

# Stall/Spin Awareness

*What you don't know can hurt you*

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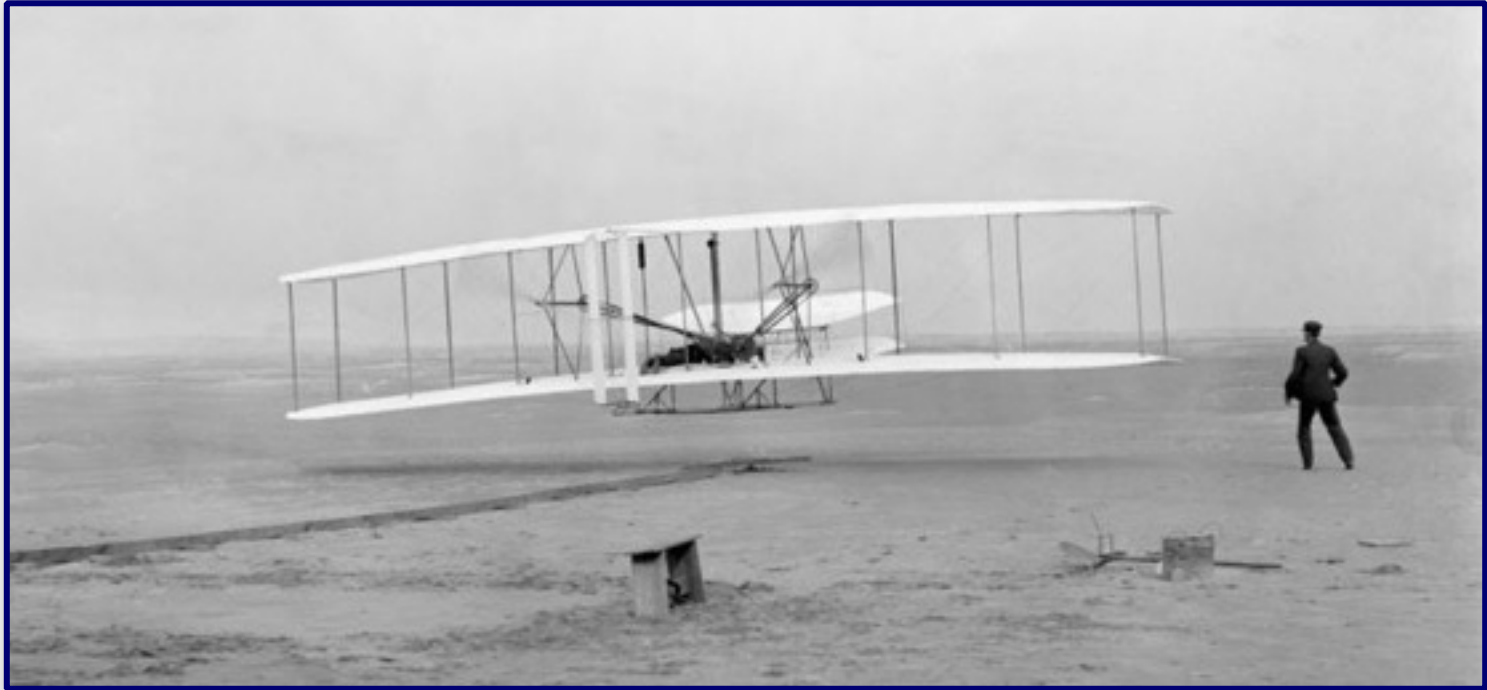


Part 1

# Stall/Spin Awareness



## 1903 – Kitty Hawk



## 1912 – Parke's Dive



# Prevailing Wisdom

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AUGUST 31, 1912.

FLIGHT

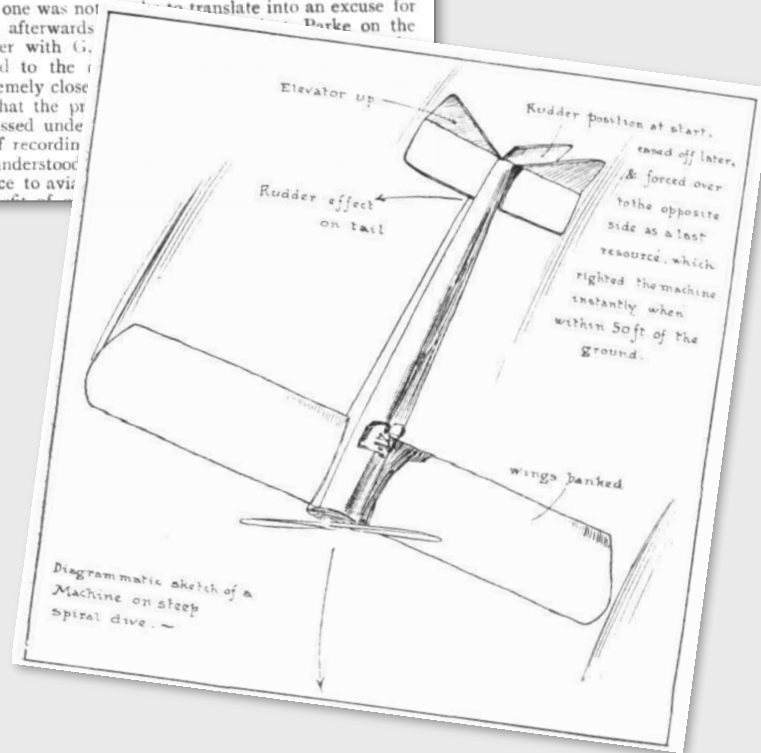
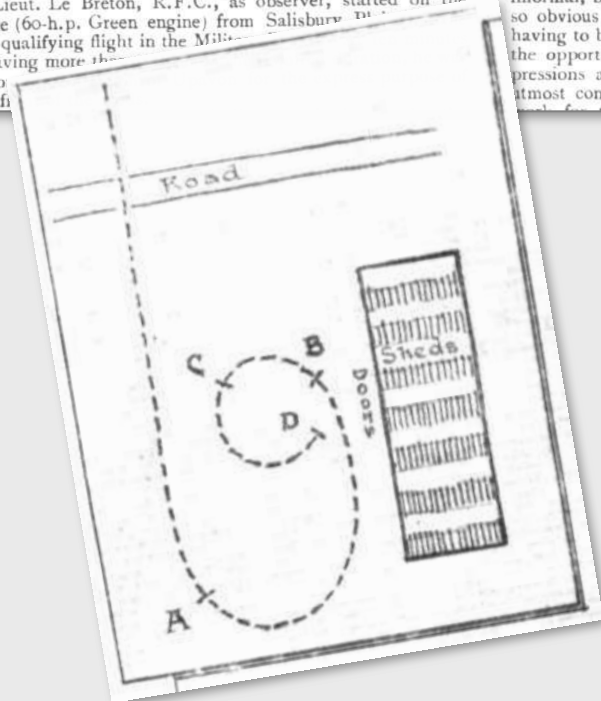
## PARKE'S DIVE.

