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0.4. Introduction

This is the Pilot's Operating Handbook and approved flight manual. It contains information required to be furnished to the pilot and must be carried in the aircraft at all times.

This manual must be read carefully by the owner and operator in order to become familiar with the operation of the FK 9. The manual presents suggestions and recommendations to help obtain safe and maximum performance without sacrificing economy.

The owner and operator should also be familiar with the applicable aviation regulations concerning operation and maintenance of this airplane.

All limits, procedures, safety practices, servicing, and maintenance requirements contained in this manual are considered mandatory for the continued airworthiness of the airplane.

All values in this manual are based on ICAO Standard Atmosphere conditions and maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) unless otherwise indicated. The pilot in command has to make sure that the airplane is airworthy and operated according to this manual.

Non-compliance with handling, maintenance and checking instructions as indicated in the flight and maintenance manuals will void warranty and/or guarantee claims.

All variants of airframes and powerplants can be combined as certified.

0.4.1. Certification Basis

This airplane meets following ASTM standards:

- F 2245-10c Design and Performance of a Light Sport Airplane
- F 2483-05 Maintenance and the Development of Maintenance Manuals for Light Sport Aircraft
- F 2746-09 Standard Specification for Pilot's Operating Handbook for Light Sport Airplane

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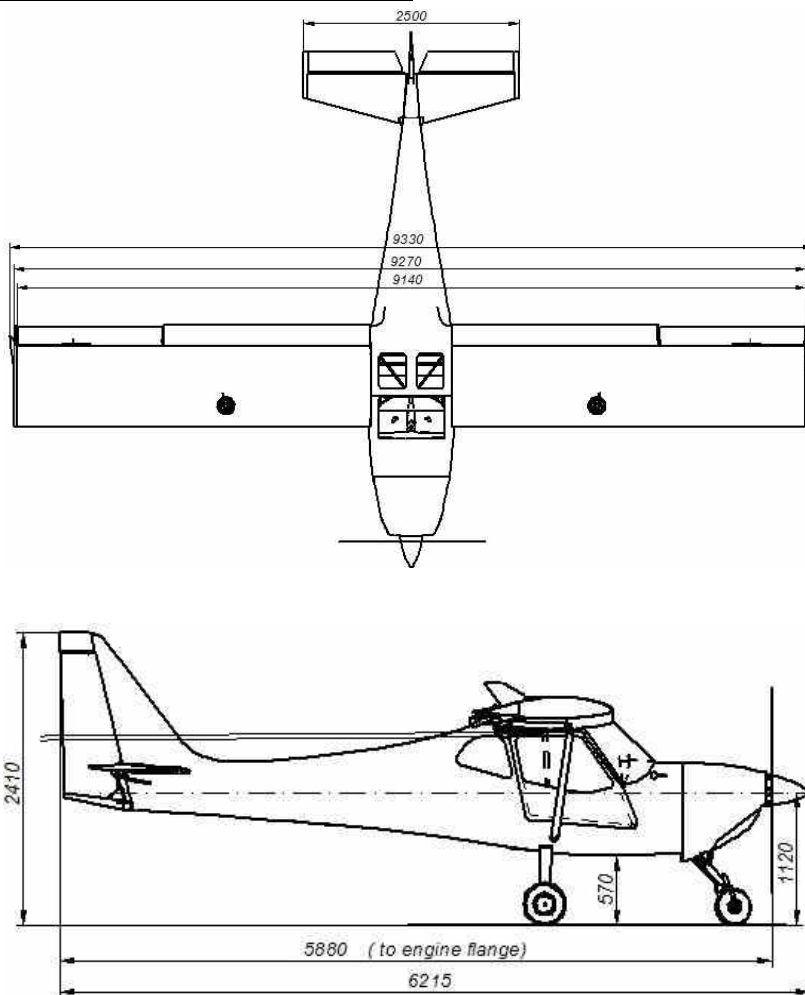
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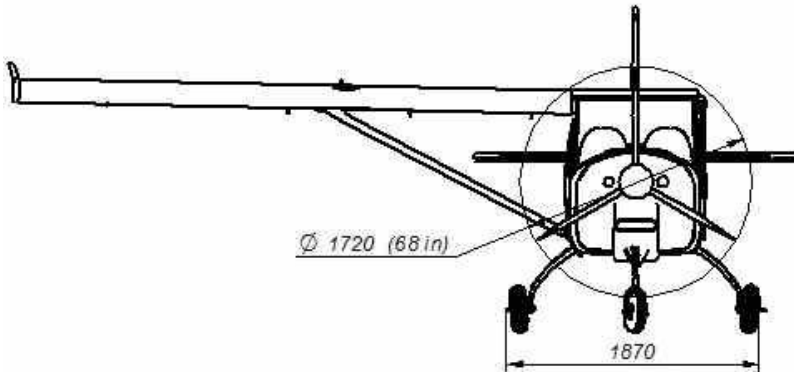
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1. General

The FK 9 is a high-wing airplane with two side by side seats and nose- or tailwheel landing gear.

1.1. Airplane Three Side View





1.2. Technical Data

Wing span: 9,25m / 30,35 ft
Wing area: 10,73m / 115,50 sqft

Length: 5,94m / 19,49 ft
Height: 2,41m / 7,91 ft

1.3. Weight

The aircraft has a maximum take-off weight depending on configuration of up to 560kg (1235 lbs).

1.4. Airspeeds and Performance

all speeds IAS

Top speed (0ft ISA, MTP)	200 km/h	108 kt
Cruise speed (2000ft ISA, 75% MCP)	193 km/h	104 kt
Maximum range (ROTAX 912S) (2000ft ISA, 75% MCP wing tank 72Ltr / 10 Ltr. Res.)	665 km	359 NM
Best rate of climb Vy (flaps up)	130 km/h	70 kt
Best angle of climb Vx (flaps 1)	105 km/h	57 kt
Stall speed flaps up	81 km/h	44 kt
Stall speed flaps full down	72 km/h	39 kt

1.5. Fuel

Capacity	total fuel capacity	total useable fuel
fuselage tank version	60 Ltr (15,85 USG)	58 Ltr (15,32 USG)
add. optional wing tanks	40 Ltr (10,57 USG)	36 Ltr (9,51 USG)
wing tank version	76 Ltr (20 USG)	72 Ltr (19 USG)
wing tank vers. (option)	110 Ltr (29 USG)	106 Ltr (28 USG)

Approved Fuel Grades:

Car fuel without bioethanol (min 95 RON), MOGAS, AVGAS 100LL

Unleaded fuel recommended, **mandatory for M160 (smart)**

AVGAS should only be used if MOGAS is not available or in case of problems caused by vapour locks

1.6. Engine

engine	max.T/O PWR (5minutes)	max. continuous PWR
ROTAX 912 S	73,5 kW (100hp) at 5800 RPM	69 kW (93hp) at 5500
M160 smart	74 kW (101hp) at 5600 RPM	74 kW (101hp) at 5600

1.7. Abbreviations and Terminology

a) Speeds

IAS	Indicated airspeed = speed as shown on the airspeed indicator
CAS	Calibrated Airspeed is the indicated airspeed, corrected for position and instrument error. CAS is equal to TAS in standard atmosphere at sea level
TAS	True airspeed = speed relative to undisturbed air
VA	Maneuvering speed = max. speed at which application of full available aerodynamic control will not overstress the airplane
VRA	Maximum speed in turbulence
VNE	Never exceed speed is the speed limit that must not be exceeded at any time
VNO	Maximum structural cruising speed is the speed that should not be exceeded except in smooth air and only with caution
VS	Stalling speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable
VSO	Stalling speed in landing configuration (full flaps)
VX	Best angle of climb speed which delivers the greatest gain of altitude in the shortest possible horizontal distance
VY	Best rate of climb speed which delivers the greatest gain of altitude in the shortest possible time

b) Meteorological

ISA	International Standard Atmosphere: OAT in MSL 15°C; pressure in MSL 1013,2hPa; air a perfect dry gas; temperature gradient of 0,65°C per 100m
MSL	Mean sea level
OAT	Outside air temperature

c) Weight and Balance

Reference Datum	An imaginary vertical plane from which all horizontal distances are measured for balance purposes
Arm	The horizontal distance from the reference datum to the center of gravity of an item
Moment	The product of the weight of an item multiplied by its arm
Airplane center of gravity (C.G.)	The point at which an airplane would balance if suspended. Its distance from the reference datum is found by dividing the total moment by the total weight of the airplane
C.G. arm	The arm obtained by adding the airplane's individual moments and dividing the sum by the total weight
C.G. limits	The extreme center of gravity locations within which the airplane must be operated at a given weight
Empty weight	Weight of the airplane including unuseable fuel, full operating fluids and full oil; equipment as indicated

d) Conversions

1 Liter (Ltr)	=	0,264 USG	1 USG	=	3,785 Ltr
1 m	=	3,28 ft	1 ft	=	0,3048 m
1 km/h	=	0,54 kt	1 kt	=	1,852 km/h
1 cm	=	0,394 inch	1 inch	=	2,54 cm
1 bar	=	14,5 psi	1 psi	=	0,069 bar
1 kg	=	2,2 lbs	1 lbs	=	0,45 kg

2. Limitations

2.1. General

This chapter contains limitations, instrument markings and placards required for the safe operation of the aircraft.

