

## Transition to Tailwheel Syllabus

### Before You Arrive

- Administrative and TSA requirements
  - *Bring Pilot's License and government issued photo ID*
  - *Bring logbook or provide e-logbook details*
- Before arriving, please review  
[FAA-H-8083-3C Airplane Flying Handbook Chapter 14: Transitioning to Tailwheel Airplanes](#)
- *Please arrive prepared and on time*

} *Student  
action  
required!*

### Ground School

- Discussion of tailwheel characteristics and what to expect from the airplane
- Discussion of positive exchange of controls and responsibility for takeoff and landing and other critical phases of flight

### Flight 1: Aircraft Familiarization and Intro to Takeoff & Landing

#### 1. CHECKLIST

Student follows the aircraft checklist from startup through taxi and runup.

#### 2. FAMILIARIZATION

Coordinated turns (shallow and steep), slow flight, and emergency decent.

#### 3. END OF FLIGHT

Return for landing, taxi, and shutdown.

### Flight 2: Pattern Work and Landings

#### 1. CHECKLIST

Student follows aircraft checklist from startup through taxi, runup, and takeoff.

#### 2. NORMAL TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS

Practice three-point landing to full stop and taxi back.

Introduction to wheel landings.

#### 3. END OF FLIGHT

Taxi and shutdown.

## Flight 3: Pattern Work and Landings

### 1. CHECKLIST

Student follows aircraft checklist from startup through taxi, runup, and takeoff.

### 2. NORMAL TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS

Review and practice previously introduced skills.

### 3. POWER ON WHEEL LANDINGS

### 4. EMERGENCY LANDINGS

### 5. INTRODUCTION TO POWER OFF WHEEL LANDINGS

### 6. END OF FLIGHT

Taxi and shutdown.

## Flight 4: Pattern Work and Landings

### 1. CHECKLIST

Student follows aircraft checklist from startup through taxi, runup, and takeoff.

### 2. REVIEW OF ALL TAKEOFF & LANDING SKILLS AND PRACTICE TO COMPETENCE

### 3. END OF FLIGHT

Taxi and shutdown.

## Logbook Entry (AC 61-65J A.71)

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name], [grade of pilot certificate], [certificate number], has received the required training of § 61.31(i) in a [M/M] of tailwheel airplane. I have determined that they are proficient in the operation of a tailwheel airplane.

## References

- [14 CFR §61.31 \(i\) Additional training required for operating tailwheel airplanes](#)
- [AC 61-65J: Certification: Pilots and Flight and Ground Instructors](#)