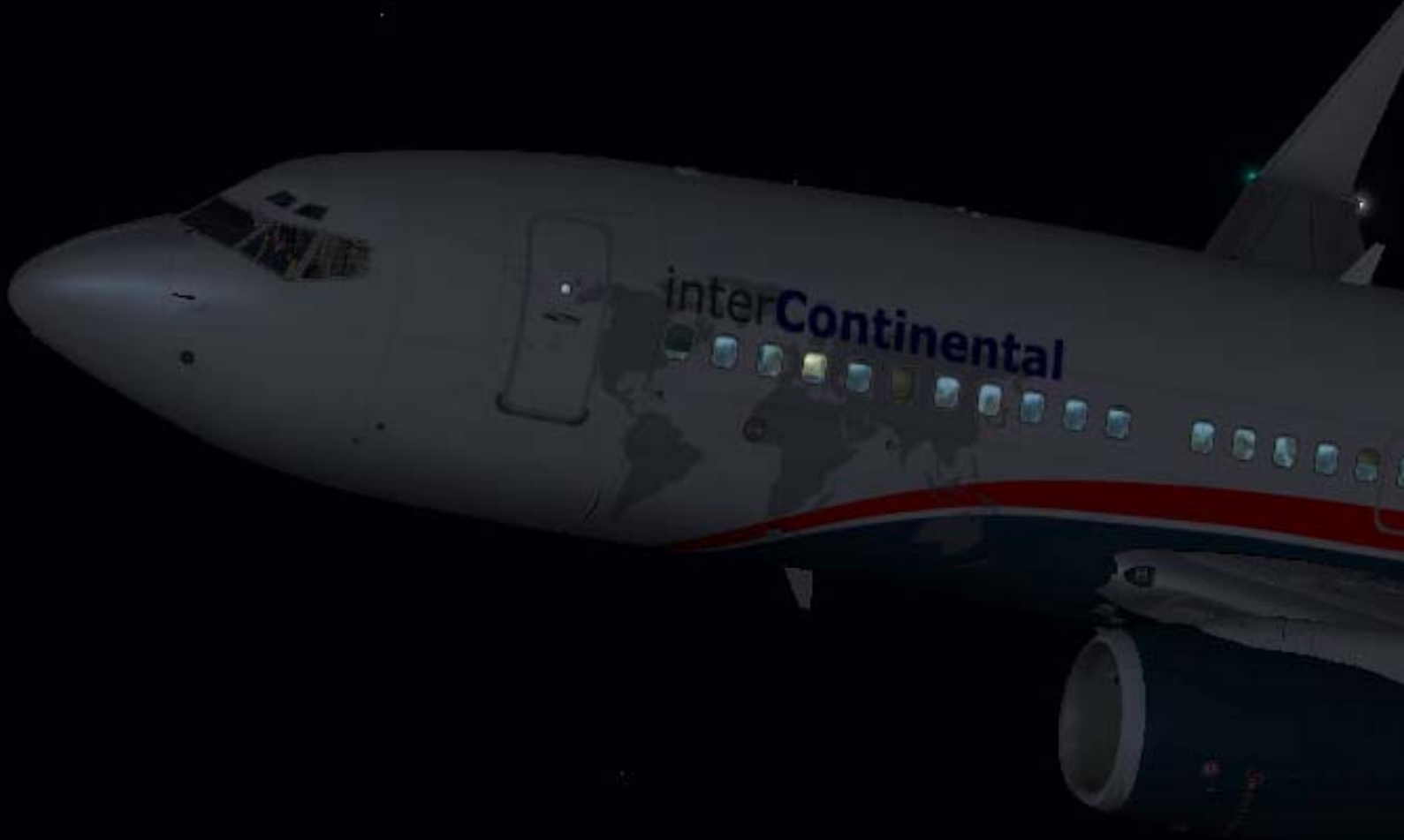


**interContinental**  
*Virtual Airways*



*Pilot Handbook*



### Welcome to interContinental!

Hello there! As the CEO of interContinental (ICO) Virtual Airways, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the team! This manual aims to cover most of the things that new pilots want to know. We will tell you about what we expect from you, what you can expect from us, and we will also let you know a little bit more about the airline, that you are about to become a significant part of. If ever you wish to get in touch with us, it really is very easy. A quick e-mail to us at our main base will be read (and normally replied to) within 24 hours. On some occasions, this timescale may be significantly less but it very rarely takes any longer. My e-mail is: [fpetrutiu@flyintercontinental.com](mailto:fpetrutiu@flyintercontinental.com).