Salisbury Plain, Sunday, August 25th.

HERE is the true story of one of the worst experiences in mid-air from which any pilot has extricated his machine in absolute safety, and as the circumstances precisely represent the hypothesis of the most debated problem among pilots at the present time, the following particulars should be studied with the closest attention by all.

At four minutes past six this morning Lieut. Parke, R.N., accompanied by Lieut. Le Breton, R.F.C., as observer, started on the Avro biplane (60-h.p. Green engine) from Salisbury Plain. After three hours' qualifying flight in the Millington field, returning from alighting in field

Like the majority, I was at breakfast when the dive occurred; and up to the end of its second hour, its uniform behaviour inspired a confidence that one was not to translate into an excuse for Parke on the field, and, together with G. R.A.F., adjourned to the informal, but extremely close so obvious to all that the pilot having to be discussed under the opportunity of recording impressions as he understood almost consequence to aviation.



1912 – Parke's Dive

“the entire phenomenon is related to elevator and rudder action only.”

1936 – NACA Procedure



W.H. McAvoy, Test Pilot

1936 – NACA Procedure

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PILOTING TECHNIQUE FOR RECOVERY FROM SPINS  
By W. H. McAvoy



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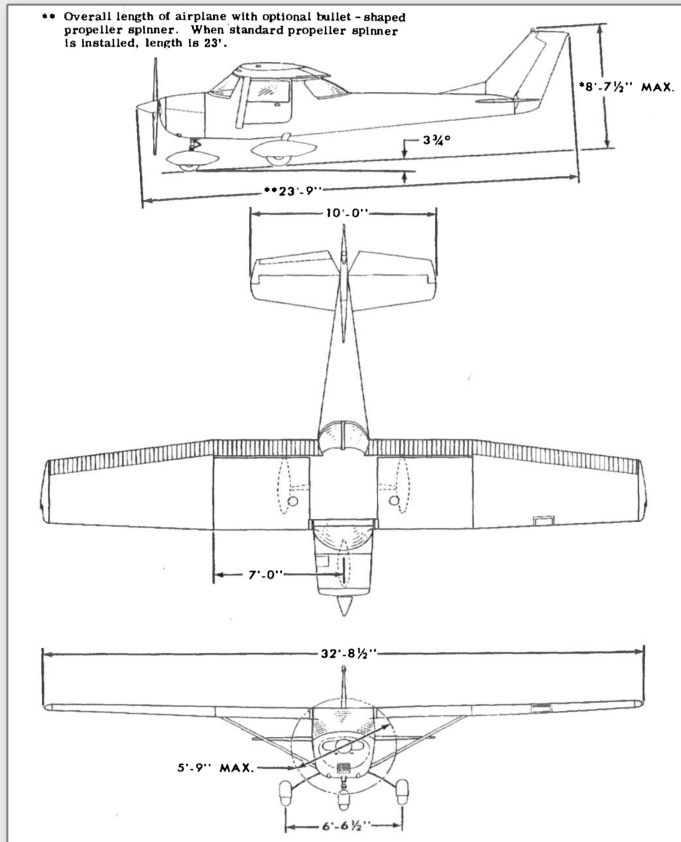
Briskly apply full opposite rudder

After about  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn

Briskly move the elevator forward

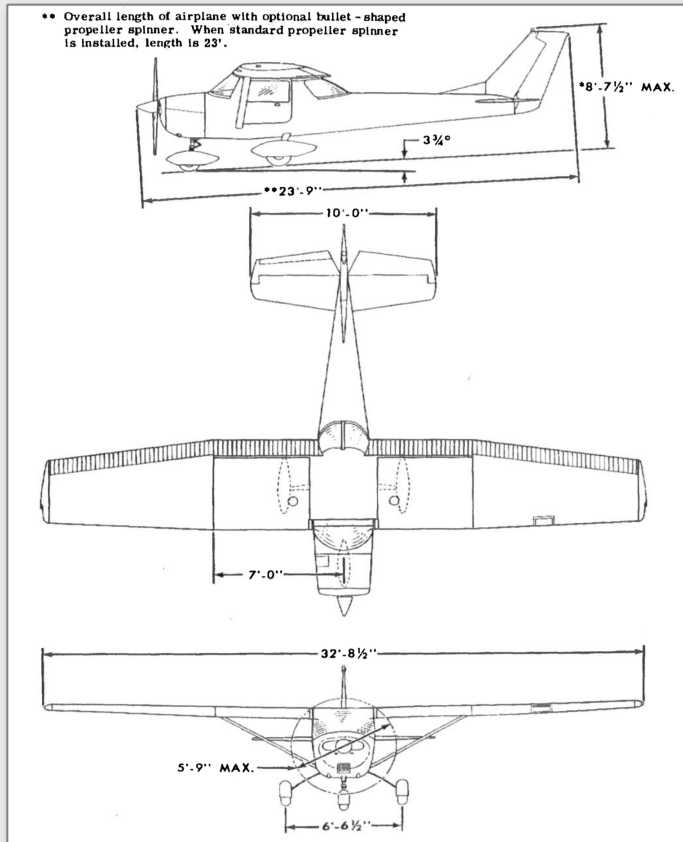
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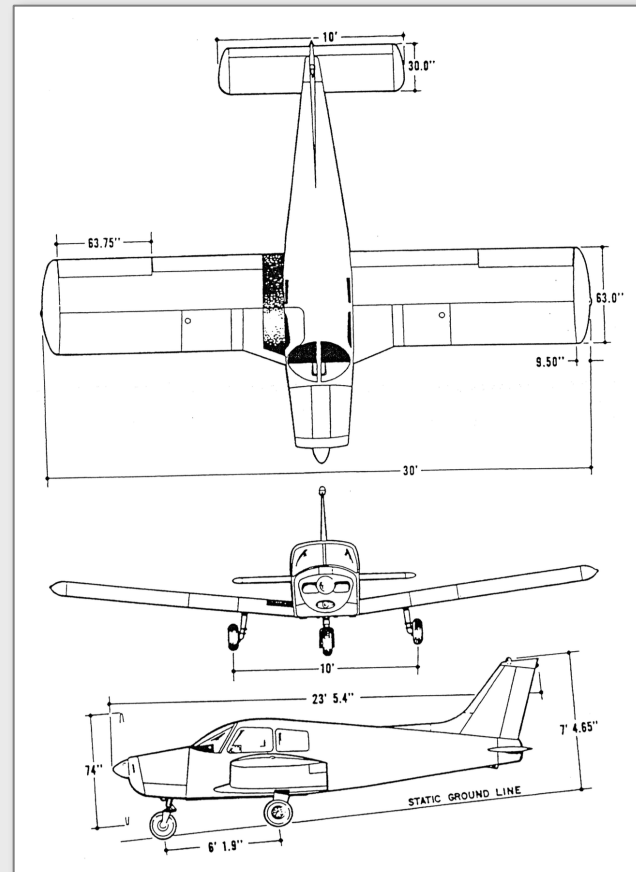
## Cessna 150

