PREFLIGHT ACTIONS CHECKLIST

PILOT _____ AIRCRAFT / N-NUMBER _____ DATE _____

PAVE — RISK ASSESSMENT: GO OR NO-GO

			WHERE TO GO
☐	P	**Pilot.** IMSAFE: illness, medication, stress, alcohol (8 hours bottle to throttle), fatigue, emotion. Certificate, medical, flight review and currency are valid.	Logbook, pilot certificate, medical
☐	A	**Aircraft.** Airworthy and right for the mission. Complete SPARROW and AAV1ATES, review known squawks, then do the POH/AFM preflight.	Below; POH/AFM Normal Procedures; squawk log
☐	V	**Environment.** Weather, terrain, airspace, airport conditions, daylight or night. What could change during the flight?	aviationweather.gov 1800wxbrief.com
☐	E	**External pressures.** Schedule, passengers, money, the urge to get there. Set your go/no-go limits on the ground.	Personal minimums; your instructor; aopa.org

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NWKRAFT — FLIGHT PLANNING

			WHERE TO GO
☐	N	**NOTAMs.** Closures, outages and airspace changes at departure, destination and along the route.	notams.aim.faa.gov 1800wxbrief.com
☐	W	**Weather.** METARs, TAFs, winds aloft, radar and hazards. Get a briefing, then decide.	aviationweather.gov 1800wxbrief.com
☐	K	**Known ATC delays.** Flow-control delays and Temporary Flight Restrictions on your route.	nasstatus.faa.gov tfr.faa.gov for TFRs
☐	R	**Runway lengths.** Long enough at departure and destination, with margin for the day.	Chart Supplement; skyvector.com; your EFB
☐	A	**Alternates.** A backup airport, with its weather and NOTAMs checked.	skyvector.com; your EFB
☐	F	**Fuel.** Destination, alternate if needed, plus VFR reserve: 30 minutes day, 45 night. Verify the tanks visually.	POH/AFM fuel burn; e6bx.com
☐	T	**Takeoff and landing distances.** Today's density altitude, weight, wind and runway. Weight and balance within limits.	POH/AFM performance charts; e6bx.com

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WRAPS

LOADING, ROUTE AND SUPPLIES

			WHERE TO GO
☐	W	**Weight and balance.** Computed for today's load: fuel, passengers and baggage. Within max gross weight and the CG envelope.	POH/AFM weight and balance section; your EFB
☐	R	**Route.** Course, distance, time and altitudes. Checkpoints noted, and a flight plan or flight following arranged.	skyvector.com 1800wxbrief.com for flight plans
☐	A	**Airspace and frequencies.** Airspace classes and special-use areas on the route, required equipment, and the ATIS, ground, tower and CTAF frequencies you will need.	Sectional chart; Chart Supplement; your EFB
☐	P	**Passenger briefing.** Seat belts, doors and exits, sterile cockpit, and what to do in an emergency.	Before engine start
☐	S	**Supplies.** Current databases, checklists, notepad and pen, charts, headsets, charged EFB, flashlight, water, pilot certificate, medical, and government-issued photo ID.	Flight bag; database dates in your EFB

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SPARROW

DOCUMENTS ON BOARD

			WHERE TO GO
☐	S	**Supplements.** POH/AFM supplements for installed equipment such as GPS or autopilot.	Behind the POH/AFM tabs
☐	P	**Placards.** Required placards and instrument markings are present and legible.	Panel, doors, cockpit
☐	A	**Airworthiness certificate.** Original, displayed where passengers and crew can see it.	Display holder or document pouch
☐	R	**Registration.** Current. Check the expiration date.	Document pouch
☐	R	**Radio station license.** International flights only. Not needed domestically.	Document pouch
☐	O	**Operating manual.** The POH/AFM for this specific aircraft, with its operating limitations.	Cockpit or document pouch
☐	W	**Weight and balance.** Current data and equipment list for this airplane.	Inside the POH/AFM or document pouch

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AAV1ATES

		AIRCRAFT INSPECTIONS	WHERE TO GO
☐	A	**Airworthiness directives.** All applicable ADs complied with, including recurring ones.	Airframe and engine logbooks; drs.faa.gov
☐	A	**Annual.** Within the last 12 calendar months.	Airframe logbook
☐	V	**VOR check.** Within 30 days. IFR flight only.	VOR check log or logbook
☐	1	**100-hour.** If the aircraft is used for hire or for instruction for hire. Watch the hours until due.	Logbook and tach time
☐	A	**Altimeter and static system.** Tested within 24 calendar months. IFR flight only.	Logbook and sticker
☐	T	**Transponder.** Tested within 24 calendar months.	Logbook and sticker
☐	E	**ELT.** Inspected within 12 calendar months, battery not expired, switch not in the on position.	Logbook, ELT label, cockpit switch
☐	S	**STCs.** Every modification approved and logged. Any STC inspections or continued-airworthiness instructions are current.	Logbooks, STC paperwork, Form 337s; AFM supplements

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