Limitations valid for additional equipment can be found in chapter 9 (supplements).

2.2. Airspeed Limitations

The airspeed limitations (IAS) are based on a weight of 520 kg (1147 lbs), 540kg (1190 lbs), respectively 560kg (1235 lbs) for the aircraft equipped with floats:

	520kg / 1147 lbs	540kg / 1190 lbs	560kg / 1235 lbs
V _{NE} :	230 km/h / 124 kt	220 km/h / 119 kt	220km/h / 119 kt
V _{NO} :	184 km/h / 99 kt	184 km/h / 99 kt	172 km/h / 93 kt
V _A :	166 km/h / 90 kt	166 km/h / 90 kt	172 km/h / 93 kt
(Flaps 1) V _X :	100 km/h / 54 kt	105 km/h / 57 kt	105 km/h / 57 kt
(Flaps up) V _Y :	115 km/h / 62 kt	130 km/h / 70 kt	130 km/h / 70 kt
CWC:	27 km/h / 15 kt		
w/o door	100 km/h / 54 kt		
V _{FE}	113 km / 61 kt	115 km/h / 62 kt	117 km/h / 63 kt
V _{S clean}	78 km/h / 42 kt	81 km/ h / 44 kt	81 km/h / 44 kt
V _{SO}	67 km/h / 36 kt	70 km/h / 38 kt	72 km/h / 39 kt

with Junkers Rescue System installed V_{NE} : 215 km/h 116 kt

2.3. Airspeed Indicator Markings

The airspeed indicator has following markings and shows IAS in [km/h / kt]:

	<u>520 kg</u> <u>1147 lbs</u>	<u>540 kg</u> <u>1190 lbs</u>	<u>560 kg</u> <u>1235 lbs</u>
white arc: 1,1*VSO to VFE full flap operating range	74 - 113 km/h 40 to 61 kt	77 - 115 km/h 42 to 62 kt	79 - 117 km/h 43 to 63 kt
green arc: 1,1*VS1 to VNO normal operating range (flaps up)	86 - 184 km/h 46 to 99 kt	89 - 184 km/h 48 to 99 kt	89 - 172 km/h 48 to 93 kt
yellow radial: at VA maneuvering speed	166 km/h 90 kt	166 km/h 90 kt	172 km/h 93 kt
yellow arc: VNO to VNE operate with caution, only in smooth air	184 - 230 km/h 99 to 124 kt	184 - 220 km/h 99 to 119 kt	172 - 220 km/h 93 to 119 kt
red radial: at VNE max. speed for all ops.	230 km/h 124 kt	220 km/h 119 kt	220 km/h 119 kt

2.4. Power Plant Limitations

This is summary of the respective engine manual. In case of any discrepancy the engine manual shall apply.

	M160 (SMART) (in approved countrys only)
Max. T/O power	74 kW (101hp) at 5600 RPM
Max. cont. power	74 kW (101hp) at 5600 RPM
Oil	automobile - oil (API SG)
Oil capacity	3,2 l; difference MAX - MIN 0,5 l Note: never fill up above MAX
Oil temperature	min 60°C, max. 140°C, normal 100 - 130°C
Oil pressure	1,5 bar to 4,5 bar
Manifold pressure	2,3 (+0,1/-0,1) bar
Water temp.	normal 90°C; maximum 105°C

ROTAX 912 ULS	
Max. T/O power	73,5 kW (100hp) at 5800 RPM
Max. cont. power	69 kW (93hp) at 5500 RPM
Oil	automobile - oil (API SF or SG)
Oil level	2,6 Ltr / 2,76 quarts (min) to 3,05 Ltr / 3,24 quarts (max)
Oil temperature	min 50°C (122°F) max. 130°C / (266°F)
Oil pressure	0.8 bar (12 psi) to 5 bar (73 psi) (cold engine start up to 7 bar (102 psi)
Fuel pressure	0,15 bar (2,2 psi) to 0,4 bar (5,8 psi)
CHT	max. 120°C (248°F) when using water / glycol mixture

Note: Oil system, Engine lubrication system

Engines which have had the prop spun for more than 1 turn in reverse direction allow air to be injected into the valve train.

Action:

1. It is forbidden to spun the prop in reverse direction for more than 1 turn.
2. Inspection for correct venting of the oil system has to be performed in cases when the prop has been spun in reverse direction for more than 1 turn.

2.5. Propeller

Engine	Propeller	Diameter
ROTAX 912 ULS	Sport Prop Klassik 3 blade	1,71 m / 67 inch
ROTAX 912 ULS	Warp / DUC 3 – blade	1,72 m / 68 inch
ROTAX 912 ULS	DUC FC 3 - Blatt	1,72 m / 68 inch
M 160 (74 KW)	Warp / DUC 3 - blade	1,72 m / 68 inch

2.6. Service Ceiling

The maximum Altitude in ISA conditions at a weight of 540 kg is:

Engine	ceiling	Please observe Oxygen requirements and respect any local regulations and rules!
ROTAX 912 ULS	16000ft = 4877m	
M160 (74 KW)	16000ft = 4877m	

With M160 engine do not overboost, observe engine manual!

2.7. Weights

Empty weight:	acc. actual weighing		
Maximum weight per seat:	100 kg	220 lbs	
Baggage max (wingtank version):	35 kg	77 lbs	
Baggage max (fuselage tank vers.):	20 kg	44 lbs	
zero fuel weight max.:	520 kg	1147 lbs	
			<u>floatplane</u>
Max. Takeoff / Landing Weight:	520 kg	540 kg	560 kg
(depending on country rules)	1147 lbs	1190 lbs	1235 lbs

2.8. C.G. Limits

forward center of gravity: 0,22 m / 8,7 inch behind datum
aft center of gravity 0,44 m / 17,3 inch behind datum

Datum is the leading edge of the wing.
For weighing, the firewall has to be in the vertical position.

2.9. Maneuvers

The FK 9 is an approved Light Sport Aircraft (LSA), (in USA according FAA S-LSA).

Acrobatic maneuvers, including spins, bank angles greater than 60°, as well as IFR and VFR night are prohibited.

Note regarding spins: *In the light aircraft/ultralight category spinning is strictly prohibited and is not required to demonstrate during flight test program.*

Despite this, all FK aircraft have also been tested regarding their general spin characteristics. In general it is important to know that a spin is a very complex flight condition and relates to many individual factors like weight, centre of gravity, mass distribution, aerodynamic conditions, number of spin turns already performed, kind of control deflections already made and so on.

For example, the spinning characteristic of the same aircraft on the same day can differ significantly because of differences in mass distribution or dirt on surfaces. This can cause a "non recoverable" spin-condition!

In practice this means that flying into stalls on purpose must be avoided and recovery procedures have to be performed immediately!

Spinning any aircraft which is not certified for this maneuver is extremely dangerous! The onset of a stall is indicated to the pilot by many factors like IAS, stick pressure, horizon level. Stalls can also be result from abrupt control deflections / changes in angle of attack!

In strong turbulence the airspeed must be reduced below V_A .

When flying off grass strips with long grass, the wheel pants must be removed to avoid damage.

When flying with doors removed, maximum speed is 54 kt / 100 km/h. Flight with door open is prohibited.

Maneuvers with zero or negative load factors must be avoided under all conditions. These maneuvers may cause a fire due to fuel spill when using ROTAX engines with carburetors.

2.10. Flight Load Factors

	positive	negative
Maximum load factor at V_A	+ 4g	- 2g
Maximum load factor at V_{NE}	+ 4g	- 1,5g
Maximum load factor with flaps down	+ 2g	0g

2.11. Kind of Operation

The FK 9 is approved as Light Sport Aircraft for daytime VFR.

2.12. Fuel

Capacity	total fuel capacity	total useable fuel
fuselage tank version	60 Ltr (15,85 USG)	58 Ltr (15,32 USG)
add. optional wing tanks	40 Ltr (10,57 USG)	36 Ltr (9,51 USG)
wint tank version	76 Ltr (20 USG)	72 Ltr (19 USG)
wint tank vers. (option)	110 Ltr (29 USG)	106 Ltr (28 USG)

Wingtank version:

Max 15 Ltr (4 USG) difference between left/right tank.

No takeoff on a tank selected which contains less than 10 Ltr (2,64 USG) of fuel.

Approved Fuel Grades:

car fuel without bioethanol (min 95 RON)

MOGAS, AVGAS 100LL

Unleaded fuel recommended, **mandatory for M160 (smart)**

AVGAS should only be used if MOGAS is not available or in case of problems caused by vapour locks

Engine operating manual is the governing one!

2.13. Passenger Seating

The aircraft has 2 seats. It can be flown from either seat.

2.14. Colour

The surface of the structure (composite structure) must be white or yellow. Local coloured decoration is possible. Complete painting in different colours only with agreement of the manufacturer.

2.15. Electric

The electrical system is designed for a maximum load of 12 A.

