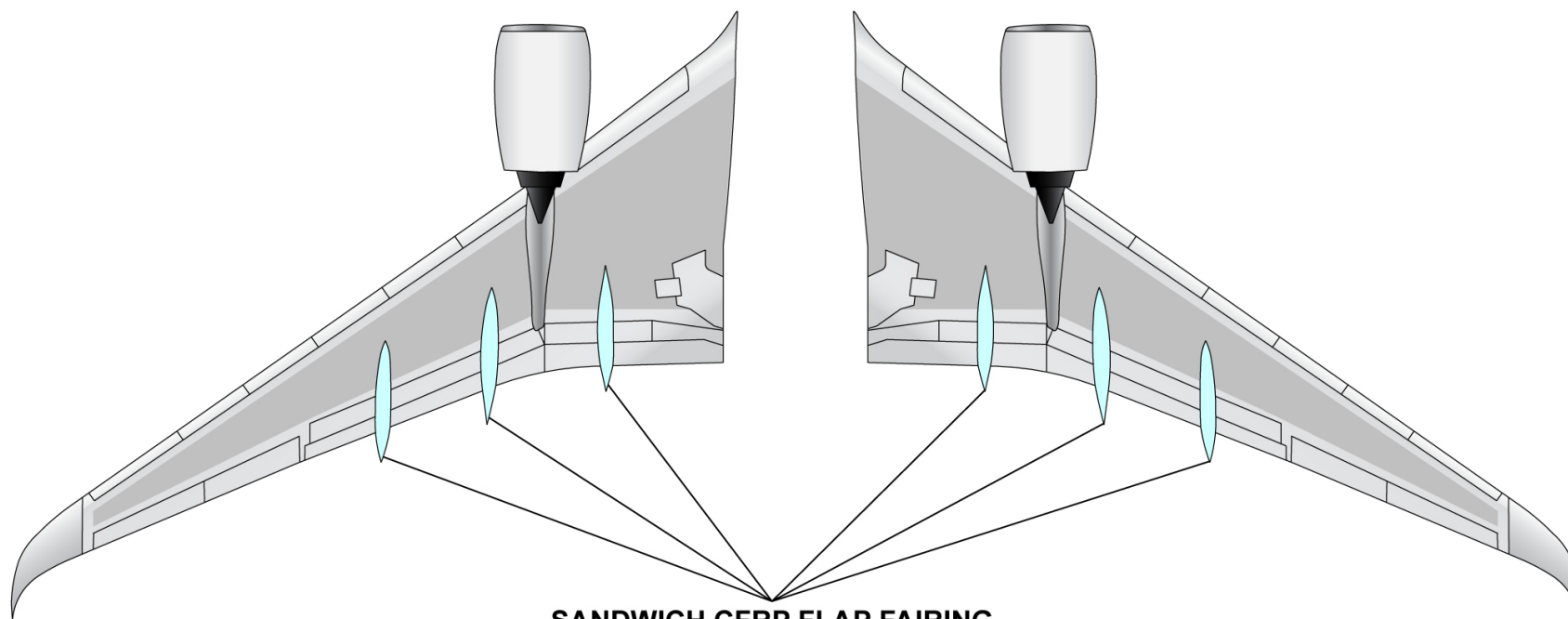
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## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trailing Edge (TE) Devices (continued)**

#### **Flap Actuator Fairings**

Flap actuator fairings are made of sandwich CFRP.



**SANDWICH CFRP FLAP FAIRING**

**TRAILING EDGE (TE) DEVICES - FLAP ACTUATOR FAIRINGS**

## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trailing Edge (TE) Devices (continued)**

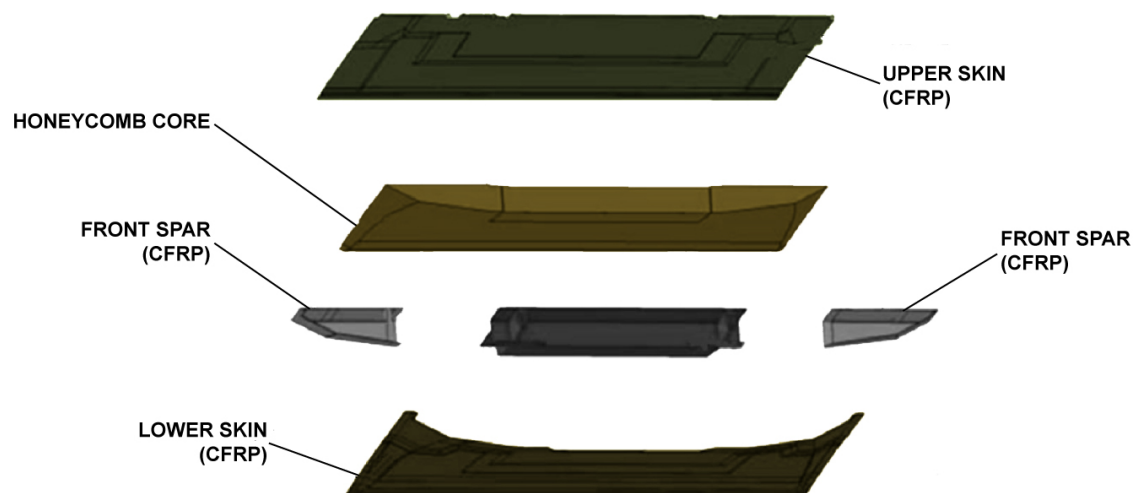
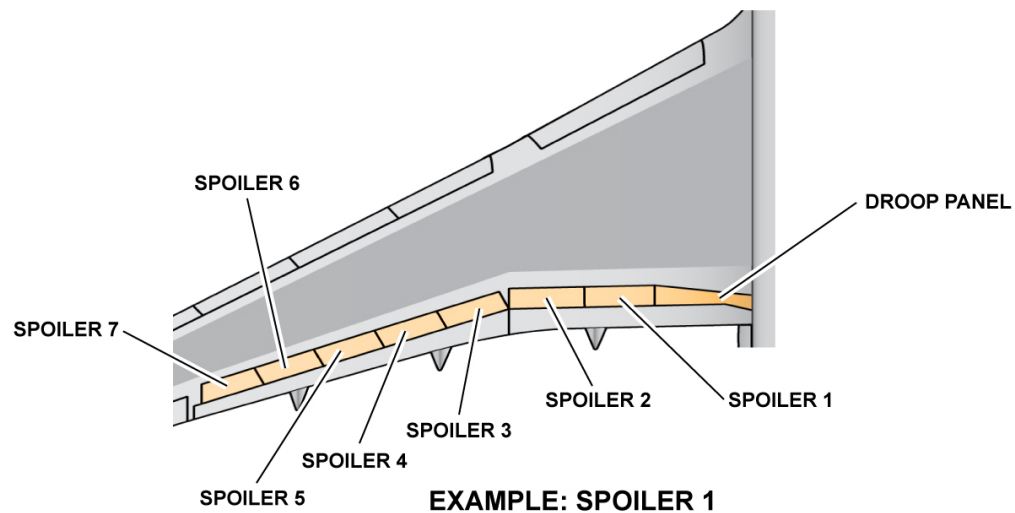
#### **Spoilers - General Arrangement**

There are seven spoilers installed in the upper surface of the TE of each wing.

#### **Spoilers - Structure Layout**

The spoilers have a wedge-shaped structure. Top and bottom skins are made of CFRP. They are bonded to a honeycomb core.





### TRAILING EDGE (TE) DEVICES - SPOILERS - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & SPOILERS - STRUCTURE LAYOUT

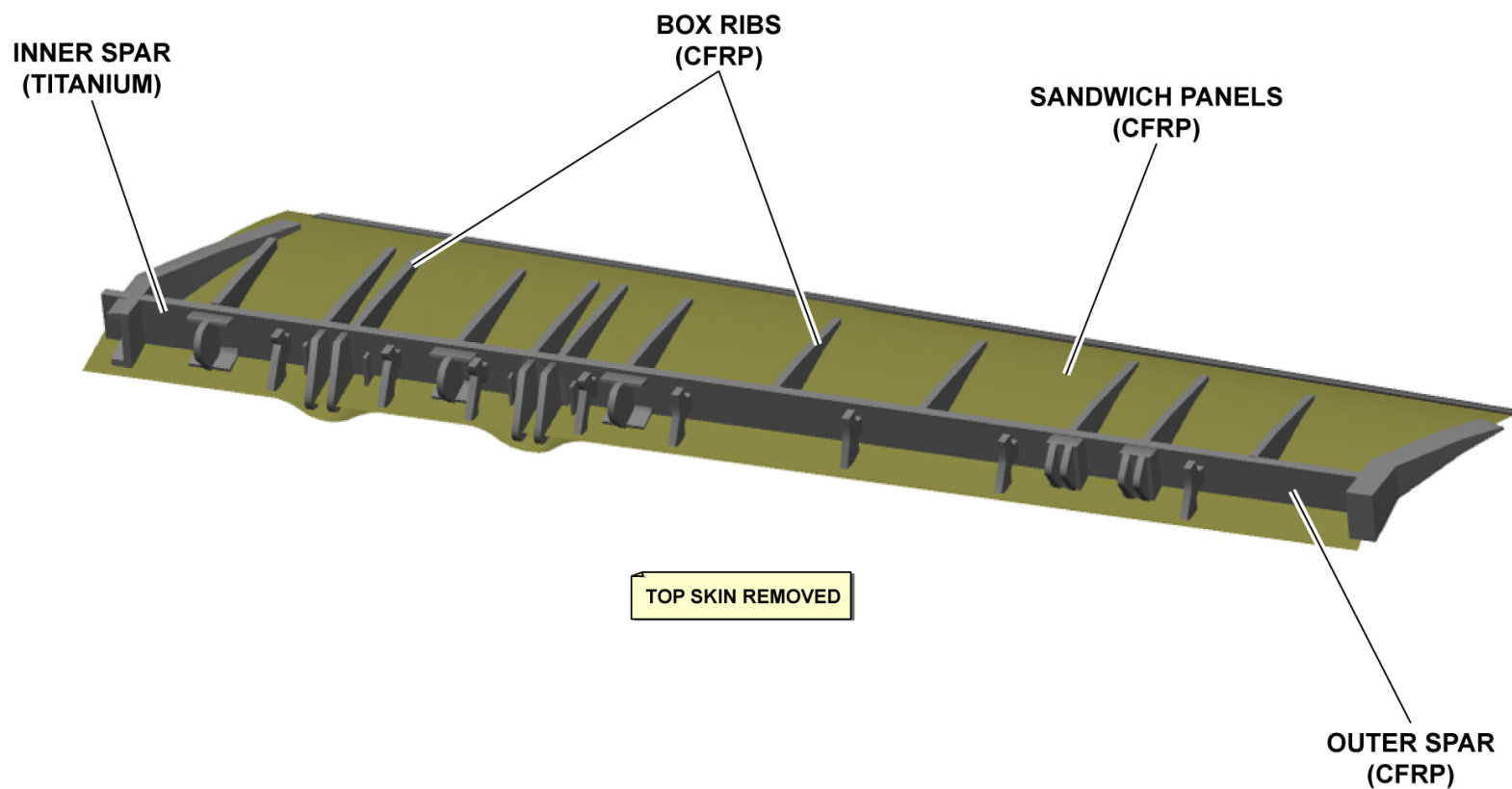
## WINGS DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Trailing Edge (TE) Devices (continued)**

#### **Ailerons - Structure Layout**

The ailerons are installed at the end of the wings. The box structure has these parts:

- The lower and an upper CFRP sandwich panel, with monolithic areas at the rib and spar attachments
- The spar assembly made in two parts (a mechanically-machined titanium part and a CFRP part)
- Ribs assemblies (made of CFRP).



**TRAILING EDGE (TE) DEVICES - AILERONS - STRUCTURE LAYOUT**

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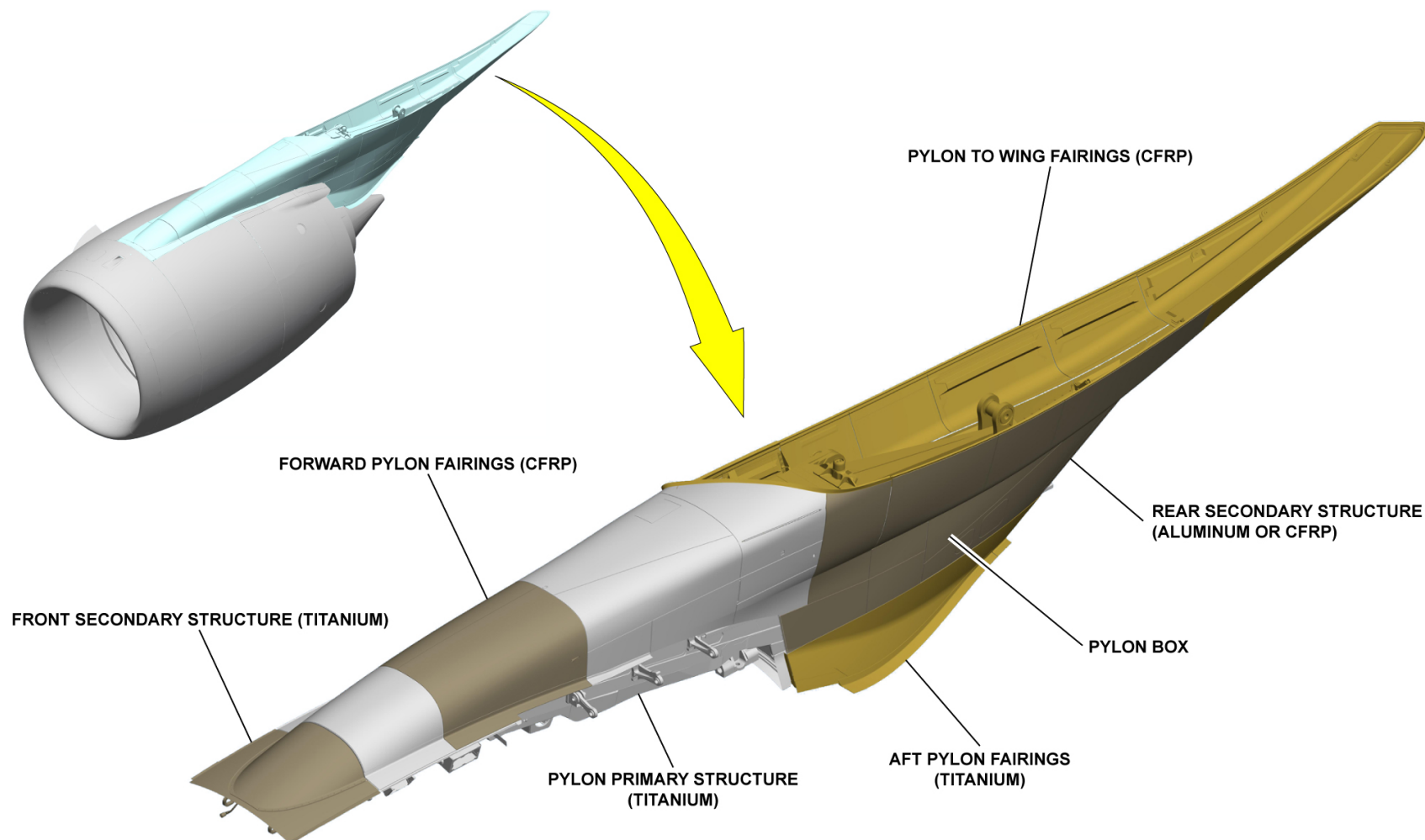
## PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Pylons**

The pylons hold the power plant under the wings.

The pylon section has these sub-sections:

- Pylon box (titanium)
- Pylon primary structure (titanium)
- Front pylon fairings (titanium)
- Pylon to wing fairings (Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP))
- Aft pylon fairings (titanium)
- Rear secondary structure (aluminum or CFRP).



**CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic**

## PYLONS

## **PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)**

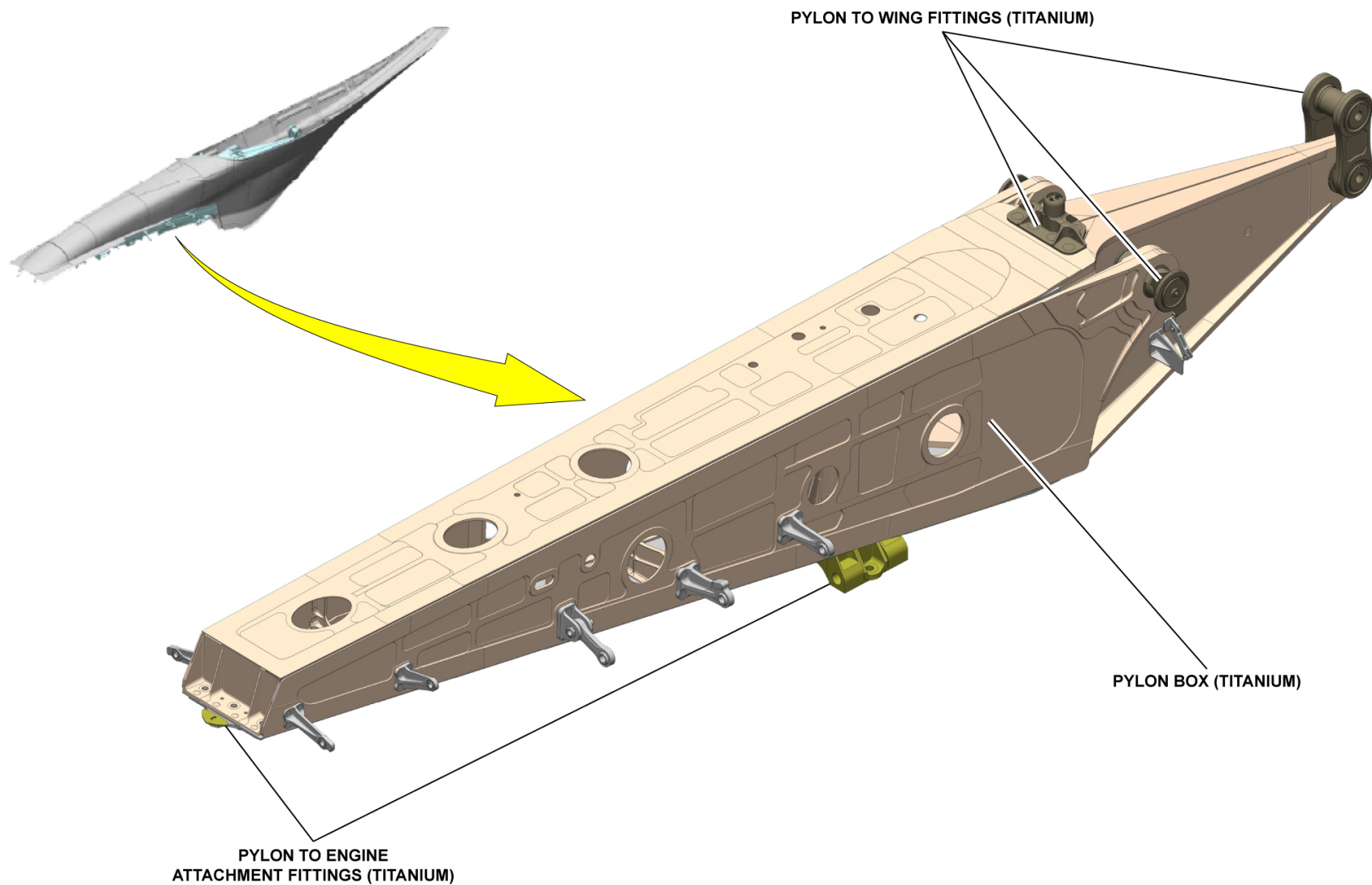
### **Pylons Primary Structure - Pylon Box**

#### **General Arrangement**

The pylon box (titanium) is the primary structure. It supports the engine through two points/fittings (titanium) and it is attached to the wing at three points/fittings (titanium). It also transmits the engine thrust to the aircraft.

#### **Pylon to Wing Attachment**

The forward attachment transmits axial and vertical loads with attach fittings.



**PYLONS PRIMARY STRUCTURE - PYLON BOX - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & PYLON TO WING ATTACHMENT**

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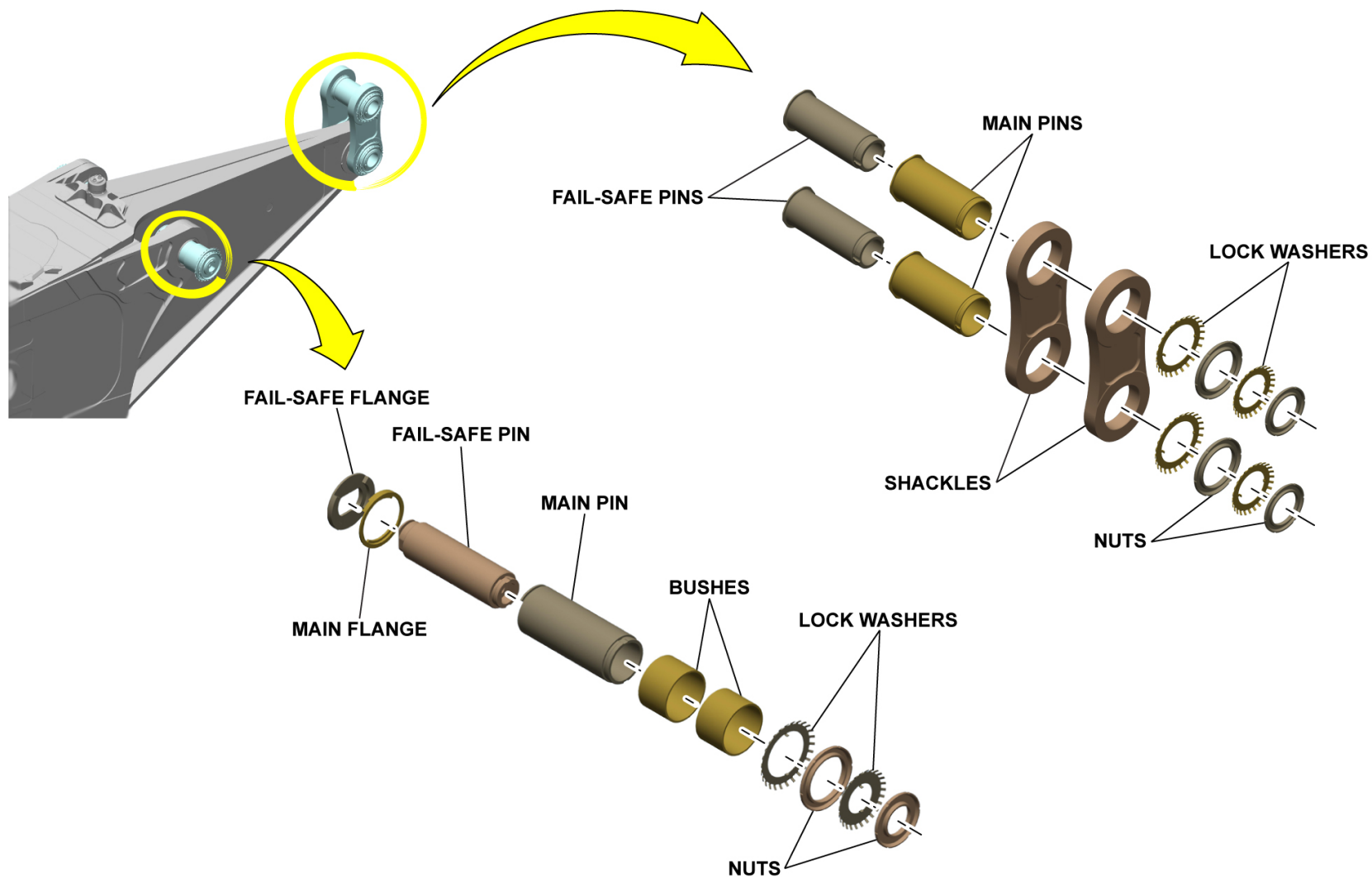
## PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Pylons Primary Structure - Pylon Box (continued)**

#### **Pylon Attachment Structure**

The aft attachment transmits axial and vertical loads with attach fittings.





**PYLONS PRIMARY STRUCTURE - PYLON BOX - PYLON ATTACHMENT STRUCTURE**

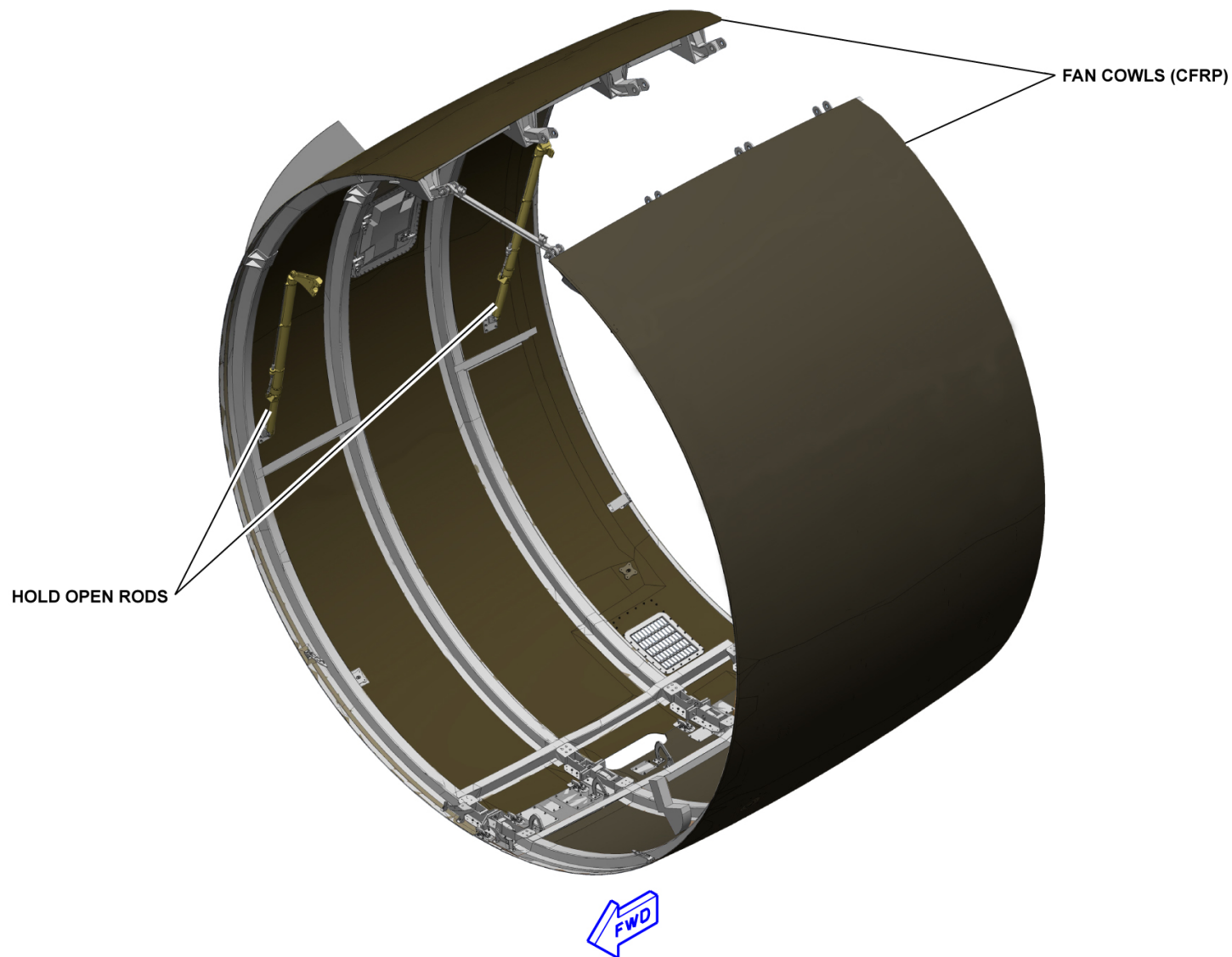
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## PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Nacelles**

#### **Fan Cowls**

Fan cowls are made of monolithic CFRP.



NACELLES - FAN COWLS

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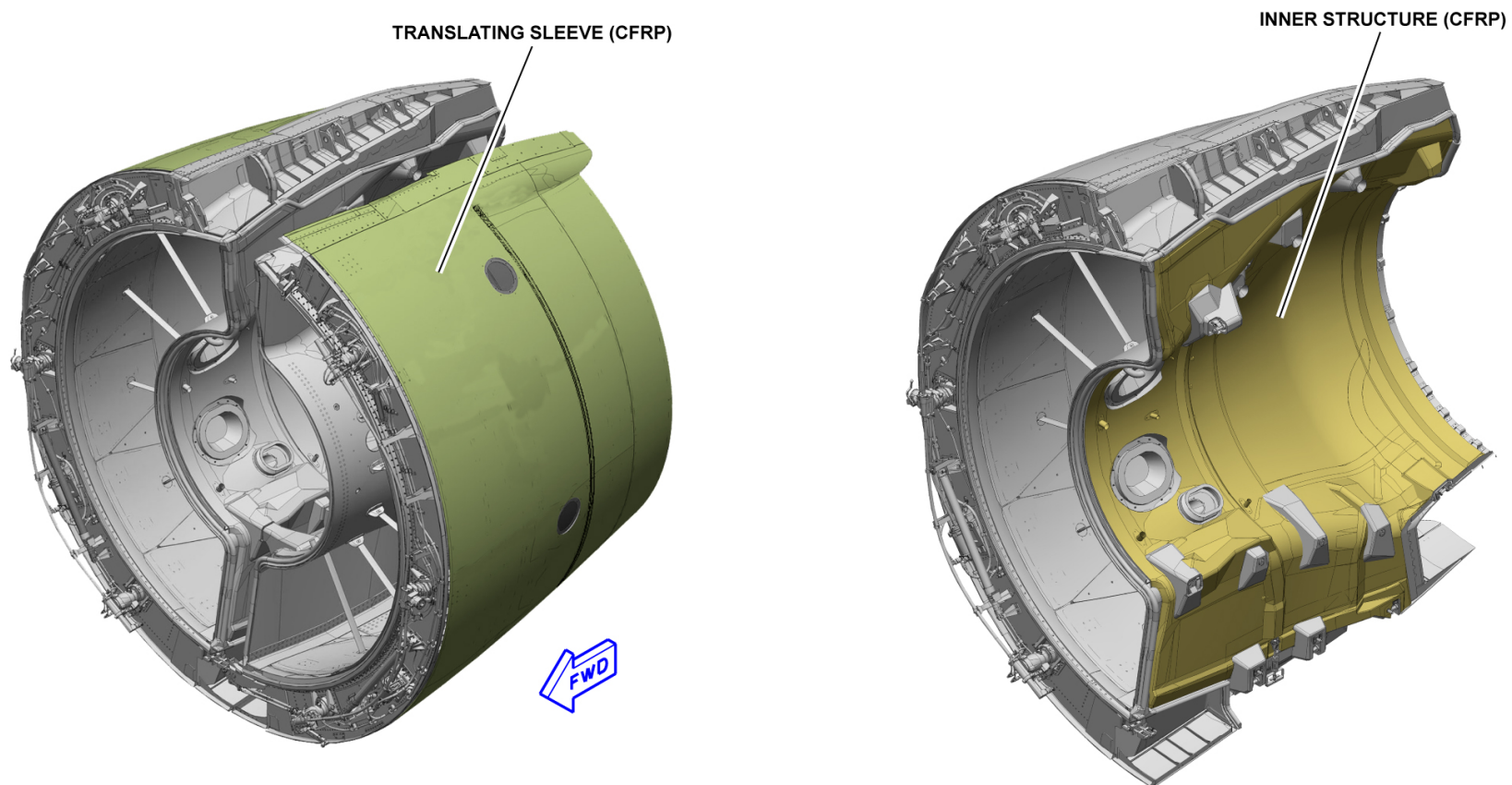
## PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Nacelles (continued)**

#### **Thrust Reverser (T/R) Cowls**

The T/R cowls are made of monolithic CFRP.

