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#### PREFACE

Part 61 (revised) of Federal Aviation Regulations, effective 1 November 1973, establishes a new concept of pilot training and certification requirements. This flight test guide. AC 61-54A, has been prepared by Flight Standards Service of the Federal Aviation Administration to assist the applicant and the instructor in preparing for the flight test for initial certification as a Private Pilot or for the addition of a class rating. This guide contains information and guidance concerning the pilot operations, procedures, and maneuvers relevant to the airplane category with a Single-Engine Land, Single-Engine Sea, Multiengine Land, or Multiengine Sea Class Rating. A suggested flight test checklist is included for the convenience of those who may find such a checklist useful.

In addition to providing help to the applicant and the instructor, this guide will be useful to FAA Inspectors and designated pilot examiners in the conduct and standardization of flight tests. Persons using this guide in connection with private pilot training and flight tests should also refer to the applicable Federal Aviation Regulations; Airman's Information Manual; Flight Training Handbook, AC 61-21; and other pertinent advisory circulars.

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OR EXAMINER: Name \_\_\_\_

Time/Date \_

#### ACCEPTABLE AIRPLANE WITH DUAL CONTROLS

- □ View-limiting device
- Aircraft Documents: Airworthiness Certificate Registration Certificate Operating Limitations
- Aircraft Maintenance Records: Airworthiness Inspections
- FCC Station License

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Current Aeronautical Charts
- Computer and Plotter
- E Flight Plan Form
- E Flight Logs
- D Current AIM

#### PERSONAL RECORDS

- D Pilot Certificate
- Medical Certificate
- Completed Application for an Airman Certificate And/Or Rating (FAA Form 8420-3)
- Airman Written Test Report (AC Form 8060-37)
- Logbook with Instructor's Endorsement
- □ Notice of Disapproval (if applicable)
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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### PILOT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION CONCEPT

Part 61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations has been revised and upgraded to reflect the complexity of the modern aircraft as well as its operating environment. In the past, airman certification requirements could be met by training a student to pass a written test and then to demonstrate the ability to perform predetermined flight training maneuvers during a flight test. Rather than merely duplicating on the flight test the maneuvers used for training, the new training and certification concept requires that the applicant receive instruction in and demonstrate competency in all pilot operations listed in pertinent sections of Part 61 (revised). A pilot operation, as used herein, is a group of related procedures and maneuvers involving skills and knowledge required to safely and efficiently function as a pilot. The specific procedures and maneuvers used to teach the pilot operations are not listed in Part 61 (revised). Instead, the instructor is permitted to select procedures and maneuvers from FAA-approved training publications pertinent to the certificate or rating sought.

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The instructor indicates by logbook endorsement that the applicant has demonstrated competency in all the required pilot operations and considers that person qualified to pass the flight test. On the flight test, the examiner<sup>1</sup> selects the procedures and maneuvers to be performed by the applicant to show competency in each required pilot operation.

The procedures and maneuvers appropriate to the Private Pilot Certificate with an airplane rating are contained in AC 61-21, Flight Training Handbook.

This flight test guide is divided into two major parts:

- Part 1—Airplane—Single-Engine Land/ Single-Engine Sea.
- Part 2-Airplane-Multengine Land/ Multiengine Sea.

#### USE OF THIS GUIDE

The pilot operations in this flight test guide, indicated by Roman numerals, are required by Section 61.107 of Part 61 (revised) for the issuance of a Private Pilot Certificate. For the addition of a class rating on the pilot certificate, an applicant must pass a flight test appropriate to the pilot certificate and ap-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The word "examiner" is used hereafter in this guide to denote either the Federal Aviation Administration Inspector or designated pilot examiner who conducts an official flight test.

plicable to the aircraft category and class rating sought. This guide is intended only to outline appropriate pilot operations and the minimum standards for the performance of each procedure or maneuver which will be accepted by the examiner as evidence of the pilot's competency. It is not intended that the applicant be tested on every procedure or maneuver within each pilot operation, but only those considered necessary by the examiner to determine competency in each pilot operation.

When, in the judgment of the examiner, certain demonstrations are impractical (for example, night flying or equipment malfunctions), competency may be determined by oral testing.

This guide contains an **Objective** for each required pilot operation. Under each pilot operation, pertinent procedures or maneuvers are listed with **Descriptions** and **Acceptable Performance Guidelines**.

1. The **Objective** states briefly the purpose of each pilot operation required on the flight test.

2. The **Description** provides information on what may be asked of the applicant regarding the selected procedure or maneuver. The procedures or maneuvers listed have been found most effective in demonstrating the objective of that particular pilot operation. 3. The Acceptable Performance Guidelines include the factors which will be taken into account by the examiner in deciding whether the applicant has met the objective of the pilot operation. The airspeed, altitude, and heading tolerances given represent the minimum performance expected in good flying conditions. However, consistently exceeding these tolerances before corrective action is initiated is indicative of an unsatisfactory performance. Any procedure or action, or the lack thereof, which requires the intervention of the examiner to maintain safe flight will be disgualifying. Failure to exercise proper vigilance or to take positive action to ensure that the flight area has been adequately cleared for conflicting traffic will also be disqualifying.

Emphasis will be placed on procedures, knowledge, and maneuvers which are most critical to a safe performance as a pilot. The demonstration of prompt stall recognition, adequate control, and recovery techniques will receive special attention. Other areas of importance include spatial disorientation, collision avoidance, and wake turbulence hazards.

The applicant will be expected to know the meaning and significance of the airplane performance speeds important to the pilot, and be able to readily determine these speeds for the airplane used for the flight test. These speeds include:

V<sub>so</sub>—the stalling speed or minimum steady flight speed in landing configuration.

 $V_r$ —the speed for the best rate of climb.

 $V_x$ —the speed for the best angle of climb.

V<sub>n</sub>-the design maneuvering speed.

 $V_{ne}$ —the never exceed speed.

If the the private pilot flight test is taken in a multiengine airplane the following additional performance speeds are applicable:

V<sub>mc</sub>—the minimum control speed with the critical engine inoperative.

The best angle of climb speed with one engine inoperative.

The best rate of climb speed with one engine inoperative.

#### **GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR FLIGHT TESTS**

The ability of an applicant for a private or commercial pilot certificate, or for an aircraft or instrument rating on that certificate, to perform the required pilot operations is based on the following:

> 1. Executing procedures and maneuvers within the aircraft's performance capabilities and limitations, including use of the aircraft's systems.

> 2. Executing emergency procedures and maneuvers appropriate to the aircraft.

3. Piloting the aircraft with smoothness and accuracy.

4. Exercising judgment.

5. Applying aeronautical knowledge.

6. Showing mastery of the aircraft, with the successful outcome of a procedure or maneuver never seriously in doubt.

If the applicant fails any of the required pilot operations, the flight test is failed. The examiner or the applicant may discontinue the test at any time when the failure of a required pilot operation makes the applicant ineligible for the certificate or rating sought. If the test is discontinued the applicant is entitled to credit for only those entire pilot operations that were successfully performed.

#### FLIGHT TEST PREREQUISITES

An applicant for the private pilot flight test is required by revised Section 61.39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to have: (1) passed the appropriate private pilot written test within 24 months before the date of the flight test, (2) the applicable instruction and aeronautical experience prescribed for a private pilot certificate, (3) a first, second, or third class medical certificate issued within the past 24 months, (4) reached at least 17 years of age, and (5) a written statement from an appropriately certificated flight instructor certifying that he has given the applicant flight instruction in preparation for the flight test within 60 days preceding the date of application, and finds that person competent to pass the test and to have a satisfactory knowledge of the subject areas in which a deficiency is shown by the airman written test report.

#### AIRPLANE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRE-MENTS FOR FLIGHT TEST

The applicant is required by revised Section 61.45 to provide an airworthy airplane for the flight test. This airplane must be capable of, and its operating limitations must not prohibit, the pilot operations required in the test. The following equipment is relevant to the pilot operations required by revised Section 61.107 for the private pilot flight test:

1. Two-way radio suitable for voice communications with aeronautical ground stations.

2. A radio receiver which can be utilized for available radio navigation and communications facilities.

3. Appropriate flight instruments for controlling and maneuvering an airplane solely by reference to instruments.

The inspector/examiner may accept any aircraft that, in his judgment, is adequately equipped to evaluate the applicant's instrument training to the standards outlined in this Advisory Circular. 4. Engine and flight controls that are easily reached and operated in a normal manner by both pilots.

5. A suitable view-limiting device, easy to install and remove in flight, for simulating instrument flight conditions.

6. Operating instructions and limitations. The applicant should have an appropriate checklist, an Owner's Manual/Handbook, or, if required for the airplane used, an FAA approved Airplane Flight Manual. Any operating limitations or other published recommendations of the manufacturer that are applicable to the specific airplane will be observed.