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# Piper 140





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i.e., “Stall Avoidance”

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## #4 – Spin Training Group

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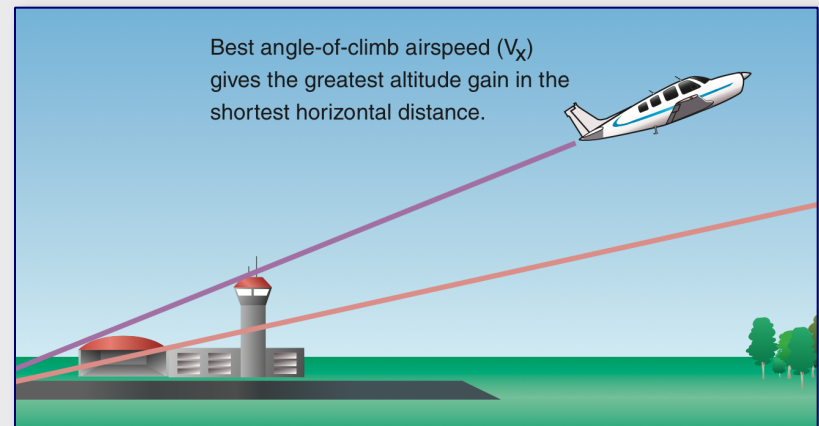
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+ 25 Mins: Intentional Spins

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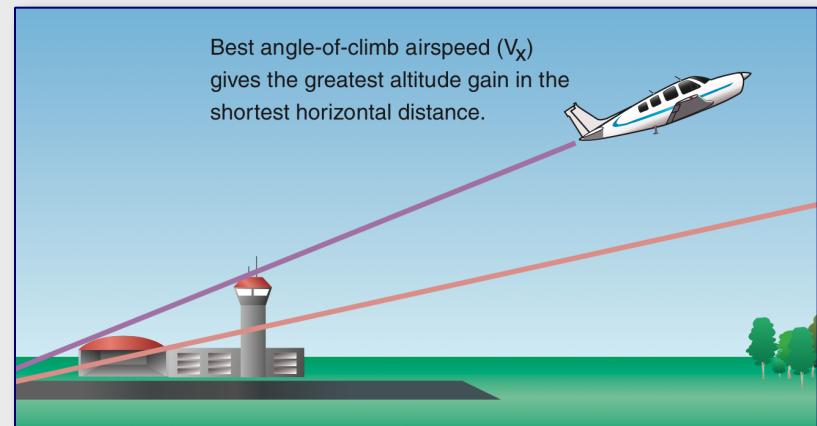
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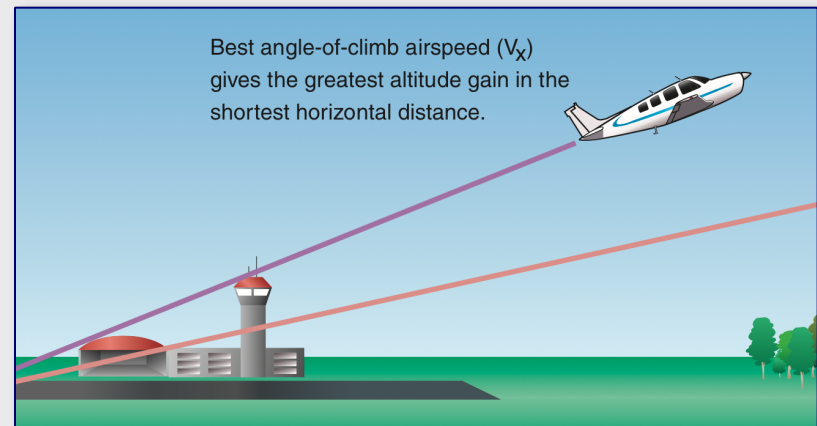
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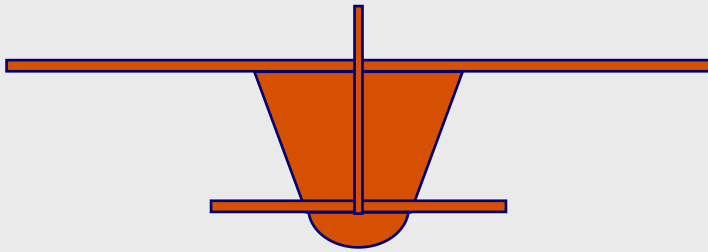
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- Engine Failure on Takeoff / Climb-out