## THRUST REVERSER COWLINGS



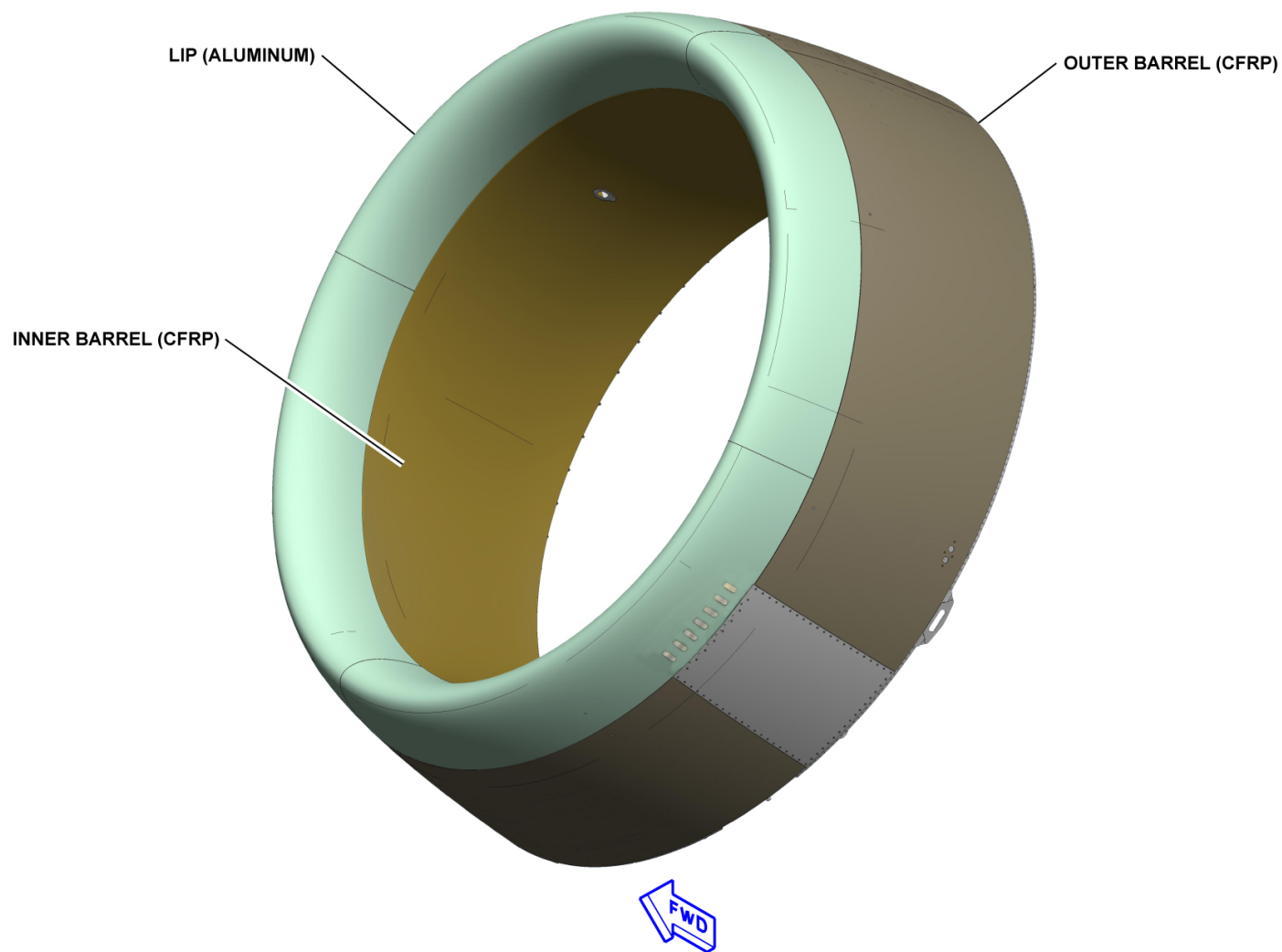
## NACELLES - THRUST REVERSER (T/R) COWLS

## PYLONS AND NACELLES DESCRIPTION (3)

### **Nacelles (continued)**

#### **Air Intake**

The air intake is made of monolithic CFRP and the lip is made of aluminum alloy.



NACELLES - AIR INTAKE

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## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Composite Materials

#### Main Materials

The composite materials used in aircraft industry are a combination of two materials: Fiber and resin (matrix).

- Type of fibers:
- Carbon
- Glass
- Aramid
- Quartz.
- Type of resins:
- Epoxy
- Phenolic
- Polyphenylene sulphide.

Different types of fibers are developed for different functions.

The design is decided on the best combination of fiber and resin.

#### Structure Type

Composites are used in two principal ways:

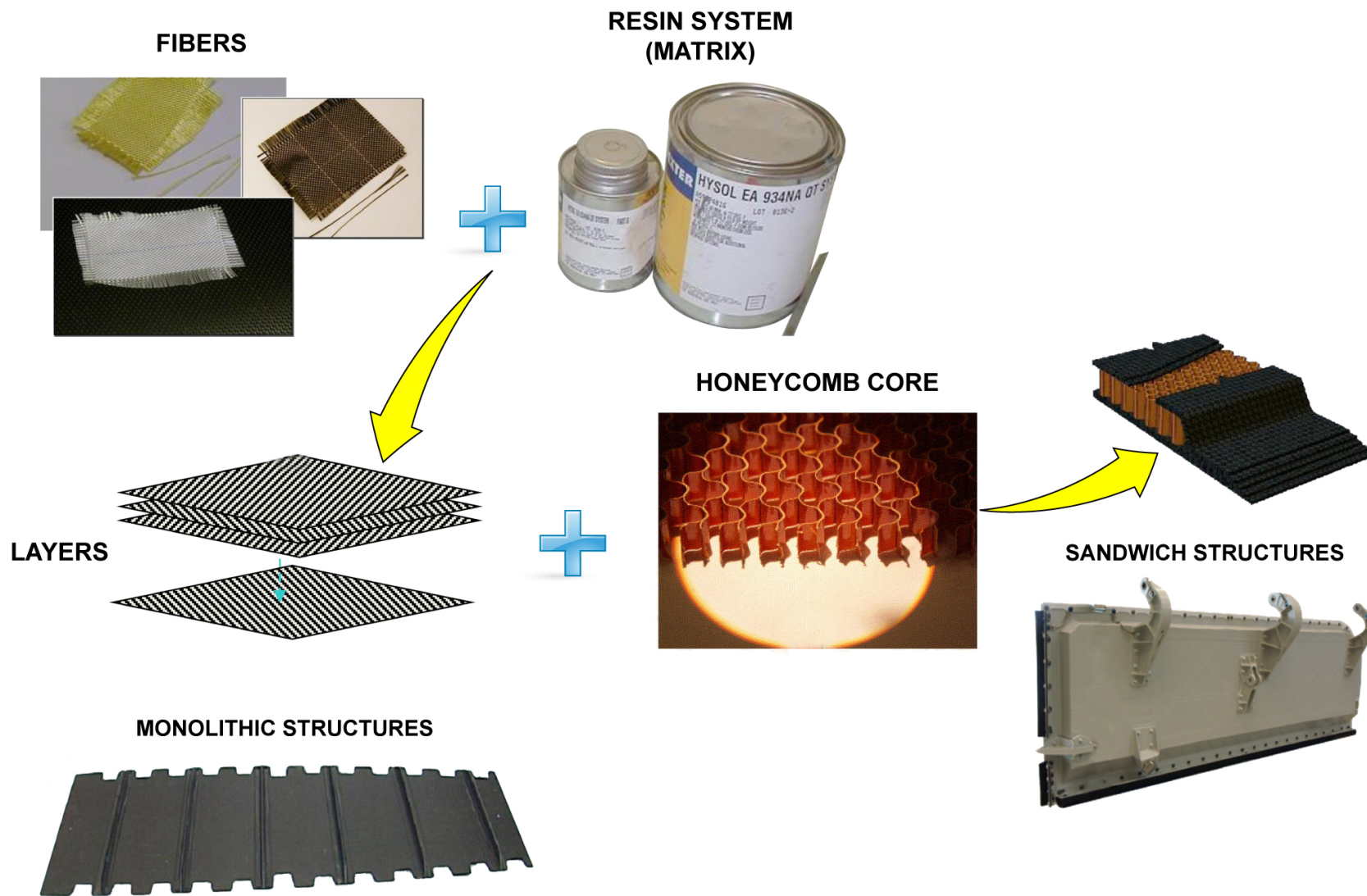
- Monolithic or laminate structure
- Sandwich structure.

The monolithic structure is made of layers of fibers and resin only.

The sandwich structure is made of a core bonded between two monolithic skins.

Facings and core are bonded together and work as one.





COMPOSITE MATERIALS - MAIN MATERIALS & STRUCTURE TYPE

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## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Composite Materials (continued)

#### Aircraft Environmental Aggressions

Damage on aircraft can be due to either:

- Environmental aggressions such as rain, hail, high temperature/cold temperature, lightning strike, bird impact or
- Maintenance activities such as ground handling, drop of tools and fluids during maintenance tasks.

On composite structures, impact damage due to the hail, bird impact or maintenance activities can lead to:

- The delamination (between plies)
- Disbonding (between plies and honeycomb core for a sandwich part)
- A combination of delaminations and cracks.

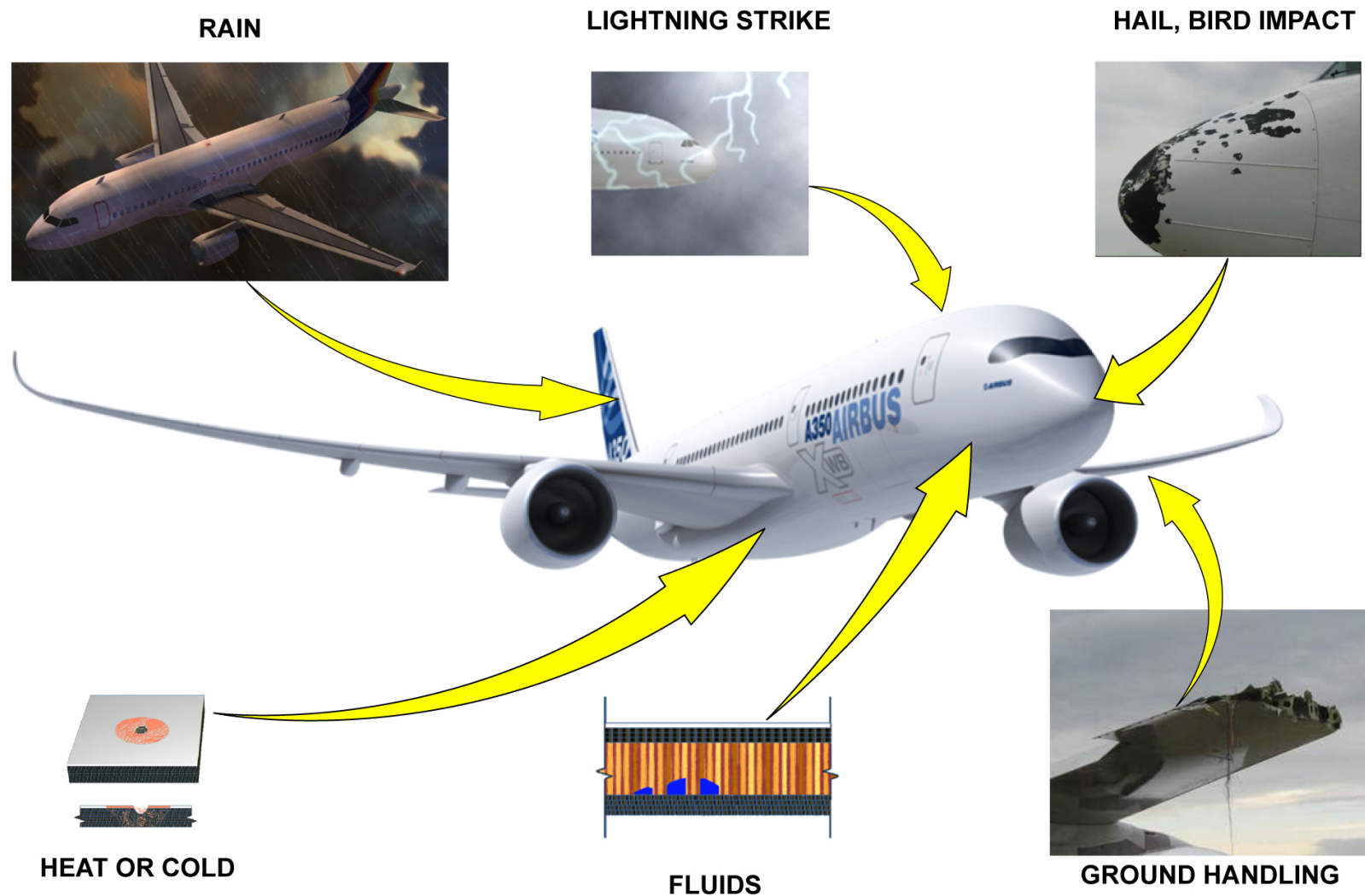
The overheat or too cold temperature in combination with moisture can lead to:

- Resin degradation
- In case of overheated area, discoloration of paint and burnt area
- Micro-cracking due to thermal cycling.

Rain on the leading edge areas can lead to erosion and further to galvanic corrosion. Fluids contamination can degrade the resin and can affect the mechanical properties of the structure.

Lightning strike can lead to:

- Puncture
- Burnt part
- Holes
- Arcing damaging systems and metallic objects.



### COMPOSITE MATERIALS - AIRCRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AGGRESSIONS



**HAIL EFFECT ON A RADOME**

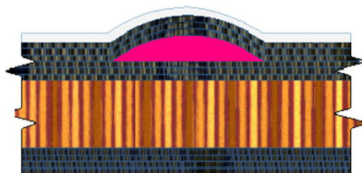
**POSSIBLE IMPACT DAMAGE  
(IN FLIGHT OR ON GROUND)**

**HAIL, BIRD IMPACT**

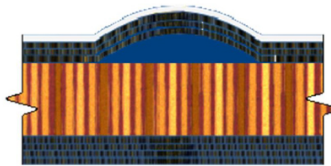


**GROUND HANDLING**

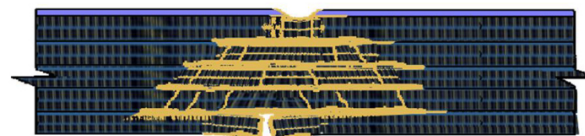
- COLLISION WITH GROUND EQUIPMENT
- IMPACTS DURING SERVICE



**DELAMINATION**



**DISBONDING**



**FIR-TREE EFFECT:  
DELAMINATION AND CRACKS BETWEEN PLIES**

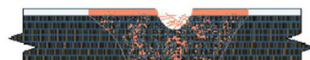
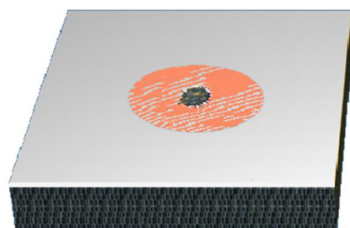
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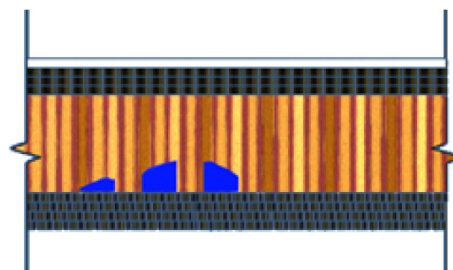


### HEAT OR COLD

- SOFTENING OF THE RESIN
- ACCELERATION OF MOISTURE SATURATION
- MICRO-CRACKING BY THERMAL CYCLING



**DISCOLORATION OF PAINT AND BURNT RESIN  
INSIDE THE PART DUE TO OVERHEAT**



**LIQUID INGRESS IN HONEYCOMB CORE**

## COMPOSITE MATERIALS - AIRCRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AGGRESSIONS

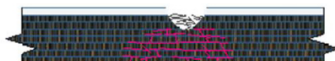
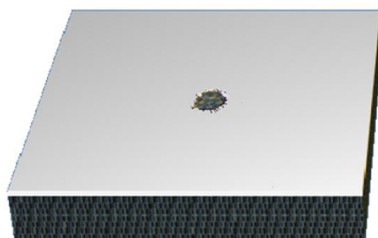
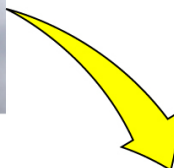




