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Flows Introduction

General

There are 2 basic philosophies to completing checklists: read-and-do, and flow-and-verify.

Under the “read and do” philosophy, the pilot reads the checklist item, then completes the required action, one at a time.

Under the “flow and verify” philosophy, the pilot does multiple action items in a logical sequence, and then reads the checklist to verify everything has been completed.

Flows are used to standardize operations in the AU fleet and help ensure all checklists are being completed. All flows are to be memorized, and completed silently.

For example, upon entering the aircraft, the pilot will accomplish the Before Starting Engine flow (silently). Upon completion of the flow, he/she will read the Before Starting Engine checklist (aloud). Reading the checklist then becomes a verification that all the items in the flow have been completed.

Structure

For each phase of operation (ex. Before start, before takeoff, after landing, etc), the detail of the flow is given in the slide preceding the picture. The picture shows the flow line of where to start (red dot in most cases), and where to go. Electrical switches are highlighted with either a red, amber, or green box. Green means the switch should be placed in the ON position, and red means the switch should be placed in the OFF position. An Amber box indicates that the switch will be in a momentary or intermediate position (ex: during the ground check, the magnetos are turned OFF, then back ON). A red box over anything other than an electrical switch simply means to check that item.
Checklist Usage

Each pilot will carry a paper “preflight” checklist and a paper “normals” checklist. Electronic checklists will be allowed for the preflight inspection, but only paper checklists will be used after the preflight. This is primarily to reduce the amount of “heads-down” time in the cockpit, increase heads-up time, and decrease the amount of time to complete the checklists. If all flows have been memorized, the amount of time it takes to run through a checklist is decreased as opposed to the “read and do” philosophy.

An example of the paper checklist is shown on the right. Checklists are set up as a hybrid between flows and read-and-do. The “flow” portion of each checklist is indicated by a black bar on the side (ex, from “FUEL selector” to “EMERG BATT switch” is a flow).

Regardless of where the flow appears in the checklist (beginning, middle, or end), the flow is to be completed first, and then the checklist will be read aloud from beginning to end.

Prior to reading any checklist, the pilot will read the name of the checklist. Ex: “Before start checklist..... Flaps - Retract, Passengers – Board, Passenger briefing - complete......(etc).....”

Upon completion of the checklist, the pilot will state “Before starting engine checklist complete”.

Each Student should keep their checklists in their flight bags, but should a replacement be needed, spare checklists may be obtained from dispatch.
Checklist Useage

**Engine Start Checklist**

The Engine Start checklist is broken into 2 sections: Engine Start to-the-line, and Engine Start below-the-line.

Pilots will complete the “to the line” flow, which ends after priming the engine. Then, they will read the Engine start checklist to the line.

After reading to the line, they will complete the “below the line” flow, and then read the checklist below the line. As with all checklists, upon completing the entire checklist, the pilot will say “engine start checklist complete”.

**Descent checklist**

In general, the Descent Checklist should be completed within 10 NM from the destination airport. For a VFR local flight, the descent checklist should be completed when leaving the practice area and returning to C20, and for an IFR flight, it should be completed after briefing the instrument approach. For cross-country flights, it should be completed during or prior to commencing the descent from cruise altitude.
Profiles Introduction

Profiles are mandatory callouts that are to be made during specified times/events during flight. Again, the goal is to standardize the way we fly, and increase awareness of what’s happening during the flight. An example of the departure profile is shown on the right.

Verbal callouts are depicted in the gray speech boxes, and supplemental information is given below in the white boxes.

For example, as the pilot lines up on the runway, he/she calls “runway 13 aligned”. He then adds full power, verifies oil pressure and temperature in the green, and verifies RPM is greater than 2240. He then calls out what the RPM is indicating. “2260 RPM, engine instruments in the green”.

For practical reasons, not all information is contained in the profiles. For example, power settings and aircraft limitations (eg flap speeds) are left out as it is expected that the pilot has memorized the power grid, and that he/she knows the aircraft limitations.
General Callouts

These Callouts should be made at all times:

• 200’ before reaching the preselected altitude, the pilot will call “(altitude at) for (altitude set)” (ex, “thirty three for thirty five hundred” or “three thousand three hundred for three thousand five hundred”)
  • The altitude alerter is programmed to chime 200’ before the preselected altitude, so the pilot should use the chime as his cue to make the callout.
• Anytime an altitude is set in the altitude preselect, the pilot will call “(altitude) set” (ex. “thirty five hundred set” or “three thousand five hundred set”)

Briefings

The following briefings will be completed on every flight:

• Takeoff Briefing
  • For subsequent takeoffs on the same flight, the pilot may say “as previously briefed”. If the aircraft has been shut down since the last takeoff, a new briefing should be performed.