2.16. Power Plant Instrument Marking

ROTAX 912 S

Instrument	Units	Red line	Green arc	Yellow arc	Red line
		Lower limit	Normal range	Caution range	Upper limit
RPM	RPM	-	1400 - 5500	5500 - 5800	5800
Oil temp.	°C	-	90 – 110	50- 90 110 – 130	130
	°F	-	194- 230	122 – 194 230 - 266	266
Oil press.	bar	0.8	2 - 5	0,8 – 2 5 - 7	7
	PSI	12	29 - 73	12 -29 73 -102	102
Fuel press	bar	0.15	0.15 – 0.4	-	0.4
	PSI	2.2	2.2 – 5.8	-	5.8
Cylinder head temp	°C	-	-	-	120
	°F	-	-	-	248

M160 SMART

Instrument	Units	Red line	Green arc	Yellow arc	Red line
		Lower limit	Normal range	Caution range	Upper limit
RPM	RPM	-	-	5600 - 5800	5800
Oil temp.	°C	-	60 -130	130 - 150	150
	°F	-	140 - 266	266- 302	302
Oil press.	bar	-	1,5 - 4	-	-
	PSI	-	22 - 58	-	-
Manifold press	bar	-	-	2.3 – 2.4	2.4
	inHG	-	-	68 - 71	71
Cylinder head temp	°C	-	60 - 100	100 - 110	110
	°F	-	140 - 212	212 - 230	230

2.17. Placards

Location:	Placard:
Baggage compartment	max. load 35 kg / 77 lbs (fuselage tanks) max. load 20 kg / 44 lbs (wing tanks)
Brake handle	Brake
Brake park valve	Park
Cabin heat	cabin heat (option)
Carburetor heat	carb. (option)
Choke (ROTAX only)	choke
Cockpit	max. TOW _____ kg / lbs spins and acrobatics prohibited
Cockpit	Weighing date: Empty weight: Poss. load including fuel:
Cockpit	"This aircraft was manufactured in accordance with Light Sport Aircraft airworthiness standards and does not conform to standard category airworthiness requirements"
Cockpit rear section	Type placard (metal)
Door handles (inside + outside)	OPEN / CLOSE
Fuel selector(s) in flow direction	fuel
Fuel selector(s) closed position	close
Fuel cap(s)	FUEL AVGAS / MOGAS
Fuel indication	markings every 10 ltr (2,5 USG)
Rescue system (vicinity)	placard Rescue system
Rocket Exit Area	Danger: Rocket Exit Area
Safety pin rescue system	Remove before flight
Top of vertical fin	Company logo
Throttle friction	throttle friction
Trim handle	trim
Trim markings	Neutral; nose up; nose down
VDO Oil temperature indication (no EMS)	OIL
VDO CHT indication (no EMS)	CHT
Wheel fairings main wheels	2,8 bar / 41 psi
Wheel fairing nose wheel	1,8 bar / 26 psi
Wing tip (ext. wing connection mechanism installed)	OPEN / CLOSE
Towing version only:	
Handle for cowlfap	Cowlfap
Handle for towing clutch	TOW
Towing clutch	max. break load 200 kp / 440 lbs
Vicinity of airspeed indicator	Care for tow speed !

3. Emergency Procedures

3.1. General

The following information is presented to enable the pilot to form, in advance, a definite plan of action for coping with the most probable emergency situations which could occur in the operation of the airplane.

3.2. Airspeeds for Emergency Procedures

Best glide speed: 105 km/h (57 kt) flaps pos. 1, Glide ratio is about 1:8,5.
Landing speed full flaps: 95 km/h (51 kt)

3.3. Engine / Carburetor Fire

Fuel selector (s)	OFF
Throttle	full open
if required:	
Starter	engage
after engine stops:	
Ignition & battery switch	OFF
On ground:	leave airplane, try to extinguish fire
In flight:	perform Emergency Landing Proc.

3.4. Engine Failure

during takeoff run:

Throttle	idle
Brakes	as required
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Fuel selector(s)	check OFF
Ignition	OFF
Battery switch	OFF

in flight:

Glide speed	105 km/h / 57kt flaps pos. 1
Electrical fuel pump	ON (ROTAX only)
Fuel selector(s)	check ON
Fuel remaining	check level
Ignition (SMART only)	OFF then ON (electronic reset)
Engine	start
No restart possible:	
Emergency landing	perform respective procedure

3.5. Emergency Landing

without Engine Power:

Glide speed	105 km/h / 57 kt flaps pos. 1
Emergency field	select
Emergency call (121,5 MHz)	perform
Throttle	idle
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Fuel selector(s)	OFF (ROTAX / wintank only)
Ignition	OFF
Safety belts	pull tight

Final, landing assured:

Flaps	full down
Battery switch	OFF
Approach speed	95 km/h / 51 kt

The glide can be controlled by changing airspeed, flap setting or slip. Use caution, flaps in position 2 cause a lot of drag. Airspeed indication remains valid during slip. Touchdown should be achieved at minimum speed.

Engine Power available:

Emergency field	select
Emergency call (121,5 MHz)	perform
Safety belts	pull tight
Normal landing	perform

3.6. Emergency Descent

Throttle	idle
Flaps	retracted (up)
Airspeed	max V _{NE}

3.7. Strong Vibrations

Caused by engine or propeller:

Ignition	OFF
Airspeed	reduce
Emergency landing	perform respective procedure

Caused by the fuselage / wings:

Airspeed	reduce
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3.8. Steering Problems

Aircraft uncontrollable with remaining flight controls:	
Throttle	idle
Ignition	OFF
Rescue system	activate
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Fuel selector(s)	OFF (ROTAX / wingtanks only)
Emergency call (121,5 MHz)	perform
Battery switch	OFF
Safety belts	pull tight
Doors	unlatch

3.9. Flap Failure

If the regular flap control fails, the flaps can be moved to the full up and full extend positions by rotating the flap selector to the respective end positions.

3.10. Oil Pressure Low

Oil pressure indicator	check
Throttle	min. necessary power
if oil pressure still low	perform precautionary landing

3.11. Fuel Pressure Low

In the event of a fuel pressure low indication, switch ON the electrical fuel pump (ROTAX only). Select fullest tank (Wingtank only).

3.12. Generator Fault

In the event of a power generator fault, switch OFF all non-essential devices in order to save battery power.

With Smart engine installed, land immediately as the engine ignition is powered by battery. The engine will stop as soon as the battery charge is exhausted. Depending on the rating and charge status of the built-in battery as well as engine RPM, this might happen after 5 to 8 minutes.

3.13. Fire and Smoke (Electric)

All electrical systems	OFF
Landing	as soon as possible; if required, perform emergency landing
Rescue system	activation only, if immediate emergency landing not possible

3.14. Stall recovery

A stall can be recognized by light buffeting.

Elevator	push
Wings	level
Aircraft	recover

Normally the FK 9 does not enter a spin out of a slowly initiated stall.

Spin recovery (if a spin is entered inadvertently):

Power	idle
Stick	neutral
Full rudder	opposite to direction of spin
Flaps	up
Wings	level
Aircraft	recover

To avoid overstressing the flaps, they must be retracted immediately.

Stalls (especially with power on), spins and all maneuvers with zero or negative g-load must be avoided under all circumstances, these maneuvers may cause a fire, especially when using ROTAX engines with carburetors.

For all other emergencies use standard procedures!

4. Normal Procedures

4.1. General

This chapter deals with the normal procedures recommended for the safe operation of the FK 9 ELA.

4.2. Recommended Speeds

		up to 520kg / 1147 lbs	more than 520kg / 1147 lbs
Best angle of climb speed:	(Flaps 1) V_X :	100 km/h / 54 kt	105 km/h / 57 kt
Best rate of climb speed:	(Flaps up) V_Y :	115 km/h / 62 kt	130 km/h / 70 kt
Approach speed	flaps 1	112 km/h / 60 kt	
Approach speed	flaps 2	95 km/h / 51 kt	

4.3. Regular Inspection

If there is any damage it is recommended to consult a certified maintenance facility or contact the manufacturer. This applies especially to the composite and aluminium structures.

4.4. Preflight Inspection

During preflight inspection, the aircraft must be inspected for its general condition. Snow, ice, frost and dirt must be removed completely from the aircraft as they impair aerodynamics and also increase weight.

Items marked by * must be performed prior first flight of the day only.

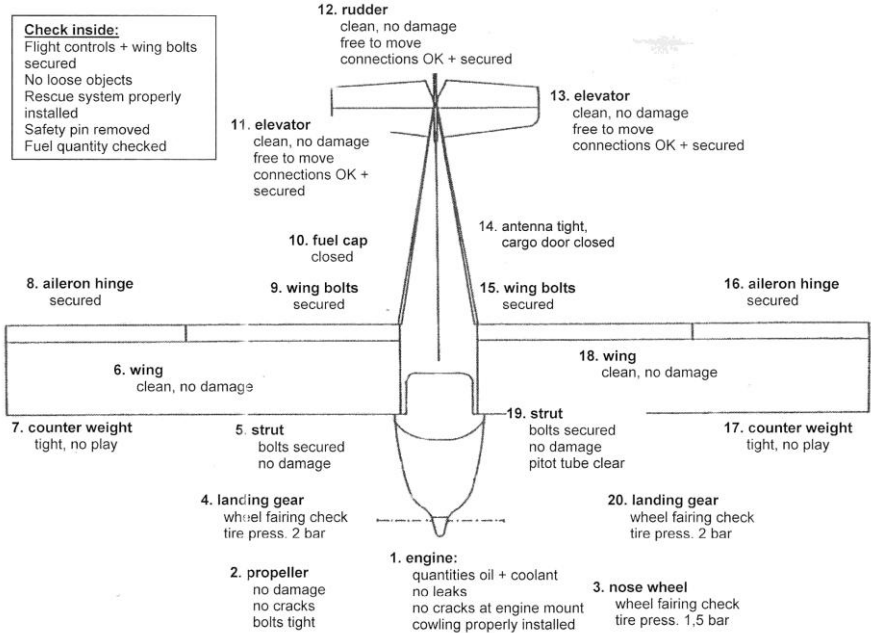
Preparation	
* Aircraft condition	airworthy, papers available
Weather	sufficient
Baggage	weighted and safely stowed
Weight and balance	checked
Navigation and charts	prepared and available
Performance and endurance	calculated and safe