### COMPOSITE MATERIALS - AIRCRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AGGRESSIONS

**LIGHTNING STRIKE**

- IMPORTANT DAMAGE TO UNPROTECTED GFRP OR AFRP
- BURNT PARTS OR HOLES IN CFRP STRUCTURES



GFRP: Glass Fiber Reinforced Plastic  
AFRP: Aramid Fiber Reinforced Plastic

**COMPOSITE MATERIALS - AIRCRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AGGRESSIONS**

## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Protection of Composite Structure

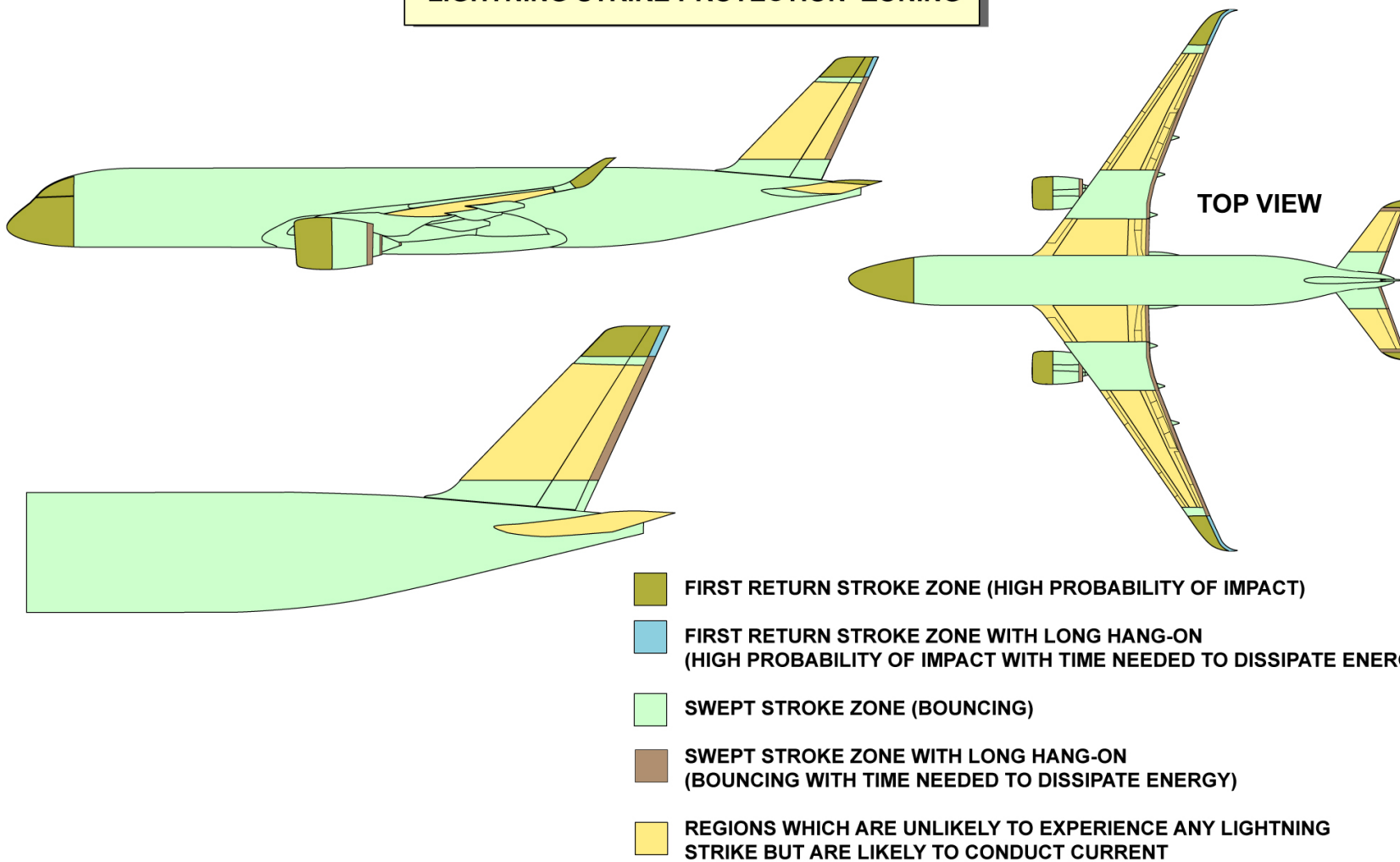
#### Lightning Strike Protection

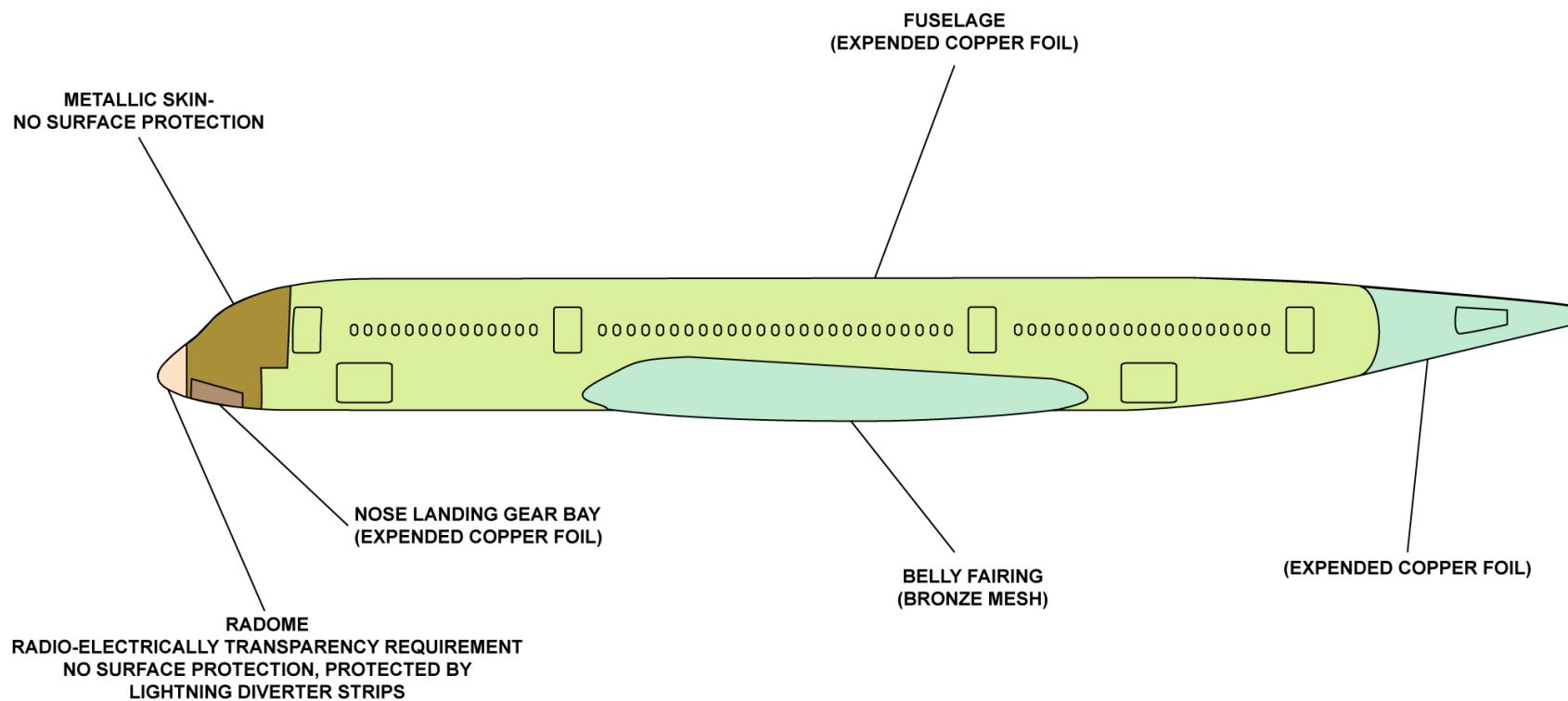
The lightning strike protection zoning is defined according to the probability to get direct or indirect strikes on the aircraft.

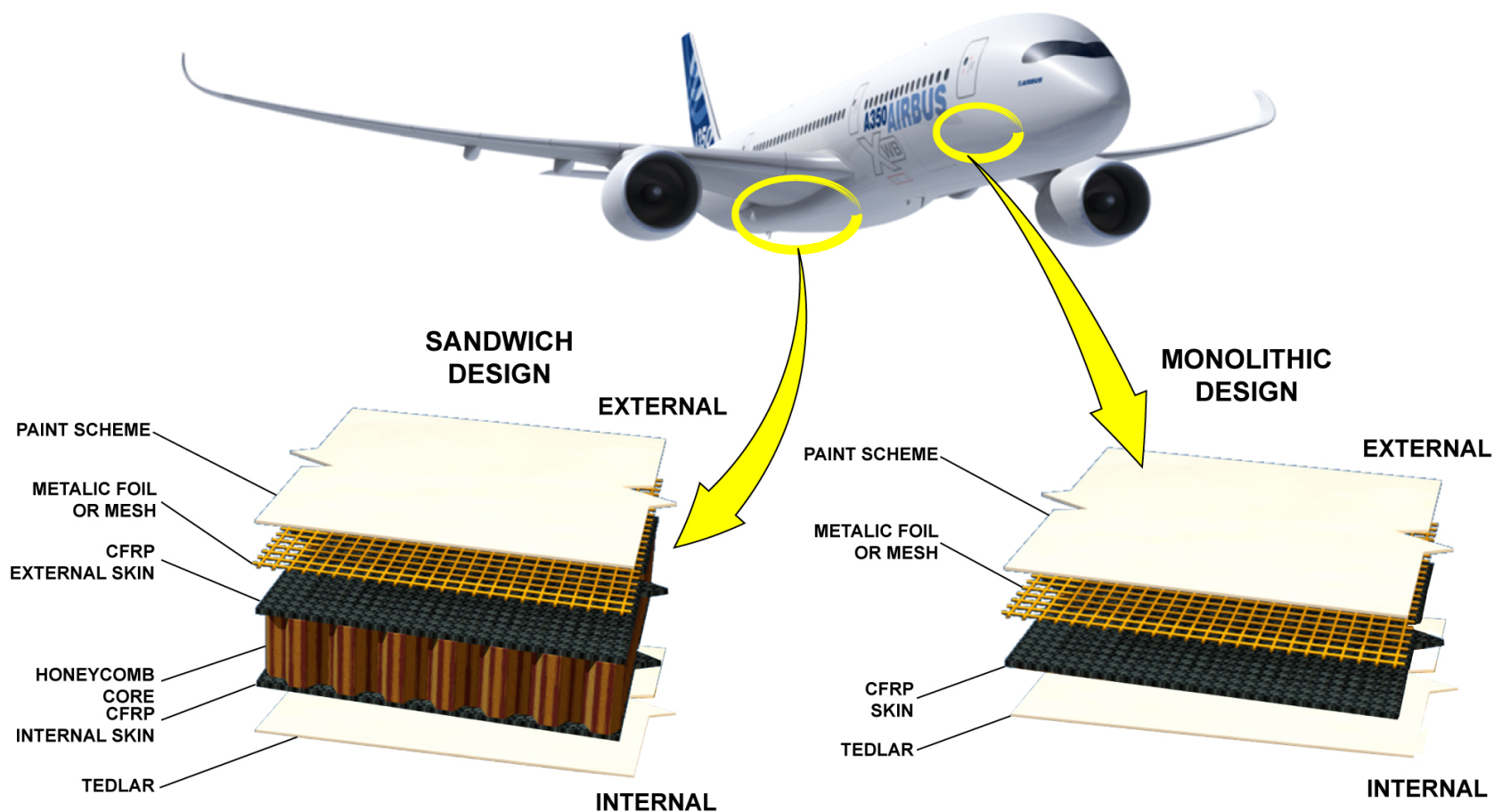
For the composite area, a metallic foil is applied on the structure before the application of the paint. The metallic foil makes sure electrical continuity all over the structure. The areal weight of the metallic foil changes according to the zoning (sensitivity to direct or indirect strike attachment).

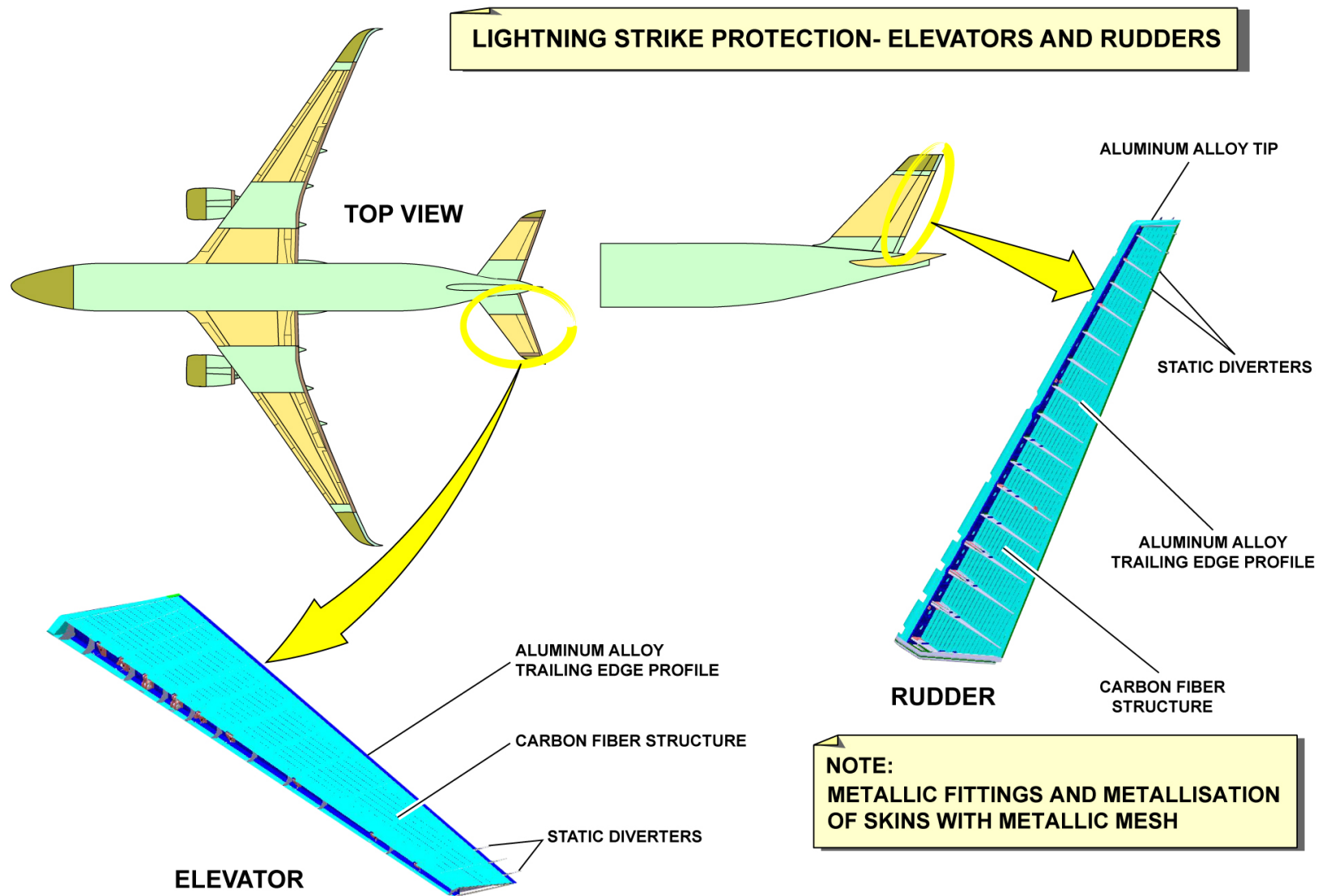
In metallic area, no additional protection is necessary.



**LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION- ZONING**

**PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION**

**LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION- EXAMPLE FOR FUSELAGE**

**PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION**

**LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION- STANDARD LAY-UP WITH METALLIC FOIL**

**PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION**



**PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - LIGHTNING STRIKE PROTECTION**

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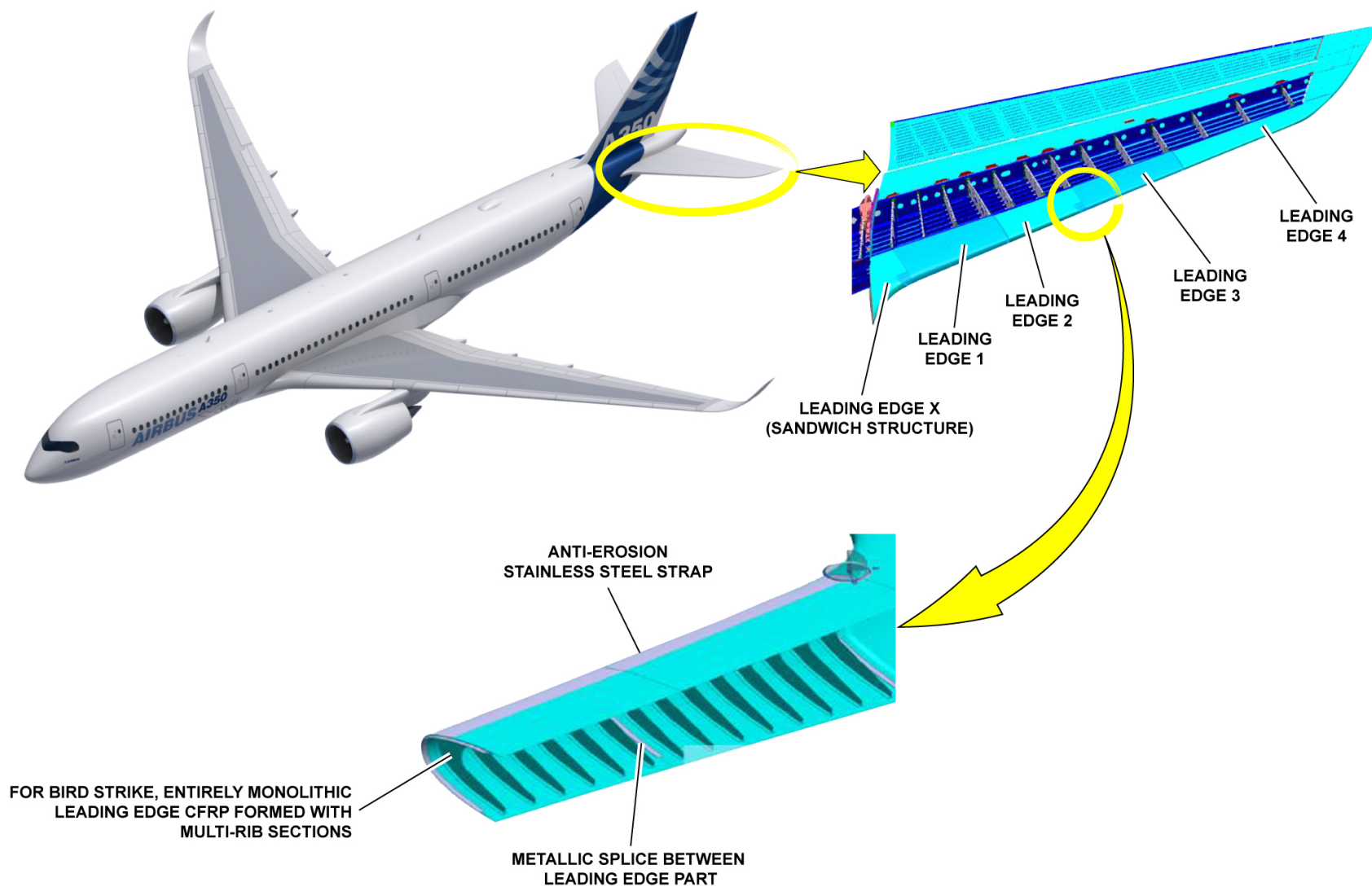
## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Protection of Composite Structure (continued)

#### **Bird Impact Protection**

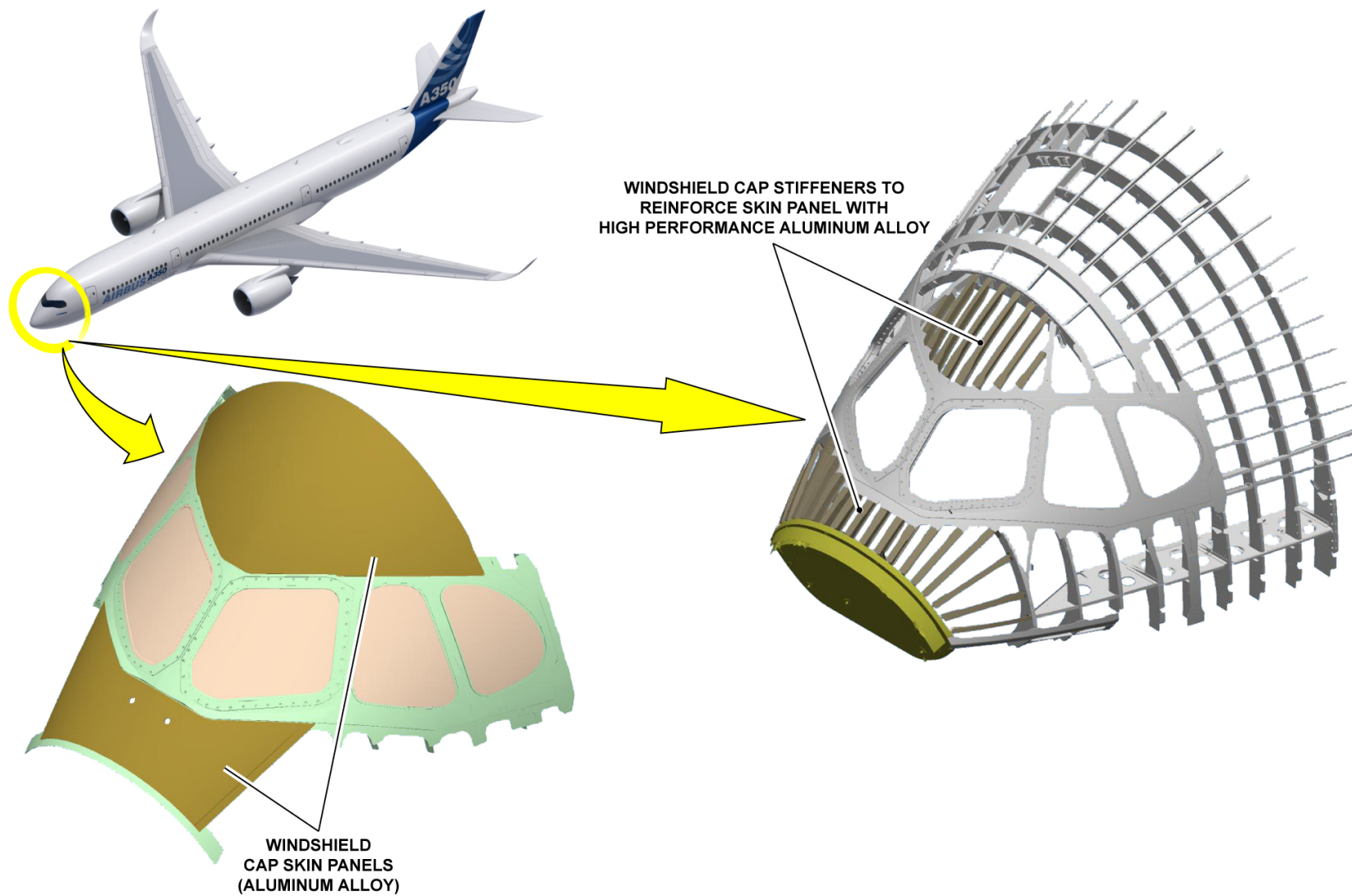
To protect the structure against bird impact for example:

- In the windshield lower and upper cap: aluminum skin (reinforced with Aluminum 7000)
- On the Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS), stainless steel plate to cover the leading edge.



### PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - BIRD IMPACT PROTECTION





### PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - BIRD IMPACT PROTECTION

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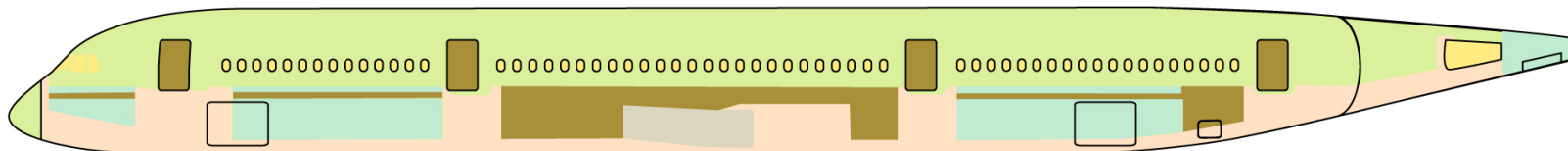
## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Protection of Composite Structure (continued)

#### **Corrosion Protection - Zoning for Fuselage**

Dissimilar assemblies and fastened composite areas are sensitive to corrosion because the combination of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) / aluminum has a high potential difference.

Moreover, the corrosion zoning is done according to the risks of accumulation of water or various fluids accessibility and damage.



 **CATEGORY A: CONTACT WITH AIR/CONDENSATION (DRY AREAS)**

 **CATEGORY B: CONTACT WITH FUEL**

**CATEGORY C: AREAS WHICH CAN BE CONTAMINATED BY FLUIDS (OTHER THAN FUEL)**

 **C1: AREAS IN CONTACT WITH WATER, MOISTURE AND OCCASIONAL EXPOSURE TO OTHER LIQUIDS.**

 **C2-1: AREAS IN CONTACT WITH WATER, MOISTURE AND FREQUENT EXPOSURE TO OTHER LIQUIDS.**

 **C2-2: AREAS IN WHICH WATER, MOISTURE AND OTHER LIQUIDS CAN COLLECT AND AREAS OF DIFFICULT ACCESS.**

**PROTECTION OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURE - CORROSION PROTECTION - ZONING FOR FUSELAGE**

## COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AWARENESS (3)

### Operator's Familiarization and Special Precautions

#### Damage Assessment

Before the assessment of a damage, do the correct location and identification of the structure:

- Location and geometry of the component
- Materials identification (skin, core, adhesive, etc.)
- Protection (lightning strike, erosion, etc.).

The quality of the inspection and of the repair (if necessary) depends fully on the damage assessment.

#### Inspection Techniques

The inspection techniques and limitations to perform are described in the Nondestructive Testing Manual (NTM). The selection of an inspection technique depends primarily on:

- The structure type (monolithic or sandwich)
- The geometry and the accessibility of the part
- The suspected damage type.

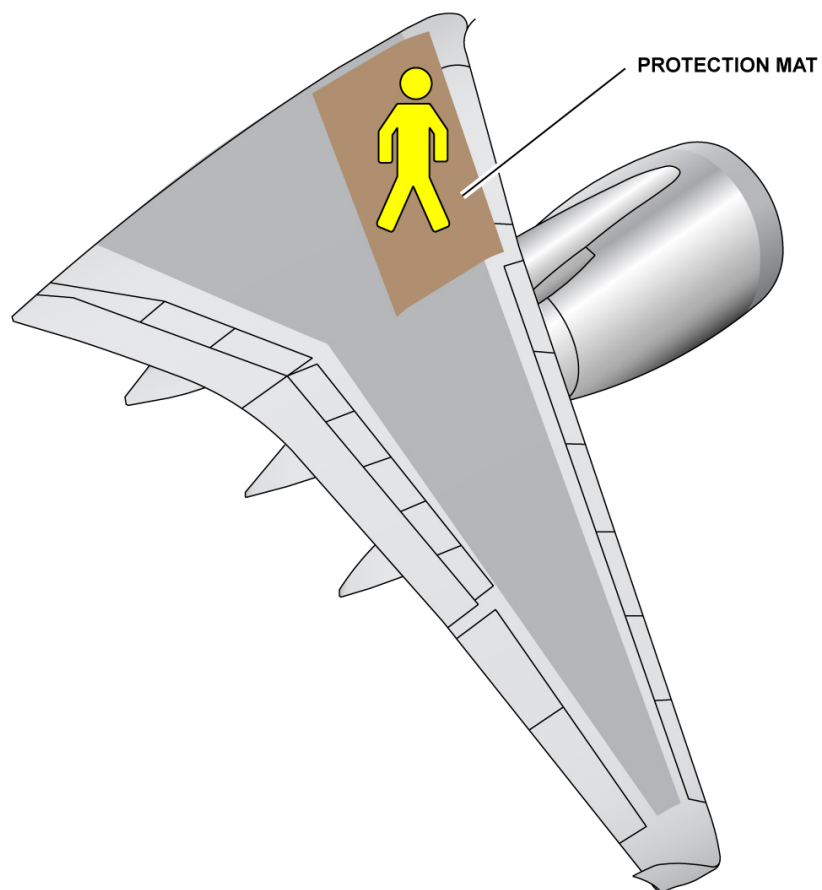
#### Special Precautions

During the A/C operations and maintenance procedures, special precautions are necessary to give protection to the composite surfaces/structures.

When the personnel have to do the maintenance work or move on the composite surfaces, make sure that you always install the protection mat on the composite surfaces.



OPERATOR'S FAMILIARIZATION AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ... SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

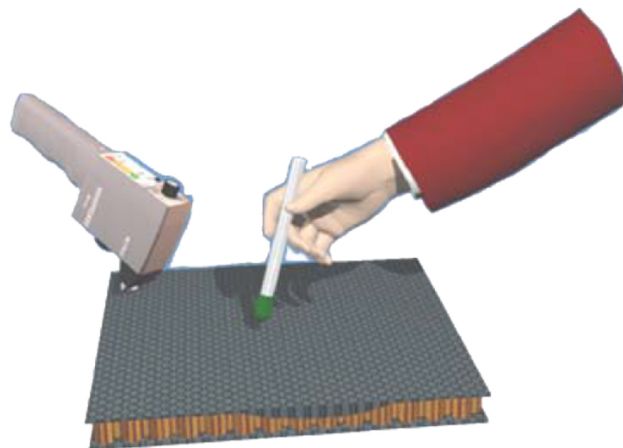


**ALWAYS INSTALL PROTECTION ITEMS (e.g.: MAT)  
ON SURFACES WHERE THE PERSONNEL HAS TO WORK.**

OPERATOR'S FAMILIARIZATION AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ... SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

## DELAMINATION AND DISBOND DETECTION

FOR SANDWICH STRUCTURES



**MANUAL TAP TEST  
OR AUTOMATIC TAP TEST**

FOR MONOLITHIC STRUCTURES

SINGLE TRANSDUCER (TRADITIONAL)



ARRAY TRANSDUCER



**ULTRASONIC INSPECTION**



**REFER TO THE NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING MANUAL FOR INSPECTION PROCEDURE  
AND LIMITATIONS**

**OPERATOR'S FAMILIARIZATION AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ... SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

## **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)**

### **Electrical Structure Network (ESN) and Metallic Bonding Network (MBN)**

Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) material has low electrical conductivity compared to metal. Thus, a solution is necessary for electrical functions.

The solutions are the MBN and the ESN.