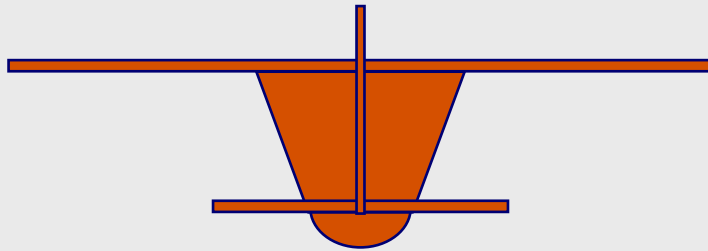
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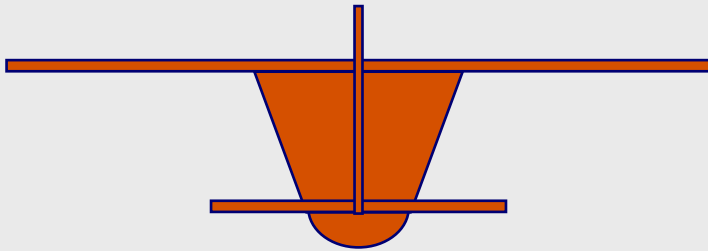
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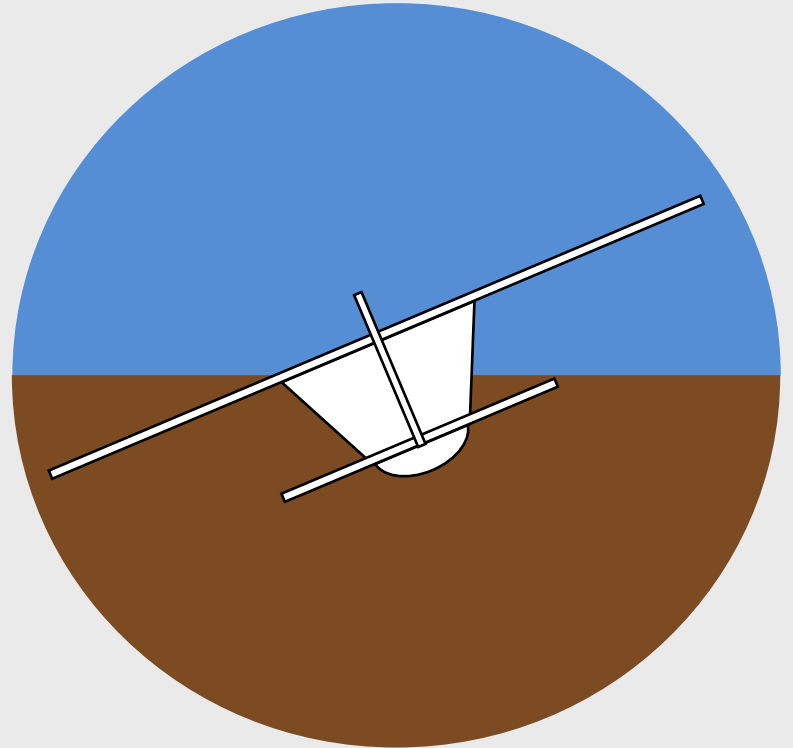
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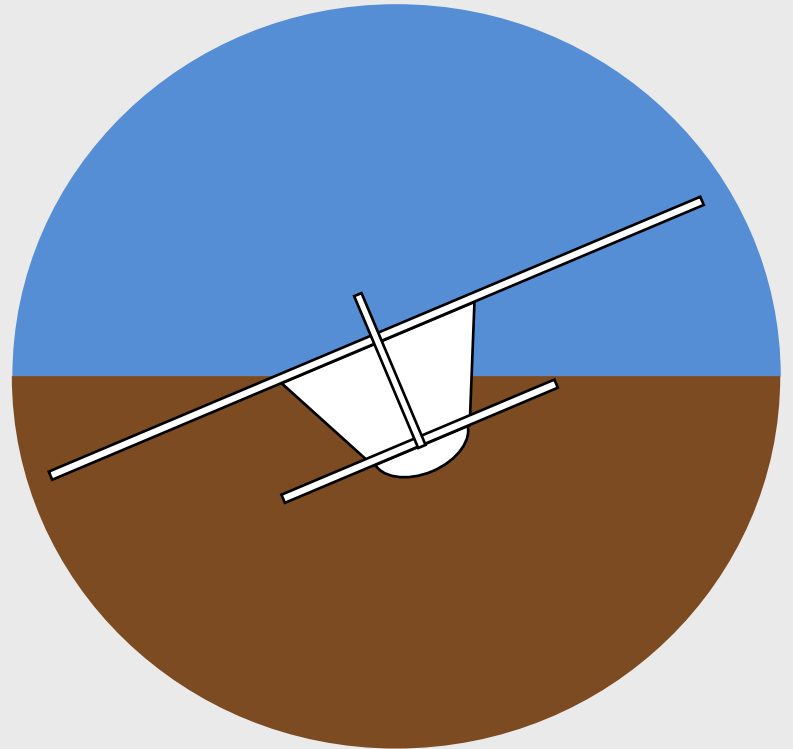