#### C. Weight and Balance

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the application of the approved weight and balance data for the airplane used to determine that the gross weight and c.g. (center of gravity) location are within allowable limits. Charts and graphs provided by the manufacturer may be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on ability to determine the empty weight, c.g., maximum allowable gross weight, useful load (fuel, passengers, baggage) by reference to appropriate publications, and the ability to apply this information to determine that the gross weight and c.g. are within approved limits.

#### **D. Weather Information**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to obtain Aviation Weather Reports, Area and Terminal Forecasts, and Winds Aloft Forecasts pertinent to the proposed flight.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall demonstrate knowledge to select weather information that is pertinent and how to best obtain this information. Applicant must show ability to interpret and understand its significance with respect to the proposed flight.

#### E. Line Inspection

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a visual inspection to determine the airplane's airworthiness and readiness for flight. This includes all required equipment and documents. A checklist provided by the manufacturer or operator should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use an orderly procedure in conducting a preflight check of the airplane, and shall know the significance of each item checked and recognize any unsafe conditon.

#### F. Airplane Servicing

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a visual inspection to determine that the fuel is of the proper grade and type and the supply of fuel, oil, and other required fluids is adequate for the proposed flight. Appropriate action should be taken to eliminate possible fuel contamination in the airplane.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall know the grade and type of oil and fuel specified for the airplane and be able to determine the amount of fuel required to complete the flight. Applicant shall know where to find all fuel and oil fillers, and the capacity of each tank, as well as the location of the battery, hydraulic fluid reservoirs, anti-icing fluid tanks, etc., and shall also know the proper steps for avoiding fuel contamination during and following servicing.

#### G. Engine and Systems Preflight Check

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a check to determine that the engine is operating within acceptable limits and that all systems, equipment, and controls are functioning properly and adjusted for takeoff. A checklist provided by the manufacturer or operator should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use proper procedures in engine starting and runup and in checking airplane systems, equipment, and controls to determine that the airplane is ready for flight. Careless operation in close proximity to obstructions, ground personnel, or other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### II. AIRPORT AND TRAFFIC PATTERN OPERATIONS

#### **Objective**

To determine that the applicant is able to safely and efficiently conform to arrival and departure procedures and established traffic patterns at controlled and noncontrolled airports during day and night VFR operations.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### A. Radio Communication and ATC Light Signals

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the use of designated frequencies and recommended voice procedures to report position and state intentions regarding the flight, and to obtain pertinent information and clearances. Where applicable, the applicant is expected to use Airport Terminal Information Service, Airport Advisory Service, Control Tower, Approach and Departure Control, UNICOM, and ATC light signals.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall determine the type of communication facilities available, select correct frequencies, and use appropriate communications procedures to obtain and acknowledge necessary information. Failing to comply with airport traffic procedures or instructions without permission to do so shall be disqualifying. B. Airport and Runway Markings and Lighting

1. Description Where available, the applicant may be asked to demonstrate the proper use of wind and traffic direction indicators, and markings indicating closed runways, displaced thresholds, taxiways, holding lines, and basic runways, and is also expected to be familiar with taxiway and runway lighting, rotating beacons, obstruction lights, and VASI (Visual Approach Slope Indicator).

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall know the meaning of standard wind and traffic indicators, markings and lighting, and how they relate to airplane operation. Failure to properly use these aids, creating an unsafe situation, shall be disqualifying.

#### C. Operations on the Surface

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate safe operating practices while in close proximity to other aircraft, persons, or obstructions. Emphasis should be placed on use of brakes and power to control taxi speeds, proper positioning of flight controls for existing wind conditions, awareness of possible ground hazards, and compliance with taxi procedures and instructions. The applicant is expected to take extra precautions when taxiing behind large aircraft. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane on the surface without endangering persons or property or conflicting with a smooth and orderly flow of traffic.

#### **D. Traffic Patterns**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate prescribed arrival and departure procedures and is expected to maintain appropriate altitudes, airspeeds, and ground track consistent with instructions received or the established traffic pattern.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the ability to manuver the airplane relative to the runway in use. Consideration shall be given to application of wind drift corrections, adequate spacing in relation to other aircraft, and maintaining and controlling altitude and airspeed. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from prescribed traffic pattern altitudes or  $\pm 10$  knots from recommended airspeeds shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly.

#### E. Collision Avoidance Precautions

1. Description The applicant is expected to exercise conscientious and continuous surveillance of the airspace in which the airplane is being operated to guard against potential mid-air collisions. Adequate clearing procedures should precede the execution of maneuvers involving rapid altitude and heading changes. The applicant shall perform whatever clearing is deemed necessary to ascertain that the area is clear before performing maneuvers such as stalls or flight at critically slow airspeeds, etc. There should be no delay in entering a maneuver upon completion of the clearing turn(s). This can be accomplished by performing the necessary conditions of flight (reducing airspeed, adding carburetor heat, etc.) while in the clearing turn(s). In addition to "see and avoid" practices, the applicant is expected to use VFR Advisory Service at nonradar facilities, Airport Advisory Service at nontower airports or FSS locations, and Radar Traffic Information Service, where available.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maintain continuous vigilance for other aircraft and take immediate actions necessary to avoid any situation which could result in a mid-air collision. Extra precautions shall be taken, particularly in areas of congested traffic, to ensure that the view of other aircraft is not obstructed by the airplane's structure. When traffic advisory service is used, the applicant shall understand terminology used by the radar controller in reporting positions of other aircraft. Failure to maintain proper surveillance shall be disqualifying.

#### F. Wake Turbulence Avoidance

1. Description The applicant may be asked to explain how, where, and when wingtip vortices are generated and their characistics and associated hazards, and he should follow recommended courses of action to remain clear of these hazards.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall identify the conditions and locations in which wingtip vortices may be encountered and adjust the flightpath so as to avoid these areas. Failure to follow recommended procedures for avoiding the hazards of flying into wingtip vortices shall be disqualifying.

#### III. FLIGHT MANEUVERING BY REFER-ENCE TO GROUND OBJECTS

#### **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can maneuver the airplane at approximately traffic pattern altitude over a predetermined groundpath while dividing attention inside and outside the airplane.

## Procedures/Maneuvers

#### A. "S" Turns Across a Road

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a series of "S" turns across a straight ground reference line approximately perpendicular to the wind. Bank variations should be planned to compensate for wind so that each half circle is equal on opposite sides of the line. At each reversal of direction, he should cross the selected line at a 90° angle with the wings level. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall readily select ground references and maneuver the airplane in relation to these references. Properly coordinated turns, smooth control usage, and division of attention shall be required. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance of other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### B. Eights Along a Road or Eights Across a Road

1. Description The applicant may be asked to maneuver along a ground track starting above and parallel to a road, then perform 360° turns left and right. He is expected to vary the bank to correct for wind to arrive back over the road at the starting point upon completion of each 360° turn. The ground track should be in the form of a figure "8".

The applicant may be asked to perform a similar ground track maneuver starting over the intersection of two roads or some point on a road. The turns should be made so the intersection or point, which forms the center of the "8", is crossed in straight-andlevel flight. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so the loops of the "8" are symmetrical. Performance shall be evaluated on proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance of other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### C. Rectangular Course

1. Description The applicant may be asked to follow a rectangular or square course around and outside of a selected area. He is expected to correct for wind drift so the ground track is parallel to the sides of the selected area and equidistant from each side. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver. This pattern should be performed both to the right and to the left.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall readily select the ground reference and maintain the desired track in relation to that reference. Properly coordinated turns, smooth control usage, and division of attention shall be required. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessive maneuvering to correct for wind drift, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### D. Turns About a Point

1. Description The applicant may be asked to perform a ground track maneuver in which a constant radius of turn is maintained by varying the bank to compensate for wind drift, so as to circle and maintain a uniform distance from a prominent reference point on the ground. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver. This maneuver should be performed both to the right and to the left.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so that the ground track is a constant distance from the reference point. Performance shall be evaluated on proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of more than  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### E. Eights Around Pylons

1. Description The applicant may be requested to perform right and left turns around two ground reference points or pylons. A turn should be made in each direction, varying bank to correct for wind drift, resulting in a constant distance from each point. The ground track should be in the form of a figure "8".

