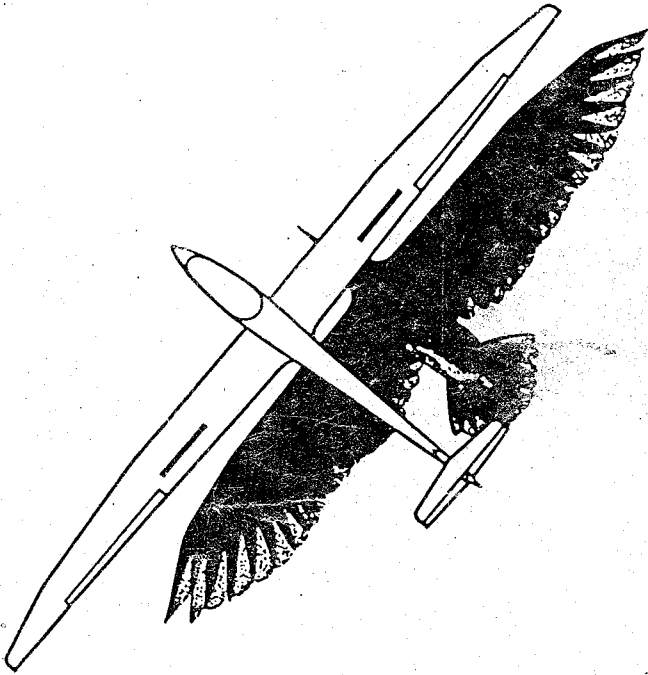


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1. General

1.1 General description

The Discus is a single-seat high performance sailplane in CFRP/GFRP construction featuring a T-tail (with fixed horizontal stabilizer and elevator).

Wings

The two-piece wings each have a tri-trapezoidal plan form, swept-back leading edge and "two-story" airbrakes on the upper surface. Ailerons have internal drive. Water ballast tanks are integral compartments in the wing. O nose, total capacity approx. 184 liters. Wing shells are of glass fiber/foam sandwich with spar flanges of carbon fiber rovings and shear webs of glass fiber/foam sandwich.

