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A silhouette of a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) on a runway, set against a bright sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and casting long shadows. The UAV is positioned in the center of the frame, with its wings extending horizontally across the image.

# UAV Propulsion Methods and Selection

## UAV Propulsion Certification Course

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**This course introduces fundamental engineering issues related to UAV Propulsion Methods and Selection. This course is intended for UAV propulsion engineers, UAV aircraft designers, UAV industry managers, educators, and research and development engineers from relevant agencies.**

1200 PowerPoint Slides, Instructor Narrated Audio, Embedded Animations & Videos.

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### Course Description

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the fundamental principles of Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) propulsion design. The course is intended as a first course that provides in-depth understanding of state-of-the-art of propulsion issues for UAVs, including propulsion options, cycle analysis, principles of operation, systems, components, and performance and efficiency calculations. Theories of aero-engines and their related background in aerodynamics, thermodynamics and stress analysis are presented. System as well as component engineering aspects of engine aero-thermo-mechanical design are examined. Unmanned Aircraft Systems alternative power and propulsion power management is also discussed.

***Students will learn the following topics:*** Fundamentals of UAV Propulsion, How to Classify UAV Engines by Type and Mission, UAV Propulsion Operation, Types of UAV Propulsion, Applications & Design, UAV Propulsion Selection and Matching, UAV Propulsion Assist Devices, Propeller Types and Requirements, Principles of UAV Engine Control & Regulation, UAV Power Resources & Alternatives, UAV Engine Selection by Efficiency, Trade Studies and Costs, and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO).

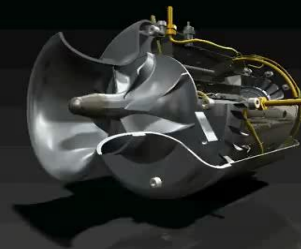
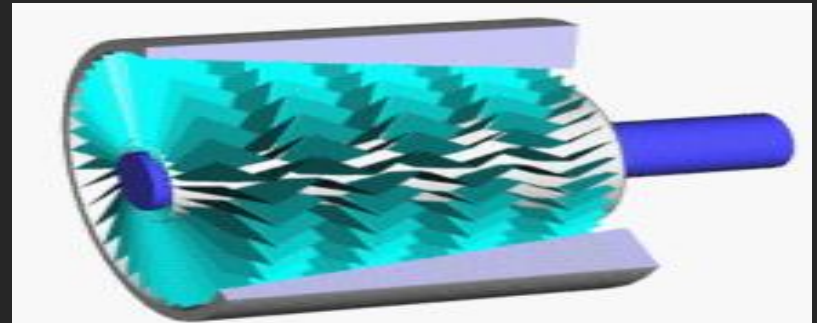
# Sample topic: Centrifugal Compressor



Replay Narrated Recording

## A brief comparison of axial and centrifugal compressors:

1. According to the degree of compression in the stage. Greater pressure ratio provides the stage of the centrifugal compressors.
2. To implement the multi-stage. Multiple air deflection in a centrifugal compressor leads to the complexity of multi-stage.
3. Centrifugal compressors typically have a fairly large diameter of the impeller. Multistage axial compressors have a smaller diameter, but are longer in the axial direction.
4. Axial compressors are mainly used in large UAV propulsion and centrifugal compressors in small gas turbine engines.



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