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so that both loops of the "8" are of equal size. Performance shall be evaluated on proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### IV. FLIGHT AT CRITICALLY SLOW AIR-SPEEDS

#### **Objective**

To determine that the applicant understands the reason for and can recognize changes in the airplane flight characteristics at critically slow airspeeds in various attitudes and configurations. To determine that the applicant can recognize imminent and full stalls and can accomplish prompt, positive, and effective recoveries in all normally anticipated situations.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

A. Maneuvering at Minimum Controllable Airspeed

1. Description The applicant may be asked to maneuver in various configurations and at such airspeeds that controllability is minimized to the point that if the angle of attack is further increased by an increase in load factor or a decrease in airspeed, an immediate stall would result. The maneuver should be accomplished in straight flight, turns, climbs, and descents, using various flap settings (if applicable).

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall be evaluated on the ability to establish the minimum controllable airspeed, to positively control the airplane, to use proper torque corrections, and to recognize incipient stalls. Primary emphasis shall be placed on airspeed control. During straight-and-level flight at this speed, the applicant shall maintain altitude within  $\pm 100$  ft. and heading within  $\pm 10^{\circ}$  of that assigned by the examiner. Inadequate surveillance of the area prior to and during the maneuver or an applicant-induced unintentional stall shall be disqualifying.

#### **B. Imminent Stalls**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate recoveries from imminent stalls entered from straight flight and from turning flight with power-on or poweroff. He is expected to place the airplane in the attitude and configuration appropriate for flight situations such as takeoffs, departures, landing approaches, and accelerated maneuvers, as directed by the examiner. The applicant should apply control pressures which result in an increase in angle of attack until the first buffeting or decay of control effectiveness is noted. The recovery should be accomplished immediately by reducing the angle of attack with coordinated use of flight and power controls.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall recognize the indications of an imminent stall and take prompt, positive control action to prevent a full stall. The applicant shall be disqualified if a full stall occurs or if it becomes necessary for the examiner to take control of the airplane to avoid excessive airspeed, excessive loss of altitude, or a spin.

#### C. Full Stalls

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate recoveries from full stalls entered from straight flight and from turning flight with power-on or power-off. He is expected to establish the attitude and configuration for flight situations such as takeoffs and departures, landing approaches, and accelerated maneuvers. Then, increase the angle of attack smoothly until a stall occurs, as indicated by a sudden loss of control effectiveness or uncontrollable pitching. Recovery should be accomplished by reducing the angle of attack immediately, and positively regaining normal flight attitude with coordinated use of flight and power controls. The applicant is expected to be aware of the loss of altitude necessary to recover from a stabilized high rate of descent with the elevator control fully back, if this condition is encountered before a stall develops.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall recognize when the stall has occurred and take prompt action to prevent a prolonged stalled condition. The applicant shall be disqualified if a secondary stall occurs or if it becomes necessary for the examiner to take control of the airplane to avoid excessive airspeed, excessive loss of altitude, or a spin.

#### **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can accomplish safe takeoffs and landings under all normally anticipated conditions in a landplane or in a seaplane.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### A. Normal and Crosswind Takeoffs (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate normal and crosswind takeoffs by aligning the airplane with the runway or takeoff surface and applying takeoff power smoothly and positively while maintaining directional control. A pitch attitude should be established to permit normal acceleration to the manufacturer's recommended lift-off speed, and then smoothly increased to establish a straight climb at the desired climb speed.

The applicant may be asked to make at least one crosswind takeoff with sufficient crosswind to require the use of crosswind techniques, but not in excess of the crosswind limitations of the airplane used. In the crosswind takeoff, he is expected to hold aileron into the wind and maintain a straight path by use of rudder. These crosswind corrections should be maintained until after lift-off and the airplane then crabbed into the wind to prevent drift.
2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance of normal and crosswind takeoffs shall be evaluated on application of power and flight controls, directional control, coordination, and smoothness in establishing lift-off and climb. The applicant shall maintain a track aligned with the runway and a climb speed within  $\pm 5$ knots of the desired climb speed after lift-off.

B. Normal and Crosswind Landings (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate normal and crosswind landings. Normal landings should be made using a final approach speed equal to 1.3 times the stalling speed in landing configuration (1.3  $V_{so}$ ), or the final approach speed prescribed by the manufacturer. Action should be taken to progressively reduce power so that the throttle is closed when the desired touchdown point is assured, or while rounding-out for touchdown. If the airplane is equipped with flaps, landings may be made with full flaps, partial flaps, or no flaps. Forward slips and a slip-to-a-landing may be performed with or without flaps, unless prohibited by the airplane's operating limitations.

In a tailwheel type airplane, the main wheels and tailwheel should touch the runway simultaneously at a near power-off stalling speed. In a nosewheel type airplane, the touchdown should be on the main wheels with little or no weight on the nosewheel. In strong, gusty surface winds, in a tailwheel type airplane, the round-out should be made to an attitude which permits touchdown on the main wheels only. Adequate corrections and positive directional control should be maintained during the after-landing roll.

The applicant may be asked to make at least one crosswind landing with sufficient crosswind to require the use of crosswind techniques, but not to exceed the crosswind limitations of the airplane. In crosswind conditions, wind drift corrections should be made throughout the final approach and touchdown.

The applicant may be asked to discontinue a landing approach at any point and execute a go-around.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance of normal and crosswind landings shall be evaluated on the basis of his landing technique, judgment, wind drift correction, coordination, power technique, and smoothness. Proper final approach speed shall be maintained within  $\pm 5$ knots and touchdown in the proper landing attitude within the portion of the runway or landing area specified by the examiner.

Touching down with an excessive side load on the landing gear or poor directional control shall be disqualifying.

On go-arounds the applicant shall maintain positive airplane control, appropriate airspeeds, and operate the flaps and gear (if applicable) in proper sequence.

#### C. Taxiing (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate taxiing at slow speeds and on the step, into the wind, downwind, and crosswind. Turns to downwind headings, step turns, sailing, docking, and simulated or actual approaches to a buoy should be included. The applicant should demonstrate taxiing with and without the use of a water rudder, if the seaplane is so equipped.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on proper use of flight controls, power, and water rudder to safely and effectively maneuver the seaplane. Any faulty technique which results in a hazardous situation shall be disqualifying.

## D. Normal and Crosswind Takeoffs (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be requested to demonstrate takeoffs into the wind, and with light crosswind components. He may also be asked to demonstrate, when feasible, or to describe in detail any or all of the following:

a. High-density altitude takeoffs from glassy water;

b. Takeoffs from choppy water or ocean swells; and

c. Takeoffs from streams or inlets with significant current or tide and downstream wind. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on smooth operation of the power and flight controls, directional control, and ability to achieve an efficient planing attitude promptly and to make a smooth, effective transition to flight. Misuse of the controls, consistent retarding of takeoffs by premature rotation for liftoff, or failure to take immediate corrective action to stop porpoising shall be disqualifying.

E. Normal and Crosswind Landings (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate landings into the wind, and with light crosswind components. Landing approaches should be made in accordance with the established traffic pattern for the area used, and with a final approach speed of approximately 1.3 times the power-off stalling speed in landing configuration (1.3  $V_{re}$ ), or the final approach speed recommended by the aircraft manufacturer. A straight course should be maintained during touchdown and throughout the runout on the surface. The applicant may also be asked to demonstrate, if feasible, or to describe in detail any of the following:

a. Landings on glassy water;

b. Landings on choppy water or ocean swells;

c. Emergency landings on airports or unprepared fields; and d. The applicant may be asked to discontinue a landing approach at any point and execute a go-around.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the accuracy of the approaches, drift correction, correct use of the controls in flight and on the surface, and landing technique. He shall maintain the desired final approach speed within  $\pm 5$  knots, and touch down smoothly within the area specified by the examiner.

On go-arounds the applicant shall maintain positive airplane control, appropriate airspeeds, and operate the flaps properly.

# VI. MANEUVERING BY REFERENCE TO INSTRUMENTS

#### **Objective**

To determine that the applicant is able to control and maneuver an airplane solely by reference to flight instruments as might be experienced under emergency conditions, and to use the emergency assistance available through radio aids, radar and DF (direction finding) heading instructions.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### **A. Basic Maneuvers**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate ability to control and maneuver the airplane solely by reference to flight instruments while performing straightand-level flight, turns, climbs and descents, and while recovering from critical flight attitudes.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on coordination, smoothness, and accuracy. Turns shall be performed at least  $180^{\circ}$  to within  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  of a preselected heading, and climbs and descents to within  $\pm 100$ ft. of a preselected altitude. If the examiner finds it necessary to take over to avoid a stall or to avoid exceeding the operating limitations of the airplane, the applicant shall be disqualified.

#### **B. Use of Radio Aids**

1. Description Under simulated instrument conditions the applicant may be asked to follow a VOR radial or "home" to a radio station using ADF (Automatic Direction Finder), as appropriate to the radio equipment in the airplane. No prescribed orientation procedure will be required.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidalines The applicant shall follow a radial or "home" to a station while effectively controlling altitude, heading, and airspeed.