Fuselage

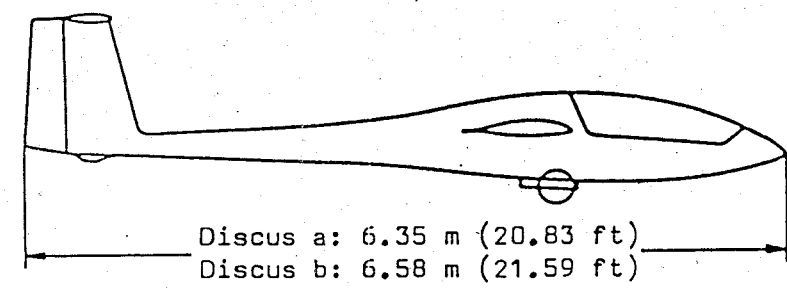
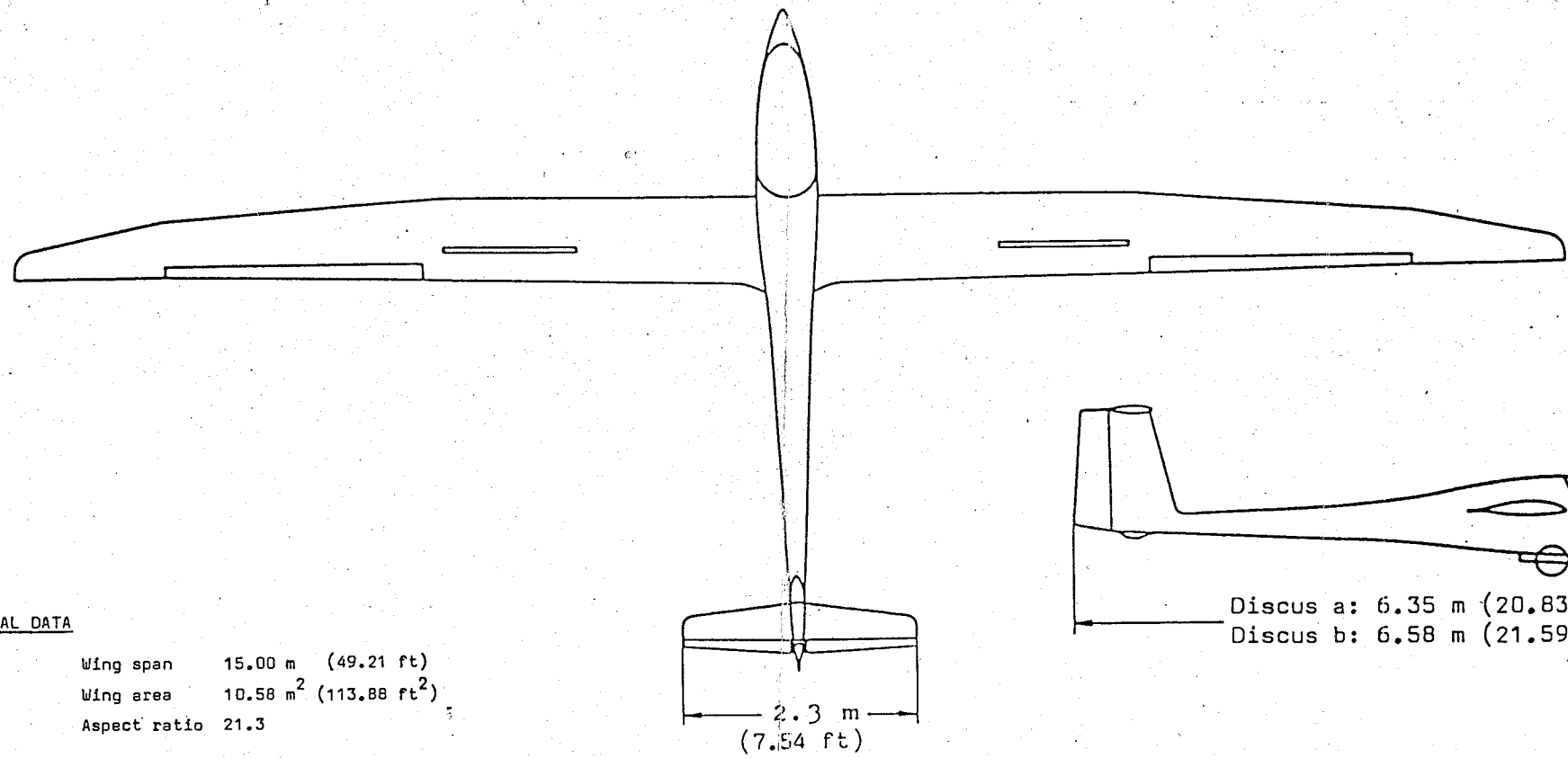
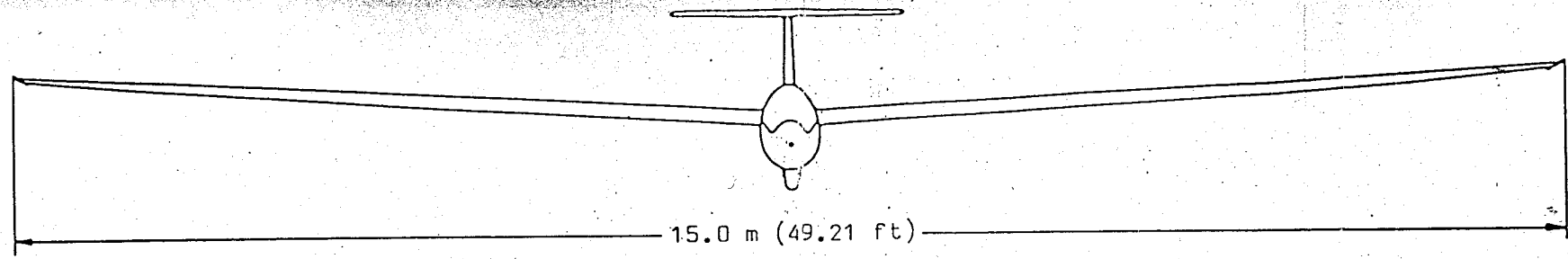
The pilot has a semi-reclining position. The cockpit is comfortable. A one-piece canopy hinges sideways. The fuselage shell is a pure glass fiber lay-up without sandwich and therefore is highly energy absorbing. It is stiffened towards the tail with GFRP/foam sandwich webs and the front fuselage features a double shell on both sides and on the bottom. The sprung undercarriage is retractable and is fitted with a wheel brake.

Horizontal tailplane

The horizontal stabilizer is built in GFRP/foam sandwich and the elevator is a pure GFRP lay-up.

Vertical fin

Both fin and rudder are a GFRP/foam sandwich construction. The integral water ballast tank in the fin has a capacity of 6.5 kg/Liter. (0.26 U.S. Gal./0.22 Imp. Gal.).

