

Acknowledgements

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OCTOPUS is an imaginary module able to receive two standards arm attached on two special axis in each side

Also, a standard arm (file Armdock.ini) can be attached on any docking point on any vessel

INSTALLATION

Unzip the pack in your Orbiter folder.

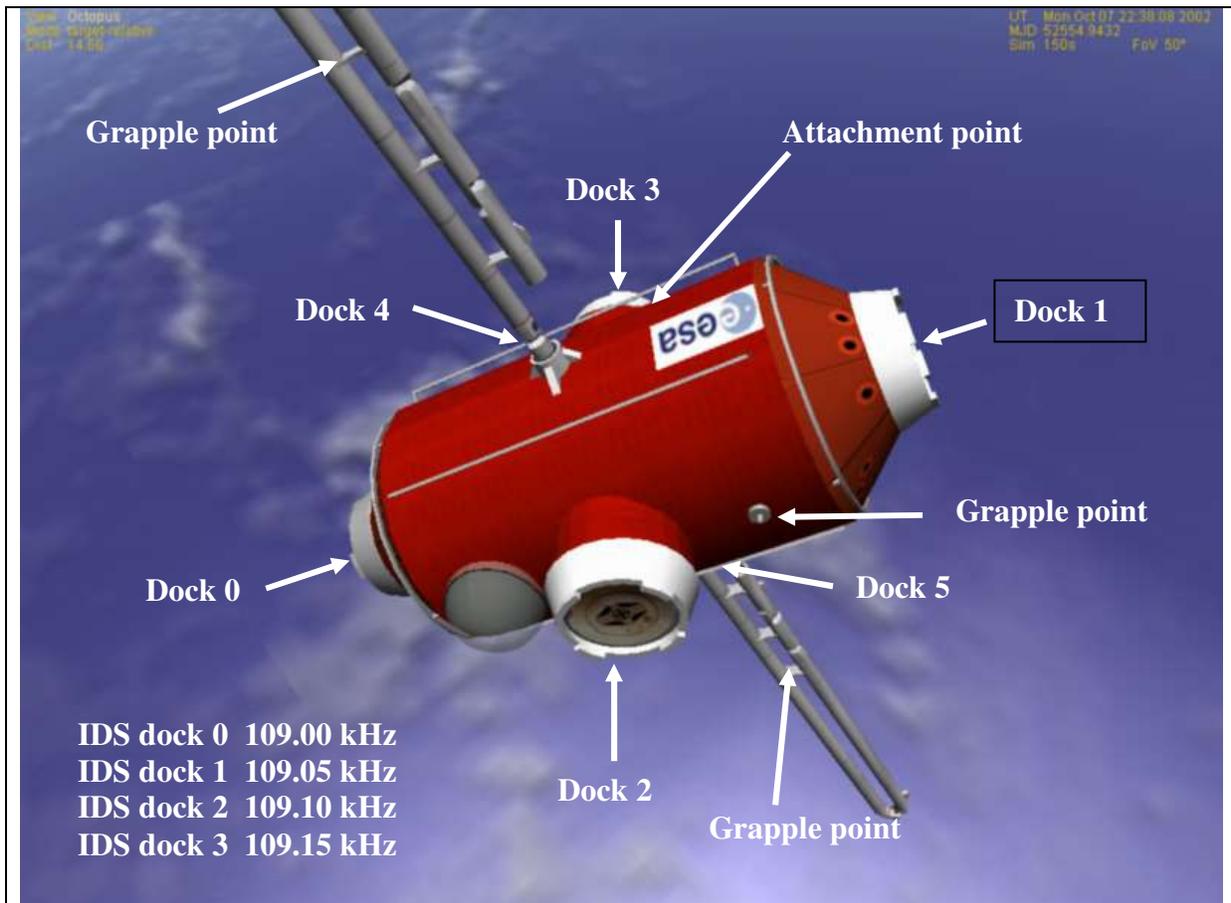
Insure you have Spacecraft3 in the last issue. It is included in the package.

POINTS DE DOCKING ET D'ATTACHEMENT

To extensible docks (4 & 5) give easy docking on this point and a transparent dome is situated on the top (go in with F1). Dome can be protected with moving shutters if not in use.

A grapple point on Octopus allow handling with an external arm and an attachment point below allow to fix in bay with a Shuttle or a DGex.

A grapple point on Armdock allow handling with an external arm for install it on Octopus or another docking point.



COMMAND KEYS

Command keys for OCTOPUS

Avec F3, sélectionner Octopus	
G	Shift for extensible docks
K	Open/close dome shutters

Command keys for arm

Use left shift key to command the arm

1 – Arm controls

With F3 select Armdock <number> according to the scenario	
Spacebar	Activate/Desactivate arm and a message is displayed in the screen bottom left when activated.to show which arm part is selected
LShift + Numpad 4 (Previous) LShift + Numpad 6 (Next)	Cycle through the different parts Shift (if used)→ Shoulder yaw → Shoulder pitch → Elbow pitch → Wrist pitch → Wrist Yaw → Wrist roll
LShift + Numpad 2 LShift + Numpad 8	Move selected part in one direction or the other direction. Release the key to stop move. Hold the numpad key and release Shift key to continue the move. Now you can release the numpad key. Stop with Shift + Numpad again
LShift + Numpad 0	Use to grappled or release the target. Child must be detached before grapples (see attachment management)

2 – Attachment management

A (Q on a french Keyboard)	Activate/Desactivate parent attachment management. A message will be displayed in the screen bottom left when activated. The name of the selected attachment and the name of the attached vessel (if any) is displayed.
LShift + Numpad 4 (Previous) LShift + Numpad 6 (Next)	Cycle through attachment points if several
LShift + Numpad 0	Attach /Detach child (if any) depending of the current status of the parent attachment.

LShift + Numpad 5

Toggle display of grapple points

ATTACHMENT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ARM

16 attachment points (PARENT + CHILD) associated with arm can be defined. Offset is related to arm origin.

This points are PARENT points in the DGex_arm.ini file. For example in the include scenario, two points are defined as this:

```
[PARENT_ATTACH_1]           ;payload attachment #1
NAME="Payload 1"
POS=(-4.6,1,5)               ;offset x,y,z in arm system reference
DIR=(0,1,0)                  ;approach direction
ROT=(0,0,1)                  ;related direction to approach
LOOSE=0                      ;loose attachment enable or disable
RANGE=1                      ;minimum range for attachment (in m)
```

Operate payload management using attachment control (see above)

EXAMPLES

Look the example scenarios to understand what to do for your own scenario

Arm move parameters can be changed if you want.

Open for example the file Armdock.ini with a text editor and find this part

```
[ANIM_SEQ_0] ;Shoulder yaw
INIT_POS=0.5
DURATION=50
```

Duration = time for complete shift move in second.

If you think the move is slow, reduce the value

If you think the move is fast, increase the value

Make the same for others animation sequences.

Name for NAME et JOINT_#_NAME can be customized in the same way in Armdock.ini

For example you can to use NAME="Arm" in place of NAME="Rms" in

```
[PARENT_ATTACH_0] ;arm grapple point
NAME="Rms"
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For more details on how to use the parameters read Spacecraf2 doc included in Vinka's package.

Enjoy !

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