

# Piper PA28-181 Checklist



## INTERIOR PREFLIGHT

Required Documents.....	On Board
Master Switch.....	Off
Avionics Master.....	Off
Fuel Selector.....	Cycle
Pitot/Static Drain.....	Drain (2-3 Sec)
Master Switch.....	On
Fuel Quantity Gauges.....	Check
Flaps.....	Extend
Aircraft Lights.....	On/Check
Pitot Heat.....	On/Check
Stall Warning Horn.....	Check
All Electrical Switches.....	Off

## EXTERIOR PREFLIGHT

<b>RIGHT WING:</b>	
Flap.....	Check
Aileron.....	Check
Nav/Anti-Collision.....	Check
Leading Edge.....	Check
Fuel Vent.....	Check
Fuel Tank Sump.....	Drain
Fuel Quantity.....	Check
Main Wheel/Strut.....	Check
Brakes.....	Check
Air Inlets.....	Clear
<b>NOSE:</b>	
Windshield.....	Check
Oil.....	6 Qts Min
Cowling.....	Check
Alternator Belt.....	Check
Propeller.....	Check
Nose Wheel/Strut.....	Check
Air Inlet.....	Check
Fuel System Sump.....	Drain
<b>LEFT WING:</b>	
Air Inlet.....	Check
Brakes.....	Check
Main Wheel/Strut.....	Check
Fuel Tank Sump.....	Drain
Fuel Quantity.....	Check
Fuel Vent.....	Check
Leading Edge.....	Check
Pitot Head.....	Check

## EXTERIOR PREFLIGHT CON'T

Nav/Anti Collision.....	Check
Aileron.....	Check
Flap.....	Check
<b>FUSELAGE/TAIL:</b>	
Antennas.....	Check
Lights.....	Check
Stabilator.....	Check
Rudder.....	Check
Baggage Door.....	Check

## BEFORE START

Preflight.....	Complete
Passenger Briefing.....	Complete
Belts/Harnesses/Seats.....	Secure
Circuit Breakers.....	In
Avionics Master.....	Off
Fuel Selector.....	Fullest Tank

## ENGINE START

Throttle.....	1/4 Inch Cold 1/2" Hot
Mixture.....	Rich
Primer.....	4-6 Cold 3-4 Hot
Master Switch.....	On
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Fuel Pump.....	On
Brakes.....	Hold
Propeller Area.....	Clear
Starter.....	Engage
Throttle.....	800-1,000 RPM
Oil Pressure.....	Check

## BEFORE TAXI

Avionics Master.....	On
Ammeter.....	Check Positive
Flaps.....	Up
Mixture.....	Lean
Fuel Pump.....	Off
Fuel Selector.....	Switch Tanks
Transponder.....	Set Code/ALT
Avionics.....	Set
Flight Instruments.....	Set/Check
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Nav Lights.....	On
Brakes.....	Test

## RUN-UP

Brakes.....	Hold
Flight Controls.....	Free & Correct
Fuel Selector.....	Fullest Tank
Circuit Breakers.....	Check
Mixture.....	Rich
Throttle.....	2,000 RPM
Magnetos.....	Check
<i>*Max drop 175 RPM, Max Diff 50 RPM*</i>	
Carburetor Heat.....	Check
Oil Pressure.....	Check
Fuel Pressure.....	Check
Oil Temp.....	Check
Annunciator Lights.....	Check
Throttle.....	Idle Check
Throttle.....	800-1000 RPM
Radios/Nav.....	Set
Mixture.....	Re-Lean for Taxi
Magnetos.....	Both

## BEFORE TAKEOFF

Trim.....	Set Takeoff
Flaps.....	Set
Mixture.....	Rich
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Fuel Pump.....	On
Flight Instruments/Avionics.....	Set
Transponder.....	Set ALT
Cabin Door/Windows.....	Latched
Takeoff Briefing.....	Complete

