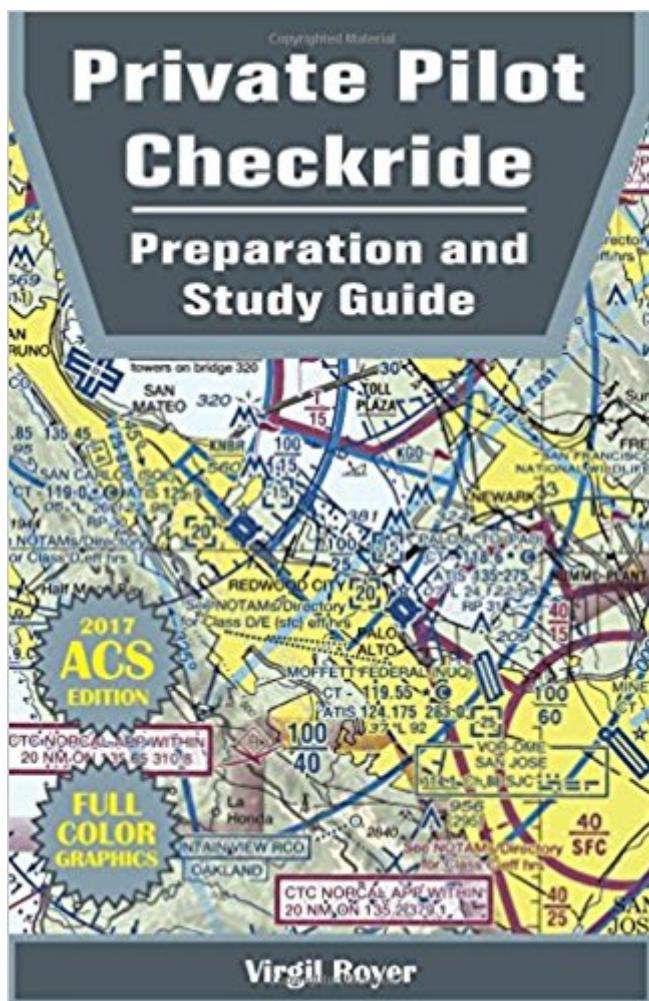


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# Private Pilot Checkride Preparation And Study Guide



## Synopsis

Referred to by many as the “Cliffs Notes” for the private pilot checkride; this is the prep and study guide that will help you ace your practical exam! Most material has been presented with easy-to-flashcard and memorize charts, diagrams and mnemonics! I keep the book updated throughout the year so that when you order your copy it’s always up-to-date (latest revision was July-2017). The book begins with an outline of steps to take prior to the exam under the new (June-2017) ACS including hours, training, and required logbook endorsements, and then explains the rest of the exam procedure which concludes with the debriefing. The study guide then goes into greater detail for each anticipated area of the checkride including: 1. checklists to memorize (and those not to memorize); 2. airspace and VFR minimums; 3. weather (reports, clouds, winds aloft, pressure systems, thunderstorms, types of fog, etc.), 4. navigation (do you know the difference between heading, track, course & relative bearing? the navigation chapter also includes: types of navigation, lost procedures, wind card usage, step-by-step instructions for completing a full navigation log, etc.); 5. safety & wellness (common in-flight sicknesses, rules for scuba divers, in-depth explanation of sensory illusions, etc.); 6. airport signs (including marshaling signals and a complete color runway diagram, etc.); 7. documents & inspections (learn an easier way to remember “TOMATOFLAMES”); 8. performance (including explanation of leaning and detonation vs. pre-ignition); 9. communications (towered airports, airspace transitions, calling FSS from an RCO, Class C procedure, activating flight plans, requesting flight following, etc.); 10. passenger briefing (including a sample briefing for your knee board); 11. maneuvers, takeoffs & landings (including a one-page maneuver reference card, plus a one-page list of all ACS maneuvers, takeoffs, landings, etc. which should be used during your final 3 hours of exam training with your CFI); 12. special emphasis areas (although they are now incorporated into the ACS, you should still be familiar with these areas because they are inherently tested throughout the exam — there is also a quick-reference flow chart for the new risk management expectations); 13. the “other things to study” chapter is chock-full of the miscellaneous areas that you will be expected to know such as airspeeds, altitudes, stall/spin awareness & recovery, carb icing, slips, lapse rates, V-speeds, unusual attitude recovery, SVFR, pitotstatic system, left-turn tendencies, a detailed engine diagram with fourteen questions you should be able to answer, and much more; 14. select FAR/AIM summaries (the select rules you should be most familiar with); 15. three full-color sectional chart quizzes (with answer keys); 16. a chapter on “going the extra mile” and finally a detailed list of what should (probably) be in your flight bag. You will notice that this book is not hundreds of pages, nor is it priced as high as other books on this topic. The

length is purposefully limited because you cannot effectively study and memorize hundreds of pages prior to your practical test. In addition, the size is such that you can easily take it with you wherever you go and study when time permits. The price is set as low as possible, despite full-color graphics, because I have written and published this book for my love of aviation and the thought of helping student pilots be safe and successful. After printing and shipping costs, I make less than \$0.25 for each copy sold. Please enjoy and always fly with an eye towards safety.

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Absolutely spectacular work, worth 10X; no 50X the price! I've been a very slow student pilot and now, well into year three and ~120 hours of training, finally prepping for my checkride. I've spent countless hours reviewing the FAR/AIM, Practical Test standards, watching youtubes of practice oral exams, surfing for handy tips, subscribed to some software based prep. Despite all my preparations, Virgil has put together something (for a paltry ~\$4 on Kindle) that surpasses all my study aids. He ferrets out a few gems I thought were truly obscure (wind card, clearing turns to the left) and layers on many more mnemonics than I compiled on my own. As a final bonus, it is totally up to date and discusses the reality of glass panels, mobile apps, and electronic aids in a way few of the older resources do. A wonderful find and must have for anyone preparing for oral/practical ppl.

As a student pilot prepping for my chk ride I feel better equipped to take and study for the test, I

highly recommend it

Have been looking for something like this. I just got it and have skimmed it so far, and this is exactly the perfect combination of level of detail (I.e. Not too detailed as it presumes the student is getting near the check flight/exam but also very good at memory jogging details, overview, and memory aids for helping rememberPoints) is well worth the cost. I know for sure I am going to be going through this book over and over to nail the areas I am weakest, I expect to use this as a check for my preparedness for the exam. I'm over halfway through ground school and currently have just over ten hours flying. I'm very glad to have found the book!

Great book to quickly recap key topics from the reference material and help prepare for a checkride that is round the corner. It is recommended that this book is used after having gone through the topics in greater detail.

Very good prep book! Sectional chart review, weather charts, FAR/AIM important topic reviews, and much more. Book is for ACS standards.

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