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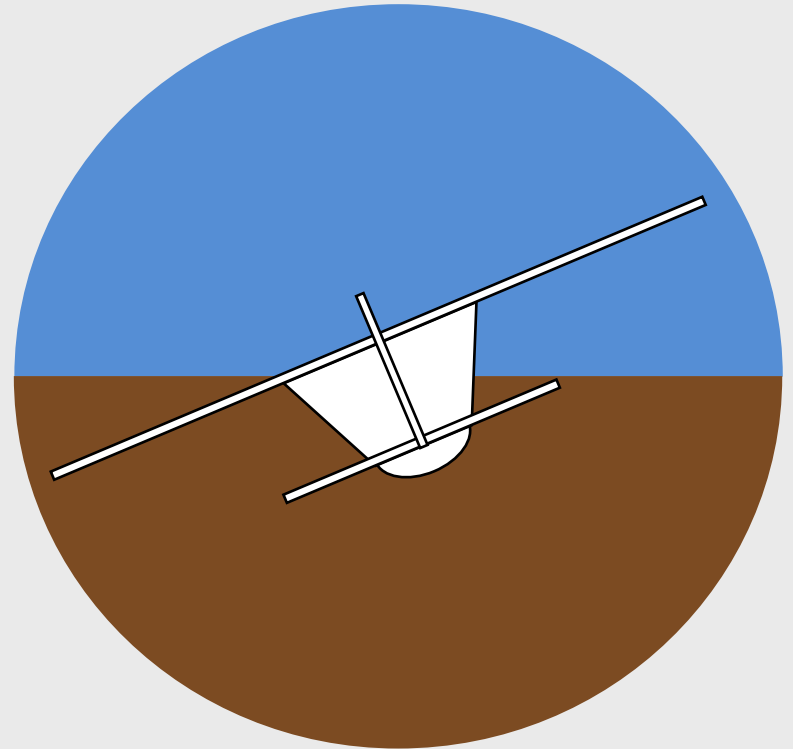
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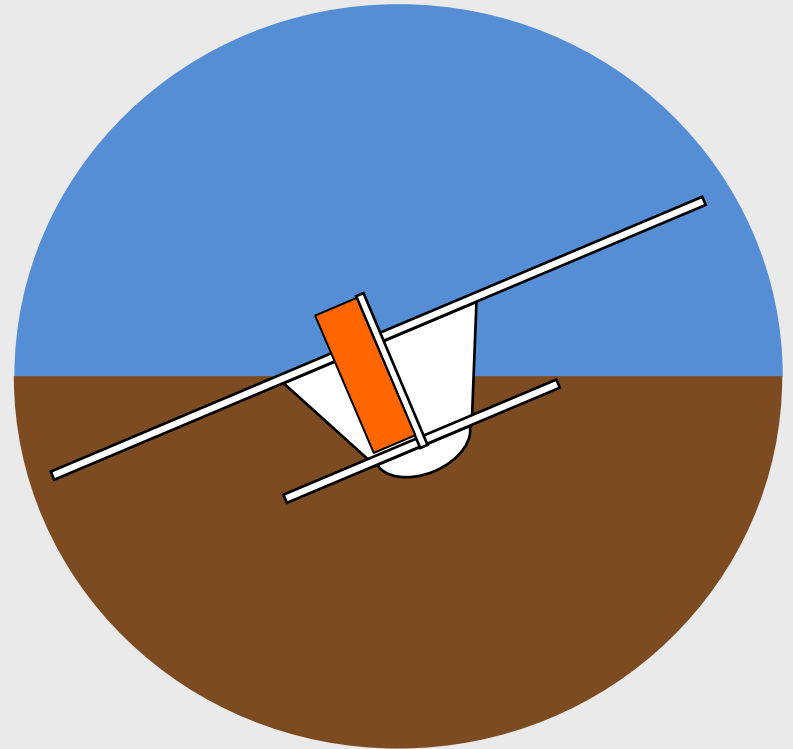
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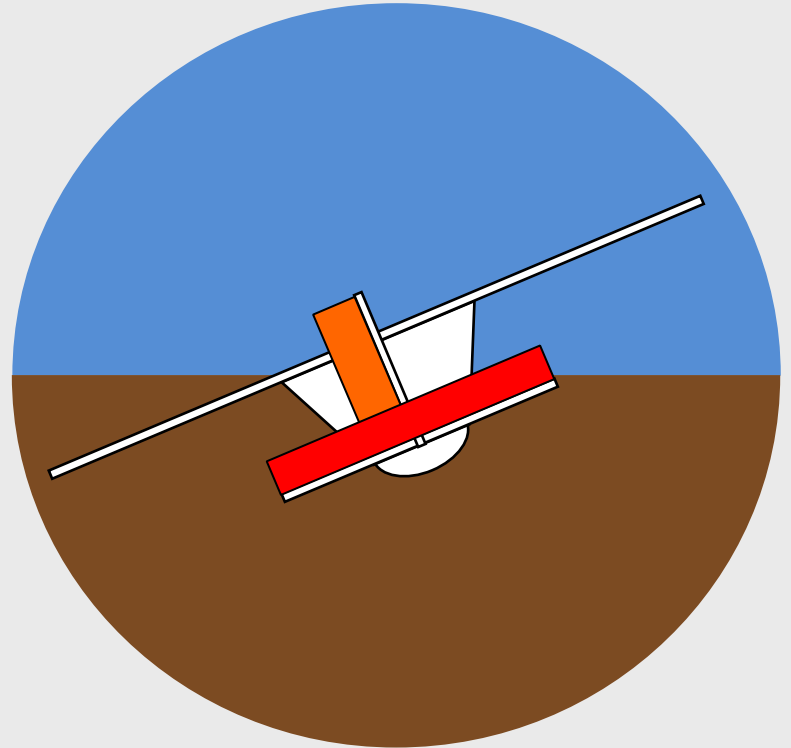
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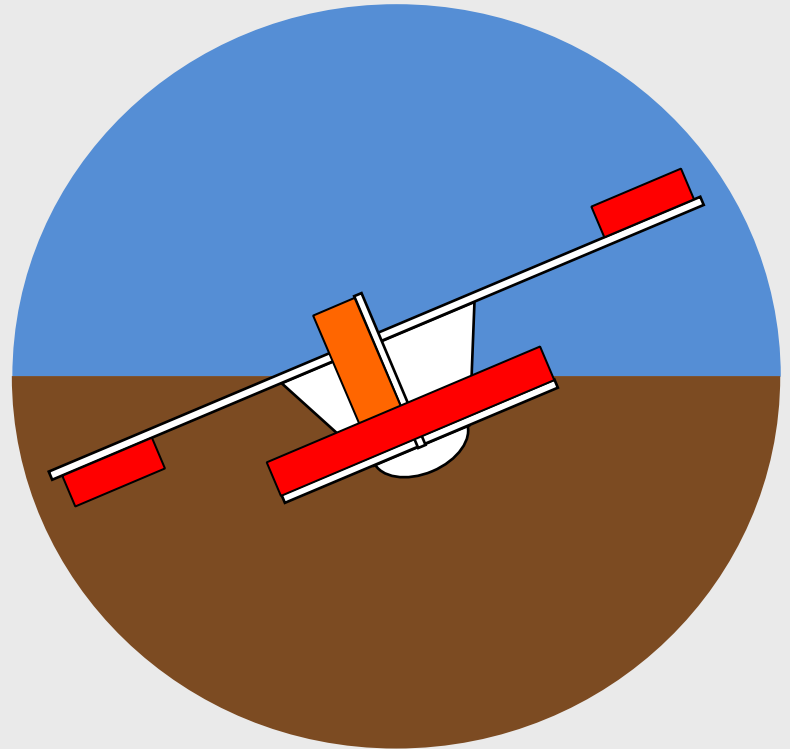
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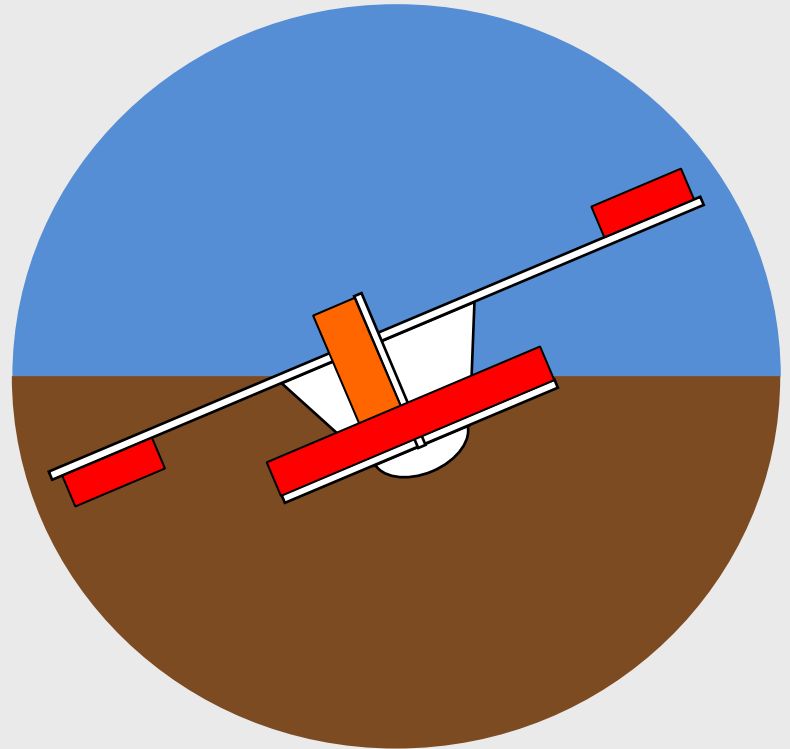
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Accelerated Stall/Spin



