

SAFE FLYING!

PILOT CURRENCY BAROMETER

How safe a pilot am I?

Using the barometer

Add up your hours and launches for the last twelve months. Put the figures on the barometer. Where the line drawn between them crosses the white line, read the appropriate advice for the box colour.

Example shows pilot with 25 hours and 12 launches

EXPERIENCE

What is your experience? Your total hours and launches represent experience, BUT your currency is just as important - maybe more so!

CURRENCY

If you intend flying and have flown fewer than three take-offs and landings in the previous 90 days, you are advised to first have a check flight

WEATHER

Difficult weather conditions:

- wind above 15kt
- rain showers
- crosswind take-off/ landing

AM I SAFE FOR FLYING?



Hours

Launches

30

25

20

15

10

5

40

35

30

25

20

15

10

5

GREEN SECTION

YOUR STATUS IS GOOD BUT TAKE CARE

The number of basic errors can increase rather than decrease with experience. For example:

- bad approach
- poor cockpit check
- glider not properly rigged
- unprepared for launch failure
- field landing errors

THE LAW OF GRAVITY STILL APPLIES TO YOU

YELLOW SECTION

YOU ARE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THINK!

Be cautious when special conditions apply. For example:

- a new airfield
- new type of glider
- type of launch rarely used
- unknown terrain

Be even more cautious when the WEATHER CONDITIONS are DIFFICULT

RED SECTION

YOU ARE RUSTY!

You may not be able to cope with difficult conditions, a new type of glider, or a type of launch with which you are not familiar or in practice

If it is more than two months since your last flight, talk to an instructor (see CURRENCY)

If the weather conditions are difficult, talk to an instructor