#### C. Use of Radar or DF Heading Instructions

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the proper procedures for contacting Approach Control or Flight Service Stations to request emergency assistance. He should be able to follow radar or DF heading instructions while in simulated instrument conditions.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the ability to obtain and follow radar or DF heading instructions and emergency approach assistance received by radio, while effectively controlling altitude, heading, and airspeed.

#### VII. CROSS-COUNTRY FLYING

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can prepare for and conduct a safe, expeditious cross-country flight.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## **A. Flight Planning**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to plan a cross-country flight to a point at least 2 hours away at the cruising speed of the airplane used. At least one intermediate stop should be included. Planning should include the obtaining of pertinent and available weather information; plotting the course on an aeronautical chart: selecting checkpoints; measuring distances; and computing flight time, headings, and fuel require-The Airman's Information Manual ments. should be used as a reference for airport information, NOTAMS, and such other appropriate guidance as may be extracted from its contents.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines All flight planning operations shall be meaningful, accurate, and applicable to the trip proposed. The applicant shall explain the plan for the flight, verify the calculations, and present sources of information and data.

#### **B. Conduct of Planned Flight**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to perform the planned flight using

pilotage, dead reckoning, and VOR or ADF radio aids as appropriate to the equipment in the airplane. He should make good the desired track, determine position by reference to landmarks, and calculate estimated times of arrival over checkpoints. He may also be asked to intercept and follow a VOR radial or "home" to a radio station using ADF, recognize station passage, and determine position by means of cross bearings.

The applicant should set out on the crosscountry flight which was planned before takeoff. The planned course should be followed at least until the applicant establishes the compass heading necessary to stay on course, and can give a reasonable estimate of groundspeed and time of arrival at the first point of intended landing.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall: (1) establish and maintain headings required to stay on course; (2) correctly identify position; (3) provide reasonable estimates of times of arrival over checkpoints and destination with an apparent error of not more than 10 minutes; and (4) maintain altitude within  $\pm 200$  ft. of the planned altitude.

#### C. Diversion to an Alternate

1. Description When requested by the examiner to divert to an alternate airport, as might be necessary to avoid adverse weather, the applicant is expected to turn to the new course promptly. This may be accomplished by means of pilotage, dead reckoning, or radio navigation aids.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall establish the appropriate heading for the course to the alternate and within a reasonable time give an acceptable estimate of the flying time and required fuel.

## VIII. MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS

## Objective

To determine that the applicant can use techniques appropriate to takeoffs and landings on short fields and on soft/rough fields.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. Short-Field Takeoff and Maximum Climb

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a takeoff from a short takeoff area or over simulated obstacles. Power should be applied promptly and smoothly, and rotated to lift-off just as the best angle-of-climb airspeed is attained. The applicant is expected to maintain that speed until the assumed obstacles have been cleared. The applicant is expected to know and understand the effectiveness of the best angle-ofclimb and the best rate-of-climb airspeeds of the airplane to obtain maximum climb performance. The flap settings and airspeeds prescribed by the airplane manufacturer should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the basis of planning, smoothness, directional control, and accuracy. The liftoff and climb shall be performed within  $\pm 5$  knots of the best angle-of-climb speed and the assumed obstacle cleared by a safe margin.

#### **B. Short-Field Landing**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a landing from over an assumed 50-ft. obstacle. The final approach speed should result in little or no floating after the throttle is closed during the flare for touchdown. The airplane should clear the obstacle by a safe margin and touch down within the area designated by the examiner, at minimum controllable airspeed. Upon touchdown in landplanes, the applicant is expected to properly apply brakes or reverse thrust to minimize the after-landing roll. Power, flaps, or moderate slips may be used as necessary on the last segment of the final approach.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, coordination, smoothness, and accuracy. He shall control the angle of descent and airspeed on final approach so that the assumed obstacle is safely cleared and floating is minimized during the flare. After touchdown, he shall bring the airplane smoothly to a stop within the shortest possible distance consistent with safety.

#### C. Soft-Field Takeoff (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a takeoff from a simulated soft field. This should be accomplished with the wing at a relatively high angle of attack so as to transfer the weight from the wheels to the wing as soon as possible. As soon as the elevators become effective a positive angle of attack should be established to lighten the load on the nosewheel or the tailwheel. After becoming airborne, the pitch attitude should be adjusted with the wheels just clear of the surface to allow the airplane to accelerate. Care should be exercised to prevent settling back to the ground. As the airplane reaches best angle-of-climb or best rate-of-climb speed, whichever is appropriate for the field conditions, adjust the pitch attitude to maintain the desired climb speed. The flap setting used should be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, directional control, smoothness, and accuracy. The applicant shall lift off at a speed not higher than the poweroff stalling speed and maintain the proper climb speed within  $\pm 5$  knots.

#### D. Soft-Field Landing (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a simulated soft-field landing from a normal approach with touchdown at the slowest possible airspeed to permit the softest possible touchdown and a short landing roll. A nose-high attitude should be maintained during the after-landing roll and the flaps promptly retracted (if recommended by the manufacturer) to prevent damage from mud or slush thrown by the wheels. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, smoothness, and accuracy. He shall maintain the final approach airspeed within  $\pm 5$  knots of that prescribed. During flap retraction the applicant shall exercise extreme caution and maintain positive control.

## IX. NIGHT FLYING—NIGHT VFR NAVI-GATION <sup>3</sup>

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can properly prepare for a night flight and is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of night takeoffs and landings and night VFR cross-country flights.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### **A. Preparation and Equipment**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate how to prepare for a local or cross-country night flight. This requires familiarity with: (1) airport lighting; (2) the airplane's lighting system and its operation; (3) the need for a personal flashlight; and (4) the weather conditions pertinent to night flight. Particular attention should be given to the temperature/dewpoint spread due to the possibility of ground fog forming during night flights.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall explain the significance of the items peculiar to the preparation for night flights.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This pilot operation is not required if the applicant does not meet the night flying requirements set forth in Section 61.109. The certificate will bear the limitation, "Night Flying Prohibited".

#### **B.** Takeoffs and Landings

1. Description An actual demonstration of takeoffs and landings at night may be required. If required, the applicant is expected to explain and/or demonstrate: (1) proper use of power during the approach and landing phase; (2) efficient use of landing lights; (3) safe climb and approach paths; (4) safe taxi speeds; (5) recognition of position relative to other aircraft by the location and color of their lights; and (6) the dangers of spatial disorientation. If an actual demonstration is not required, the foregoing may be satisfied by oral quizzing.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on ability to explain or demonstrate, as required by the examiner, the various techniques and aspects of night takeoffs and landings. Understanding the importance of constant vigilance for other aircraft on the ground and in the air, and the precautions necessary to avoid wake turbulence and spatial disorientation should be demonstrated.

#### **C. VFR Navigation**

1. Description An actual demonstration of night navigation may be required. If required, the applicant is expected to follow procedures similar to those described in this guide under "Cross-country Flying." If an actual night demonstration is not required, the foregoing may be satisfied by a daylight demonstration or oral quizzing. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the Acceptable Performance Guidelines under "Cross-country Flying" in this guide, with special emphasis on the pecularities of night flying.

## X. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can react promptly and correctly to emergencies which may occur during flight.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

A. Partial or Complete Power Malfunctions

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a knowledge of corrective actions for: (1) partial loss of power; (2) complete power failure; (3) rough engine; (4) carburetor or induction system ice; (5) fuel starvation; and (6) fire in the engine compartment. The examiner may, with no advance warning, reduce power to simulate engine malfunction.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines Performance shall be evaluated on the applicant's prompt analysis of the situation and the remedial course of action. The emergency procedures shall be performed in compliance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. Any action which creates unnecessary additional hazards shall be disqualifying.

## **B. Systems or Equipment Malfunctions**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a knowledge of corrective actions for: (1) inoperative electrical system (generator, alternator, battery or circuit breaker); (2) electrical fire or smoke in cockpit; (3) gear or flap malfunctions; (4) door opening in flight; and (5) inoperative elevator trim tab. Where practicable, the examiner may, with no advance warning, simulate flap malfunctions, landing gear malfunctions, or an inoperative electrical system. The applicant is expected to actually perform the recommended emergency procedures for the simulated malfunction.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines Performance shall be evaluated on the applicant's prompt analysis of the situation and his remedial course of action. The emergency procedure shall be in compliance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. Any action which creates unnecessary additional hazards shall be disqualifying.

## C. Lost Procedures

1. Description The applicant may be asked to explain the proper courses of action to be taken if becoming lost, being trapped on top of an overcast, losing radio communications, or encountering unanticipated adverse weather.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines Performance shall be evaluated on the applicant's ability to promptly and correctly analyze the situation and describe the appropriate remedial action.

