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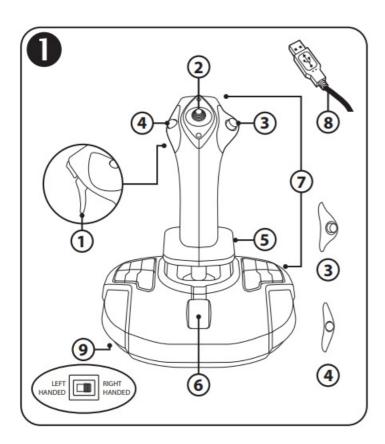




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# **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR JOYSTICK**

EXCLUSIVE PRECISION TECHNOLOGY: H.E.A.R.T: HallEffect AccuRate Technology

Your TCA Sidestick Airbus Edition joystick features technology providing it with a level of precision currently unequaled in the world of gaming joysticks, including:

- 3D (Hall Effect) magnetic sensors on the stick, with a resolution of more than 268 million values over the X and Y axes (16,384 x 16,384 values), whereas current competing systems (even high-end systems) provide resolutions in the neighborhood of only 1 million values (1,024 x 1,024 values).
- · A magnet: no friction, for unlimited precision and incredible responsiveness that will last.
- A coil spring on the stick (2.8 mm): for firm, linear and ultra-fluid tension.

#### **THROTTLE**

Your joystick features a throttle (6), which you can use to easily control your aircraft's engine thrust.

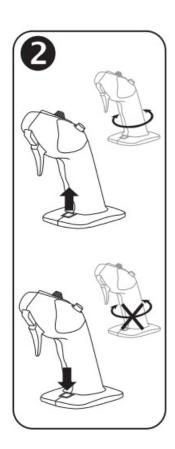
A virtual button (number 17, diagram 3) is enabled on the first 20 percent of the throttle's travel, in order to activate the thrust reversers, for example.

#### **RUDDER FUNCTION**

Your joystick features a rudder function (5): in an airplane, the pilot manipulates the rudder to pivot the plane around its vertical axis (making the plane turn to the left or to the right).

This rudder function is available on your joystick by rotating (i.e. twisting) the stick to the left or right.

#### LOCKING/UNLOCKING THE RUDDER FUNCTION



The rudder function can be disabled using the lock button on the back of the joystick handle. Press this button down in order to lock the rudder's axis.

Bring this button back into the upper (i.e. default) position in order to unlock the rudder's axis.

#### **MULTIDIRECTIONAL "POINT OF VIEW" HAT SWITCH**

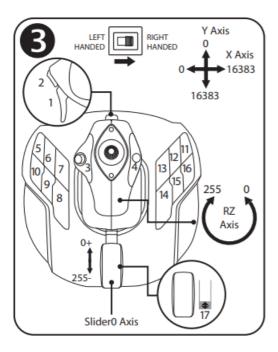
Your joystick features a "Point of View" hat switch (2) which, as its name indicates, allows you to instantly view everything that is going on around your aircraft (in games where this feature is enabled). To use this feature, simply go into your game's setup menu, and program the different views (rear view, view to the left, view to the right, and also external views) onto the directions of the "Point of View" hat switch.

If you wish, you can also reserve the "Point of View" hat switch for other uses instead (firing, etc.).

## **AMBIDEXTROUS SYSTEM**

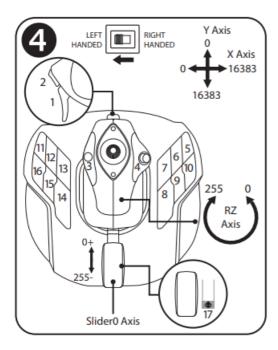
Your TCA Sidestick Airbus Edition joystick has the advantage of being fully ambidextrous, allowing it to perfectly adapt to all players, whether they are right-handed or left-handed. To do so, three elements can be adjusted: the configuration of the buttons on the base, the right button module, and the left button module.

