

Traffic Patterns

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Which aircraft has the right-of-way over the other aircraft listed?

- a. Airship.
- b. Glider.
- c. Aircraft refueling other aircraft.

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Most midair collision accidents occur during

- a. cloudy nights.
- b. hazy days.
- c. clear days.

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What can you do to improve collision avoidance while in level cruise or descending in busy airspace?

- a. Make small, gentle banking turns to scan the area.
- b. Contact the nearest FSS before making altitude changes.
- c. Continue along the runway centerline after departure.

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An airplane and an airship are converging. If the airship is left of the airplane's position, which aircraft has the right-of-way?

- a. The airship.
- b. Each pilot should alter course to the right.
- c. The airplane.

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The destination airport has one runway, 08-26, and the wind is calm. The normal approach in calm wind is a left-hand pattern to runway 08. There is no other traffic at the airport. A thunderstorm about 6 miles west is beginning its mature stage, and rain is starting to reach the ground. The pilot decides to

- a. fly the normal pattern to runway 08 since the storm is west and moving north and any unexpected wind will be from the east or southeast toward the storm.
- b. fly an approach to runway 26 since any unexpected wind due to the storm will be westerly.
- c. fly the pattern to runway 08 since the storm is too far away to affect the wind at the airport.

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At a nontowered airport, what is the best way to proceed for departure?

- a. Broadcast intentions prior to taxi and announcing runway of departure.
- b. Call on a nearby tower frequency.
- c. Radio need not be used.

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The Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) specifically encourages pilots to turn on their landing lights when operating below 10,000 feet, day or night, and especially when operating

- a. within 15 miles of a towered airport.
- b. in conditions of reduced visibility.
- c. in Class B airspace.

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The recommended entry position to an airport traffic pattern is 45° to the base leg just below traffic pattern altitude.

- a. to enter 45° at the midpoint of the downwind leg at traffic pattern altitude.
- b. to cross directly over the airport at traffic pattern altitude and join the downwind leg.

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The aircraft that always has right-of-way is the:

- a. Balloon.
- b. Glider.
- c. Aircraft in distress.

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An airplane and a glider are on a head-on collision course. What should each pilot do?

- a. The glider pilot should give way to the right.
- b. The airplane pilot should give way to the left.
- c. Both pilots should give way to the right.

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In order to find pictorial explanations of airport signs and markings, which publication would you consult?

- a. Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).
- b. Chart Supplements.
- c. Advisory Circulars (ACs) under subject number 90.

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At what minimum distance should a pilot report a near midair collision to the FAA?

- a. 700 feet
- b. 600 feet
- c. 500 feet

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The numbers 35 and 17 on a runway indicate that the runway is oriented approximately:

- a. 350°; and 170°; true heading.
- b. 035°; and 017°; magnetic heading.
- c. 350°; and 170°; magnetic heading.

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How can you determine if another aircraft is on a collision course with your aircraft?

- a. There will be no apparent relative motion between your aircraft and the other aircraft.
- b. The nose of each aircraft is pointed at the same point in space.
- c. The other aircraft will always appear to get larger and closer at a rapid rate.

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When two or more aircraft are approaching an airport for the purpose of landing, the right-of-way belongs to the aircraft

- a. that is the least maneuverable.
- b. that has the other to its right.
- c. at the lower altitude, but it shall not take advantage of this rule to cut in front of or to overtake another.

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- a. In any direction that's safe after passing the airport boundary.
- b. By following the FAA departure procedure for the airport.
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When approaching to land at an airport, without an operating control tower, in Class G airspace, the pilot should

- a. enter and fly a traffic pattern at 800 feet AGL.
- b. fly a left-hand traffic pattern at 800 feet AGL.
- c. make all turns to the left, unless otherwise indicated.

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A lighted heliport may be identified by a

- a. green, yellow, and white rotating beacon.
- b. blue lighted square landing area.
- c. flashing yellow light.

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A military air station can be identified by a rotating beacon that emits

- a. green, yellow, and white flashes.
- b. white and green alternating flashes.
- c. two quick, white flashes between green flashes.

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Which aircraft has the right-of-way over the other aircraft listed?

- a. Aircraft towing other aircraft.
- b. Gyroplane.
- c. Airship.

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Which is the correct traffic pattern departure procedure to use at a non-towered airport?

- a. Make all turns to the left.
- b. Comply with any FAA traffic pattern established for the airport.
- c. Depart in any direction consistent with safety, after crossing the airport boundary.

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Which technique should a pilot use to scan for traffic to the right and left during straight-and-level flight?

- a. Continuous sweeping of the windshield from right to left.
- b. Concentrate on relative movement detected in the peripheral vision area.
- c. Systematically focus on different segments of the sky for short intervals.

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When approaching to land at an airport without an operating control tower in Class G airspace each pilot must make:

- a. All turns to the right.
- b. A straight-in approach.
- c. All turns to the left.

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Which aircraft has the right-of-way over all other air traffic?

- a. An aircraft in distress.
- b. A balloon.
- c. An aircraft on final approach to land.

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The most effective method of scanning for other aircraft for collision avoidance during daylight hours is to use

- a. peripheral vision by scanning small sectors and utilizing offcenter viewing.
- b. regularly spaced concentration on the 3-, 9-, and 12-o'clock positions.
- c. a series of short, regularly spaced eye movements to search each 10-degree sector.

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A near midair collision is defined as an incident associated with the operation of an aircraft in which a possibility of collision occurs as a result of coming less than what distance from another aircraft?

- a. 2,000 feet
- b. 1 mile
- c. 500 feet

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The underlying principle of the right-of-way rules is to ensure:

- a. Airplanes operating on an airport surface have right-of-way over other vehicles.
- b. All aircraft are treated in the same manner.
- c. That each person operating an aircraft will see and avoid other aircraft.

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Pilots are encouraged to turn on their landing lights when operating below 10,000 feet, day or night, and when operating within:

- a. Class B airspace.
- b. 10 miles of any airport.
- c. 5 miles of a towered airport.

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What action is required when two aircraft of the same category converge, but not head-on?

- a. Each aircraft shall give way to the right.
- b. The aircraft on the left shall give way.
- c. The faster aircraft shall give way.