All new pilots are encouraged to read this manual thoroughly, as it does contain some fairly important information. Thank you, once again, for choosing to be a part of the team.

Wishing you blue skies ahead,

*Florin Petrutiu*

FLORIN PETRUTIU  
CEO, interContinental Airways

## **What to expect**

Many virtual airlines will start by telling you all the things that you have to do. While we obviously will get on to that, we have decided to begin by telling you what you can expect us to do for you.

- Prompt, Friendly Service – All e-mails are normally replied to within 24 hours. Our staff will endeavor to reply in a friendly manner.
- Frequent Updates – interContinental is continuously working on updating our website, routes and fleet to keep up with the today's market.
- Fast Pilot Report processing – All PiReps are processed in real-time, and the information stored in a specially designed database. This means that should you ever choose to leave ICO, we will be able to produce accurate references for any future employer (which we are more than happy to do!).
- Fair Treatment – You are a human being! You should be treated as such.

## **Our Expectations of you**

Like any airline, we have expectations of our pilots. These enable us to run the airline as effectively as possible, and ensure that all of our flights get flown. Further more, we are not mind readers, so it is vital that you let us know what you are getting up to!

To remain with the airline, you must fly at least one flight every month and at least 15 flights in any 12 month period. Each flight you make must be reported in the correct manner (see next section)

All flight must be flown with our own aircraft (unless instructed otherwise)

While flights do not have to be flown at precisely the right time, they should be flown at generally the right time of day (and at any rate, the right time in the simulator)

All flights must be flown at a maximum of 4x real speed

You must be over 13 years of age to be a pilot for this airline. It is also against the law to lie about your age. This allows the VA to conform to the Data Protection Act (1998).

## Flight Assignments and Flight Reporting

- **STEP1: FIND A FLIGHT**  
Once you have decided to go for a flight, log in to our website (<http://www.flyintercontinental.com>) and go under flights and select “SEARCH FLIGHTS”. Once you have found a flight that you would like to fly, click on “ASSIGN FLIGHT”  
**Note:** Not all flights will be available, the availability depends on your type ratings and flight availability
- **STEP2: CHECKING IN**  
Once you have clicked on “ASSIGN FLIGHT” you will be taken to your flight assignments page where you will see what flights you have selected. Click on “CHECK-IN” for the flight that you would like to complete now. You will be taken to the Pre-Flight page where you will receive information about your flight, such as weather, aircraft information, preflight checklist, etc. Use “ROUTE MAKER” to build an accurate route to your destination!  
**NOTE:** You can have a maximum of 3 flights assigned to you at one time, and you must fly the flight that you have chosen. Until you fly the chosen flights others cannot fly that particular route.
- **STEP 3: FLY**  
If you are using FS ACARS, open FS ACARS and select Flight from VA, this will download the flight info from our site to your ACARS.  
Spread your wings and enjoy our state-of-the-art aircrafts!
- **STEP 4: FLIGHT REPORTING**  
Once you have completed your flight, if you are using FS ACARS, from the Flight Log, select Send Log. This will close out your flight assignment and file the PiRep Report. If you are not using FS ACARS, return to the website, go under Flight and select “FILE PIREP” this will allow you to submit your flight details and update the database. Manual PiReps require staff approval.