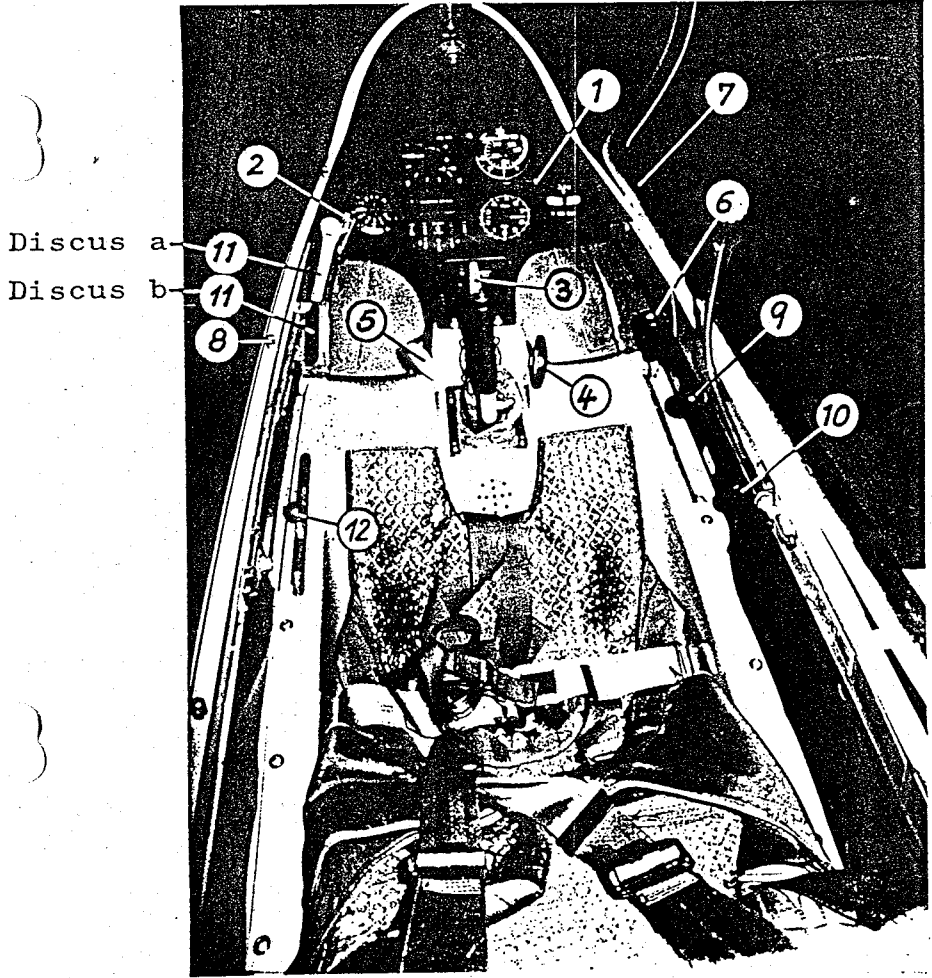


TECHNICAL DATA

<u>Wings</u>	Wing span	15.00 m (49.21 ft)	
	Wing area	10.58 m <sup>2</sup> (113.88 ft <sup>2</sup> )	
	Aspect ratio	21.3	
<u>Fuselage</u>		"Discus a"	"Discus b"
	Length	6.35 m (20.83 ft)	6.58 m (21.59 ft)
	Width	0.54 m ( 1.77 ft)	0.62 m ( 2.03 ft)
	Height	0.75 m ( 2.46 ft)	0.81 m ( 2.66 ft)
<u>Weights</u>	Empty weight	228 kg (503 lb)	233 kg (514 lb)
	Max. A.U.W.	525 kg (1157 lb)	525 kg (1157 lb)
	Wing loading	28 - 50 kg ( 5.73 - 10.24 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	

*Discus a*  
*Discus b*

1.2 Cockpit design and controls





All instruments and controls are within easy reach of the pilot.

(1) Instrument panel

The instrument cover is fastened by four screws. The instrument panel is attached to the canopy coaming frame of the fuselage and is easily removed.

(2) Ventilation control

Small black knob on the left side of the instrument panel.

Pull - Closed

Push - Open

In addition, the sliding window or the airscoop in the window may be used for ventilation.

(3) Wheel brake control

The wheel brake handle is mounted on the control stick.

(4) Rudder pedal adjustment

Black T-shaped grip on the right side base of the instrument panel console.

Forward adjustment:

Release the locking device by pulling the T-grip. Push pedals with heels into desired position and let them engage the nearest notch.

Backward adjustment:

Pull pedals back with T-grip into desired position. Forward pressure with heels (not toes) will engage pedals into the nearest notch with an audible click.

The rudder pedals may be adjusted on the ground and in the air.