Cockpit	
Battery / ignition	OFF
Cabin	no loose objects
* Flight controls	connected and secured
* Belts, seats	check
Fuel quantity	check
* Fuel lines, tank mounting	check
Rescue system	remove safety pin
Instruments	check

Engine check (also perform the checks required as mentioned in the engine manual)	
* Cowling	remove
* Exhaust	check for cracks + check springs
* Carburetor, accessories	check
Coolant	check, add if required
Oil quantity	check, add if required
* Oil-, cooling- and fuel system	check for leaks
* Spark plugs	check
* Engine mount	check for cracks
* Vibration damper	check for cracks
* Fuel lines	check for damage
* Cables, bowden-cables	check for damage
* If installed: Gascolator	drain fuel, check for water / dirt
* Cowling	install
Cooling system / air inlets	clean, inlets clear

Outside check	
Wings, fuselage and rudder must be checked for damage. In cold and moist weather conditions the ceconite can loose tension. If there is no structural damage the ceconite can be carefully treated with a hair dryer to bring up the tension.	
1. Engine	perform check as prescribed above
2. Propeller	no damage,cracks
3. Nose wheel	wheel fairings check; * tire press. 1,8 bar (26 psi)
4. Right landing gear	wheel fairings check; *tire press. 2,8 bar (41 psi); check main attachment screws
5. Right strut	* bolts secured, no damage
6. Right wing	clean, no damage
7. Aileron Counter weight	tight, no play
8. Aileron hinge	* secured
9. Wing bolts	* secured
10. fuel cap(s)	closed (wingtank: check both caps)
11. Right elevator	clean, no damage, freedom of movement; * connections OK + secured
12. Rudder	clean, no damage, freedom of movement; * connections OK + secured
13. Left elevator	clean, no damage, freedom of movement; * connections OK + secured
14. Antenna, cargo door	tight, check closed
14 a. static port (incl. drain)	clear
15. Wing bolts	* secured
16. Aileron hinge	* secured
17. Balance weight	tight, no play
18. Left wing	clean, no damage
19. Left strut	* bolts secured, no damage; pitot tube clear, cover removed
20. Left landing gear	wheel fairings check; * tire press. 2,8 bar (41 psi); check main attachment screws
Tail wheel only	
tailwheel	wheel OK; * connection OK + secured
*Fuel drain(s) installed:	drain fuel, check for water / dirt

Preflight Check



4.5. Engine Start

Seat belts	fastened
Doors	closed and locked
Fuel selector(s)	OPEN, wingtank: fullest tank OPEN
<i>no TAKEOFF on a tank containing less than 10 Ltr / 2,64 USG</i>	
all electrical equipment	OFF
Circuit breaker	check
Instruments	check & set
Rescue system	check safety pin removed
Battery switch	ON
Ignition	ON
Electrical fuel pump	ON (ROTAX only)
Choke (ROTAX only)	pull (cold engine only)
Parking Brake	set
Throttle	idle (ROTAX: hot engine ½ throttle!)
Prop area	CLEAR
Starter	engage; set 1600 - 1700 RPM
Oil pressure	check
Choke (ROTAX only)	OFF
Avionics	ON
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)

4.6. Taxi

Brakes	check
Stick	pull back to relieve load on nosewheel
Rudder	do not move if aircraft is not moving
Tail wheel only:	
Stick	push forward to relieve load on tailwheel

4.7. Before Take-off

Brakes	set; brakes must hold at least 3200 RPM
Instruments	check
Choke (ROTAX only)	check OFF
Magnetos (ROTAX only)	check at 4000 RPM; variance between mags. max. 115 RPM, max. drop 300 RPM
Electrical fuel pump	ON (ROTAX only)
Carburetor heat	OFF (if installed)
Flaps	takeoff position (Pos. 0 or 1)
Flight controls	check
Trim	set
Doors	closed and locked; end of seatbelts inside the cockpit
Oil temperature	min. 50°C / 122°F (Smart: 60°C / 140°F)
CHT	min. 60°C / 140°F

4.8. Takeoff

Brakes	apply
Throttle	advance slowly to full power
Manifold pressure (SMART only)	2,3 bar ± 0,1 bar
Engine instruments	check, min. 4500 RPM
Brakes	release
Elevator	neutral
at 100 km/h / 54 kt	lift off
Climb	105 km/h / 57 kt with flaps in Pos. 1 130 km/h / 70 kt with flaps in Pos. 0
Clear of obstacles, at safe altitude:	
Flaps	up
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)

It is not recommended to takeoff with full flaps as the flaps produce a lot of drag in this position.

4.9. Climb

	ROTAX	SMART
Oil temperature	max. 130°C / 266°F	max. 140°C / 284°F
CHT	max. 120°C / 248°F	max. 105°C / 221°F
Speed	130 km/h / 70 kt with flaps up	

Hint:

At CHT >115°C / 239°F (Rotax only) local condensation in the cooling system will cause continuous loss of cooling fluid. Reduce power setting and increase airspeed until CHT remains below 115°C / 239°F.

4.10. Cruise

	ROTAX	SMART
Oil temperature	max. 130°C / 266°F	max. 140°C / 284°F
CHT	max. 120°C / 248°F	max. 105°C / 221°F
Speed	as required	
Trim	set	
Fuel	monitor Wingtanks: switch tanks at least every 60 min; max. 15 Ltr / 4 USG difference between tanks	

For values of fuel flow and range check chapter 5.

4.11. Descent

Carburetor heat	ON (if installed)
Fuel selector(s) (wingtanks)	fullest tank OPEN
Oil temperature	min. 50°C / 122°F
CHT	min. 60°C / 140°F

Hint:

If engine temperatures remain at or below minimum values during flight (winter operation), it is recommended to mask the radiators with tape.

4.12. Landing

Normal Landing	
Speed	reduce to 112 Km/h / 60 kt
Flaps	set Pos. 1
Speed	112 km/h / 60 kt (rain + 5km/h / 3 kt)
Electrical fuel pump	ON (ROTAX only)
Short prior touchdown	start flare to achieve touchdown at minimum speed
Throttle	idle
Tail wheel only	
Touchdown	in 3 point position
Control stick	keep full aft after tail wheel is on the ground
Short Field Landing	
Speed	reduce to 112 Km/h / 60 kt
Flaps	set Pos. 1
Electrical fuel pump	ON (ROTAX only)
On final	reduce speed to 102 km/h / 55 kt
flaps	set Pos. 2
Speed	95 km/h / 51 kt (rain + 5km/h / 3 kt)
Short prior touchdown (not to early!)	start flare to achieve touchdown at minimum speed
Throttle	idle
Tailwheel only	
Touchdown	in 3 point position
Control stick	keep full aft after tailwheel is on the ground
Go Around	
Throttle	advance slowly to full power
Speed	min. 95 km/h / 51 kt
Flaps	retract to / maintain Pos. 1
Carburetor heat	OFF (if installed)
Speed	105 km/h / 57 kt
Trim	set
Clear of obstacles, at safe altitude:	
Flaps	up
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Speed	130 km/h / 70 kt

Under certain conditions (crosswind, turbulence, forward CG) it is recommended to retract flaps immediately after touchdown.

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4.13. Balked Landing

Throttle	max. power
Airspeed	min. 105 km/h / 57 kt
Flaps	1
Carburetor heat	OFF (if installed)
Trim	as required
Clear of obstacles, at safe altitude:	
Flaps	up
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Speed	130 km/h / 70 kt

4.14. Touch and Go

Flaps	retract to Pos. 1
Carburetor heat	OFF (if installed)
Trim	set takeoff position
Throttle	advance slowly to full power
at 100 km/h / 54 kt	rotate
Speed	105 km/h / 57 kt
Clear of obstacles, at safe altitude:	
Flaps	up
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Speed	130 km/h / 70 kt

4.15. After Landing / Parking

Flaps	up
Trim	neutral
Carburetor heat	OFF (if installed)
Electrical fuel pump	OFF (ROTAX only)
Avionics	OFF
Ignition	OFF
Battery switch	OFF
Rescue system	secure (insert safety pin)

5. Performance

5.1. General

The graphs and tables in this section present performance information corrected for the conditions of ICAO Standard Atmosphere. These data do not contain any safety margin and are based on a clean and well serviced aircraft as well as the compliance with aforementioned procedures.

5.2. Takeoff Distance

Conditions: Mean sea level (MSL), no wind, dry grass surface, takeoff weight 540 kg / 1147 lbs, flaps pos. 1, VR 90 km/h / 49kt, Vx 105 km/h / 57kt.