## Ranking and Points System

- **Points**  
We have differentiated the points and ranks. Ranks are simply a seniority scale in the airline. Points are accumulated at the end of each flight when a PiRep is filed either from FS ACARS (5 points) or manually (3 points). These points can then be used to “buy” / upgrade Aircraft Type Ratings. A **student aircraft Type Rating** will allow the pilot to **fly a limited number of flights** with that aircraft where a full Type Rating will remove this restriction. By default, you are given a **Student REG rating (Regional Aircrafts)**, this will allow you to fly as a Student on the ATR72-500, CRJ-200ER and the EMB-120 aircrafts.
- **Rank seniority**
  - 0 - 9 Hours – New Hire
  - 10 - 49 Hours – First Officer
  - 50 - 250 Hours – Junior jCaptain
  - 250 – 1000 Hours – Captain
  - 1000 and above – Senior Captain

## Promotions and Type Ratings

interContinental Airways has an automated promotions system. This means that once you have met your minimum flight time requirements and have taken the promotion exam you will automatically be promoted to the next rank with no approvals from management.

### TO APPLY FOR A PROMOTION

Check the Type Ratings and Promotions section (Under Account) of the website. CAUTION: Review the possible test questions under Corporate>Training before taking an exam. If you fail an exam you will need to wait a period of 14 days before you can take the exam again.

### TYPE RATINGS

You may acquire additional Type Ratings at your discretion by visiting our site, under **Account>Type Ratings and Promotions**.

This section will show you all available Type Ratings from all affiliated airlines. You may choose to “purchase” a type rating form an affiliated airline and be able to fly those flights as well.

### VATSIM and interContinental Airways

interContinental encourages you to fly the friendly skies of VATSIM!

If you have not already a [www.vatsim.net](http://www.vatsim.net) member, sign up today!

### **Fly Online With VATSIM - An Introduction into the Great Hobby of Online Flight Simulation and Simulated Air Traffic Control**

It wasn't long ago when the whole world was ours alone. Beginning with [Microsoft's Flight Simulator](#) Version 5.0, we could simulate flying to many parts of the world. Flying, however, was a very lonely proposition. There were no other airplanes in the skies while we flew enroute and our arrivals at major airports were like landing in ghost towns. There was dynamic scenery and beginning with Microsoft's Flight Simulator 98, multi-player capability to keep you company. But other than that, Flight Simulator, as wonderful a program as it has been throughout its history, fell flat when it came to simulating air traffic control.

In 1997, all of that changed with the introduction of [SquawkBox](#), an add-on program for Flight Simulator 95/98, and [ProController](#), a stand alone program. Over time, SquawkBox has been revised several times and now works with all major Flight Simulation programs including Microsoft Flight Simulators 95, 98 and 2000, Precision Simulator and the Fly! series of programs. Through the use of ProController and the internet, people operating as air traffic controllers could track and control aircraft in real time as they flew in Flight Simulator by utilizing a simulated radar screen. Pilots, using SquawkBox, could now talk to and receive air traffic control from people using

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ProController. Soon thereafter, various organizations were established to bring order and structure to this new wrinkle in the hobby.

The Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network, known as VATSIM.net or "VATSIM" was created in 2001 by a group of individuals who came together with a goal of creating an organization which truly served the needs of the flight simulation and online air traffic control community. With an eye towards more than just providing a network of computers for users to log into, VATSIM is an online community where people can learn and, at the same time, enjoy the pastimes of flight simulation and air traffic control simulation all while making new friends from all over the world.

VATSIM is not just for individuals who have experience in online flight simulation and ATC. It is perfect for both the new user, and the long time "simmer".

- For someone who has just learned about online flight simulation and air traffic control and is interested in real world procedures, VATSIM and its members, many of whom bring real world experience and expertise to our community, offer an ideal environment to learn real world skills.
- For pilots, you'll be able to fly with radar service by air traffic controllers who issue instruction and assistance in all phases of flight from getting your clearance to arriving at your destination airport.
- For air traffic control enthusiasts, the entire world is simulated meaning you can work ATC virtually anywhere from a general aviation airport to the busiest airports in the world. Nearly all of the real world positions are available for you to choose and learn to work.

The best part of all of this is that VATSIM brings real people together who share your passion for flight and air traffic control. When you contact that controller or pilot, you aren't contacting a computer generated voice or image - you will be communicating with a real person who shares the same interests as you!

All it takes is a few moments to [register and join VATSIM](#). Once you do, prepare to learn and be rewarded with friendships that will span the globe. In addition, you'll receive the appreciation and thanks of the online flight simulation and air traffic control communities.