• Approach Briefing
  • Either an instrument approach briefing or a visual approach briefing, as applicable
A takeoff briefing should be conducted to plan for emergency situations. The following items should be covered:

• Departure Runway
• Type of takeoff (normal, short field, or soft field)
• Action plan if engine fails:
  • On takeoff roll
  • After rotation, below 1000’ AGL
  • Above 1000’ AGL
• Normal action plan (staying in pattern, departing to practice area, flying an instrument departure, etc)

**Briefing Example**

“this will be a soft field takeoff from runway 13. If the engine fails on the takeoff roll, we’ll abort and stay on the runway. If the engine fails after rotation and below pattern altitude, we’ll pitch for best glide and land straight ahead. If it fails above 1000’ we’ll pitch for best glide and pull out the emergency checklist if we have enough altitude. Otherwise, we’ll climb to 3500’ and depart to the northeast practice area (or brief instrument departure procedure, if applicable).”
Visual Approach Briefings

A visual approach briefing should cover the following items

• Landing runway
• Pattern direction
• Pattern altitude
• Minimum altitude for final
• Any other applicable considerations

Briefing Example

“This will be a visual approach to runway 13, right pattern. Pattern altitude is 1700’, my minimum altitude before turning final will be 1200.”
Every instrument approach needs to be briefed, after setting up the radios and GPS for the approach, and prior to completing the descent checklist. (See next page)

Approach setup should include getting the current weather/ATIS, loading the GPS, and tuning the appropriate frequencies and courses.

The following items should be covered in every instrument approach briefing:

- Review ATIS and/or reported field conditions and weather.
- Usable landing length, obstructions, braking action reports, etc.
- Landing Distance Required.
- Review of the Planned Approach Procedure.
- Identity of Nav aids to be used and their frequencies.
- Flaps setting.
- Configuration of flight instrumentation. (NAV, GPS, etc)
- Approach Lighting Configuration.
- Missed Approach Procedure
- Planned taxi route for after landing, including runway incursion hot spots and designated hold short areas.
- Any other special considerations or data pertinent to the approach and current weather, aircraft or traffic conditions and any ATC restrictions
Example:

"this will be the ILS 28 approach at Benton Harbor, in green needles (conventional navigation). Localizer frequency is 108.50, and that’s tuned and identified. Final approach course is 274, and that’s dialed in. Runway length is 6005 feet long, touch down zone elevation is 649’. This approach has MALSR approach lights. We have the current weather, winds are _____, ceiling is ________, altimeter is __________. This approach will be vectors to final (or, “we’ll be starting this approach from ELX as the IAF”). Once we’re on the localizer we can descend to 2200 and intercept the glideslope there (or, “stay at 2500’ and intercept the glideslope”). We’ll cross the outer marker at 2111’ on the glideslope and follow it down to our DA of 849’. ½ SM visibility is required for this approach, currently we have ______. If we see the runway, we’ll add full flaps when we break out, and plan on a left turn off the runway. If we don’t see the runway, or for any reason have to go missed, the missed approach procedure is climb to 2500 and right turn direct to MALLY and hold.

(Briefing Flow:

- Title
- Frequency
- Course
- Runway info
- Approach lights
- Weather information
- Plan view (where we start the approach from, etc)
- Profile view (brief altitudes, FAF, MAP, etc)
- Minimums and minutes
- Runway plan (left or right turn off)
- Missed approach (* details in top right corner of plate)

(This flow can be modified slightly as needed, but the briefing should always maintain a logical flow. Think of it as telling a story about what you’re going to do during the approach.)
Before Starting Engine

- Fuel Selector (Fullest Tank)
- Alternate Static Source – OFF
- Parking Brake – SET
- Carburetor Heat – OFF
- Circuit Breakers – CHECK IN
- Avionics Master – OFF
- Day/Night Switch – SET
- Master Battery – OFF
- Emergency Battery Switch – ARM
- Verify Operations:
  - PFD with no red-x’s on:
  - Attitude
  - Airspeed
  - Altitude
  - Vertical Speed
  - Audio Panel
  - Com 1
  - Nav 1
  - Engine Indications
  - Standby Flight Instruments
  - E Volts Indication – 23.3 VOLTS minimum
  - Fuel QTY Check
Engine Start “to-the-line”