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### Final Approach





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- Engine Failure/Poor  
Airspeed Management



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### Final Approach

- Engine Failure/Poor Airspeed Management
- High Sink Rate/Mush



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### Go-Arounds



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- Nose Up Trim



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- Nose Up Trim
- Premature Flap Retraction



## Critical Traffic Pattern Ops

### Go-Arounds



- Nose Up Trim
- Premature Flap Retraction
- From Slips

First Rule in Aviation:

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**Fly the Airplane!**



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Accidental stall rate of Groups (1 + 2)  
was identical to Groups (3 + 4)

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Rigging Effects

Improper Footwork (rudder)

Stall / Spin Awareness =

Yaw Awareness!



# Let's Take a Poll



Is the slip/skid ball always reliable?

# Let's Take a Quiz



What issues can affect slip/skid ball indications?











➤ Lag



➤ Lag

➤ Bank Angle





- Lag
- Bank Angle
- Spins



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# Sensing Yaw in VMC

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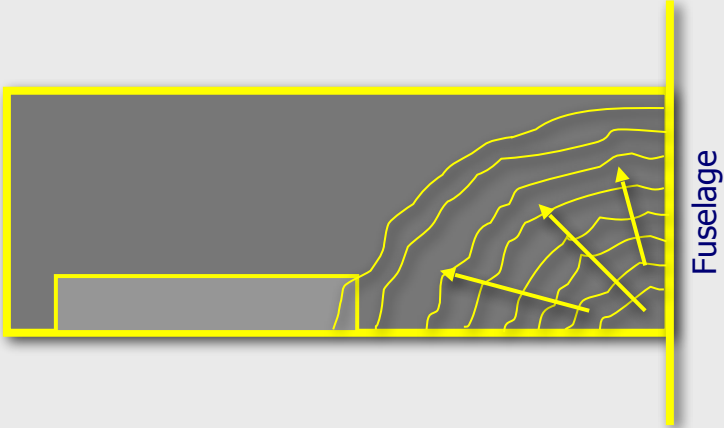
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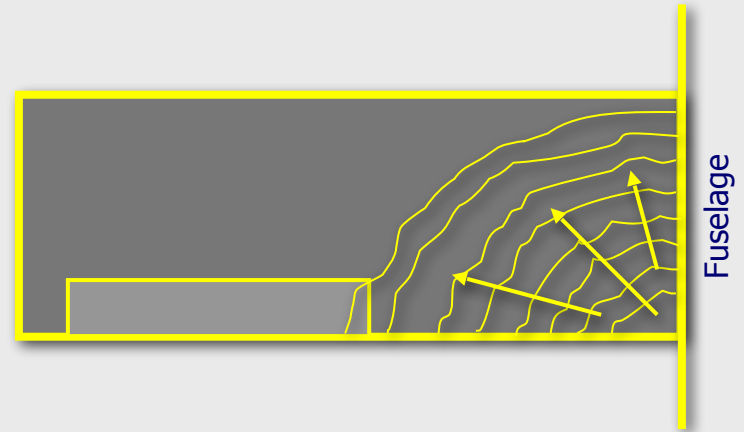
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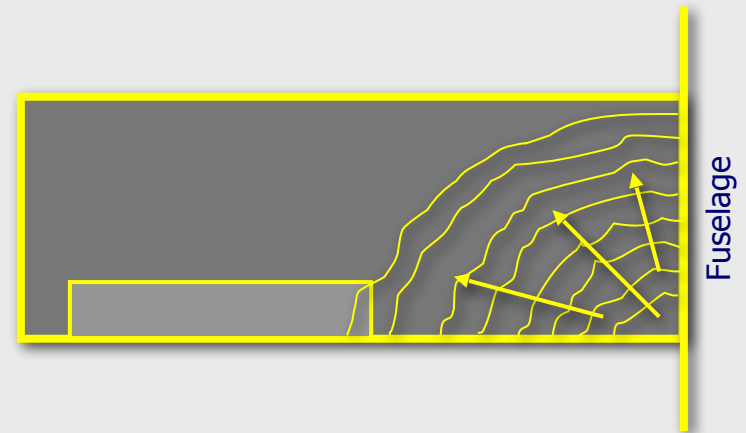




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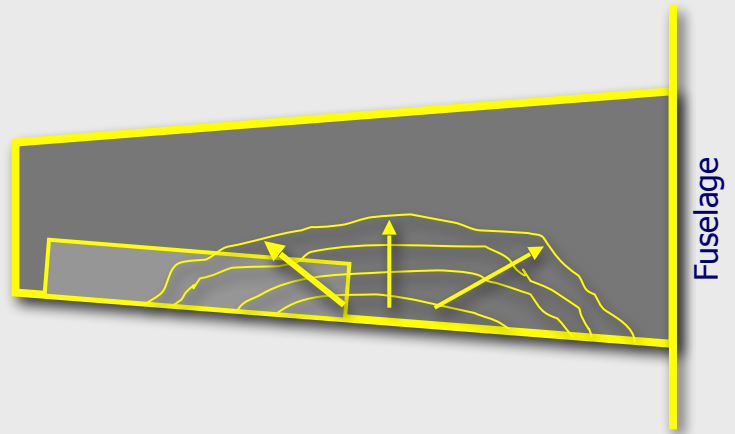


- Stalls at root first
- Lateral control longer



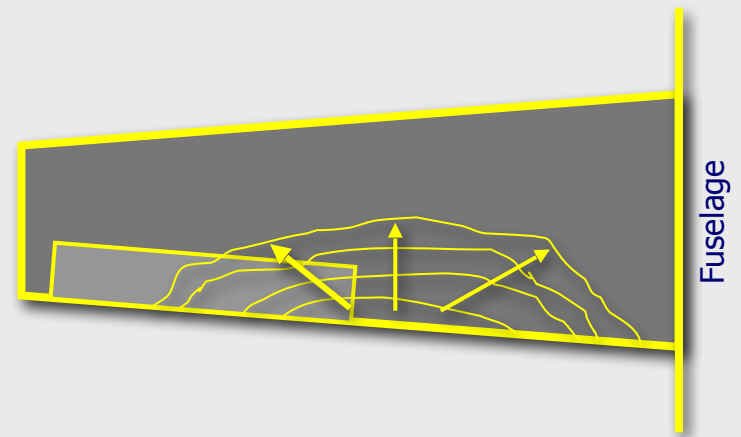
- Stalls at root first
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- Most docile stall characteristics