(5) Launching hook release handle

Yellow T-shaped handle on the left at the base of the instrument panel console.

The winch cable/tow rope is released by pulling the handle.

(6) Landing gear operating lever

RETRACT: Unlock the black handle on the right at the seat mold support, pull back and engage in rear recess.

EXTEND: Unlock black handle, push forward and engage in front recess.

(7) Canopy

The one-piece plexiglass canopy hinges sideways on flush fittings. Take care that the cable restraining the open canopy is attached.

(8) Canopy locking device

Lever control with red knob on the left on the canopy frame.

Backward position = locked

To open the canopy swing lever forward and raise canopy.

(9) Canopy emergency jettisoning device

Sliding red knob on the right on the GFRP inner skin.

Backward position = locked

To jettison the canopy, first swing the locking lever on the left on the canopy frame forward, raise canopy, push the red jettison knob on the right on the inner skin forward and push canopy away.

(10) Wing and fin tank water ballast dumping device

Black ball-shaped knob on the right in the middle of the GFRP inner skin.

Forward position = Valves closed

Backward position = Valves open

To lock the valve open, push knob downwards into recess.

(11) Airbrake lever

Blue lever on the left hand side of the cockpit.

Discus a: Lever projects upwards

Discus b: Lever projects downwards

Forward position = airbrakes closed and locked

Pulled back approx.  
40 mm (1.6 in.) = unlocked

Pulled fully back = airbrakes fully extended

(12) Elevator trim

Green knob on the left at the seat mold support.

The spring operated elevator trim is gradually adjusted by moving the green knob inwards, sliding it into the desired position and releasing it to lock.

Forward position = nose heavy

Backward position = tail heavy

(13) Parachute rip cord attachment (not pictured)

Red ring, situated at the front of the fuselage steel tube framework, left hand side.

(14) Mounting provision for trim ballast (not pictured)

The mounting provision for trim ballast in the nose of the fuselage is accessible after detaching the cover of the instrument panel.

Ballast weights (see section 2.7, "Loading table") are slid onto the stud of the mounting provision, fastened by a wing nut and secured by a cowling safety pin.

Cockpit placards - operating data and miscellaneous

Identification plate (fire proof)



Operating limitations

Max. permitted all-up weight:	525 kg (1157 lb)		
Max. permitted speeds (IAS) :	km/h	kt	mph
Max. permitted speed	250	135	155
in rough air	200	108	124
Maneuvering speed	200	108	124
on aerotow	180	97	112
Automobile and winch launch	150	81	93

<u>Operating limits when fin tank is used:</u>						
Maximum ground temperature	°C	13.5	17	24	31	38
	°F	56	63	75	88	100
Maximum absolute ceiling	m	1500	2000	3000	4000	5000
	ft	4900	6500	9800	13100	16400

Weak links for towing:

Maximum 680 daN (1499 lb)

Main wheel tire pressure:

up to 360 kg (794 lb): 3.5 bar (50 psi)

above 360 kg (794 lb): 4.5 bar (64 psi)

<u>Load on pilot's seat</u> (pilot and parachute)	
Minimum seat load .....	70 kg (154.3 lb)
Maximum seat load .....	110 kg (242.5 lb)
Pilot's weight of less than 70 kg (154.3 lb) must be raised by installing trim ballast weights into the fuselage nose:	
Minimum cockpit load	Ballast weights
70 kg (154 lb)	0
65 kg (143 lb)	1
60 kg (132 lb)	2
55 kg (121 lb)	3

Check list before take-off

- Water in fin tank ?
- Loading charts checked ?
- Parachute securely fastened ?
- Safety harness secured and tight ?
- Back rest and pedals in comfortable position ?
- All controls and instruments accessible ?
- Airbrakes locked after functioning check ?
- All control surfaces checked with assistant for full and free movement in correct sense ?
- Trimmer correctly set ?
- Canopy closed and locked ?

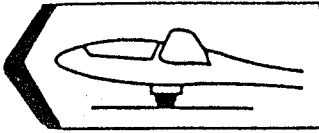
AEROBATICS: Without water ballast the following maneuvers are permitted:

- a) Inside Loops      c) Spins
- b) Stalled Turns    d) Lazy Eight

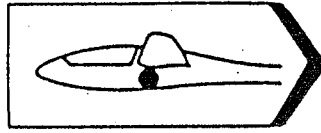
Baggage compartment

Max. load: 2.0 kg (4.4 lb)