Propeller	Engine	Takeoff run	to 50 ft Height
Sportprop	ROTAX 912 ULS	217 m / 541 ft	391 m / 984 ft
Warp / Duc	ROTAX 912 ULS	217 m / 541 ft	391 m / 984 ft
Duc FC	ROTAX 912 ULS	265 m / 869 ft	455 m / 1493 ft
Warp / Duc	M160 (74 KW)	240 m / 787 ft	415 m / 1362 ft

Correction for differing conditions:

Correct above mentioned values for differing conditions as follows:

Difference in	Correction	m
1. Pressure Altitude:	+ 10% per 1000ft Pressure Altitude (PA)	+ =
2. Temperature:	+/- 1% per°C temperature deviation	+/- =
3. Slope:	+/- 10% per 1% slope	+/- =
4. wet surface:	+ 10 %	+ =
5. soft surface:	+ 50%	+ =
6. high grass:	+ 20%	+ =

5.3. Climb Performance

at a weight of 540kg in ISA conditions

speed / configuration	performance
Vx 105 km/h / 57 kt with flaps 1	3,8 m/s / 750 ft/min
Vy 130 km/h / 70 kt with flaps up	4.16 m/s / 820 ft/min

5.4. Cruise Performance

at a weight of 540 kg in ISA conditions, ROTAX 912S

Power	55% / 4300 RPM	65% / 4800 RPM	75% / 5000 RPM
CAS	165 km/h / 89kt	183 km/h / 99kt	193 km/h / 104kt
fuel	14,5 l/h	17,5 l/h	18,5 l/h

5.5. Landing Distance

Conditions: Mean sea level (MSL), dry grass surface, no wind, landing weight 540 kg / 1190 lbs, flaps pos. 2, Vapp 95 km/h / 51kt, normal braking.

Landing distance from 15m / 50ft	ground roll
355 m / 1165 ft	135 m / 443 ft

Correction for differing conditions:

Correct above mentioned values for differing conditions as follows:

Difference in	Correction	m
1. Pressure Altitude:	+ 5% per 1000ft Pressure Altitude (PA)	+ =
2. Temperature:	+/- 0,5% per°C temperature deviation	+/- =
3. Slope:	+/- 10% per 1% slope	+/- =
4. wet surface:	+ 15 %	+ =
5. snow surface:	+ 25%	+ =
6. high grass:	+ 20%	+ =

6. Weight and Balance

6.1. General

To achieve the mentioned performance data and flying abilities, the aircraft must be operated within certified weight and balance limits. Although the aircraft has a wide range for weight and balance, it is not possible to fly with full baggage load, full fuel and 2 heavy pilots at the same time.

Wrong loading has consequences for every airplane:

an aircraft exceeding weight limits will need longer takeoff- and landing distances, climb performance will be decreased and stall speed increased.

A wrong center of gravity will change flight characteristics. A forward C.G. may cause problems during rotation, takeoff and landing. An aft C.G. may cause instability, inadvertent stall or even spin.

The pilot in command must ensure prior to each takeoff, that the aircraft is operated within the certified weight and balance limits.

6.2. Basic Empty Weight

Prior to delivery, each aircraft has been weighted with fuselage level, (reference line see drawing below, firewall vertical), including oil and coolant, as well as equipment as indicated but no fuel (except un-drainable fuel). During this procedure the respective arms are determined as well.

By using the following formula, the C.G. is computed. Reference line (datum) for all arms is the leading edge of the wing. All these data are transferred to the Basic Empty Weight and Balance Form (Wägebericht). This "Wägebericht" contains a list of equipment installed and is part of this manual.

All changes to the airplane affecting weight and balance (installation of new equipment etc.) require a new weighing.

Formula to compute the center of gravity (X):

$$\text{Center of Gravity in [m / inch]} CG = \frac{\sum M}{\sum G}$$

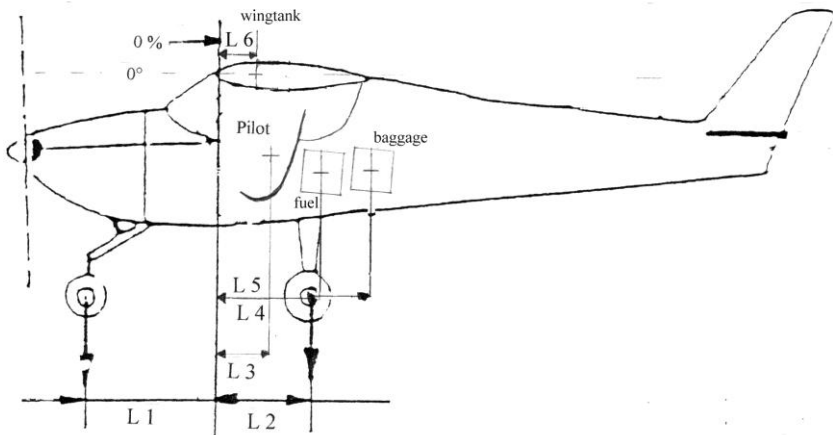
TW = total weight
WF = weight front
WR = weight right
WL = weight left

$$X[m / inch] = \frac{-L1 \cdot WF + L2 \cdot (WR + WL)}{TW}$$

Tricycle

$$X[m / inch] = \frac{(WR + WL) \cdot L1 + WA \cdot L2}{TW}$$

Tailwheel
WA = weight aft



Arms (Datum: wing leading edge):

L 1 nosewheel	Weight form	L 4 fuselage tank	1,05m / 41,34 inch
L 2 wheel	Weight form	L 5 baggage	1,30m / 51,18 inch
L 3 seat	0,45m / 17,72 inch	L 6 wingtank	0,21m / 8,27 inch

6.3. Determination of C.G. for the Flight

The Pilot is responsible for proper loading of the aircraft.

The C.G. can be determined by computation. The C.G. must always be within limits (compare chapter 2)!

Example for computation:

Data in the shaded area are taken from the "Wägebericht".

Position	Weight [kg]	Arm [m]	Moment [mkg]
Left wheel	WL = 120,1	L 2 = 0,527	63,29
Right wheel	WR = 119,1	L 2 = 0,527	62,77
Nose wheel	WF = 45,8	L 1 = - 0,854	- 39,11
Empty weight-data	Empty weight 285	C.G. 0,31	86,95
Pilot(s)	150	L 3 = 0,45	67,5
Fuel fuselage	10	L 4 = 1,05	10,5
Fuel wing	0	L 6 = 0,21	0
Baggage	5	L 5 = 1,30	6,5
Total	Total Weight 450	C.G. (0,22 to 0,44) 0,381	Total Moments 171,45

Form:

Position	Weight [___]	Arm [___]	Moment
Left wheel	WL = _____	L 2 = _____	_____
Right wheel	WR = _____	L 2 = _____	_____
Nose wheel	WF = _____	L 1 = _____	_____
Empty weight-data	Empty weight	C.G.	
Pilot(s)	_____	L 3 = _____	_____
Fuel fuselage	_____	L 4 = _____	_____
Fuel wing	_____	L 6 = _____	_____
Baggage	_____	L 5 = _____	_____
Total	Total Weight	C.G.	Total Moments

7. Systems Description

7.1. General

The FK 9 is a two-seat high wing aircraft with aerodynamic steering. It is available in tricycle or tailwheel configuration. The wing has flaps which can be set to three positions. The nosewheel / tailwheel is steerable and connected to the rudder pedals. The aircraft is equipped with dual controls.

7.2. Instrument Panel

The instrument panel contains all required flight and engine instruments. This picture shows a more advanced equipment configuration. Different instrument options are available on request.



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|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Headphone socket | 5 Speed indicator | 9 Radio |
| 2 Electric panel | 6 Altimeter | 10 Transponder |
| 3 EFIS | 7 MID | |
| 4 EMS | 8 GPS | |

Controls to operate flaps, brakes and trim are located at the center console.

7.3. MID (Multi Information Panel)

The MID provides:

- Checklists
- Door status
- Fuel consumption + status
- Flap status
- Maintenance Intervals
- OAT
- System Warnings
- Time
- Voltage



Handling MID

+	increase value / up
Set	short press = 1 beep = acknowledge long press = 2 beeps = page change
-	decrease value / down

Screen Rotation

<p>WELCOME ON BOARD D-MXXX</p> <p>NEXT MAINT.: 24:40h ENGINE TOTAL: 0:20h</p> <p>DATE: 5.10.09 U1.1</p>	<p><u>splash screen:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • callsign • time to next maintenance • engine total time • date • software version <p>values are changeable via SETUP screen changes after long press of "Set"</p>
	<p><u>normal screen (engine off):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fuel • flap position • door status • voltage • outside air temperature • time

 <p>The instrument panel display shows a fuel gauge on the left with '35 L' below it. A speed limit indicator shows a speed limit of '105 km/h'. On the right, there are four digital readouts: '12.5 U' (voltage), '20 °C' (outside air temperature), '10.2 L/h' (fuel flow), and '12:50' (time). A central indicator shows '2' and an upward arrow, labeled 'speedlim'.</p>	<p><u>normal screen (engine running):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fuel • flap position • speed limit at current flaps • voltage • outside air temperature • fuel flow (if installed) • time
<p>CHECKLISTS: ENGINE START: BEFORE TAKE-OFF CRUISE BEFORE LANDING PARKING</p>	<p><u>checklist screen:</u> using the “+” or “-” buttons the cursor can be set to the desired checklist; pressing “Set” executes the selection. the handling of the checklist itself works similar; the checklist page will be left after completion of all items of the list or by keeping “Set” pressed for a longer time</p>
<p>⚠ WARNING ⚠ BATTERY LOW</p> <p>SWITCH OFF NON-ESSENT EQUIPMENT AND CHECK REGULATOR + GENERATOR</p>	<p><u>warning / failure screens:</u> following warnings / failures can be displayed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fuel gage / fuel low • fuel pressure low • flap setting • battery low / overcharge • door left / right (only if engine RPM > 4000) • generator <p>messages can be acknowledged by pressing “Set”</p>