### PART 2

#### AIRPLANE

## MULTIENGINE LAND/MULTIENGINE SEA

## PILOT OPERATIONS

## Procedures/Maneuvers

## I. PREFLIGHT OPERATIONS

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can ensure meeting pilot requirements, that the airplane is airworthy and ready for safe flight, and that suitable weather conditions exist for the proposed flight.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. Certificates and Documents

1. Description The applicant may be asked to present appropriate pilot and medical certificates and to locate and explain the airplane's registration certificate, airworthiness certificate, operating manual or FAA approved Airplane Flight Manual (if required), airplane equipment list, and required weight and balance data. In addition, the applicant is expected to be able to explain the airplane and engine logbooks or other maintenance records. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall be knowledgeable regarding the location, purpose, and significance of each required item.

## **B. Airplane Performance and Limitations**

1. Description The applicant may be orally quizzed on the performance capabilities, approved operating procedures, and limitations of the airplane used. This includes normal power settings, critical and recommended speeds, and fuel and oil requirements. In addition, the manufacturer's published recommendations or FAA approved Airplane Flight Manual should be used to determine the effects of temperature, pressure altitude, wind, and gross weight on the airplane's performance.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall be evaluated on the ability to obtain, explain, and apply the information which is essential in determining the performance capabilities and limitations of the airplane used.

## c. Weight and Balance

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the application of the approved weight and balance data for the airplane used to determine that the gross weight and c.g. (center of gravity) location are within allowable limits. Charts and graphs provided by the manufacturer may be used. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on ability to determine the empty weight, c.g., maximum allowable gross weight, useful load (fuel, passengers, baggage) by reference to appropriate publications, and the ability to apply this information to determine that the gross weight and c.g. are within approved limits.

#### **D. Weather Information**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to obtain Aviation Weather Reports, Area and Terminal Forecasts, and Winds Aloft Forecasts pertinent to the proposed flight.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall demonstrate that selection can be made of weather information that is pertinent and how to best obtain this information, and can interpret and understand its significance with respect to the proposed flight.

#### E. Line Inspection

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a visual inspection to determine the airplane airworthiness and readiness for flight. This includes all required equipment and documents. A checklist provided by the manufacturer or operator should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use an orderly procedure in conducting a preflight check of the airplane, and shall know the significance of each item checked and recognize any unsafe condition.

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## F. Airplane Servicing

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a visual inspection to determine that the fuel is of the proper grade and type and the supply of fuel, oil, and other required fluids is adequate for the proposed flight. Appropriate action should be taken to eliminate possible fuel contamination in the airplane.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall know the grade and type of oil and fuel specified for the airplane and be able to determine the amount of fuel required to complete the flight. He shall know where to find all fuel and oil fillers, and the capacity of each tank, as well as the location of the battery, hydraulic fluid reservoirs, anti-icing fluid tanks, etc. He shall also know the proper steps for avoiding fuel contamination during and following servicing.

## G. Engines and Systems Preflight Check

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a check to determine that the engines are operating within acceptable limits and that all systems, equipment, and controls are functioning properly and adjusted for takeoff. A checklist provided by the manufacturer or operator should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use proper procedures in engine starting and runup and in checking airplane systems, equipment, and controls to determine that the airplane is ready for flight. Careless operation in close proximity to obstructions, ground personnel, or other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

## II. AIRPORT AND TRAFFIC PATTERN OPERATIONS

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant is able to safely and efficiently conform to arrival and departure procedures and established traffic patterns at controlled and noncontrolled airports during day and night VFR operations.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

A. Radio Communications and ATC Light Signals

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the use of designated frequencies and recommended voice procedures to report position and state intentions regarding the flight, and to obtain pertinent information and clearances. Where applicable, Airport Terminal Information Service, Airport Advisory Service, Control Tower, Approach and Departure Control, UNICOM, and ATC light signals should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall determine the type of communication facilities available, select correct frequencies, and use appropriate communications procedures to obtain and acknowledge necessary information. Failing to comply with airport traffic procedures or instructions without permission to do so shall be disqualifying. B. Airport and Runway Markings and Lighting

1. Description Where available, the applicant may be asked to demonstrate the proper use of wind and traffic direction indicators, and markings indicating closed runways, displaced thresholds, taxiways, holding lines, and basic runways. Familiarity with taxiway and runway lighting, rotating beacons, obstruction lights, and VASI (Visual Approach Slope Indicator) is expected.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall know the meaning of standard wind and traffic indicators, markings and lighting, and how they relate to airplane operation. Failure to properly use these aids, creating an unsafe situation, shall be disqualifying.

#### C. Operations on the Surface

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate safe operating practices while in close proximity to other aircraft, persons, or obstructions. Emphasis should be placed on use of brakes and power to control taxi speeds, proper positioning of flight controls for existing wind conditions, awareness of possible ground hazards, and compliance with taxi procedures and instructions. The applicant is expected to take extra precautions when taxiing behind large aircraft.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane on the surface without endangering persons or property or conflicting with a smooth and orderly flow of traffic.

## **D. Traffic Patterns**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate prescribed arrival and departure procedures. Maintaining appropriate altitudes, airspeeds, and ground track consistent with instructions received or the established traffic pattern is expected.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the ability to maneuver the airplane relative to the runway in use. Consideration shall be given to application of wind drift corrections, adequate spacing in relation to other aircraft, and maintaining and controlling altitude and airspeed. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from prescribed traffic pattern altitudes or  $\pm 10$  knots from recommended airspeeds shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly.

## E. Collision Avoidance Precautions

1. Description The applicant is expected to exercise conscientious and continuous surveillance of the airspace in which the airplane is being operated to guard against potential mid-air collisions. Adequate clearing procedures should precede the execution of maneuvers involving rapid altitude and heading changes. The applicant shall perform whatever clearing is deemed necessary to ascertain that the area is clear before performing maneuvers such as stalls or flight at critically slow airspeeds, etc. There should be no delay in entering a maneuver upon completion of the clearing turn(s). This can be accomplished by performing the necessary conditions of flight (reducing airspeed, adding carburetor heat, etc.) while in the clearing turn(s). In addition to "see and avoid" practices, the applicant is expected to use VFR Advisory Service at nonradar facilities, Airport Advisory Service at nontower airports or FSS locations, and Radar Traffic Information Service, where available.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maintain continuous vigilance for other aircraft and take immediate actions necessary to avoid any situation which could result in a mid-air collision. Extra precautions shall be taken, particularly in areas of congested traffic, to ensure that the view of other aircraft is not obstructed by the airplane's structure. When traffic advisory service is used, the applicant shall understand terminology used by the radar controller in reporting positions of other aircraft. Failure to maintain proper surveillance shall be disqualifying.

### F. Wake Turbulence Avoidance

1. Description The applicant may be asked to explain how, where, and when wingtip vortices are generated and their characistics and associated hazards. Recommended courses of action to remain clear of these hazards should be followed.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall identify the conditions and locations in which wingtip vortices may be encountered and adjust the flight path so as to avoid these areas. Failure to follow recommended procedures for avoiding the hazards of flying into wingtip vortices shall be disqualifying.

## III. FLIGHT MANEUVERING BY REFER-ENCE TO GROUND OBJECTS

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can maneuver the airplane at approximately traffic pattern altitude over a predetermined ground path while dividing attention inside and outside the airplane.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. "S" Turns Across a Road

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a series of "S" turns across a straight ground reference line approximately perpendicular to the wind. He is expected to plan bank variations to compensate for wind so that each half circle is equal on opposite sides of the line. At each reversal of direction, he should cross the selected line at a 90° angle with the wings level. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall readily select ground references and maneuver the airplane in relation to these references. Properly coordinated turns, smooth control usage, and division of attention shall be required. De viation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitudes prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance of other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### B. Eights Along a Road or Eights Across a Road

1. Description The applicant may be asked to maneuver along a ground track starting above and parallel to a road, then perform 360° turns left and right. He is expected to vary the bank to correct for wind to arrive back over the road at the starting point upon completion of each 360° turn. The ground track should be in the form of a figure "8".

