

Airfreddy's Guide on Learning To Fly

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



Taxiing

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TAXIING: In order to get to the runway we need to taxi. We do this by applying power until the aircraft begins to roll. When the aircraft begins to roll, then bring the power to about 800-RPM. You only want to taxi an aircraft at a speed that is similar to a quick walk. In order to steer the aircraft you use the rudder pedals. If you want to go to the right, step on the right pedal. The same applies to turn to the left. The main thing about taxiing is that you have to remember that the steering is not tight like a car; the controls are connected by springs, so you have to lead the turn by pushing the pedals before you come to the turn or else you will not stay on the taxiway.

Once you begin to taxi you will find yourself feeling as though you have no coordination whatsoever. **DO NOT WORRY- IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE.**

The next thing you want to do is, **SIT ON YOUR LEFT HAND OR YOU WILL TRY TO BREAK THE CONTROL COLUMN AND WONDER WHY THE PLANE IS NOT TURNING - YOU STEER AN AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND WITH YOUR FEET NOT YOUR HANDS!**

When taxiing you want to keep the aircraft on the centerline of the taxiway. In order to do this, put the centerline of the taxiway (THE YELLOW LINE) in a line with your right leg. Remember whether you are on the ground or in the air to make many small corrections instead of a few big ones. It will take a while to get used to, but once you do, it will become very easy and natural. This will probably take about 3 or 4 flights before you start to get used to it.



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