

The Pilot's Manual

Access to Flight

Integrated Private and Instrument Curriculum





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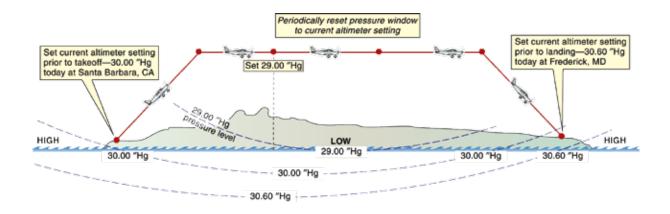
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- + Hard-cover
- + Color illustrations and photography throughout
- + 8.5x11 format
- + Review questions follow each chapter
- + More than 800 pages



Foreword

Dear fellow pilot,

There are few challenges more rewarding, and accomplishments more satisfying, than becoming a licensed pilot. As an aviator, you'll find your horizons expanded, your aesthetic senses stimulated, and a rich camaraderie that no matter where you land, odds are you'll always find a friend. Every time I fly, I look down at highways full of cars and wonder, "Why don't more people fly?" Is it because they just don't know they can? Learning to fly is a life-changing, and life-defining, experience. Not only does it shrink the world, but it also creates opportunities; it brings people and places closer together, and it saves time.

People often look at learning to fly as an insurmountable challenge. Learning to fly can indeed be challenging, but it will also be fun, exciting, and fulfilling. Learning to fly is not just an event; it is a change in lifestyle.

In the past few years, the road to becoming a pilot and the philosophies used in pilot training have evolved to keep up with the avionics and systems of today's modern aircraft, such as the Cirrus. It is also important that a new and modern approach to training will reflect these new technologies and capabilities, and focus on helping to shape a pilot's decision making skills and judgment. So while an airplane is, really, still an airplane—the physics are the same—how we're flying them, and how we're learning to fly them, has grown more sophisticated.

The training curriculum in *The Pilot's Manual: Access to Flight* blends both the private pilot and instrument pilot training courses into one, complete pilot education solution. It is designed to get you, the pilot, flying and enjoying aviation efficiently and safely. Once you experience the rich rewards of aviation, soon you too will be asking, "Why don't more people fly?"

Alan and Dale Klapmeier

Alan Klapmeier is a co-founder of Cirrus and has served as its CEO and Chairman since its inception in 1984. Mr. Klapmeier serves on several industry boards, including the General Aviation Manufacturing Association (GAMA) Board of Directors (and serves as its Chairman for 2008), the AOPA Air Safety Foundation Board of Visitors, the Board of Directors of the Small Aircraft Manufacturers Association, and the Ripon College Board of Trustees. Mr. Klapmeier holds degrees in Physics and Economics from Ripon College in Wisconsin. With over 5,500 hours of flight time, Mr. Klapmeier has been a licensed pilot for more than 30 years.

Dale Klapmeier co-founded Cirrus 23 years ago and currently holds the position of Vice Chairman. As Vice Chairman, Mr. Klapmeier is responsible for overseeing product development, including the eagerly awaited Cirrus SRSport, and product strategy. Mr. Klapmeier is also involved in Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagle Program and the Red Tail Project, which is restoring a Tuskeegee Airmen P51 Mustang. Mr. Klapmeier holds degrees in business administration and economics from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. As a private pilot Mr. Klapmeier has logged more than 3,000 hours of flight time. Dale and Alan Klapmeier have received the 2007 Dr. Godfrey L. Cabot Award, the Experimental Aviation Association, (EAA) 2007 Freedom of Flight Award, Airport Journal 2006 "Living Legends" Aviation Entrepreneurs of the Year, EAA August Raspet Award, Air Safety Foundation 2005 Admiral de Florez Award, and 2004 Ernst and Young Entrepreneurs of the Year for Manufacturing.

Since founding Cirrus 23 years ago in a dairy barn in Baraboo, WI, the Klapmeiers have grown Cirrus Design into a global brand, with a formidable international sales and service network. Cirrus manufactures three models of aircraft, which includes the best selling aircraft for five consecutive years, the SR22. Cirrus employs about 1,300 people in two facilities. Grand Forks, ND is home to a state-of-the-art, composite lay-up and curing facility. Duluth, MN is home to Cirrus' world headquarters and where bonding, final assembly and customer delivery of aircraft also take place.

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Whether you fly for pleasure, business, or a career in aviation, the Private Pilot certificate with the Instrument Rating is your ticket into the full spectrum of the airspace system—it is the key to maximizing the utility of a general aviation aircraft. This book provides everything you need to know to safely fly a Technical Advanced Aircraft (TAA) in both Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). The combined curriculum provides efficient training methodology that helps you graduate with a truly successful personal transportation solution.

The most comprehensive pilot textbook available, *Access to Flight* covers all of the aeronautical knowledge and skill needed to earn your license and rating using today's glass cockpit technologies: from aerodynamics to navigation and meteorology, to the actual maneuvers flown in the air—illustrated with over 800 full-color drawings and photographs.

Get a solid foundation for your pilot certificate in real-world applications, with procedures and tips that can only be gleaned from experts! *Access to Flight* comes from the same team of aviation writers for The Pilot's Manual Series. Foreword by Cirrus Design co-founders Alan and Dale Klapmeier.

Also available in The Pilot's Manual Series:

Flight School: How to fly all the FAA/JAR maneuvers Ground School: Aeronautical Knowledge required for Private & Commercial certificates Instrument Flying: Aeronautical Knowledge and Skill required for the Instrument rating