The applicant may be asked to perform a similar ground track maneuver starting over the intersection of two roads or some point on a road. The turns should be made so the intersection or point, which forms the center of the "8", is crossed in straight-andlevel flight. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so the loops of the "8" are symmetrical. Performance shall be evaluated on the basis of proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance of other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

## C. Rectangular Course

1. Description The applicant may be asked to follow a rectangular or square course around and outside of a selected area. He is expected to correct for wind drift so the ground track is parallel to the sides of the selected area and equidistant from each side. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver. This pattern should be performed both to the right and to the left.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall readily select the ground reference and maintain the desired track in relation to that reference. Properly coordinated turns, smooth control usage, and division of attention shall be required. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessive maneuvering to correct for wind drift, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

## D. Turns About a Point

1. Description The applicant may be asked to perform a ground track maneuver in which a constant radius of turn is maintained by varying the bank to compensate for wind drift, so as to circle and maintain a uniform distance from a prominent reference point on the ground. A constant altitude should be maintained throughout the maneuver. This maneuver should be performed both to the right and to the left.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so that the ground track is a constant distance from the reference point. Performance shall be evaluated on proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of more than  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

#### E. Eights Around Pylons

1. Description The applicant may be requested to perform right and left turns around two ground reference points or pylons. A turn should be made in each direction, varying bank to correct for wind drift, resulting in a constant distance from each point. The ground track should be in the form of a figure "8".

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maneuver the airplane so that both loops of the "8" are of equal size. Performance shall be evaluated on proper wind drift correction, airspeed control, coordination, altitude control, and vigilance for other aircraft. Deviation of  $\pm 100$  ft. from the selected altitude shall be considered disqualifying unless corrected promptly. Also, excessively steep banks, flight below minimum safe altitude prescribed by Regulations, or inadequate clearance from other aircraft shall be disqualifying.

## IV. FLIGHT AT CRITICALLY SLOW AIR-SPEEDS

## Objective

To determine that the applicant understands the reason for and can recognize changes in the airplane flight characteristics at critically slow airspeeds in various attitudes and configurations. To determine that the applicant can recognize imminent and full stalls and can accomplish prompt, positive, and effective recoveries in all normally anticipated situations.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. Maneuvering at Minimum Controllable Airspeed

1. Description The applicant may be asked to maneuver in various configurations and at such airspeeds that controllability is minimized to the point that if the angle of attack is further increased by an increase in load factor or a decrease in airspeed, an immediate stall would result. The maneuver should be accomplished in straight flight, turns, climbs, and descents, using various flap settings (if applicable).

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall be evaluated on the ability to establish the minimum controllable airspeed, to positively control the airplane, to use proper torque corrections, and to reconize incipient stalls. Primary emphasis shall be placed on airspeed control. During straight-and-level flight at this speed, the applicant shall maintain altitude within  $\pm 100$ ft. and heading within  $\pm 10^{\circ}$  of that assigned by the examiner. Inadequate surveillance of the area prior to and during the maneuver or an applicant-induced unintentional stall shall be disqualifying.

#### **B. Imminent Stalls**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate recoveries from imminent stalls entered from straight flight and from turning flight with power-on or poweroff. He is expected to place the airplane in the attitude and configuration appropriate for flight situations such as takeoffs, departures, landing approaches, and accelerated maneuvers, as directed by the examiner. The applicant should apply control pressures which result in an increase in angle of attack until the first buffeting or decay of control effectiveness is noted. The recovery should be accomplished immediately by reducing the angle of attack with coordinated use of flight and power controls.

Note: No stall will be performed with any engine throttled or cut off and the other engine(s) developing effective power. Abrupt pitch changes during stall demonstrations, and all other maneuvers, should be avoided in airplanes with extensions between the engine and the propeller, because of the high gyroscopic loads induced.
2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall recognize the indications of an imminent stall and take prompt, positive control action to prevent a full stall. The applicant shall be disqualified if a full stall occurs or if it becomes necessary for the examiner to take control of the airplane to avoid excessive airspeed, excessive loss of altitude, or a spin.

## C. Full Stalls

I. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate recoveries from full stalls entered from straight flight and from turning flight with power-on or power-off. He is expected to establish the attitude and configuration for flight situations such as takeoffs and departures, landing approaches, and accelerated maneuvers. Then, increase the angle of attack smoothly until a stall occurs, as indicated by a sudden loss of control effectiveness or uncontrollable pitching. Recovery should be accomplished by reducing the angle of attack immediately and positively, regaining normal flight attitude with coordinated use of flight and power controls. The applicant is expected to be aware of the loss of altitude necessary to recover from a stabilized high rate of descent with the elevator control fully back, if this condition is encountered before a stall develops.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall recognize when the stall has occurred and take prompt action to prevent a prolonged stall condition. The applicant shall be disqualified if a secondary stall occurs or if it becomes necessary for the examiner to take control of the airplane to avoid excessive airspeed, excessive loss of altitude, or a spin.

#### V. TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS

# **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can accomplish safe takeoffs and landings under all normally anticipated conditions in a landplane or in a seaplane.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. Normal and Crosswind Takeoffs (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate normal and crosswind takeoffs by aligning the airplane with the runway or takeoff surface and applying takeoff power smoothly and positively while maintaining directional control. A pitch attitude should be established to permit normal acceleration to the manufacturer's recommended lift-off speed, and then smoothly increased to establish a straight climb at the desired climb speed.

The applicant may be asked to make at least one crosswind takeoff with sufficient crosswind to require the use of crosswind techniques, but not in excess of the crosswind limitations of the airplane used. In the crosswind takeoff the applicant is expected to hold aileron into the wind and maintain a straight path by use of rudder. These crosswind corrections should be maintained until after lift-off and the airplane then crabbed into the wind to prevent drift. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance of normal and crosswind takeoffs shall be evaluated on application of power and flight controls, directional centrol, coordination, and smoothness in establishing lift-off and climb. The applicant shall maintain a track aligned with the runway and a climb speed within  $\pm 5$ knots of the desired climb speed after lift-off.

#### B. Normal and Crosswind Landings (Landplanes)

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1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate normal and crosswind landings. Normal landings should be made using a final approach speed equal to 1.3 times the stalling speed in landing configuration (1.3  $V_{so}$ ), or the final approach speed prescribed by the manufacturer. Power should be progressively reduced so that the throttle is closed when the desired touchdown point is assured, or while rounding-out for touchdown. If the airplane is equipped with flaps, landings may be made with full flaps, partial flaps, or no flaps. Forward slips and a slip-to-a-landing may be performed with or without flaps, unless prohibited by the airplane's operating limitations.

In a tailwheel type airplane, the main wheels and tailwheel should touch the runway simultaneously at or near power-off stalling speed. In a nosewheel type airplane, the touchdown should be on the main wheels with little or no weight on the nosewheel. In strong, gusty surface winds, in a tailwheel type airplane, the round-out should be made to an attitude which permits touchdown on the main wheels only. In crosswind conditions, wind drift corrections should be made throughout the final approach and touchdown. Adequate corrections and positive directional control should be maintained during the afterlanding roll.

The applicant may be asked to make at least one crosswind landing with sufficient crosswind to require the use of crosswind techniques, but not to exceed the crosswind limitations of the airplane.

The applicant may be asked to discontinue a landing approach at any point and execute a go-around.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance of normal and crosswind landings shall be evaluated on landing technique, judgment, wind drift correction, coordination, power technique, and smoothness. The proper final approach speed should be maintained within  $\pm 5$  knots and touch down in the proper landing attitude within the portion of the runway or landing area specified by the examiner.

Touching down with an excessive side load on the landing gear and poor directional control shall be disqualifying. On go-arounds the applicant shall maintain positive airplane control, appropriate airspeeds, and operate the flaps and gear (if applicable) in proper sequence.

#### C. Taxling (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate taxiing at slow speeds and on the step, into the wind, downwind, and crosswind. Turns to downwind headings, step turns, sailing, docking, and simulated or actual approaches to a buoy should be included. The applicant should demonstrate taxiing with the use of differential power.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on proper use of flight controls, power, and water rudder to safely and effectively maneuver the seaplane. Any faulty technique which results in a hazardous situation shall be disqualifying.

## D. Normal and Crosswind Takeoffs (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be requested to demonstrate takeoffs into the wind, and with light crosswind components. The applicant may also be asked to demonstrate, when feasible, or to describe in detail any or all of the following:

a. High-density altitude takeoffs from glassy water;

b. Takeoffs from choppy water or ocean swells; and

c. Takeoffs from streams or inlets with significant current or tide and downstream wind.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on smooth operation of the power and flight controls, directional control, and ability to achieve an efficient planing attitude promptly and to make a smooth, effective transition to flight. Misuse of the controls, consistent retarding of takeoffs by premature rotation for lift-off, or failure to take immediate corrective action to stop porpoising shall be disqualifying.

