

Place and monitor a CAP patrol

Combat Air Patrol - place the patrol and check actual coverage.

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☐ 01 Choose the fighters

Open ASSETS with R (default). A new CAP needs two fighters of one type at a base. For an airborne pair, check its callsigns, status and F fuel in ACTIVE OPS.

☐ 02 Choose CAP

At a base, click CAP on the fighter row. For an airborne flight, right-click your interceptor and choose CAP. The order still needs a patrol location.

☐ 03 Place the patrol

Click the intended point on clear map space. Clicking a track uses its position at that moment; CAP does not follow it. Before placing it, Escape over clear map space cancels the unfinished choice.

☐ 04 Check acceptance

Read ASMA, the message window: CAP TASKED can mean a delayed launch; CAP ASSIGNED or TASK ASSIGNED can confirm an airborne order. Read refusals. Check ACTIVE OPS: a countdown can hide the mission name.

☐ 05 Check the coverage delivered

Follow the fighters to the area and watch their patrol circuit. A CAP marker alone is not coverage. If CAP PARTIAL appears, read which member kept its previous task and check every member.

☐ 06 Follow departures from patrol

CAP CONTACT is a report, not an interception. If fighters leave, check task and target. CAP RESUMED restores the task; check their return to the patrol area.

☐ 07 Plan fuel and landing

Monitor each fighter's F, position and route home. Arrange refuelling or choose RTB. Check the group's return tasks and follow each landing. An RTB response does not mean they are ready to fly again.

KEEP IN MIND

Patrols can intercept automatically: eligible H (Hostile) triggers ENGAGE, S (Suspect) triggers IDENT. Check the task and target.

A wingman order can omit the assignment message. Check both fighters in ACTIVE OPS.

Escape does not recall a patrol. Use RTB once airborne and past take-off; check the whole group.

Missing ACTIVE OPS row? Click each highlighted IDENT and TASK badge again to clear the filters.

Hawk T1A: CAP is available only at Critical tension.

FULL GUIDE

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