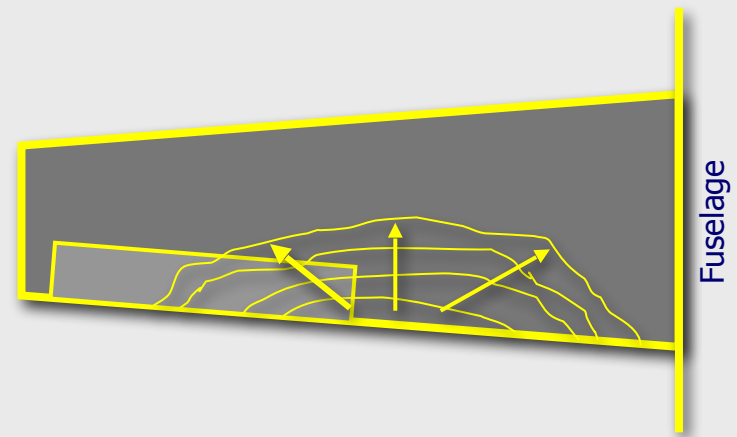


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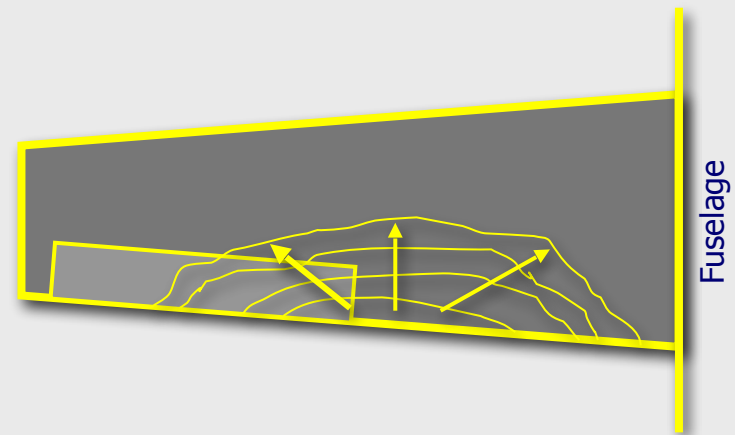
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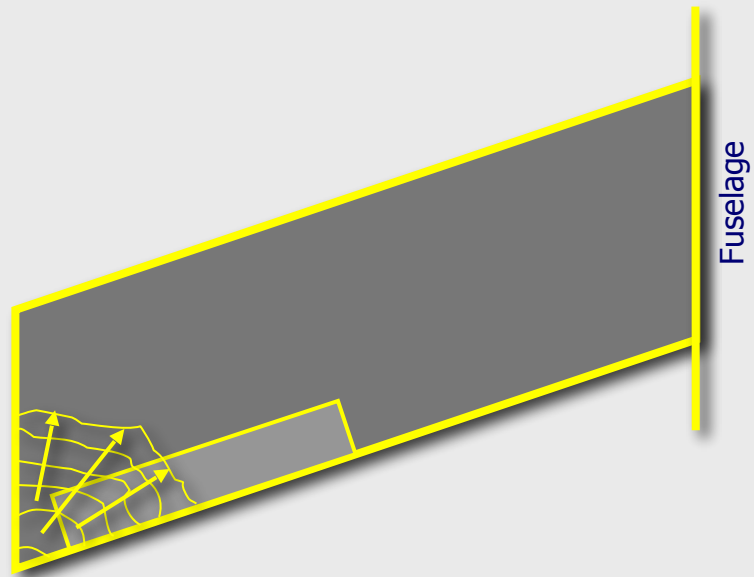


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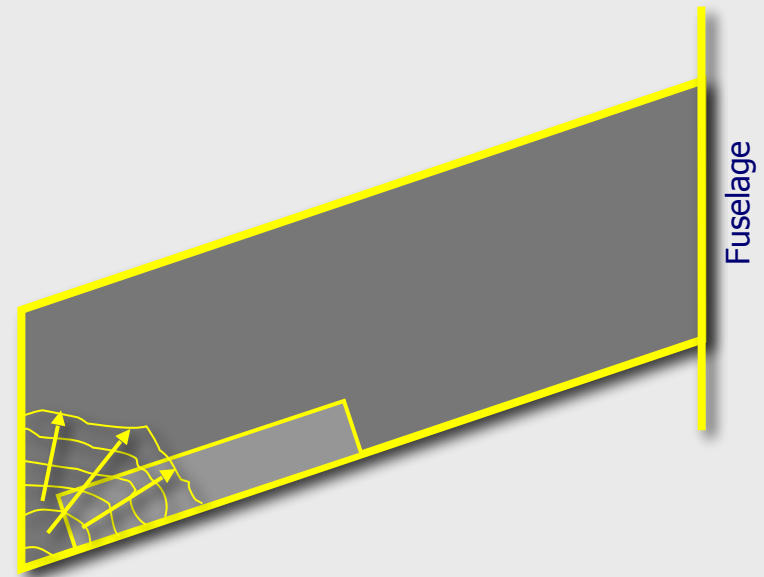


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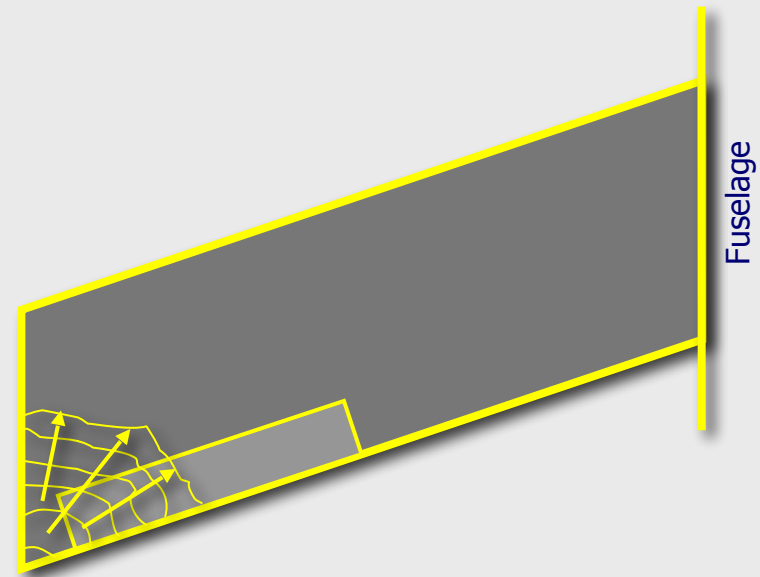