# E. Normal and Crosswind Landings (Seaplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate landings into the wind, and with light crosswind components. Landing approaches should be made in accordance with the established traffic pattern for the area used, and with a final approach speed of approximately 1.3 times the power-off stalling speed in landing configuration (1.3  $V_{so}$ ), or the final approach speed recommended by the aircraft manufacturer. A straight course should be maintained during touchdown and throughout the runout on the surface. The applicant may also be asked to

demonstrate, if feasible, or to describe in detail any of the following:

a. Landings on glassy water;

b. Landings on choppy water or ocean swells;

c. Emergency landings on airports or unprepared fields; and

d. The applicant may be asked to discontinue a landing approach at any point and execute a go-around.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the basis of accuracy of approaches, drift correction, correct use of the controls in flight and on the surface, and landing technique. He shall maintain the desired final approach speed within  $\pm 5$ knots, and touch down smoothly within the area specified by the examiner.

On go-arounds the applicant shall maintain positive airplane control, appropriate airspeeds, and operate the flaps properly.

## VI. MANEUVERING BY REFERENCE TO INSTRUMENTS

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant is able to control and maneuver an airplane solely by reference to flight instruments as might be experienced under emergency conditions, and to use the emergency assistance available through radio aids, radar and DF (direction finding) heading instructions.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### **A. Basic Maneuvers**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate ability to control and maneuver the airplane solely by reference to flight instruments while performing straightand-level flight, turns, climbs and descents, and while recovering from critical flight attitudes.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on coordination, smoothness, and accuracy. Turns shall be performed of at least  $180^{\circ}$  to within  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  of a preselected heading, and climbs and descents to within  $\pm 100$  ft. of a preselected altitude. If the examiner finds it necessary to take over to avoid a stall or to avoid exceeding the operating limitations of the airplane, the applicant shall be disqualified.

## **B. Use of Radio Aids**

1. Description Under simulated instrument conditions, the applicant may be asked to follow a VOR radial or "home" to a radio station using ADF (Automatic Direction Finder), as appropriate to the radio equipment in the airplane. No prescribed orientation procedure will be required.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall follow a radial or "home" to a station while effectively controlling altitude, heading, and airspeed.

C. Use of Radar or DF Heading Instructions

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the proper procedures for contacting Approach Control or Flight Service Stations to request emergency assistance. Radar or DF heading instructions while in simulated instrument conditions should be followed.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on ability to obtain and follow, radar or DF heading instructions and emergency approach assistance received by radio, while effectively controlling altitude, heading, and airspeed.

#### VII. CROSS-COUNTRY FLYING

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can prepare for and conduct a safe, expeditious cross-country flight.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

#### **A. Flight Planning**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to plan a cross-country flight to a point at least 2 hours away at the cruising speed of the airplane used. At least one intermediate stop should be included. Planning should include the obtaining of pertinent and available weather information; plotting the course on an aeronautical chart; selecting checkpoints; measuring distances; and computing flight time, headings, and fuel requirements. The Airman's Information Manual should be used as a reference for airport information, NOTAMS, and such other appropriate guidance as may be extracted from its contents.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines All flight planning operations shall be meaningful, accurate, and applicable to the trip proposed. The applicant shall explain the plan for the flight, verify the calculations, and present sources of information and data.

#### **B. Conduct of Planned Flight**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to perform the planned flight using

pilotage, dead reckoning, and VOR or ADF radio aids as appropriate to the equipment in the airplane. He should make good the desired track, determine position by reference to landmarks, and calculate estimated times of arrival over checkpoints. He may also be asked to intercept and follow a VOR radial or "home" to a radio station using ADF, recognize station passage, and determine position by means of cross bearings.

The applicant should set out on the cross-country flight which was planned before takeoff. The planned course should be followed at least until the applicant establishes the compass heading necessary to stay on course, and can give a reasonable estimate of groundspeed and time of arrival at the first point of intended landing.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall: (1) establish and maintain headings required to stay on course; (2) correctly identify position; (3) provide reasonable estimates of times of arrival over checkpoints and destination with an apparent error of not more than 10 minutes; and (4) maintain altitude within  $\pm 200$  ft. of the planned altitude.

#### C. Diversion to an Alternate

1. Description When requested by the examiner to divert to an alternate airport, as might be necessary to avoid adverse weather, the applicant is expected to turn to the new course promptly. This may be accomplished by means of pilotage, dead reckoning, or radio navigation aids.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall establish the appropriate heading for the course to the alternate and within a reasonable time give an acceptable estimate of the flying time and required fuel.

# VIII. MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS

# **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can use techniques appropriate to takeoffs and landings on short fields and on soft/rough fields.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

# A. Short-Field Takeoff and Maximum Climb

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a takeoff from a short takeoff area or over simulated obstacles. should be applied promptly and Power smoothly, and rotate to lift-off just as the allengine best angle-of-climb speed is attained, unless it is less than the engine-out minimum control speed, in which case the engine-out minimum control speed should be used. Maintaining that speed until the assumed obstacles have been cleared is expected. The applicant is expected to know and understand the effectiveness of the best angle-of-climb and the best rate of climb airspeeds of the airplane to obtain maximum climb performance. The flap settings and airspeeds prescribed by the airplane manufacturer should be used.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the basis of planning, smoothness, directional control, and accuracy. The lift-off and climb shall be performed within  $\pm 5$  knots of the best angle-of-climb speed and the assumed obstacle cleared by a safe margin.

## **B. Short-Field Landing**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a landing from over an assumed 50-ft. obstacle. The final approach speed should result in little or no floating after the throttles are closed during the flare for touchdown. The airplane should clear the obstacle by a safe margin and touch down within the area designated by the examiner, at minimum controllable airspeed. Upon touchdown in landplanes, the applicant is expected to properly apply brakes or reverse thrust to minimize the after-landing roll. Power, flaps, or moderate slips may be used, as necessary, on the last segment of the final approach.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, coordination, smoothness, and accuracy. He shall control the angle of descent and airspeed on final approach so that the assumed obstacle is safely cleared and floating is minimized during the flare. After touchdown, the airplane should be brought to a stop within the shortest possible distance consistent with safety.

## C. Soft-Field Takeoff (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a takeoff from a simulated soft field. This should be accomplished

with the wing at a relatively high angle of attack so as to transfer the weight from the wheels to the wing as soon as possible. As soon as the elevators become effective a positive angle of attack should be established to lighten the load on the nosewheel or the tailwheel. After becoming airborne, the pitch attitude should be adjusted with the wheels just clear of the surface to allow the airplane to accelerate. Care should be exercised to prevent settling back to the ground. As the airplane reaches best angle of climb or best rate-of-climb speed, whichever is appropriate for the field conditions, adjust the pitch attitude to maintain the desired climb speed. The flap setting used should be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, directional control, smoothness, and accuracy. The applicant shall lift off at all-engine best angle-of-climb speed, unless it is slower than the engine-out minimum control speed, in which case the engine-out minimum control speed should be used. After lift-off the applicant shall gradually reduce the angle of attack in order to achieve the desired climb speed.

## D. Soft-Field Landing (Landplanes)

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a simulated soft-field landing from a normal approach with touchdown at the slowest possible airspeed to permit the softest possible touchdown and a short landing roll. A nose-high attitude should be maintained during the after-landing roll and the flaps promptly retracted (if recommended by the manufacturer) to prevent damage from mud or slush thrown by the wheels.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on planning, smoothness, and accuracy. He shall maintain the final approach airspeed within  $\pm 5$  knots of that prescribed. During flap retraction the applicant shall exercise extreme caution and maintain positive control.

# IX. NIGHT FLYING----NIGHT VFR NAVI-GATION <sup>3</sup>

## **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can properly prepare for a night flight and is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of night takeoffs and landings and night VFR crosscountry flights.

## **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## A. Preparation and Equipment

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate how to prepare for a local or cross-country night flight. This requires familiarity with: (1) airport lighting; (2) the airplane's lighting system and its operation; (3) the need for a personal flashlight; and (4) the weather conditions pertinent to night flight. Particular attention should be given to the temperature/dewpoint spread due to the possibility of ground fog forming during night flights.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall explain the significance of the items peculiar to the preparation for night flights.

<sup>\*</sup>See footnote, page 42.

#### **B. Takeoffs and Landings**

1. Description An actual demonstration of takeoffs and landings at night may be required. If required, the applicant is expected to explain and/or demonstrate: (1) proper use of power during the approach and landing phase; (2) efficient use of landing lights; (3) safe climb and approach paths; (4) safe taxi speeds; (5) recognition of position relative to other aircraft by the location and color of their lights; and (6) the dangers of spatial disorientation. If an actual demonstration is not required, the foregoing may be satisfied by oral quizzing.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on ability to explain or demonstrate, as required by the examiner, the various techniques and aspects of night takeoffs and landings. Understanding the importance of constant vigilance for other aircraft on the ground and in the air, and the precautions necessary to avoid wake turbulence and spatial disorientation is required.