SETUP MENU	use "+" and "-" to highlight the desired menu, press "Set"; use "+" and "-" to change the item, acknowledge by "Set"; repeat as required
FUEL CONTENT xxxl	enter actual fuel on bord; fuel remaining will be calculated by using fuel flow; if a fuel level sensor installed, remaining fuel is given by the sensor
FLOW FACTOR xxx%	the fuel flow indication can be calibrated + adjusted; measured fuel flow 10% less than indicated => set factor 10% higher
RES.MAINT.TIMER Y/N	"Y" resets the maintenance counter to 50h
SET TIME xx:xx	enter actual time, format hh:mm
SET DATE xx.xx.xxxx	enter actual date, format dd.mm.yyyy
DOOR WARNING Y/N	"Y" if door warning installed
CALIB TANK EMPTY Y/N	"Y" calibrates the fuel sensor to empty tank
CALIB TANK FULL Y/N	"Y" calibrates the fuel sensor to full tank
TANK VOLUME xxxl	set tank volume; no fuel display if "0" entered
RESERVE VOLUME xxl	enter "0" if no fuel level sensor installed; enter fuel not sensed by fuel level sensor
REGISTRATION xxxxx	enter aircraft registration
SYSTEM SETUP ****	calibration settings protected by PIN
RESET TOTAL TIME x	to reset total engine time to zero, toggle to "Y", and enter with "SET": acknowledge "SURE" by holding "+" and "-" depressed while pushing "Set"

7.4. Rescue system

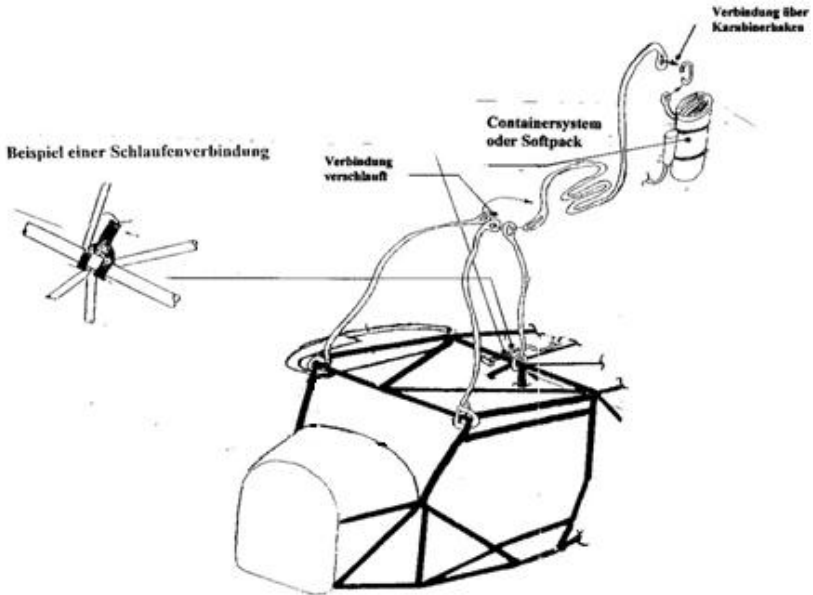
The FK 9 may be equipped with an optional rescue system mounted inside the fuselage behind the seats. Only original Kevlar harness parts must be used. There must be no obstructions for the deployment of the rocket.

Detailed information concerning max. speed, capacity and maintenance cycles are provided in the respective rescue system manual.

Softpack installation:



The system is activated by pulling the red handle at the center console (the handle is optionally installed behind the pilot's heads). *The safety pin **must** be removed before flight.* The safety pin should be inserted again during storage / parking of the aircraft to avoid inadvertent activation.



7.5. Flaps

The flaps are operated electrically by a lever at the center console. The current flap position is indicated either by the MID or by other electronic display systems. In case of a flap position sensor failure, the flaps can be selected to the up or fully extend position by turning the lever left of "0" (up) or right of "2" (down).

7.6. Tyres

Wheel	Size	Pressure
Main	6.00 x 6 or 4.00 x 6	2,8 bar / 41 psi
Front	4.00 x 4	1,8 bar / 26 psi
Tail	120 mm / 4,72 inch	

7.7. Baggage

There is one baggage compartment aft of the pilots seats accessible from the outside by a cargo door. It has a maximum capacity of 77 lbs (35 kg) lbs with wingtanks and 20 kg / 44 lbs with fuselage tanks installed.. Smaller items must be put into bags. All things in the baggage compartment should be secured in order not to move around.

7.8. Seats and seatbelts

The backrests of the seats can be adjusted. The locking mechanism behind the headrest must first be released to allow adjustment of the lower part of the backrest to the desired position. The upper part can then be locked as desired. For taller pilots, the backrest can be removed completely. The 4-point seatbelts can be adjusted to fit every size. The lock is released by pressing the red button.



7.9. Doors

The doors can be opened and locked from inside with a handle. The left door can also be opened / closed and locked from the outside. Both doors have a small perspex vent. Doors can be removed completely. Without doors, the aircraft must not be flown at speeds in excess of 100 km/h / 54 kt.

7.10. Engine

The engine is a ROTAX 912 ULS four-cylinder, or a three cylinder M160 (smart) engine with turbocharger. The ROTAX has a combined cooling by liquid and air, the smart engine is fully liquid cooled. To shutdown the ROTAX it is recommended to switch off one ignition circuit by using the ignition test switch before shutting down the engine completely.

The control levers for choke (ROTAX only), carburetor heat (if installed) and throttle are located below the instrument panel.

The engine cowling can easily be removed for maintenance and checks. Oil and coolant can be checked by opening a small cap on the right upper part of the cowling.

7.11. Propeller

The propeller is a fixed pitch version, ground adjustable. For details check the respective manual.

7.12. Fuel System

The FK 9 ELA is equipped either with fuselage (Option 1) or with wing tanks (Option 2). There is one engine - mounted mechanical fuel pump which normally provides fuel to the ROTAX engine. *Additionally there is an AUX electrical fuel pump which should be ON during takeoff and landing.*

The smart motor is fuel-injected and has its own electric fuel pump and filter.

Fuel low Pressure Warning:

One (optional) fuel pressure warning light, the MID or the MIP indicate fuel pressure below minimum. In this case with the ROTAX motor, switch on the electrical fuel pump and select the fullest tank.

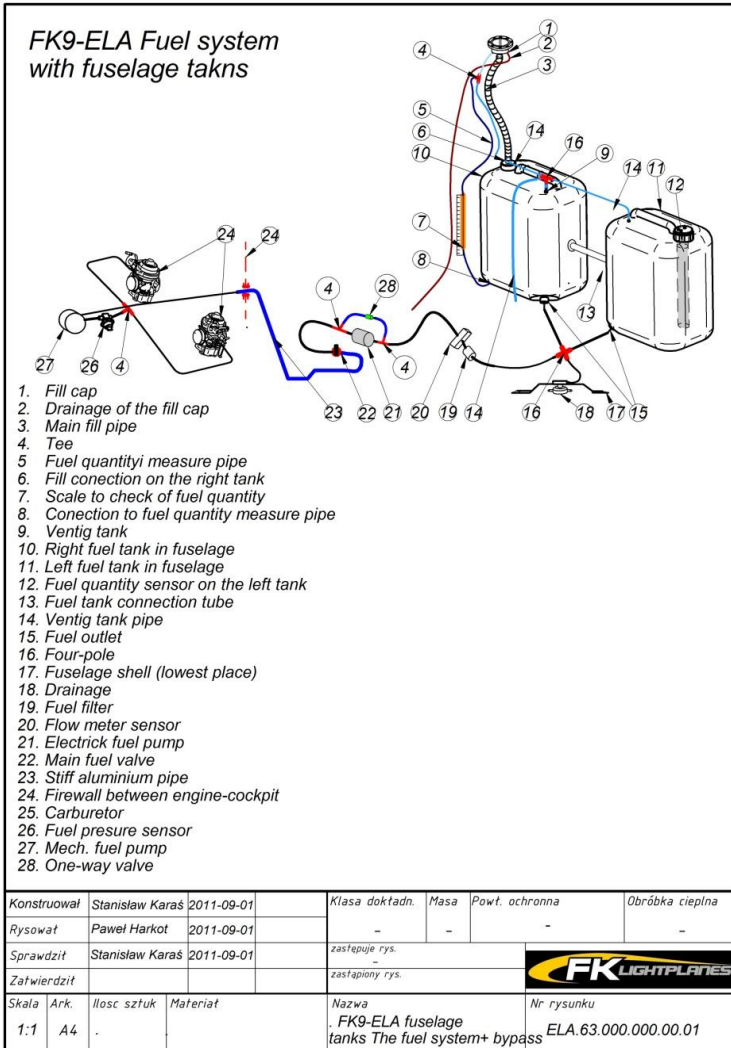
Fuel Quantity Indication:

Beside the gauges at the respective tanks (see option 1+2), there is an optional fuel quantity indication at the MID / MIP. This indication derives the information from two different sources, depending on the system installed:

- a) the pilot enters the fuel quantity before takeoff and the MID / MIP computes the remaining fuel using the fuel flow sensor
- b) fuel level sensors are installed in the tank and transmit fuel quantity to the MID / MIP

The fuel quantity indication on the MID / MIP offers a rough estimate of the current fuel on bord. The accuracy of the system is not sufficient for flight planning purposes.