- Master Battery Switch – ON
- Alternator Switch – ON
- Fuel Pump Switch – ON
- Left Mag Switch – ON
- Fin Strobe Switch – ON
- Mixture – FULL RICH
- Throttle – ¼ IN. OPEN
- CAS Messages – CONSIDER ANY ILLUMINATED
- PFD Annunciations – CONSIDER ANY ILLUMINATED
- Prime Switch – AS NEEDED
Engine Start “Below the Line”

- Propeller – CLEAR
- START Switch – ENGAGE
- Throttle – ADJUST
- RIGHT Mag Switch – ON
- Oil Pressure – CHECK
- Avionics Master Switch – ON
Before Taxing

• Emergency Battery Switch – VERIFY ARM
• Lights – AS REQUIRED
• Multi-function display (MFD) – DATABASE CURRENCY
  • Fuel Totalizer – SET
  • CAS messages – CONSIDER ANY ILLUMINATED
  • Master Warn and Master Caution Switches – TEST
    • MFD-AUX-SYSTEM STATUS-ANN TEST
  • Standby Flight Instrument – VERIFY ON WITH NO RED X’S/FAILURE ANN
    • Communications and Radios Set
• Altimeter/Standby Altimeter – SET
Taxiing

• LANDING LIGHT – ON
• Park Brake – RELEASE
• CHECK BRAKES
Ground Check

- Parking Brake – SET
- Throttle – 2000 RPM
- Mixture – ADJUST FOR D.A. & ELEVATION
- Carb Heat – APPROX. 75 RPM DROP
- Left/Right MAG Check – MAX. DROP 175RPM/MAX. DIFF. 50 RPM
- Fuel Pump – OFF
- Oil Temperature – CHECK
- Oil Pressure – CHECK
- Volts Indication – CHECK BUS (28+/ - 1 VOLT)
- ALTR AMPS Indication – CHECK NORMAL
- Throttle – RETARD

*If E VOLTS indication less than 23.3 VOLTS, refer to checklist
Before Takeoff

- Battery Master Switch – VERIFY ON
- Alternator Switch – VERIFY ON
- Fuel Pump – ON
- Left/Right MAG Switches – VERIFY ON
- Fin Strobe/Strobe Lights – AS REQUIRED
- Flight/Standby Instrument – CHECK
  - CAS messages/PFD Annunciation/System messages
- Flight Controls – FREE AND CORRECT
- Fuel Selector – PROPER TANK
- Trim and Flaps – SET/Neutral
- Mixture – SET
- Carburetor Heat – OFF
- Engine Instruments – CHECK
Verify Heading indicator matches runway heading. Set full power, verify >2240 RPM.

Verify Airspeed increasing, RPM >2300.

Rotate, pitch for $V_x$

Maintain $V_x$ until clear of obstacles.

When clear of obstacles, pitch for $V_y$ and raise the flaps.

At 1000 AGL, pitch for 87 KTS, turn off Fuel pump and verify flaps up.

1000 Ft Fuel Pump Off Flaps Up

$V_y$

$V_x$

60 KTS, Rotate

Airspeed Alive

## RPM, Engine Instruments in the green

Runway (___) Aligned
Descent (within 10 miles)

• COM/NAV Radios & Avionics – CHECK AND SET
• Altimeter/Standby Altimeter – SET
• Parking Brake – VERIFY OFF
• Toe Brakes – DEPRESS TO CHECK
• Seatbelts/harnesses – FASTEN/ADJUSTED
• Seat Backs – ERECT
Before Landing

• (G) Fuel Selector – PROPER TANK
• (M)ixture – FULL RICH
• (S) Fuel Pump – ON
• (S) Landing Light – AS REQUIRED
Stabilized Approach Criteria

By no lower than 500’ AGL on a visual approach

- Airspeed 70-75
- Descent Rate no greater than 1000 FPM
- Fully Configured to land
  - Flaps 40 (or as required)
  - Gear Down

If not stabilized by 500 AGL, a go-around should be performed

Visual Approach

Before Landing Checklist -
Gas on fullest tank, Mixture rich, Switches on

Switches = fuel pump & landing light on

2100 RPM
1000’ AGL
90 KTS

Descent Checklist Complete

Flaps 25°
80 KTS

500’ Stabilized

1500 RPM
Flaps 10°
-500 FPM
85 KTS

Cross the threshold at 66 kts

Flaps 40°
70-75 KTS
No lower than 500’ AGL before turning final

Fuller Approach Criteria

By no lower than 500’ AGL on a visual approach

- Airspeed 70-75
- Descent Rate no greater than 1000 FPM
- Fully Configured to land
  - Flaps 40 (or as required)
  - Gear Down

If not stabilized by 500 AGL, a go-around should be performed
Precision Approach

Before Landing Checklist:
- Gas on a full tank, mixture rich, switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)
- Minutes (....)
- Minimums (....)
- Missed (....)