## NORMAL TAKEOFF

Heading.....	Check Correct Runway
Throttle.....	Full Open
Rotate.....	48-53 KIAS

## CLIMB

Flaps.....	Up
Best Rate.....	Vy 76 KIAS
Cruise Climb.....	87 KIAS

## CRUISE

Throttle.....	Set
Fuel Pump.....	Off
Mixture.....	Set
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Fuel Selector.....	Switch tanks every 30 min

## DESCENT

Weather/Avionics.....	Checked
Approach Briefing.....	Complete
Descent Power.....	Set
Carburetor Heat.....	Set
Fuel Pump.....	On
Mixture.....	Set
Fuel Selector.....	Fullest Tank

## BEFORE LANDING

Fuel Pump.....	On
Mixture.....	Rich
Throttle.....	Set
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Flaps.....	Set
Approach Airspeed.....	66 KIAS

## AFTER LANDING

Flaps.....	Up
Trim.....	Set Takeoff
Carburetor Heat.....	Off
Aircraft Lights.....	Set
Pitot Heat.....	Off
Fuel Pump.....	Off
Mixture.....	Lean

## SHUT DOWN

Avionics Master.....	Off
Throttle.....	Idle
Magneto.....	Check
Mixture.....	Idle Cut-Off
Magnetos.....	Off
All Switches.....	Off
Aircraft Lights.....	Off
<b>Nav Lights.....</b>	<b>ON</b>
Master Switches.....	Off
Brakes.....	Released


## Important Speeds (KIAS)

VS0.....	49
VS1.....	55
VR.....	48-53
VX.....	64
VY.....	76
VFE.....	102
VA (2550 lbs.).....	113
VNO.....	125
VNE.....	154
<b>Best Glide.....</b>	<b>76</b>
Approach.....	66

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## Maneuvers

### LAKE ELMO



#### Normal Takeoff

*\*Before Takeoff Checklist Complete\**  
 Flaps ..... 0°  
 Throttle ..... Full  
 Engine Instruments ..... Verify Green  
 Rotate ..... 53 KIAS  
 Initial climb ..... 76 KIAS  
 Enroute climb ..... 87 KIAS

#### Normal Landing

*\*Before Landing Checklist Complete\**  
 Entry/Downwind ..... BCGUMPS  
 Abeam Threshold –  
 Throttle ..... 1500 rpm  
 Airspeed ..... 90 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 10°  
 Base –  
 Airspeed ..... 80 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 25°  
 Final –  
 Airspeed ..... 70 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Touchdown ..... Just above stall speed

#### Short Field Takeoff

*\*Before Takeoff Checklist Complete\**  
 Flaps ..... 25°  
 Runway ..... Use All Available  
 Brakes ..... Hold  
 Throttle ..... Full  
 Engine Instruments ..... Verify Green  
 Brakes ..... Release  
 Rotate ..... 49 KIAS  
 Climb Out ..... Vx 64  
*When Clear of Obstacle*  
 Accelerate to ..... Vy 76  
 Flaps ..... Retract Slowly

#### Short Field Landing

*\*Before Landing Checklist Complete\**  
 Downwind ..... BCGUMPS  
*Approach slightly steeper than normal*  
 Abeam Runway Threshold  
 Airspeed ..... 90 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 10°  
 Base –  
 Airspeed ..... 80 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 25°  
 Final –  
 Airspeed ..... 70 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Threshold ..... 66 KIAS  
 Touchdown ..... Just above stall speed  
*Use max. foot and aerodynamic braking*

#### Soft Field Takeoff

*\*Before Takeoff Checklist Complete\**  
 Flaps ..... 25°  
 Flight Controls ..... Full Back  
 Engine Instruments ..... Verify Green  
 Throttle ..... Full  
 Rotate ..... Min. Airspeed  
 Ground Effect ..... Remain until Vy  
 Or Runway Threshold  
 Climb ..... Vy 76  
 Flaps ..... Retract Slowly

#### Soft Field Landing

*\*Before Landing Checklist Complete\**  
 Entry/Downwind ..... BCGUMPS  
 Abeam Runway Threshold  
 Airspeed ..... 90 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 10°  
 Base –  
 Airspeed ..... 80 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 25°  
 Final –  
 Airspeed ..... 70 KIAS  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Threshold ..... 66 KIAS  
 Touchdown ..... Just above stall speed  
 Yoke ..... Full Aft  
*Keep nosewheel off ground as long as possible, holding full backpressure. Use min. wheel braking*

