

# SAFE FLYING!

## PILOT CURRENCY BAROMETER

How safe a pilot am I?

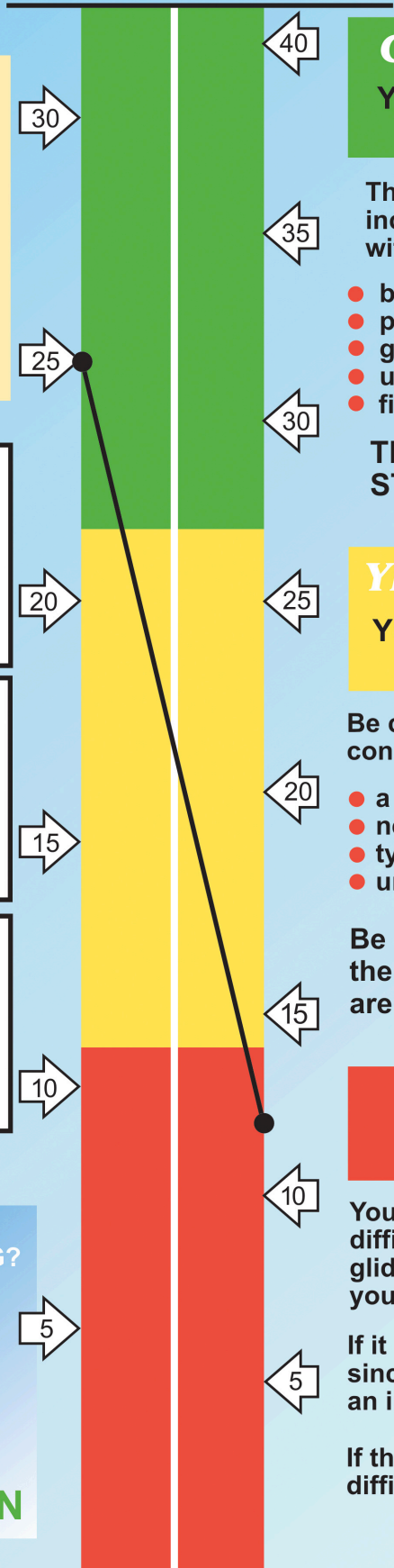
Hours Launches

**Using the barometer**  
 Add up your hours and launches for the last twelve months. Put the figures on the barometer. Where the line drawn between them crosses the white line, read the appropriate advice for the box colour.  
 Example shows pilot with 25 hours and 12 launches

**EXPERIENCE**  
 What is your experience? Your total hours and launches represent experience, BUT your currency is just as important - maybe more so!

**CURRENCY**  
 If you intend flying and have flown fewer than three take-offs and landings in the previous 90 days, you are advised to first have a check flight

**WEATHER**  
 Difficult weather conditions:  
 ● wind above 15kt  
 ● rain showers  
 ● crosswind take-off/ landing



**GREEN SECTION**  
 YOUR STATUS IS GOOD BUT TAKE CARE

The number of basic errors can increase rather than decrease with experience. For example:

- bad approach
- poor cockpit check
- glider not properly rigged
- unprepared for launch failure
- field landing errors

THE LAW OF GRAVITY STILL APPLIES TO YOU

**YELLOW SECTION**  
 YOU ARE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THINK!

Be cautious when special conditions apply. For example:

- a new airfield
- new type of glider
- type of launch rarely used
- unknown terrain

Be even more cautious when the WEATHER CONDITIONS are DIFFICULT

**RED SECTION**  
 YOU ARE RUSTY!

You may not be able to cope with difficult conditions, a new type of glider, or a type of launch with which you are not familiar or in practice

If it is more than two months since your last flight, talk to an instructor (see CURRENCY)

If the weather conditions are difficult, talk to an instructor