Training Resources for Cirrus Pilots

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The COPA culture of safety emerges from the collective actions of Cirrus pilots who aspire to be safer pilots. COPA and Cirrus Approach™ provide resources that help answer questions, maintain proficiency and gain knowledge. Please use these resources to improve your flying and enhance our culture of safety.

COPA Code of Conduct

This booklet outlines commitments that COPA members can make to improve safety. The *Code of Conduct* presents a vision of excellence in general aviation to improve flight safety and to sustain the community.

Paper copies are handed out at COPA events. A PDF version is found on the COPA website under the **Safety** menu tab, under **Safety Resources**.

Critical Decision Making Seminar (CDM)

Attend a half-day fly-in safety discussion. The facilitated dialog encourages group knowledge to emerge that changes safety behaviors. Pilots report great value from hearing how other pilots handle challenging situations, always with new insights and knowledge.

CDM events appear on the COPA website under the **Safety & Training Events** calendar.

Cirrus Pilot Proficiency Program (CPPP)

COPA University holds weekend recurrent training events around the world. The colleges in COPA University present courses on safety, flight operations, avionics, and aircraft technology. Simulator sessions provide practical scenarios to use the knowledge gained. Flight instruction sessions reinforce the skills needed for flying proficiently. The Partner-in-Command course for right-seat flyers ensures that they know what to expect and how to handle pilot incapacitation in a Cirrus.

Social interactions among Cirrus pilots and their partners with some of the most knowledgeable Cirrus instructors helps build connections and reinforce safety.

CPPP events also appear on the COPA website under the **Safety & Training Events** calendar.

COPA University Channel on YouTube

Expanding our portfolio of training resources includes the new COPA University channel on YouTube. These videos educate, entertain, and entice. They link to the COPA discussion forums and COPA University training events.

iFOM

The interactive Flight Operations Manual emphasizes procedural standardization when flying a Cirrus. The content describes checklist procedures, animates flight profiles, and demonstrates procedures through videos and interactive diagrams.

The iFOM can be acquired via the iBooks store and works well on tablets and laptops.

Cirrus Learning Portal

A wealth of Cirrus training resources lives on the Cirrus Learning Portal. Free material emphasizes the use of CAPS, the Landing Standardization course, and recurrent training syllabi. Fee-based material provides ground knowledge for transition training and differences for step-up models.

Get into the Learning Portal with the help of an instructor who is part of the global Cirrus training partner network.

Training Network of CSIPs and CTC

Cirrus Approach™, the training department of Cirrus Aircraft, promotes a global network of training providers. Deliveries of new aircraft include factory training. Recurrent and transition training for used Cirrus aircraft can be provided by independent Cirrus Standardized Instructor Pilots (CSIP) or instructors at Cirrus Training Centers (CTC). All of these training partners commit to using and following the standardized procedures that keep Cirrus pilots safe.

Cirrus Locator

Use the Cirrus locator to find instructors near you: *www.cirrusaircraft.com/locator/*

Follow the link, then use the *Filter Results* button to find Cirrus Training Centers and CSIPs.

Pilots New to Cirrus

COPA is working to share information useful to pilots new to flying a Cirrus. Our organization encourages you to choose your instructor carefully, looking for a training professional that knows and understands how to keep you safe in a Cirrus.

On the COPA forum under the **Safety** menu, look for information under **Training Programs**. ⊕