

Curriculum Vitae

Mark Cooke BEng (Hons)

Commercial Aviation Advisor | Expert Witness

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Profile

Mark is a qualified aviation professional with forty-five years' experience in both military and commercial aircraft environments, specialising in aircraft and engine maintenance, airworthiness, and asset management. He has excellent man-managements skills and has operated at C-suite level.

Mark has worked with airlines, aircraft leasing companies, and aircraft maintenance facilities around the globe creating longstanding relationships. Mark has worked through several difficult and challenging aircraft transitions and repossessions but always maintained a clear, calm, and professional approach to achieving a satisfactory outcome for all parties.

Mark has excellent business acumen having single-handedly built a successful consulting company, 29 Aero Ltd, providing services to the aircraft leasing industry. It was here that Mark had exposure and input to Letters of Intent, Aircraft Lease Agreements including Maintenance Reserve Funds, and Commercial Agreements with Maintenance Repair & Overhaul (MRO) providers. He then went on to co-found and build the Aircamo Group providing commercial aircraft airworthiness and engine maintenance services. The Aircamo Group was sold to Sabena Engineering Brussels in 2023. Mark played an active part in the due diligence in advance of the sale.

Between 2017 and 2018, Mark managed a prestigious project on behalf of a major aircraft lessor taking redelivery of seven Airbus A320 aircraft from an airline in the UAE then moving them onto an MRO in Europe for complete cabin reconfigurations and subsequent onward delivery to the next lessee. Mark managed the commercial aspects, financial control, and participated in the negotiations with the Maintenance Repair & Overhaul facility (MRO), the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), and other third-party suppliers.

Mark also managed the sale of the British Airways fleet of DC10 aircraft from a technical aspect which were positioned at Manchester Airport between 1998 to 2000.

He has extensive aircraft and engine technical experience, having operated as a certifying aircraft maintenance engineer, holding licenses from the UK CAA and the USA FAA, along with numerous aircraft and engine type ratings.

In 2024 Mark successfully completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Training and is currently providing written reports and advice to the industry.

Employment History & Experience

2025 – Present

Commercial Aviation Advisor at 29 Aero Limited, providing advisory services to the commercial aviation industry including expert witness and expert advice services.

2024 – 2025

EVP Asset Management at the Aircamo Group. Responsible for the management of customer aircraft mid-term, pre-purchase, and pre-redelivery audits and inspections. Managing aircraft transitions at worldwide locations, which included liaising with customers, maintenance facilities, and suppliers.

2018 – 2024

Founder, Partner, and EVP Commercial & Business Development at the Aircamo Group. Aircamo Aviation provided Part M Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisation (CAMO) services to airlines and lessors worldwide for several types of commercial aircraft. Aircamo Engines was a provider of commercial aircraft engine Part 145 approved maintenance. Both companies were approved by several airworthiness authorities. The company was built from scratch to a CAMO office at Manchester International Airport, and an engine maintenance facility at Hawarden Airport. Responsible for managing company commercial initiatives and overseeing customer base and sales operations. Providing commercial quotes in cooperation with other departments of the company. Oversight of the aviation marketing activities, responsible for producing promotional materials, marketing campaigns, and strategy planning.

2002 – 2018

Founder and Technical Director at 29 Aero Limited, providing services to several major commercial aircraft leasing and asset management companies. Services included aircraft transitions, pre-redelivery, pre-purchase, and mid-lease audits and inspections at numerous worldwide locations with a team of twenty consultants. It was during this period whilst providing services to a major lessor, 29 Aero were part of the steering group that analysed and implemented the technical records platform STREAM into the lessor's system.

2001 – 2002

Aircraft Overhaul Manager at FLS Aerospace, Manchester UK. Responsible for commercial aircraft and engine base maintenance activities in what was one of the largest maintenance facilities at the time in Europe capable of accommodating four widebody aircraft, supporting Boeing & Airbus fleets. Some of the top-tier customers included British Airways, Continental Airlines, FedEx, First Choice, and Airtours. It was here that Mark gained experience in reporting to board level management, along with overseeing the day-to-day operations and welfare of approximately two hundred members of staff.

1997 – 2001

Project Manager at FLS Aerospace, Manchester UK. Responsible for the planning, administration, and execution of commercial aircraft light and heavy base maintenance checks for top-tier customers as listed above. Duties involved controlling the maintenance check, reporting daily the progress to the aircraft overhaul manager, customer, and liaising with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) for any issues found during the check. Also responsible for person-hour and budgetary control.

1990 – 1997

Inspector Supervisor – UK CAA & USA FAA Licensed Engineer at FLS Aerospace, Manchester UK. Responsible for base and line maintenance of commercial aircraft. Type rated on a variety of aircraft and engine types along with borescope and ground-run approval.

1980 – 1990

Airframe Technician at several Royal Air Force bases around the UK. Involved in maintenance and rectification of fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Professional Qualifications & Associations

Bachelor of Engineering with Honors - Aircraft Engineering, Kingston University, London.
Human Factors & Error Management Course
PRINCE2 Project Management Certified
UK CAA Form 4 Holder at Aircamo Aviation inception.
Member of International Society of Transport Aircraft Traders (ISTAT), The Air League, and Aviation Club UK

Expert Witness Training – Cardiff University Bond Solon

The Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Civil Certificate (2024)
Report Writing (2024)
Courtroom Skills (2024)
Cross Examination Skills (2024)
Civil Law & Procedure (2024)
Experts Discussion (2024)

EASA Part - 66 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Licence

Licence No. 101488
Issued by: Civil Aviation Authority, UK

USA FAA Airframe & Powerplant Licence

Licence No. 257104
Issued by: Federal Aviation Administration, USA

Current on the following EASA Part M Topics

Maintenance Human Factors
Phase 1&2 Fuel Tank & Fuel System Safety Awareness (SFAR88)
Electrical Wiring Interconnection Systems (EWIS Groups 1&2)
Part 145 Safety Management Systems
Extended Range Twin Engine Operations (ETOPS)

Currently volunteering as a Civilian Instructor at Royal Air Force Air Cadets 1913 Knotty Ash Squadron

Referee's available upon request.