#### Go-Around

Throttle ..... Full  
 Carburetor Heat ..... Off  
 Flight Control ..... Start Climbout  
 Flaps ..... Retract to 25°  
 Airspeed ..... Initially 55 KIAS  
 then Vy 76  
 Flaps ..... When >70 KIAS, Retract to 0°

#### Slow Flight

Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 1500-1700 RPM  
 Flaps ..... 40° (in white arc)  
 Altitude ..... Maintain  
 Throttle ..... Add power to  
 Maintain 50-55 KIAS  
 Bank ..... Shallow Turns  
 Recovery ..... Go-around procedure

#### Power Off-Stall

Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 1500-1700 RPM  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Airspeed ..... 66 KIAS  
 Descent ..... Initiate 500 FPM to  
 simulate final approach  
 Throttle ..... Idle  
 Stall ..... Pitch to Induce  
*Recognize and recover from stall*

**Stall Recovery:**  
 Go-Around Procedure  
 Minimize altitude loss

#### Power-On Stall

Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 1500-1700 RPM  
 Flaps ..... 0° - 25°  
 Airspeed ..... 65 KIAS  
 Throttle ..... 2300 RPM  
 Stall ..... Pitch to Induce  
*Recognize and recover from stall.*

**Stall Recovery:**  
 Flight Controls ..... Nose Down  
 Throttle ..... Full

#### Secondary Stall


Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 1500 RPM  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Airspeed ..... 66 KIAS  
 Descent ..... Initiate 500 FPM to  
 simulate final approach  
 Throttle ..... Idle  
 Stall ..... Pitch to Induce  
*Recognize and recover from stall.*  
 Flight Control ..... Release back pressure  
 Throttle ..... Full  
 Flight Control ..... Increase back elevator  
 pressure to initiate as secondary stall  
*Recognize and recover from stall.*  
**Stall Recovery:**  
 Flight Controls ..... Nose Down  
 Go-Around Procedure  
 Minimize altitude loss

#### Steep Turns

Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 2300 RPM  
 Airspeed ..... 100 KIAS  
 Bank ..... 45° Private  
 50° Commercial  
 Roll Out ..... Original heading  
 Repeat ..... Opposite direction

#### Elevator Trim Stall

Clearing Turns ..... Complete  
 BCGUMPS ..... Complete  
 Throttle ..... 1500 RPM  
 Flaps ..... 40°  
 Airspeed ..... 75 KIAS  
 Throttle ..... Idle  
 Trim ..... Full Nose-Up  
 Throttle ..... Full  
**Stall Recovery:**  
 Flight Controls ..... Nose Down  
 Trim ..... Maintain control  
 Flaps ..... When >70 KIAS, retract to 0

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**LAKE ELMO**  


**Cross-Controlled Stall**

Clearing Turns .....Complete  
 BCGUMPS .....Complete  
 Throttle .....1500 RPM  
 Airspeed.....70 KIAS  
 Stabilized Descent.....Establish  
 Stall...Pitch to Induce, Cross Controls  
*Recognize and recover from stall.*

**Stall Recovery:**

Flight Control ...Release back pressure  
 Throttle.....Full  
 Altitude.....Minimal Loss  
 Airspeed.....Accelerate to Vx or Vy  
 before the final flap  
 retraction

**Accelerated Stall**

Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS.....Complete  
 Throttle.....1500 RPM  
 Flaps.....0°  
 Airspeed.....80 KIAS  
 Bank.....45°  
 Pitch.....Maintain Alt. Induce Stall  
*Recognize and recover from stall.*

**Stall Recovery:**

Flight Control...Release back pressure  
 Throttle.....Full  
 Altitude.....Minimal Loss  
 Airspeed.....Accelerate to Vy