The MBN (in unpressurized areas) gives:

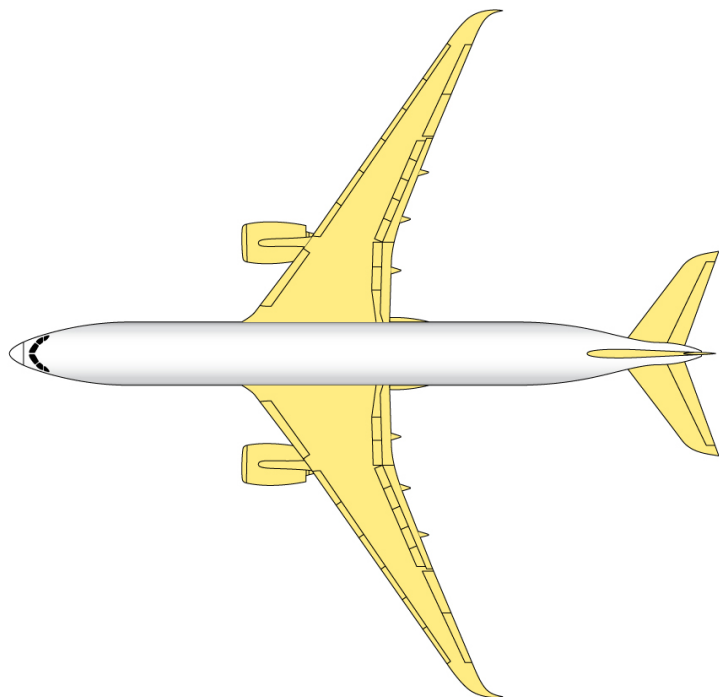
- Lightning strikes protection
- Electrostatic protection
- Electrical current path (bonding)
- Connection to the earth when the A/C is on the ground.

The ESN (in the pressurized fuselage) gives:

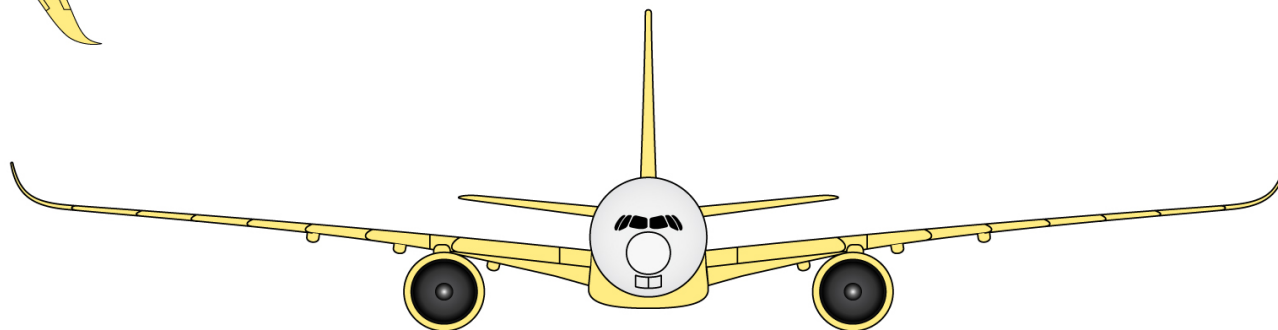
- Lightning strikes protection
- Electrostatic protection
- Electrical current path (bonding)
- Connection to the earth when the A/C is on the ground
- Electrical current return signal (grounding)
- Provision of common Point of Voltage Reference (PVR) for all electrical components.

The ESN and MBN are mechanically connected together.





ESN	MBN	FUNCTION
X		ENSURES THE FUNCTIONAL CURRENT RETURN (GROUNDING)
X	X	PROVIDE A CURRENT PATH FOR FAULT CURRENT AND ELECTROSTATIC CURRENT (BONDING)
X		DISTRIBUTES A COMMON VOLTAGE REFERENCE
X	X	ENSURE LIGHTENING STRIKE PROTECTION
X	X	PROVIDE A CONNECTION TO THE EARTH WHEN THE A/C IS ON GROUND
X	X	PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION AND EVACUATE THE STATIC ELECTRICITY



**METALLIC BONDING NETWORK AREA**



**ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK AREA**

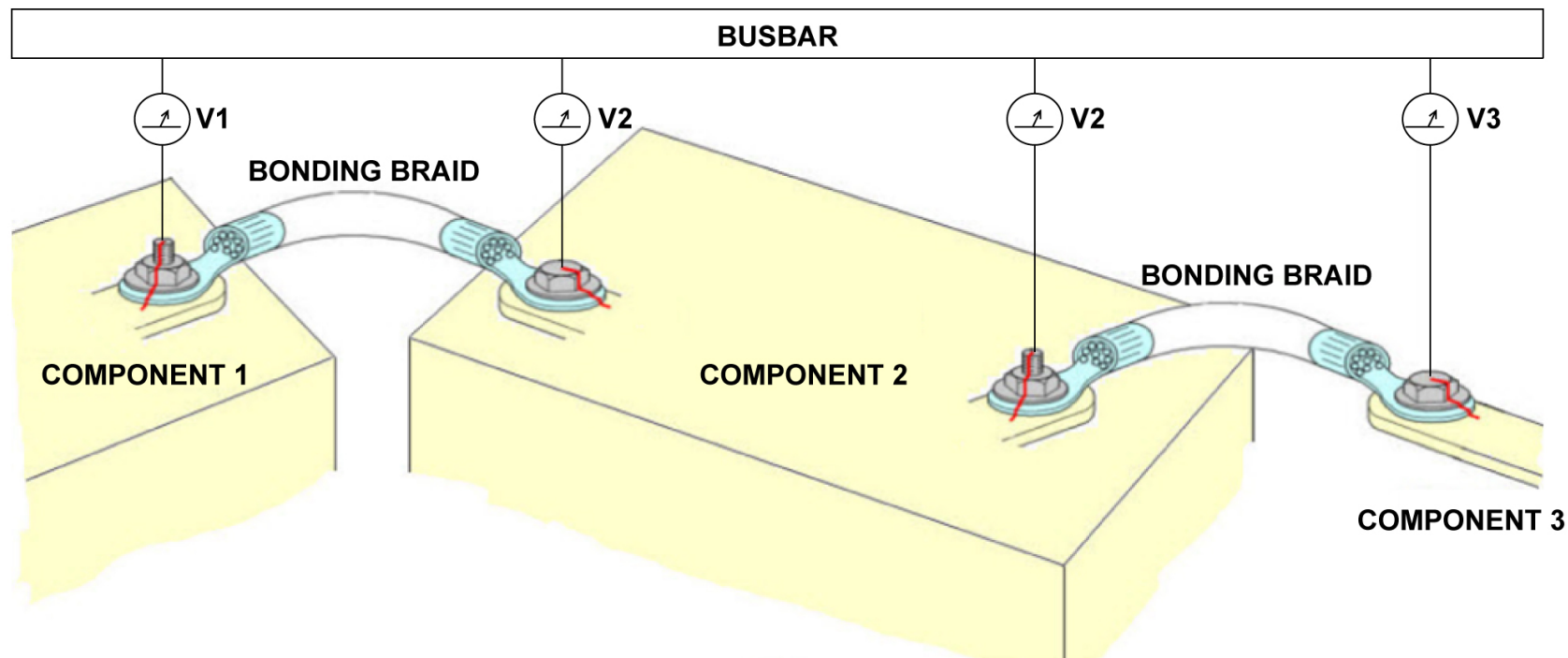
### ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN)

## **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)**

### **Metallic Bonding Network (MBN) Purpose**

The MBN is a network of metallic parts electrically bonded together. It has metallic parts of the primary structure and connecting parts (like metallic strips and bonding jumpers). The MBN runs through the wings, the horizontal and vertical tail plane and is not isolated from the fuselage CFRP structure. It is used for electrical bonding purposes, such as failure current return, lightning protection and electrostatic discharge.

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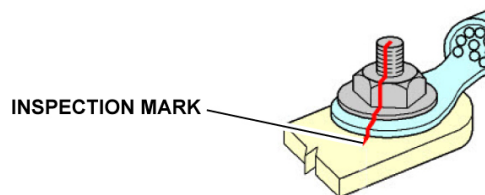
**V1**  
ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL  
COMPONENT 1

=

**V2**  
ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL  
COMPONENT 2

=

**V3**  
ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL  
COMPONENT 3



METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) PURPOSE

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## **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)**

### **ESN Purpose**

A standard aircraft fuselage has electrical functions such as grounding, bonding, voltage reference and protection from electromagnetic hazards. This function is primarily done by the metallic structural frames, stringers and skin panels.

All the AC or DC electrical source supplies power through busbars on which the electrical equipment are connected. The functional current return is supplied by conductive metallic structural components connected and attached to the A/C structure.

Since CFRP is low conductive, a metallic network is installed inside the A/C. This is known as the ESN.

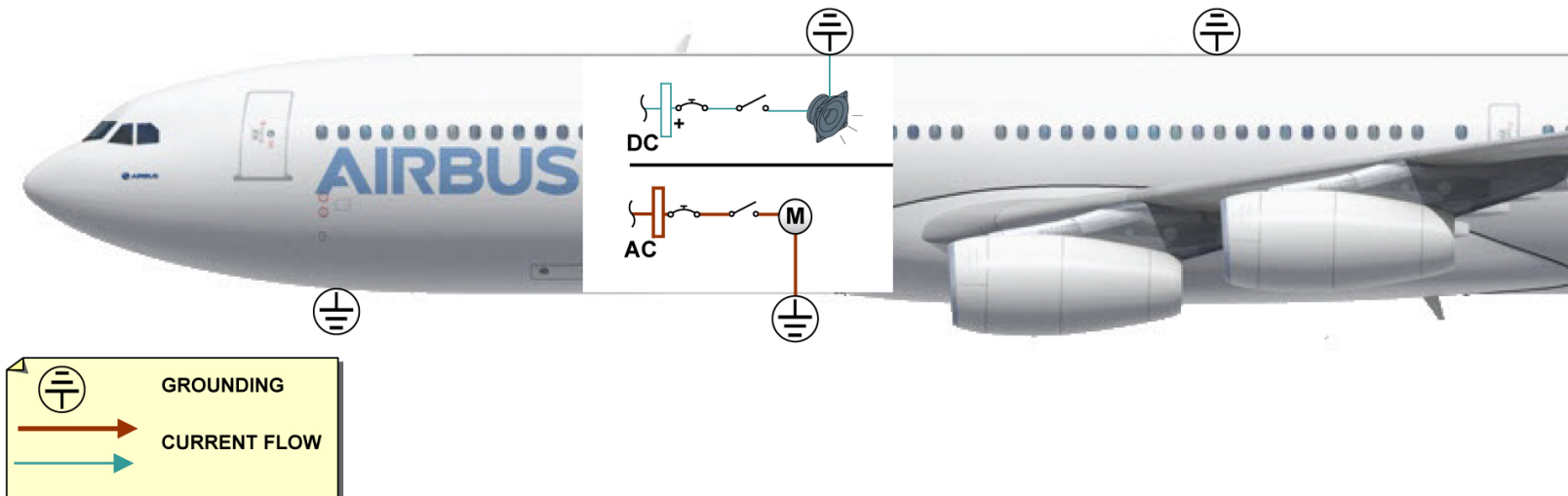
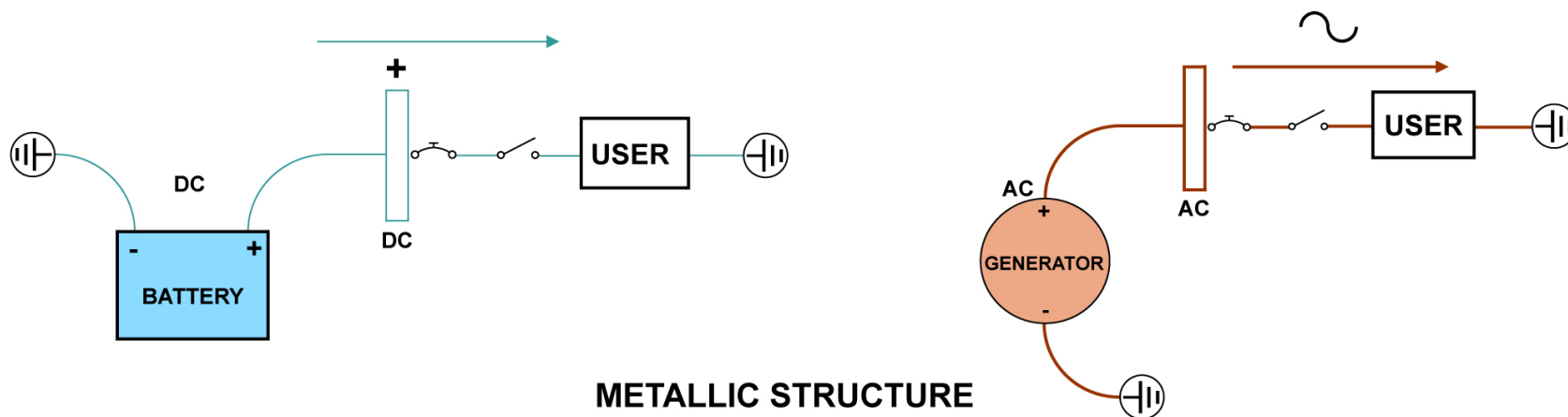
The ESN is a metallic structure used as a common current return for all circuits in the pressurized fuselage and a voltage reference for discrete signals. Also, it is used for bonding and as connection to the ground.

All the ESN parts also provide the lightning strike protection.

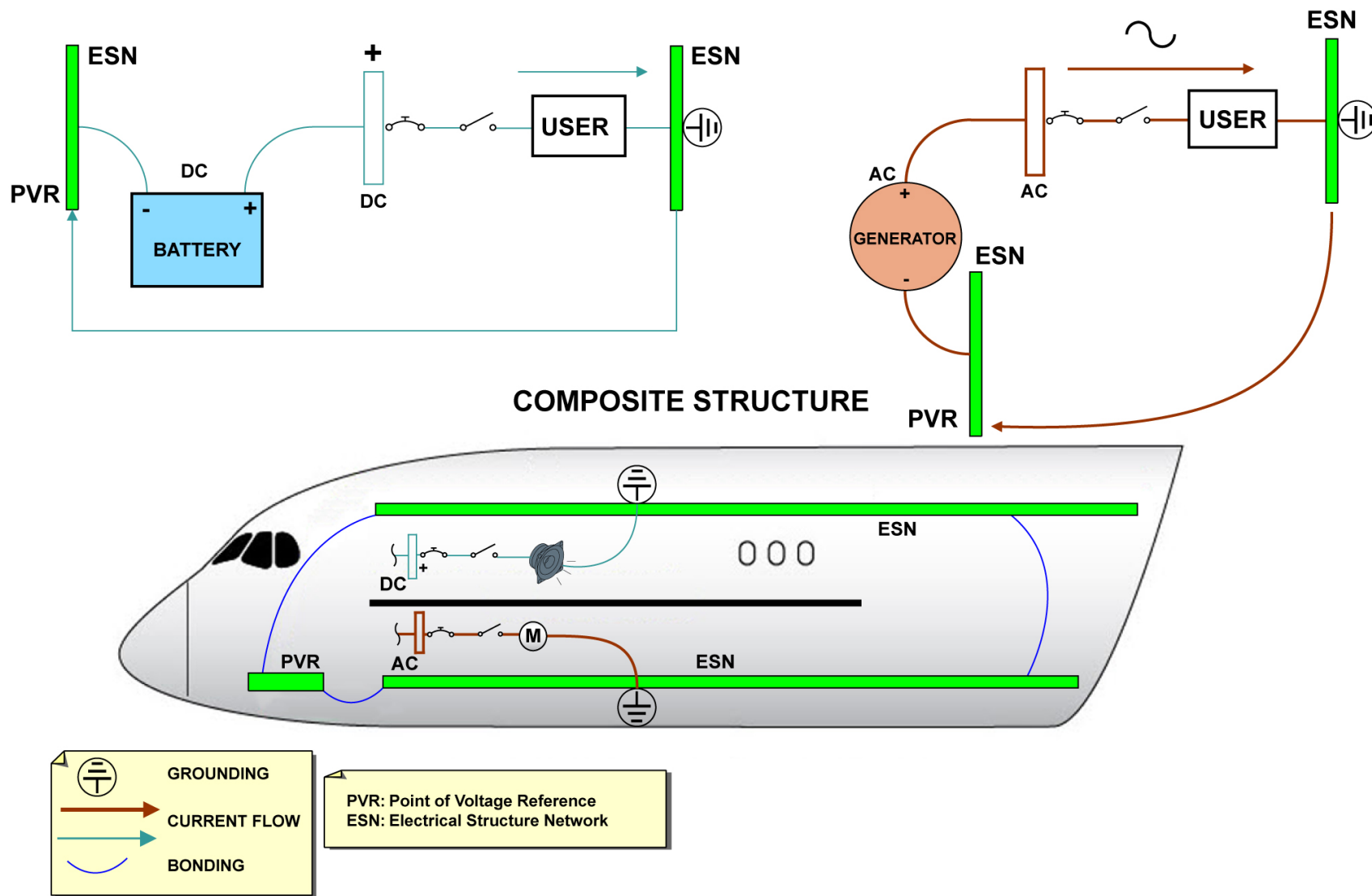
The PVR is the power-supply voltage reference. All the AC and DC source neutral are connected to the PVR.

