

Pre-Takeoff Checklist ---- A-B-CCC-D-E

Altimeter

- Set the altimeter to the field elevation.

Belts

- Secure your seat belt.
- Make sure your passenger's seat belt is properly secured.
- Brief your passenger on the operation of the seat belt and emergency exit procedures.
- If you are flying a two-seat glider solo, make sure the back seat belts are secured in such a way as to not foul the rear flight controls.

Controls

- Check all the controls for complete freedom of movement and set them for take-off.
 - Move all controls through the complete limits of their movement.
 - Use some systematic (e.g. left to right) way of ensuring you have checked all the controls.
 - Visually check dive brake operation by looking out at the wings (both sides).
 - Close and lock the dive brakes.

Cable (tow rope)

- Check the condition of the tow rope (**Cable**).
- Ensure the rope incorporates the proper ring set for your glider.
- Look for knots in the tow rope as the tow plane taxis forward.

Canopy

- Close and lock the canopy.
- Check that the canopy will not open by pressing up on some structural (not on the plexiglass) part of the canopy frame.

Direction and speed of the wind –

- Check the direction and speed of the wind.
Your takeoff technique and emergency plan will be affected by the wind.

Emergency Plan –

- Look around the airport and the sky for anything that is, or could become, an emergency.
- Think about what you are going to do when anything you can imagine going wrong actually does go wrong.
There will be no "thinking" when the you-know-what hits the fan.
There will only be reaction to your plan.