

Airfreddy's **Guide on Learning To Fly**

**Step-by-Step Guide On the Private
Pilot License From Start To Finish**



Your First Couple of Flights

Your first one or two flight lessons will be on the fundamentals of flying. Every instructor is different, but in general you need to learn how to perform the fundamentals of flight. These maneuvers are: Climbs, Turns, Descents and Straight and Level flight. I cover up the flight instruments from day one for a specific reason.

From day one of flying you must drill into your head that your number one job in an airplane is to “FLY THE PLANE”. After a few years flight instructing, I realized there was something in common with everything and the way I was teaching. This eventually became my attitude base flying system that can work in any airplane. Once you get into heavier aircraft and jets this will change and you will need to adjust. But for all piston powered aircraft I found they all had the same things in common. As a result attitude flying became the way that I taught. Many people will also call this “FLYING BY THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS”.

The reason for this is the fact that you really don't need any of the instruments in the aircraft to “FLY IT”! Yes you want to use them to verify what you are feeling the aircraft do, but you can fly the airplane without this stuff.

One thing I feel very strongly about is; “if you are taught to fly with nothing, when you lose everything you will be at home”. The opposite happens when you are trained to depend on everything in the aircraft and you lose it all-- you will panic.

Your brain will also follow the path of least resistance. Just like water your brain will do things the easiest way. I have many more stories throughout the book explaining these things and why I like to keep flying as simple as possible. You don't want to get distracted because when you start getting distracted you will get in trouble.



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