## **CONFIGURATION OF BUTTONS IN RIGHT-HANDED MODE**



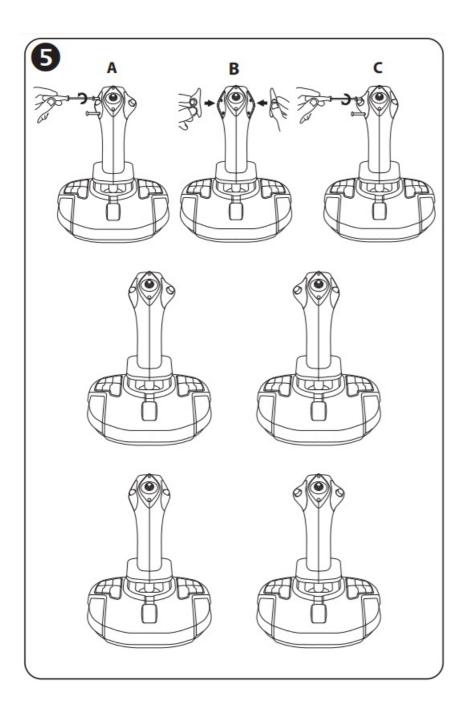
To set the positions of the 12 buttons located on the base to RIGHT-HANDED (or co-pilot/first officer) mode, set the selector switch (9) located under the joystick's base to RIGHT HANDED before connecting the joystick. Your product will then be recognized as a T.A320 Copilot

### CONFIGURATION OF BUTTONS IN LEFT-HANDED MODE



To set the positions of the 12 buttons located on the base to LEFT-HANDED (or pilot) mode, set the selector switch (9) located under the joystick's base to LEFT HANDED before connecting the joystick. Your product will then be recognized as a T.A320 Pilot.

# **CHANGING THE MODULES**



By default, the joystick is configured in pilot mode.

To change the configuration between the four different options available:

- **A.** Using a small screwdriver, carefully unscrew the two screws in the button module on the left-hand side of the joystick's head.
- **B.** Change the modules according to your preferred configuration.
- C. Put the screws back in and completely retighten them.

# PC

# **INSTALLATION ON PC**

- Connect the USB connector (8) to one of your computer's USB ports.
   Windows 8 or 10 will automatically detect the new device.
- The drivers are installed automatically.Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
- 3. Click Start/Settings/Control Panel and double-click Game Controllers.

The Game Controllers dialog box displays the joystick's name with OK status.

4. In the Control Panel, click Properties to test and view all of your joystick's functions. You are now ready to play!

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

When connecting your joystick, always set the stick and the rudder to their central positions, and avoid moving them (to avoid any calibration problems)

#### TROUBLESHOOTING AND WARNING

#### My joystick isn't functioning properly or seems to be improperly calibrated:

- Power off your computer and disconnect your joystick; then, turn your computer back on, reconnect your joystick and restart your game.
- When connecting your joystick: always set the stick and the rudder to their central positions, and avoid moving them (to avoid any calibration problems).

## I can't configure my joystick:

- In your game's Options / Controller / Gamepad or Joystick menu: select the appropriate configuration, or completely reconfigure the controller options.
- Please refer to your game's user manual or online help utility for more information.

# My joystick is too sensitive or not sensitive enough:

- Your joystick self-calibrates independently once you have made some movements along the different axes.
- In your game's Options / Controller / Gamepad or Joystick menu: adjust the sensitivity and dead zones for your joystick (if these options are available).



This peripheral is meant for entertainment gaming purposes only, and its use is strictly forbidden for any kind of professional training activities.

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Should the product appear to be defective during the warranty period, immediately contact Technical Support, who will indicate the procedure to follow. If the defect is confirmed, the product must be returned to its place of purchase (or any other location indicated by Technical Support).

Within the context of this warranty, the consumer's defective product shall, at Technical Support's option, be either replaced or returned to working order. If, during the warranty period, the Thrustmaster product is subject to such reconditioning, any period of at least seven (7) days during which the product is out of use shall be added to the

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During the warranty period, Guillemot shall not provide, in principle, any spare parts, as Technical Support is the only party authorized to open and/or recondition any Thrustmaster product (with the exception of any reconditioning procedures which Technical Support may request that the consumer carry out, by way of written instructions – for example, due to the simplicity and the lack of confidentiality of the reconditioning process – and by providing the consumer with the required spare part(s), where applicable).

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# **DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

**CANADIAN COMPLIANCE NOTICE:** this Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

**USA COMPLIANCE NOTICE:** this equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- 2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Retain this information. Colors and decorations may vary.

Plastic fasteners and adhesives should be removed from the product before it is used.

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#### **Documents / Resources**



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