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Dave has over 32 year's flying experience, with over 24 years involved in flight test and 4 years as a dedicated Flight Test Instructor. He holds a Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics from the University of New South Wales, Australia, a Master's Degree in Flight Test Technology from National Test Pilot School, USA (Class 01B, Distinguished Graduate), an EASA FCL900 Flight Test Instructor Rating and is a Member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP), holding the position of Secretary for the Canadian Chapter of SETP. His military career spanned almost 15 years with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) as an operational F/A-18 fighter pilot and experimental test pilot at the Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) in Adelaide, Australia.

Dave's military flight test experience included work as project pilot on the Advanced Short-Range Air to Air Missile project and F/A-18 Mid-Life Update program (Link-16/MIDS, APG-73, JHMCS).

Dave also represented the RAAF early in the F-35 program during Partner Manned Tactical Simulator events in the USA and UK. Following his RAAF career, Dave worked for 14 years with Cathay Pacific Airways as a B747 line pilot and company test pilot based in Hong Kong. During this time, he was responsible for entry into service of 14 B747-8 Freighter aircraft to Cathay, including Production Flight Test at Boeing's manufacturing facility in Seattle and the Initial Qualification of their B747-8F Level D full-flight simulator in Hong Kong. He was also directly involved in B777-300ER acceptance test flight and simulator qualification activities.

Following promotion to Cathay's Chief Test Pilot role in 2016, Dave was directly responsible to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department for initial and recurrent airworthiness flight testing and modifications on Cathay's fleet of almost 200 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and the ongoing qualification of their full-flight simulator fleet. Dave joined ITPS Canada in 2021 and has held roles as an EASA FCL-900 Flight Test Instructor, Tactical Instructor, Deputy Head of Training and Vice President, Flight Test. Dave was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of ITPS Canada in January 2025. He has accumulated more than 6,000 flying hours on over 50 different aircraft types, primarily military fast-jet (F/A-18, Hawk 127 and MB-326) and heavy transport aircraft (B747 and B777).