7.2 Managed vs Selected Mode

This is the most important concept in Airbus operations.

Managed Mode

- Aircraft follows FMGS flight plan
- Speed, altitude and path are automated

Used when:

- Normal operations
- Following SID / STAR
- Cruise and climb

Selected Mode

- Pilot manually selects values (speed, heading, vertical speed)

Used when:

- ATC instructions
- Tactical corrections
- Specific energy management

Core Rule

“Managed by default – Selected when required.”

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