All functional and power current will go back to the PVR through the ESN or dedicated wire.

The PVR is installed in the avionic bay and is made of metallic elements.



ESN PURPOSE



### ESN PURPOSE

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## **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)**

### **ESN Elements**

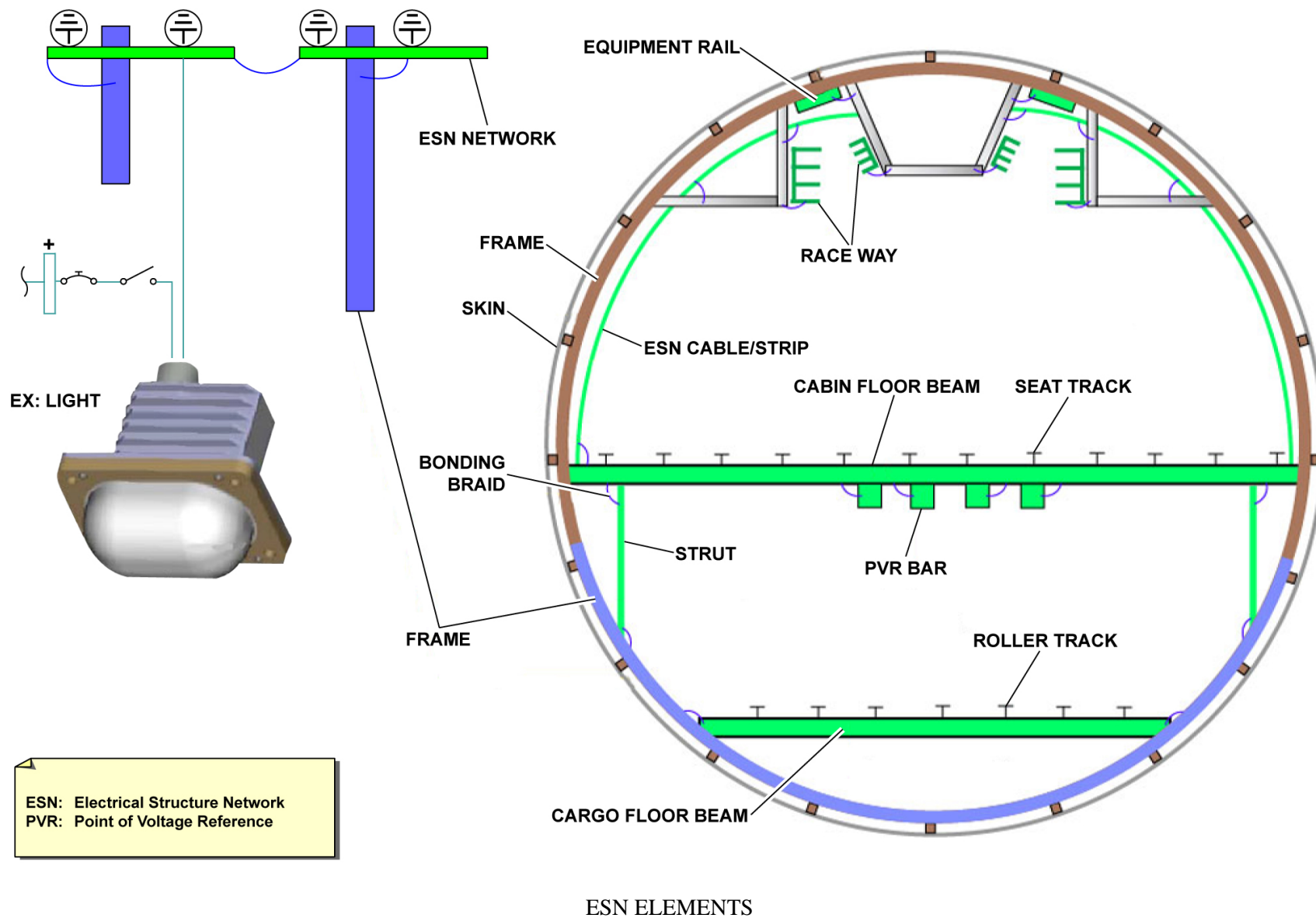
The ESN is an electrically conductive network. A part of the ESN is the metallic primary and secondary structure installed in the pressurized fuselage. ESN is linked with the metallic structures and composed of existing structural metallic components such as frames, cabin floor crossbeams, seat tracks, cargo floor crossbeams, cargo roller tracks, cargo struts.

There are also additional components such as ESN cables, raceways, flexible junctions.

The MBN is a network of metallic parts, electrically bonded together. It consists of metallic parts of the primary structure as well as connecting parts, like metallic strips and bonding braids. The MBN runs through the wings, the horizontal and vertical tail plane and is not isolated from the fuselage CFRP structure. It is used for electrical bonding purposes, such as failure current return, lightning protection and electrostatic discharge. It is not used as current return path for power supplies or signals.

For information, ATA 24, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57 and 92 are involved in the ESN / MBN.





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## ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)

### **ESN Precautions**

The use of ESN is necessary for the systems operation. Since the grounding is provided by the ESN to the PVR, any open/bad link between several components and the ESN could cause system malfunction. Also, caution is necessary if there is loose wire, because it can cause electric shocks.

NOTE: The ESN function depends on the ESN components and structure condition.

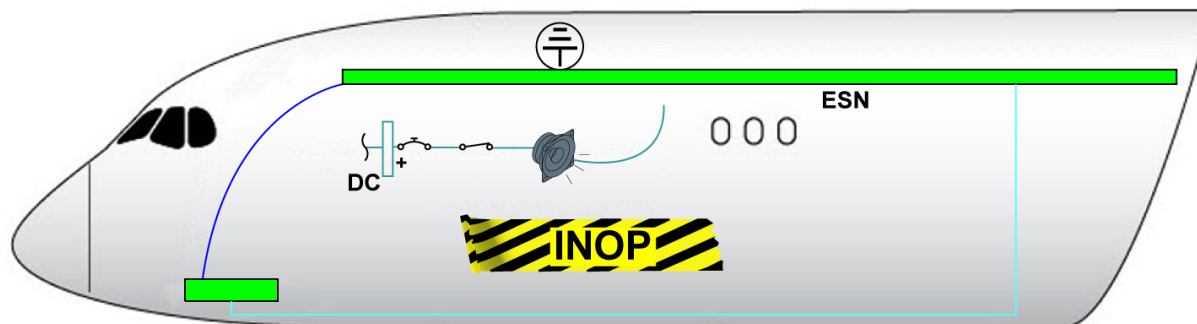
Make sure that the contact surfaces are clean, not contaminated and not painted.

Any non-approved, dirty, damaged hardware (bolts, washers, nuts...) may cause system malfunction due to the possible poor return path caused by such hardware.

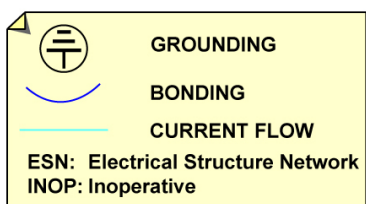
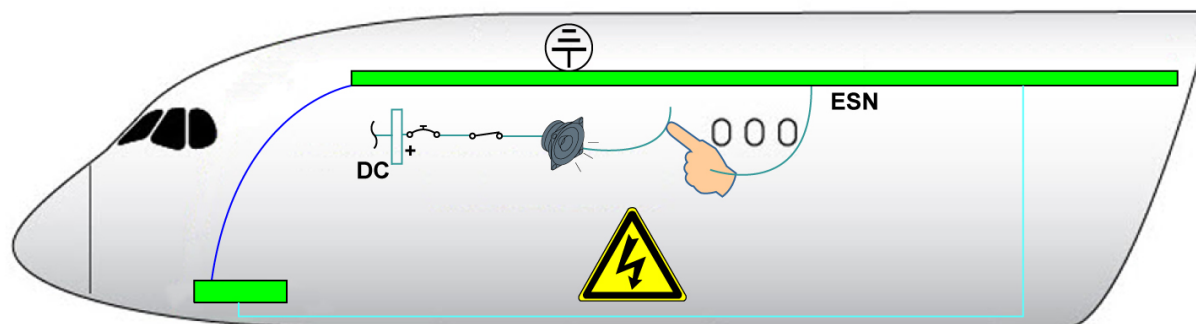
Bad torque values applied on fasteners may cause system malfunction and/or arcing between components and therefore potential damage.

Damaged braids may cause system malfunction due to the possible poor return path caused by such hardware.

Replacement or repair should be done as soon as possible.



**ENSURE THAT GROUND CONNECTIONS ARE GOOD.  
IF NOT, SYSTEMS MAY BE INOP**

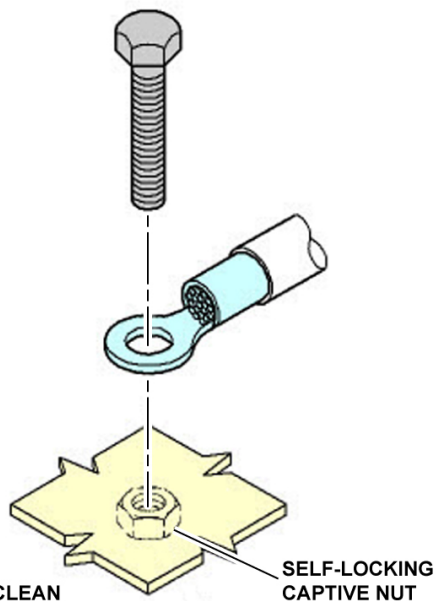
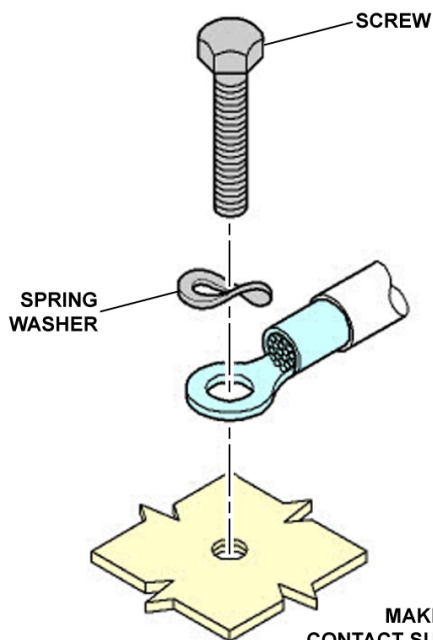
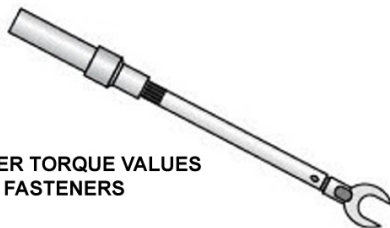


**ENSURE THAT WIRES ARE NOT LOOSE.  
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCKS**

#### ESN PRECAUTIONS



USE PROPER TORQUE VALUES  
ON FASTENERS

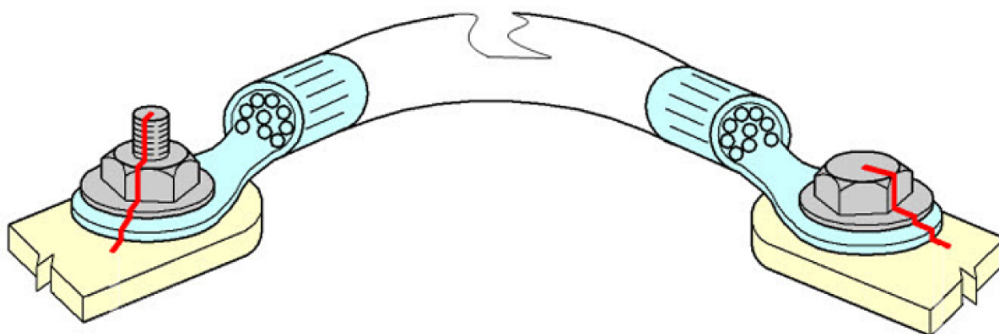


DO NOT USE NON APPROVED,  
CORRODED, DIRTY HARDWARE ITEMS

### ESN PRECAUTIONS

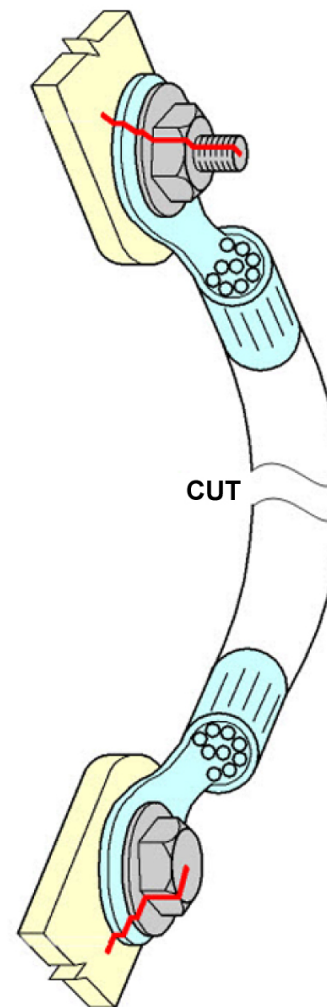


**DAMAGED**



**REPAIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
DAMAGED BRAIDS**

**CUT**



**ESN PRECAUTIONS**

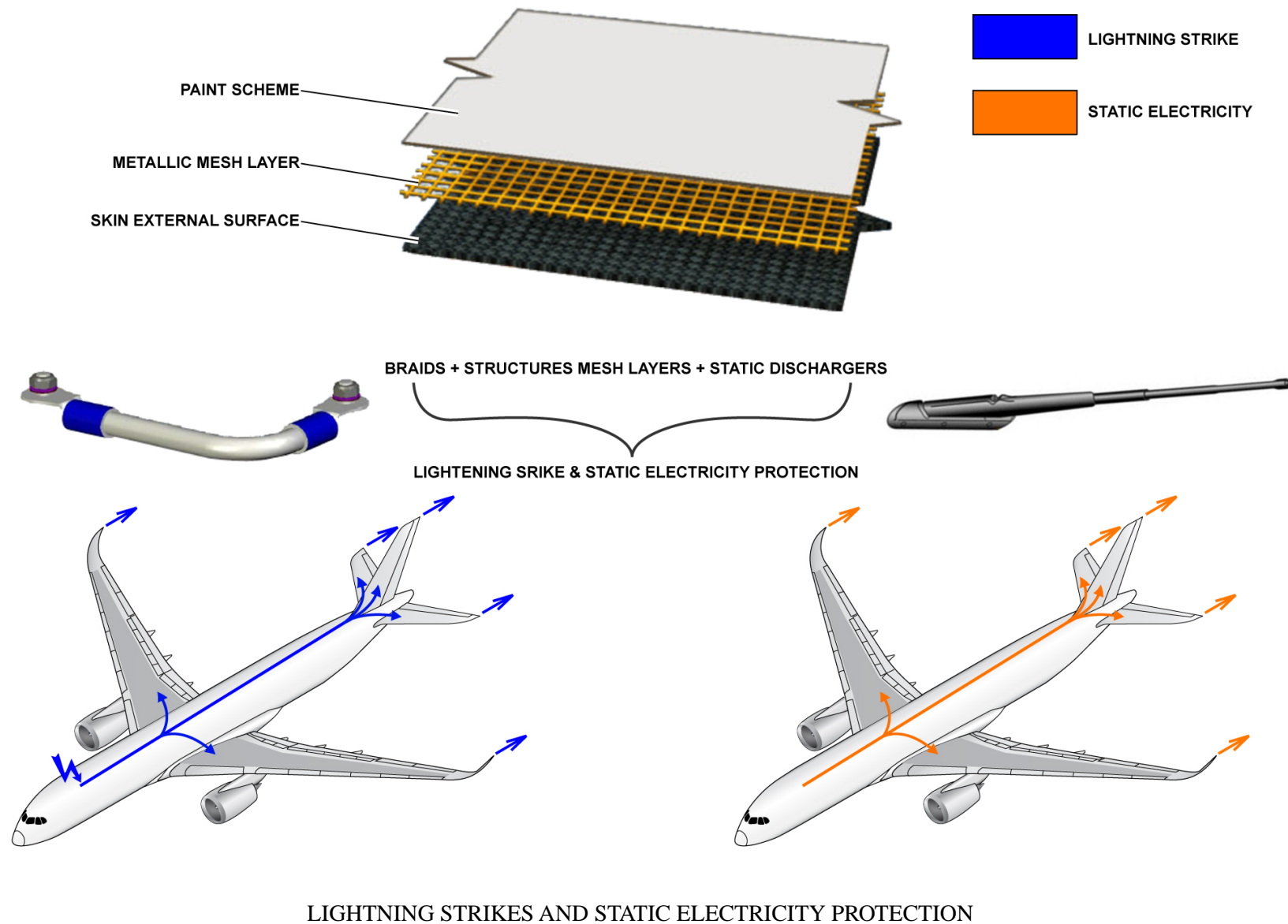
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## ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)

### **Lightning Strikes and Static Electricity Protection**

The MBN and ESN bonded together are used for lightning strikes and static electricity protection.