Glideslope Alive, No Flags

When Localizer starts moving, verify no red X’s or red flags

-2 NM from FAF slow to 90 KTS

When Glideslope starts moving, verify indicated altitude against Approach Plate FAF,

G-Glideslope Alive, Flaps 10

Outer Marker Altitude Checked

1000’, Stabilized

- Airspeed 90
- Descent Rate no greater than 1000 FPM
- On Glidepath
- Configured to land
  - Flaps 10° (or as required)
  - Gear Down

If not stabilized by 1000 AGL, a go-around should be performed

Descent Checklist Complete

Approach briefing should be completed prior to Descent Checklist

1000’ AGL

Missed Approach

Approaching Minimums

Approach Lights in Sight

Runway in sight, Landing

100’ above DH

100’ above TDZE

NOTE:
- “approaching minimums” and “approach lights in sight” calls may be omitted if the runway is in sight, and “runway in sight, landing” call has been made

Stabilized Approach Criteria

By no lower than 1000’ AGL on an instrument approach

- Airspeed 90
- Descent Rate no greater than 1000 FPM
- On Glidepath
- Configured to land
  - Flaps 10° (or as required)
  - Gear Down

If not stabilized by 1000 AGL, a go-around should be performed

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Non-Precision Approach

Course Alive, No Flags

Before Landing Checklist:
- Gas on a full tank,
- Mixture rich,
- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

Minutes (...)
Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

When course starts moving, verify no red X’s or red flags

2 NM prior to FAF, 90 KTS

2 NM prior to FAF, 90 KTS

Final Approach Fix Altitude Checked

1000', Stabilized

Approaching Minimums

MDA

Verify indicated altitude against Approach Plate FAF

1000’ AGl

100’ above MDA

MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

Descent Checklist Complete

Approach briefing should be completed prior to Descent Checklist

Before Landing Checklist:
- Gas on a full tank,
- Mixture rich,
- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

Minutes (...)
Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

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Approaching Minimums

MDA

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MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

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Missed Approach

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- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

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- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

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Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

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- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

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Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

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Approaching Minimums

MDA

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MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

Descent Checklist Complete

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Before Landing Checklist:
- Gas on a full tank,
- Mixture rich,
- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

Minutes (...)
Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

When course starts moving, verify no red X’s or red flags

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Final Approach Fix Altitude Checked

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Approaching Minimums

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MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

Descent Checklist Complete

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- Gas on a full tank,
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- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

Minutes (...)
Minimums (...)
Missed (...)

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MDA

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MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

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- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

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Minimums (...)
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Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

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100’ above MDA

MDA

Missed Approach Point

Missed Approach

OR

Runway in sight, Landing

Descent Checklist Complete

Approach briefing should be completed prior to Descent Checklist

Before Landing Checklist:
- Gas on a full tank,
- Mixture rich,
- Switches on (fuel pump, landing light on)

Minutes (...)
Minimums (...)
Missed (...)
Go Around/Missed Approach

Add full power, reduce flaps to 25° (if flaps are less than 25°, leave them in the current position, and raise them when airspeed is above $V_x$)

Carb Heat off,

Pitch for $V_x$

Maintain $V_x$ until clear of obstacles

When clear of obstacles, pitch for $V_y$ and raise the flaps

$V_x$

$V_y$

1000 Ft
Fuel Pump Off
Flaps Up

At 1000 AGL, pitch for 87 KTS, turn off Fuel pump and verify flaps up

Go Around, Full Power Flaps 25

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After Landing Checklist

- Clear Runway
- Trim/Flaps – SET NEUTRAL/RETRACTED
- Mixture - LEAN 1 inch
- Fuel Pump – OFF
- Strobe Light Switch – AS REQUIRED
- Landing Light Switch – AS REQUIRED
Stopping Engine

(Part 1)
• Parking Brake – SET
• Electrical Switches – OFF
• Hobbs Time - CHECK
• Fuel Pump - OFF
• Emergency Battery Switch – OFF
• Avionics Master Switch – OFF
• Alternator Switch – OFF

(Part 2)
• Throttle – Closed
• Left/Right MAG Ground Check
• Mixture – IDLE CUT-OFF
• Exterior Lights – OFF
• Left/Right MAG Switches – OFF
• Battery Master Switch – OFF