#### **C. VFR Navigation**

1. Description An actual demonstration of night navigation may be required. If required, the applicant is expected to follow procedures similar to those described in this guide under "Cross-country Flying." If an actual night demonstration is not required, the foregoing may be satisfied by a daylight demonstration or oral quizzing. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the Acceptable Performance Guidelines under "Cross-country Flying" in this guide, with special emphasis on the peculiarities of night flying.

## X. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

# **Objective**

To determine that the applicant can react promptly and correctly to emergencies which may occur during flight.

#### **Procedures/Maneuvers**

## **A.** Power Malfunctions

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate a knowledge of corrective actions for: (1) partial loss of power; (2) complete power failure; (3) rough engine; (4) carburetor or induction system ice; (5) fuel starvation; and (6) fire in the engine compartment. The examiner may, with no advance warning, reduce power to simulate engine malfunction.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines Performance shall be evaluated on the applicant's prompt analysis of the situation and on the remedial course of action taken. The emergency procedures shall be performed in compliance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. Any action which creates unnecessary additional hazards shall be disqualifying.

#### **B. Lost Procedures**

1. Description The applicant may be asked to explain the proper courses of action to be taken in the event of becoming lost or trapped on top of an overcast, losing radio communications, or encountering unanticipated adverse weather. 2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines Performance shall be evaluated on the applicant's ability to promptly and correctly analyze the situation and describe the appropriate remedial action.

## C. Maneuvering With One Engine Inoperative

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate engine shutdown procedures and flight with one engine inoperative (propeller feathered, if possible). This includes straight-and-level flight and 20° to 30° banked turns toward and away from the inoperative engine. Also included are descents to prescribed altitudes and, in airplanes which are capable of climbing under the existing conditions, climbs to prescribed altitudes.

NOTE: The feathering of one propeller should be demonstrated in any multiengine airplane equipped with propellers which can be safely feathered and unfeathered in flight. Feathering for pilot flight test purposes should be performed only under such conditions and at such altitudes and positions where safe landings on established airports can be readily accomplished in the event difficulty is encountered in unfeathering.

> If the airplane used is not equipped with propellers which can be safely feathered and unfeathered in flight, the applicant may be asked to shut down one engine in flight in accordance with the procedures in the manufacturer's

published recommendations. The regulations do not specifically require an applicant to unfeather a propeller on a flight test. Accordingly, he is not required to do so if he elects to land with a propeller feathered. If he desires to use this procedure, he should arrange it in advance with the examiner concerned, who will permit it unless he considers that an undue hazard would be involved.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use prescribed propeller operating procedures as well as the recommended emergency settings of all ignition, fuel, electrical, hydraulic, and fire extinguishing systems appropriate to an engine failure. The applicant shall maintain a heading within  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  of the original heading during the feathering and unfeathering procedures, and an altitude within  $\pm 100$  feet of the original altitude if it is within the capability of the airplane used; he shall promptly identify the inoperative engine after a simulated power failure; and use accurate shutdown and restart procedures, as prescribed in the manufacturer's published recommendations. In an airplane not capable of maintaining altitude with an engine inoperative under existing circumstances, the applicant shall maintain an airspeed within  $\pm 5$  knots of the engineout best rate-of-climb speed and shall use prescribed operating procedures and proper trim settings.

D. Engine-Out Minimum Control Speed Demonstration

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate airplane controllability problems associated with attempted flight with one engine inoperative at less than minimum engine-out control speed  $(V_{\rm me})$ , and to recognize imminent loss of control and to apply proper recovery techniques.

Note: There is a density altitude above which the stalling speed is higher than the engine-out minimum control speed. When this density altitude exists close to the ground because of high elevations or temperatures, an effective flight demonstration is impossible and should not be attempted. When a flight demonstration is impossible, the significance of the engine-out minimum control speed should be emphasized on the oral, including the results of attempting engine-out flight at below this speed, the recognition of imminent loss of control, and recovery techniques.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall demonstrate a complete and accurate knowledge of the cause, effect, and significance of the engine-out minimum control speed, of the clues to be watched for by the pilot, and the safe recovery procedures.

The engine-out minimum control speed flight demonstration is subject to so much variation because of differences in airplane flight characteristics, circumstances of flight, and density altitude that definitive performance standards cannot be prescribed. The basic criteria are the prompt recognition of imminent loss of control and the prompt initiation of correct recovery actions. An attempt at any time during the flight test to continue level or climbing flight with an engine out at less than the engine-out minimum control speed, except as necessary for this demonstration, shall be disqualifying.

## E. Úse of Engine-Out Best Rate-of-Climb Speed

1. Description The applicant may be asked to establish and maintain the best possible rate of climb (or minimum rate of sink) with one engine throttled to simulate the drag of a feathered propeller, or with a propeller feathered by mutual agreement between the applicant and examiner.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall determine (from the manufacturer's published recommendations) and shall maintain the prescribed engine-out best rate-of-climb speed and shall maintain a climb within  $\pm 5$  knots of the best rate-of-climb speed and within  $\pm 10^{\circ}$  of the desired heading.

#### F. Effects of Airplane Configuration on Engine-Out Performance

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the effects of various

configurations on engine-out performance. This includes the results of the extension of the landing gear, the flaps, and both; the application of carburetor heat on the operating engine(s); and windmilling of the inoperative engine.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall maintain an airspeed within  $\pm 5$  knots of the best rate-ofclimb speed and a heading within  $\pm 10^{\circ}$  of the assigned heading while controlling the airplane in the various configurations.

## G. Engine Failure on Takeoff

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1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate engine failure procedures during takeoff operations. After giving due consideration to the airplane's characteristics, runway length, surface conditions, wind direction and velocity, and any other factors which may affect safety, the examiner may, at least once during the flight test, throttle an engine on takeoff, and expect the applicant to proceed as he would in the event of an actual power failure.

NOTE: If it has been determined that the engine-out rate of climb will not be at least 50 feet per minute at 1,000 feet above the airport, the engine failure should be simulated at a point on the takeoff roll which will permit the airplane to be safely stopped on the remaining portion of the runway. The feathering of the propeller and securing of the throttled engine should be simulated to keep it available for immediate use, but all other settings should be made as in the case of an actual power failure.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines If it has been determined that the engine-out rate of climb under existing circumstances is at least 50 feet per minute at 1,000 feet above the airport, and has attained at least the engine-out, best angle-of-climb speed when the engine is throttled, the applicant shall continue takeoff with one engine throttled.

If the airspeed is **below** the engine-out best angle-of-climb speed and the landing gear has **not** been retracted, the takeoff shall be abandoned immediately. If the best angle-of-climb speed has been obtained and the landing gear is in the retract cycle, the applicant shall climb out at the engine-out best angle-ofclimb speed to clear any obstructions, and thereafter stabilize the airspeed at the engineout, best rate-of-climb speed while cleaning up the airplane and resetting all appropriate systems.

#### H. Engine-Out Approach and Landing

1. Description The applicant may be asked to make an approach and landing with one engine inoperative. In the event the applicant has elected to land with a propeller feathered after demonstrating propeller feathering, no further demonstration should be required. Otherwise, the landing may be made with an engine throttled to simulate the drag of a feathered propeller or, if feathering propellers are not installed, with an engine throttled to idling. The approach should be continued to a normal landing, and a goaround with an engine out will not be performed unless there is an actual emergency.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall use the correct procedures for the operation of the airplane systems, use appropriate trim settings, observe the regular traffic pattern or approach path, maintain airspeed and aircraft control during touchdown and landing roll. Any reduction of airspeed below the engine-out minimum control speed before the landing flare is initiated shall be disqualifying.

#### 1. Systems or Equipment Malfunctions

1. Description The applicant may be asked to demonstrate the emergency operation of the retractable gear, flaps, and electrical, fuel, deicing, and hydraulic systems if operationally practical. Emergency operations such as the use of  $CO_2$  pressure for gear extension, or the discharge of a pressure fire extinguisher system should be simulated only.

On flight tests in pressurized airplanes, this demonstration should include an emergency descent as might be necessitated by a loss of pressurization. The descent should be initiated and stabilized, but no prolonged descent is required. The airspeed or Mach number for the demonstration of an emergency descent should be approximately 10 percent less than the airplane's structural limitation, to provide a safety margin. When a Mach limitation is the controlling factor at operational altitudes for the airplane used, the descent should be arranged, if practicable, to require the transition from the observance of the Mach limitation to an airspeed limitation. A simulated emergency descent through or near clouds is prohibited.

2. Acceptable Performance Guidelines The applicant shall respond to emergency situations in accordance with procedures prescribed by the manufacturer's published recommendations. The applicant's performance shall be evaluated on the basis of knowledge of the emergency procedures for the airplane used, the judgment displayed, and the accuracy of the operations.

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