NOTE: Protection depends on structure, skin, bonding braids, static dischargers condition.



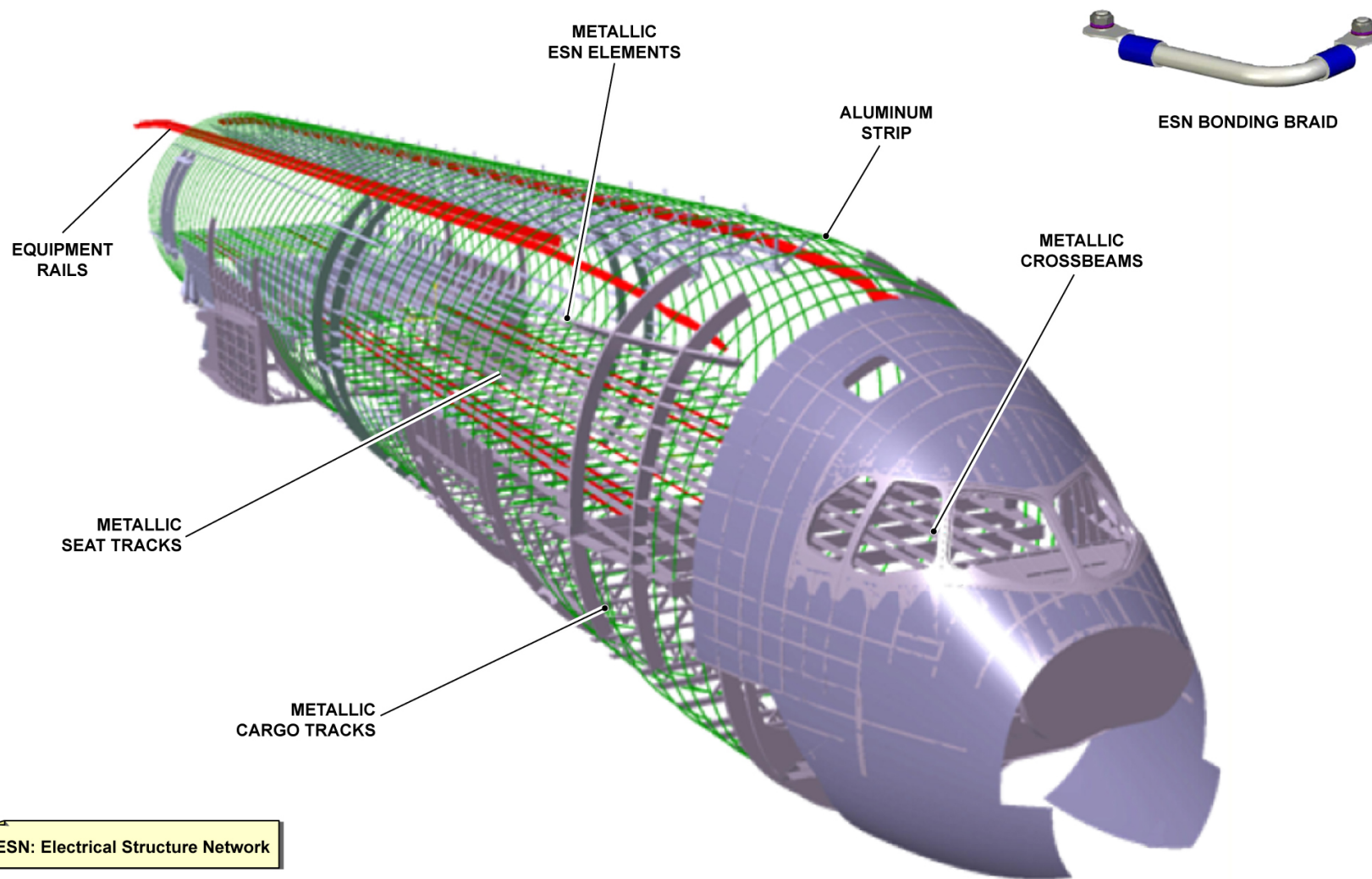
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## **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURE NETWORK (ESN) AND METALLIC BONDING NETWORK (MBN) AWARENESS (3)**

### **ESN Views**

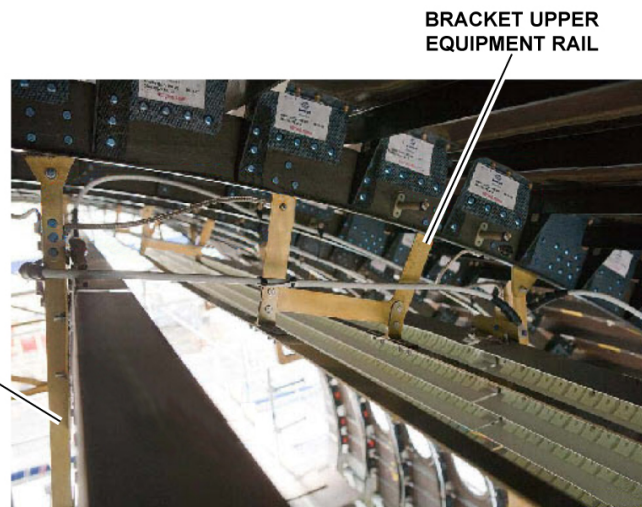
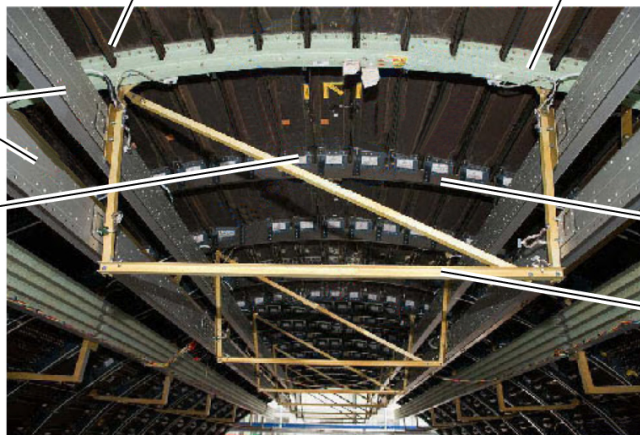
Examples of network, components and braids are shown in the illustrations.

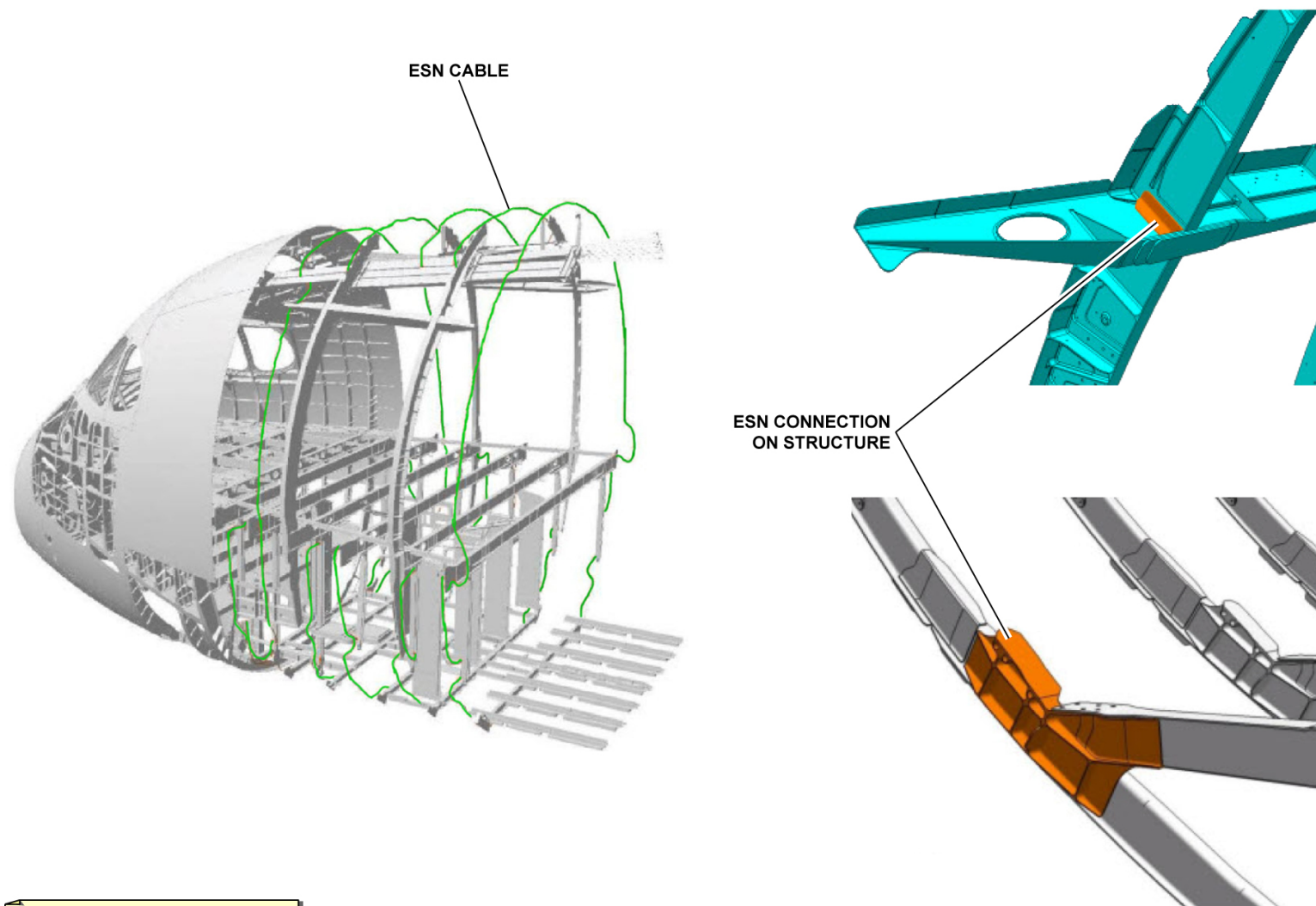




**ESN VIEWS**

**CABIN FLOOR CROSS BEAMS**

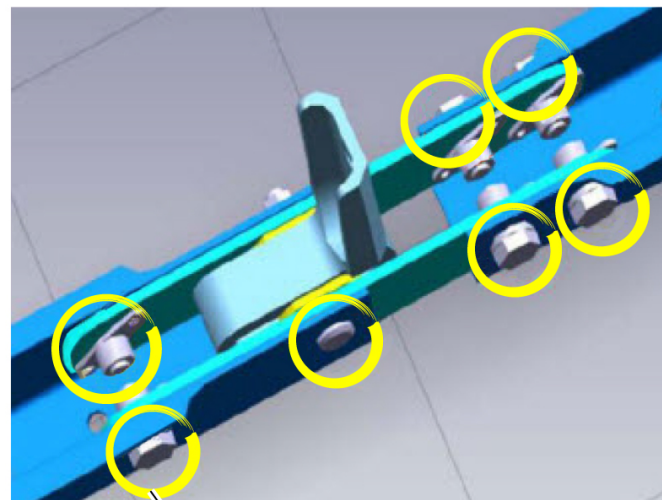
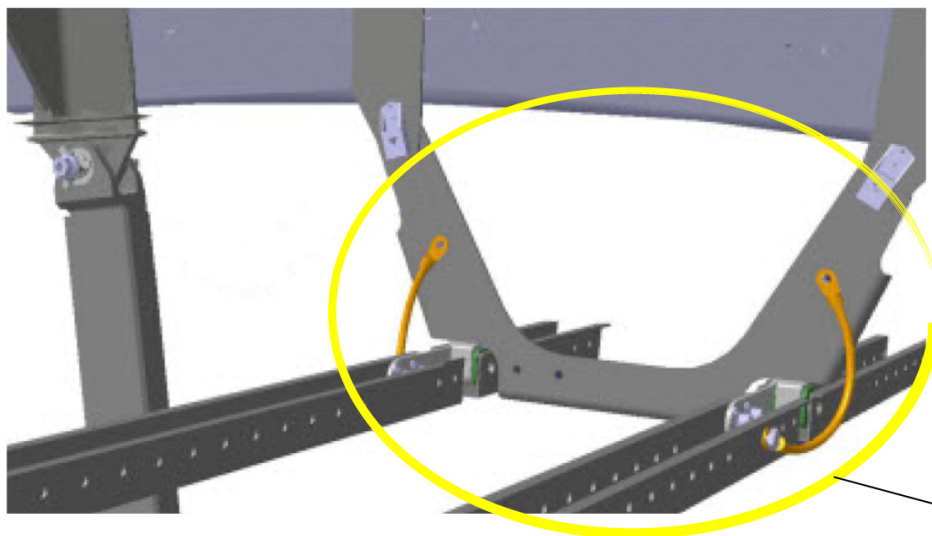
**H-STRUT**
**CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic**
**CENTER ATTACHMENT**

**BRACKET UPPER EQUIPMENT RAIL**
**SKIN (CFRP)**
**FRAME (METALLIC)**
**RACE WAY**
**CLIP**
**FRAME (CFRP)**
**CENTER ATTACHMENT**

**ESN VIEWS**



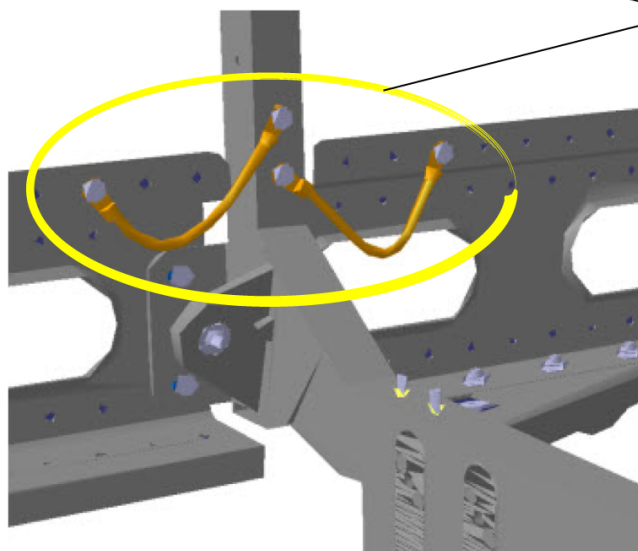
**ESN: Electrical Structure Network**

### ESN VIEWS





ESN CONNECTION WITH BRAID AND FASTENERS



ESN: Electrical Structure Network

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