**SEE PIPER ARCHER  
 STANDARDIZATION  
 MANUAL FOR AMPLIFIED  
 PROCEDURES**

**Lazy Eights**

Altitude.....Min Alt 1500 AGL  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS.....Complete  
 Throttle.....2300 RPM  
 Airspeed.....95 KIAS  
*(Constant change of pitch and roll rate)*  
**45° Point**.....Max. Pitch UP, Bank 15°  
**90° Point**.....Level. Pitch, Bank 30°  
**135° Point**..... Max. Pitch DN, Bank 15°  
**180° Point**..... Level Pitch, Bank 0°

**Steep Spiral**

Altitude.....Sufficient for 3 360° turns  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS.....Complete  
 Reference Point.....Select  
 Throttle.....Idle  
 Airspeed.....76 KIAS  
 Spiral.....Max. Bank 60°  
 Entry.....Downwind ½ mi from  
 reference point  
 Radius.....Maintain constant ½ mi  
 Engine.....Clear once each turn on  
 the upwind  
 Ground Track.....Adjust for wind to  
 maintain ½ mi radius

**Chandelles**

Altitude.....Min Alt. 1500 AGL  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS.....Complete  
 Airspeed .....95 KIAS  
 Establish Bank ..... 30°  
 Throttle..... Full  
*0° - 90° Point*  
 Throttle.....Full  
 Bank.....30° Constant  
 Pitch.....Gradually Increase  
*90° - 180° Point*  
 Bank.....Gradual Rollout  
 Pitch.....Constant  
*180° point*  
 Airspeed.....5 kts above stall  
 Bank.....0°

**Rectangular Course**

*Select Rectangular field for maneuver*  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS .....Complete  
 Throttle.....2000-2200 RPM  
 Airspeed .....90 KIAS  
 Altitude .....600-1000 ft AGL  
 Entry.....Downwind 45° ¼ -½ mi  
 away from reference area  
 Ground Track.....Adjust for wind drift  
 to maintain ¼ -½ mi distance

**S -Turns Along a Road**

*Select road perpendicular to wind*  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS .....Complete  
 Throttle.....2000-2200 RPM  
 Airspeed .....100 KIAS  
 Altitude .....600-1000 ft AGL  
 Entry.....Downwind 45° ¼ -½ mi  
 away from reference area  
 Ground Track.....Adjust for wind drift  
 to maintain ¼ -½ mi distance

**Turns Around a Point**

*Select a clearly defined point i.e. 4-Way  
 Intersection*  
 Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS .....Complete  
 Throttle.....2000-2200 RPM  
 Airspeed .....90 KIAS  
 Altitude .....600-1000 ft AGL  
 Entry.....Downwind 45° ¼ -½ mi  
 away from reference area  
 Ground Track.....Adjust for wind drift  
 to maintain ¼ -½ mi distance

**Eights on Pylons**

Clearing Turns.....Complete  
 BCGUMPS.....Complete  
 Throttle.....100 KIAS  
 Reference Point(s).....Selected  
 Entry.....Downwind 45° at Pivotal Alt.  
 PA=(GSxKIAS)  
 11.3  
 Bank.....30° - 40°

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## Emergencies & Abnormals

### LAKE ELMO



#### Engine Fire-Start

Starter.....Continue Cranking  
 Mixture .....Idle Cut-Off  
 Throttle .....Open  
 Fuel Pump .....Off  
 Fuel Selector .....Off

#### Engine Failure-Takeoff

Airspeed .....Maintain Safe Airspeed  
 Land .....Straight Ahead

*If Sufficient altitude has been gained attempt to restart:*

Airspeed .....Maintain Safe Airspeed  
 Fuel Selector .....Switch Tanks  
 Electric Fuel Pump .....On  
 Mixture .....Rich  
 Carburetor Heat .....On

*If power is not restored, proceed to **POWER OFF LANDING***

#### Engine Failure-In Flight

Airspeed .....76 KIAS  
 Best Landing Site.....Locate  
 Fuel Pump .....On  
 Fuel Selector .....Switch Tanks  
 Mixture .....Rich  
 Carburetor Heat .....On  
 Engine Gauges .....Check  
 Primer .....Check Locked  
 Ignition .....Check Both