Option 1 Fuselage Tanks:



The two fuel tanks are mounted behind the pilot's seat. The fuel valve (ROTAX only) is located at the center console with positions ON and OFF. The version with SMART engine has no manual fuel valve because its electrical injection fuel pump shuts off the fuel flow in the line as soon as the ignition is switched off. One fuel drain valve is located at the lower fuselage aft of the main landing gear for checking fuel purity

Fuel quantity is indicated by a gauge at the tank. After refuelling, this indication is accurate after both tanks have levelled. This can take up to 5 minutes.

Although the fuel cap has a water drain, it is recommended to protect the cap to prevent water entering during strong rain by putting an extra cover on top of the cap when the aircraft is parked.



Additional Wingtanks (with fuselage tanks installed, optional)

Additional flexible fuel tanks (capacity 20 Ltr / 5,28 USG each) can be installed in the wings of the FK 9. They are connected to the main tank and are filled and emptied by using an electrical pump. The overflow / vent (23) is connected to the vent system (8) of the main tank. Each tank has a fuel valve (19).

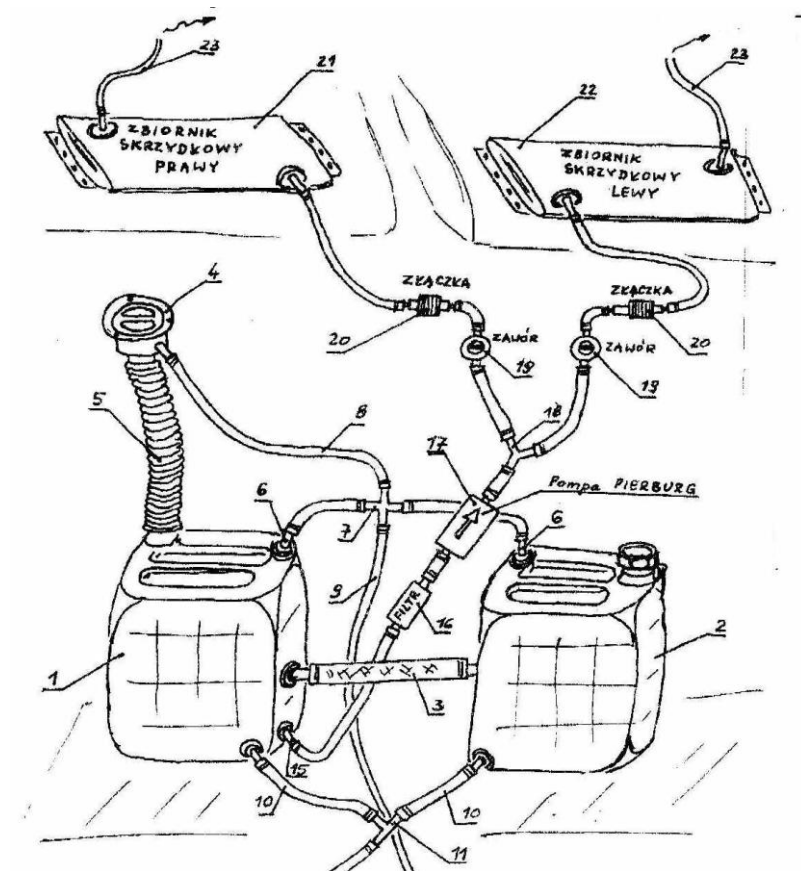
Handling of the wingtank:

To fill or empty the tank, the respective fuel valve (19) must be open and the pump must be switched to the "up" or "down" position.

Filling of the wintank has to be done on ground with at least 20 Ltr / 5,28 USG of fuel in the main tank. The wingtank is full as soon as fuel is flowing via the overflow / vent (23) into the vent system (8) of the main tank. Now the pump has to be switched off and the valve must be closed.

During flight, the fuel can be pumped out of the wingtank as soon there is space for at least 20 Ltr / 5,28 USG in the main tank.





Option 2 Wing Tanks:



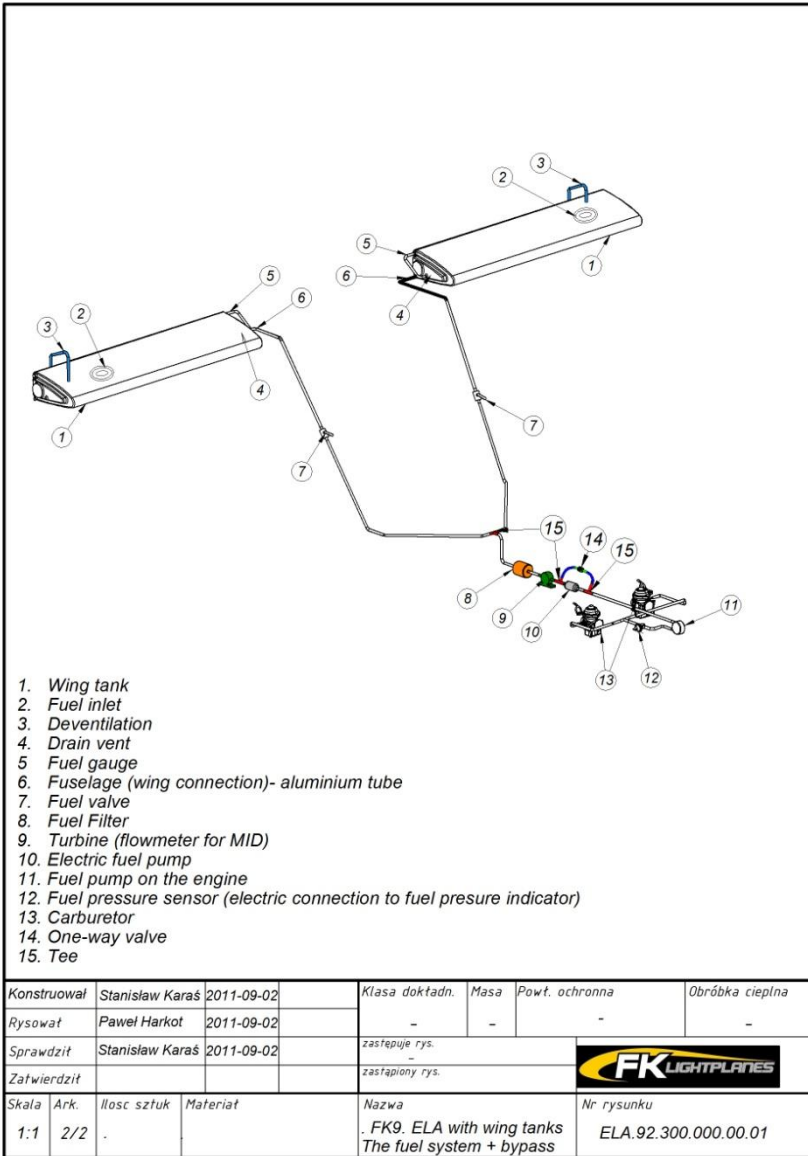
Fuel quantity indication (5)



Fuel valve (9)

There are two wingtanks installed. Each tank has a fuel valve and a fuel quantity indication. Fuel caps and vents are located on top of the wings. Fuel should be used from one tank at a time. For takeoff and landing, the fullest tank must be used.

The drain valve is located underneath the wing. It must be assured, that no fuel spills on the cockpit windows during fuelling / draining, because fuel can damage lexan windows.



7.13. Brakes

Brakes are controlled by a handle at the center console. Brakes are applied to both main wheels at the same time.

By closing a valve at the center console when pressure has been applied, the hydraulic brake can function as a park brake.

7.14. Heating and Ventilation

The FK 9 is optionally equipped with cabin heating. By pulling the lever below the instrument panel, heated air is allowed to enter the cabin through the front of the pilots feet. The cabin is ventilated by the vents in the doors.

7.15. Electrical System

A detailed schematic of the electrical system is available under www.flugservice-speyer.de.

A 12V engine-driven alternator delivers the required electricity.

If the red alternator control light lights up above 1800 RPM, (or MID / MIP gives a warning) shut off all electrical equipment not required for flight as the battery is not being correctly charged by the alternator and will quickly be discharged.

With Smart engine installed, land immediately as the engine ignition is powered by battery. The engine will stop as soon as the battery charge is exhausted.

Depending on the rating and charge status of the built-in battery as well as engine RPM, the engine can be expected to work for the indicated periods following a power generator fault (assuming that the battery is fully charged):

Battery rating	5.7 Ah	8 Ah	13 Ah
Period	5 to 8 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

Panel:

The electrical panel contains most of the switches and electric fuses.

The electrical system is designed for a maximum load of 12 A. Connecting a lot of high - drain components (landing lights etc.) may result in a higher load. This can lead to overheating and / or an electrical smoke / fire condition and must be avoided under all circumstances.