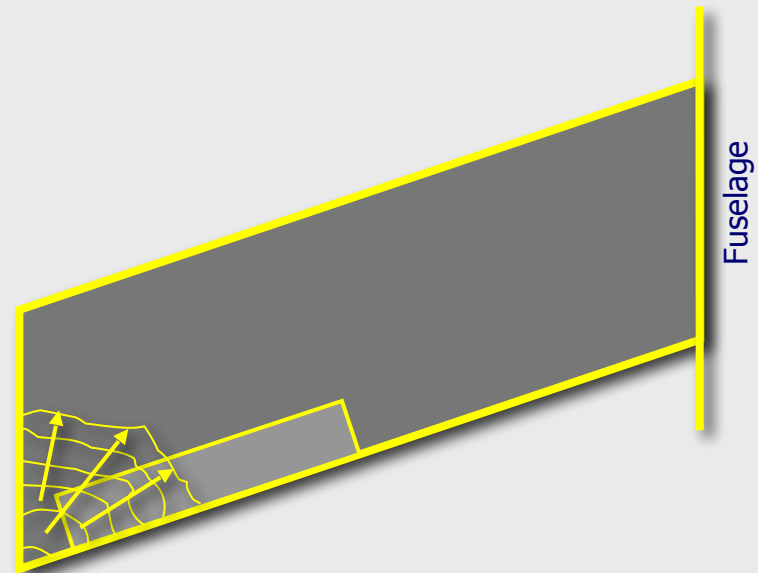
- Stall begins at wingtip first



- Stall begins at wingtip first
- Lateral control lost immediately



- Stall begins at wingtip first
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- Aggressive stall & pitch up



# Let's Take a Poll



What four words accurately describe "spirals" in their broadest sense?



## Spirals vs. Stalls vs. Spins

AOA



ICON Aircraft

## Spirals vs. Stalls vs. Spins

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Spirals:

Below Critical



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## Spirals vs. Stalls vs. Spins

### AOA

Spirals: Below Critical

Stalls & Spins: Above Critical



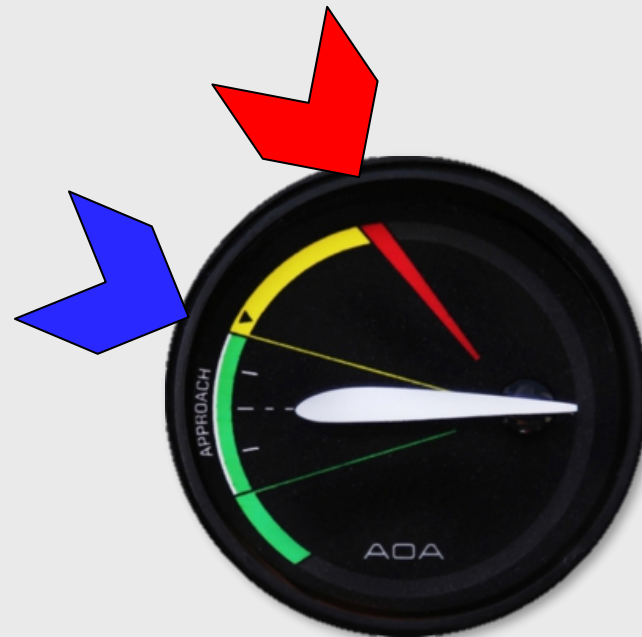
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# ASI



## Spirals vs. Stalls vs. Spins

### ASI

Spirals: Rapidly Increasing



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Spirals: Rapidly Increasing  
Stalls & Spins: Low, Constant



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### G-Load



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Increasing



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Stalls & Spins:  $\approx +1G$



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Spirals vs. Stalls vs. Spins

# Primary Drivers

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**Spirals: Excessive AOB**

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**Spirals: Excessive AOB**

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**Spins: Yaw/Roll Coupling**



# Spirals:

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Power – Push – Roll

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# Let's Take a Quiz



What potential benefits arise from the “Push” in Power–Push–Roll?

# Stalls:



Stalls:

**Elevator** is the primary recovery control!

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Maintain heading & wings level with Rudder inputs,

## Stalls:

**Elevator** is the primary recovery control!

Maintain heading & wings level with Rudder inputs,  
lower the AOA with Elevator inputs

**Nose & stick/wheel must move  
in the same direction**

Spins:

# Spins:

In typical light general aviation SE airplanes,

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**Rudder** is the primary recovery control!

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# What's Next

and

# Q & A

# Learn More

## Webinars, Courses & Seminars

Also with Rich Stowell...

### Webinars

12 Myths About Stalls & Spins: *Letting the Facts Fly*  
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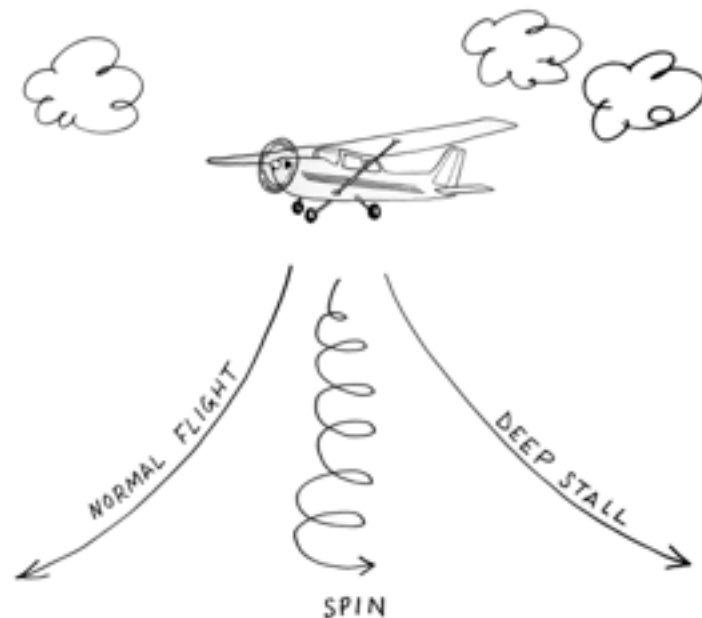
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