*If power is NOT restored proceed to **POWER OFF LANDING**:*

#### Power Off Landing

Airspeed .....76 KIAS  
 Best Landing Site .....Locate  
 Passengers.....Prepare

*If time and altitude permit:*

Transponder ..... 7700  
 Radios ..... Transmit 121.5  
 ELT ..... On

*When committed to landing:*

Throttle ..... Idle  
 Mixture ..... Idle Cut-Off  
 Fuel Selector ..... Off  
 Magnetos ..... Off  
 Master Switch ..... Off  
 Belts/Shoulder Harness ..... Secure  
 Door.....Open  
 Approach Speed .....66-70 KIAS  
 Flaps.....Extend (time/altitude permitting)

#### Engine Fire-Flight

Fuel Selector .....Off  
 Mixture .....Idle Cut-Off  
 Throttle .....Idle  
 Fuel Pump .....Off  
 Fresh Air Vents/Windows.....Open  
 Panel Cabin Air/Heat/Defrost.....Closed  
 Magneto Switch .....Off  
 Master Switch .....Off

*If fire extinguishes, proceed to **POWER OFF LANDING***

*If fire does not extinguish, proceed to **EMERGENCY DESCENT***

#### Electrical Fire

Batt/Alt Master Switch .....Off  
 Radio Master and All Electrical.....Off  
 Fresh Air Vents/Windows.....Open  
 Panel Cabin Air/Heat/Defrost.....Closed

*If fire appears out and electrical power is necessary:*

Batt/Alt Master Switch ..... On  
 Circuit Breakers ..... DO NOT RESET  
 Radio/Electrical Equip---ON one at a time  
 \*Land As Soon as Practical\*

#### Emergency Descent

Throttle ..... Idle  
 Mixture .....Rich (unless fire)  
 Bank ..... 30° – 45°  
 Airspeed.....125 KIAS

#### Alternator Failure (ALT Light)

*Prepare for **ELECTRICAL FIRE***

All Non-Required Equipment.....Off  
 12V Charging Socket.....Unplug  
 Circuit Breakers.....Check

*If no circuit breakers popped...*

Alternator Master Switch.....Cycle Off/On  
*If circuit breakers popped, reset them only if absolutely necessary for safety of flight.*

*If Alternator is not restored, land as soon as practical.*

#### Engine Roughness

Throttle.....2500 RPM  
 Carburetor Heat ..... On  
 Fuel Pump.....On

*If roughness continues after 30 sec:*

Fuel Selector .....Switch Tanks  
*Check each tank for 30 sec*  
 Mixture .....Full Rich  
 Engine Gauges ..... Check  
 Magneto Switch .....Check Individually

*If operation is satisfactory on either magneto, continue on that magneto at reduced power and Full Rich mixture.*

*Land as soon as practical.*

*If roughness continues, land as soon as possible.*

#### Loss of Oil Pressure (OIL) Light

*\*Land as Soon as Practical\**

*Prepare for **POWER OFF LANDING***

#### Loss of Fuel Pressure

Fuel Pump .....On  
 Fuel Selector .....Fullest Tank

#### High Oil Temperature

Altitude.....Level (stop climb)  
 Throttle.....2200  
 RPM

*If temp does not go down, or continues to rise, land as soon as practical.*

*Prepare for **POWER OFF LANDING***

#### Open Door

Airspeed .....Slow to 87 KIAS  
 Cabin Vents .....Close  
 Storm Window .....Open  
 Door .....Secure Top Latch

#### Spin Recovery

Throttle ..... Idle  
 Ailerons ..... Neutral  
 Rudder.....Full opposite  
 (to the direction of rotation)

Yoke .....Full forward  
*When rotation stops...*

Rudder ..... Neutral  
 Yoke .....Recover from dive  
 Throttle .....Do not exceed 154 KIAS

#### IN AN EMERGENCY

**Call 911 FIRST if necessary for safety**

Then call Lake Elmo Aero at 651-777-1399