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LinkEdge provides the benefits of tactile cueing to aircraft without fly-by-wire. It is an inceptor system that provides force-feel to aircraft having mechanically interconnected pilot stations and displacement-trim flight controls.

Unlike an active inceptor, with which the output is an electrical signal, LinkEdge is mechanically linked to the controls via a clutch, without severing the direct linkage from the grips to the control surfaces.

### Benefits:

- Enables pilots to perform maneuvers at heavier operating weights, in less time, with reduced workload, and fewer damaging limit exceedances and mishaps
- Serves as a means to provide warfighters with the benefits of tactile cueing now, until next-generation helicopters are fielded with full FBW
- Unlocks significant operational benefits with respect to safety, performance, and limit exceedances that can reduce maintenance down-time and operating costs
- Has a lower impact on systems, controls, and airframes than a fly-by-wire upgrade, but is similar in performance
- Provides lower-cost tactile cueing because only one actuator and controller are required for both pilot stations per axis of control
- Cost effective for upgrading existing in-service aircraft

### The world leader in inceptor technology

- World's first flight standard military active inceptor (F-35)
- World's first flight standard active cyclic and collective (UH-60Mu/CH-53K)
- World's first flight standard civil active inceptor (G500)
- World's first flight standard Active Parallel Actuation Subsystem (APAS) (MH-47G)



**LinkEdge** is a bolt-on active cueing system that brings the benefits of force feedback and tactile cueing to non fly-by-wire aircraft



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