Fuses:

Only fuses "with time lag" should be installed

Main Panel



Ext. Power 2A Pump 8A Eng.Instr. 500mA Generator 500mA Navigation 2A Radio 2A

Additional Panel



no 2A 5A 5A

Wingtank Panel



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8. Handling, Servicing and Maintenance

8.1. General

Every owner of an FK 9 should maintain regular contact with the manufacturer for best support.

8.2. Ground Handling

Aircraft should be parked with the nose facing into the wind and secured by putting chocks in front of the wheels. To tie down the aircraft, attach long straps to the bolts connecting the wing to the strut and also tie down the nose- / tailwheel.

The aircraft should not be parked in wet conditions or exposed to UV radiation for a long period of time.

The windscreen should always be covered during parking to avoid getting dirty.

The FK 9 can be stored in a trailer. For details consult the manufacturer.

8.3. Cleaning

A clean surface is very important for aircraft performance. Therefore the whole aircraft and especially the leading edges of the wings and propeller blades should be kept as clean as possible.

Cleaning is preferably done by using plenty of water, if required a mild soap may be added.

Once a year the painted surface should be treated with a silicon-free polish.

8.4. General Advice

- The vibration dampers on the engine mount should be treated regularly with vaseline to prevent aging.
- Fuel lines, cables and bowden-cables must not be damaged.
- **Note: never turn the propeller for more than 1 turn in opposite direction**
- **Airplane maintenance must be performed following the manufacturer's latest maintenance schedule. The actual maintenance schedule can be downloaded from the website www.fk-lightplanes.com or www.flugservice-speyer.de**

8.5. Regular Maintenance / Lubrication Schedule

Maintenance is due after certain flight hours or time intervals as applicable. There are some actions which must be performed for the first time after the very first 2 / 10 / 25 flight hours. The regular maintenance intervals are 100 / 200 / 500 flight hours or every year / every 2 / every 4 years.

Engine maintenance must be performed additionally according to the respective engine manual.

Propeller maintenance must be performed additionally according to the respective propeller manual.

8.6. Time between Overhaul (TBO)

- For the main structure: none
- recommended: engine overhaul according engine manual
- recommended: propeller overhaul according propeller manual

insert
maintenance schedule FK 9 Airframe
(DIN A4) here.

8.7. Airplane Servicing

8.7.1. Fuel

During refuelling smoking is prohibited. Connect the airplane to ground. Avoid fuel spill, drain as required. For fuel grades check section Limitations.

Fuel system check / cleaning:

If the fuel tanks are contaminated with dirt (check the inside by using a torch), they must be dismantled (fuselage tanks only) and cleaned. For cleaning, drain the complete system (by using the electrical fuel pump) and dismantle all connections. Clean the tanks by using fuel or spirit / alcohol. Do not use water or solvents.

8.7.2. Oil

Before checking the oil quantity, turn the propeller in normal direction by hand (ignition must be switched OFF) until you hear the oil returning to the tank. Now check the oil level. For oil grades check respective engine manual.

8.7.3. Coolant

Check coolant level preferably with cold engine.. For coolant types check respective engine manual.

8.8. Control Surface Angle

	Angle [°]	Tolerance [°]
Elevator		
Up	-25	+2 / -0
Down	+11	+2 / -1
Rudder		
Right	18	+2 / -1
Left	18	+2 / -1
Aileron (Flaps -10°)		
Up	-20	+1 / -1
Down	+17	+2 / -1
Flaps		
Position 0	-10	+1 / -1
Position 1	+5	+1 / -1
Position 2	+30	+1 / -1

8.9. Jacking / Towing / Storage

CAUTION

As a general rule, apply force to aircraft structure only on main structural elements such as frames, ribs or spars.

Jacking:

Use following points for jacking:

1. lower engine mount where connected to the fuselage or engine mount junctions (hanging up)
2. main gear beam where connected to the fuselage
3. nose- / tailwheel where connected to the fuselage

Towing:

For towing (forward only), connect the rope to the main gear.

Storage:

To stow the dismantled wings, use storage tools with a minimum contact area of 150 mm. The leading edge should have no contact to the storage tool in the first 20 mm.

For long distance transport in truck, trailer or container the following dismantling and storage procedure is recommended:

- Dismantle airframe including wings, tailplane.
- Secure controls
- Dismount wheel fairings to avoid damages
- Dismantle propeller
- Disconnect electric circuits, dismantle fuses and battery
- De-install shock-sensitive avionics (radio/transponder/glasspanels) and pack in upholstered boxes

Additional for street transport in trailer or truck:

- Drain liquids (oilssystem /coolingsystem / fuelsystem)

Additional for air transport:

- Remove complete engine (considered hazardous goods for air freight!)

Re-launching the aircraft in operation:

Proceed according to check list form "assembly plan / Montageplan"

8.10. Main / Subsidiary Structure

The main structure contains of:

1. fuselage structure (metal), tail unit structure, engine mount
2. landing gear (metal/carbon fibre composite)
3. control surfaces (metal)
4. main plane structure (metal/ carbon fibre composite)

Repairs at the main structure must only be performed by authorized facilities!

The subsidiary structure contains of:

1. front fuselage covers / cowlings (glass fibre composite)
2. wheel pants (glass fibre composite)
3. spinner
4. inside cockpit: covers / consoles / floor
5. skin

8.11. Materials for minor repairs

Repairs at the subsidiary structure may be performed by the owner, however it is recommended to consult the manufacturer or a certified repair center before commencing the work.

Materials available for fuselage repair:

1. Glass fibre layer „Köper“ 160g/sqm
2. Epoxy-resin
3. Covering Ceconite 102 + adhesives (i.e. Polytak) + common dope
4. 2-component acrylic paint

8.12. Special Repair and Check Procedures

Use common procedures applicable for aircraft build from metal, composite and covering.

8.13. Required Tools

No special tools are required for normal maintenance.

8.14. Weighing

Weighing has to be performed according to the Weighing Form. Weighing intervals according to applicable rules.

8.15. Mounting / Maintenance of the Rescue System

According to the respective manual.

8.16. Assembly of the Aircraft

Assemble the aircraft as follows:

- Check all parts for damage
- Check fuselage and wings for loose or foreign objects
- remove all root tip covers
- Connect the wings to the fuselage (doors must be removed or closed)
- **IMPORTANT** for wing assembly:
unfold the wing with the leading edge facing downwards; turn the wing into its normal position and push it towards the fuselage
- *with wingtanks: connect the wing tank fuel line with the fuselage fuel line; take care that the gauges fit into the gap in the root rip when pushing the wings toward the fuselage; check that the fuel lines are not kinked*
- connect the electric wires; install root rip covers
- close and secure both wing bolts (safety pins)



- Install the strut with its two bolts (the upper one is screwed)



- Cover the gap between wing and fuselage with tape for better aerodynamics
- Secure all bolts
- Install the other wing in the same manner
- The storing device at the aft fuselage can be removed now
- Mount the outer parts of the elevator
- Connect and secure the rods for ailerons
- Connect the pitot tube line
- Install the doors
- Install the strut covers (if available)
- Check the function of all flight controls and flaps

To disassemble the aircraft follow above mentioned steps in reverse order, observe the following steps.

- If required, remove the elevator tips
- install the storing device for the wings at the aft part of the fuselage
- Note: the screws at the main tube of the folding mechanism (overhead the pilots) are the stop for the folding mechanism; they must only be removed if it is intended to remove the wings completely from the fuselage
- to fold the wing:
pull the wing outside until the stop, turn it 90° (the leading edge facing to the ground), now fold it and store it into the device

9. Supplements

9.1. General

This chapter contains information concerning additional or differing equipment of the aircraft. Additional manuals and other useful information are indicated.

9.2. Engine Manual

A separate manual for the engine is supplied with every aircraft. Specifications of this manual are part of the airplane manual and must be observed.

9.3. Rescue System

A separate manual for the rescue system is supplied with every aircraft. Specifications of this manual are part of the airplane manual and must be observed.

9.4. Avionics / Special Engine Instruments

A separate manual for avionic components is supplied with every aircraft. Specifications of this manual are part of the airplane manual and must be observed. The equipment is installed according the manual and checked for proper operation.

9.5. Seaplane Floats

If the aircraft is equipped with Seaplane Floats, the maximum take off weight ist 560 kg / 1235 lbs. Observe Chapter 2 Limitations.

Differences to the basic airplane in normal / abnormal operation are to be determined.

Maintenance of the Floats must be done according the respective manual.

9.6. Sailplane Towing

9.6.1. Technical Data / Limitations

1.	max. sailplane gross weight*	650 kg / 1433 lbs
2.	takeoff distance to 15 m / 50ft height	550 m / 1804 ft
3.	towing rope type: "200 Polyester / 6mm"	600 daN
	max. mass of towing rope (including all parts)	1,5 kg / 3,31 lbs
	recommended designed fraction value	150 daN
	max. fraction value towing aircraft	200 daN
	rope lenght	45-55 m / 147 – 180 ft
4.	min. towing speed	95 km/h / 51 kt

*check for further recommendations in the following chapters
Valid for ISA conditions.

For sailplane towing, a special cowling must be installed.
For further information contact the manufacturer.

9.7. Airplane Flight Training Supplement

The FK 9 ELA is an easy to handle modern airplane.
There are no special training requirements beyond normal pilot's training.