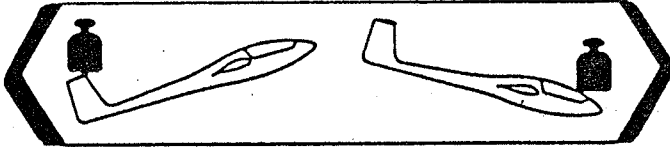
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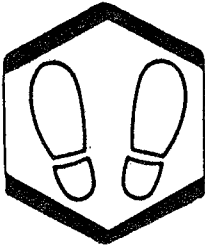
gear DOWN



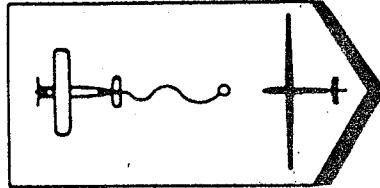
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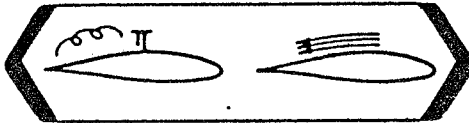
Trimmer - green knob



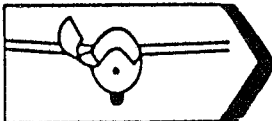
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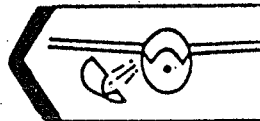
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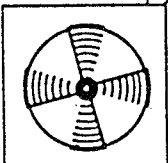
Airbrakes - blue handle



left - Canopy opening



right - Canopy jettisoning

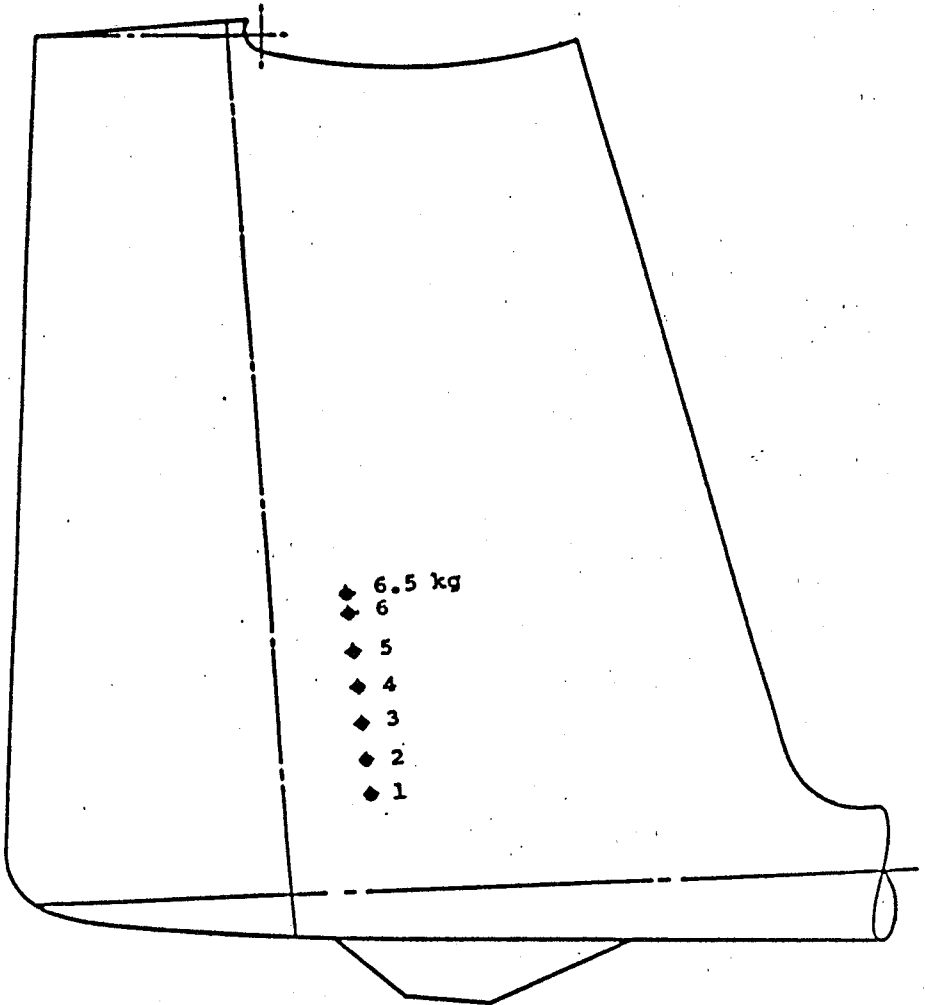


Ventilation



water ballast dumping knob

Fin tank label (r.h. side only)





1.3 Airspeed indicator system errors

Errors in indicated airspeed caused by pitot-static pressure errors may be read off from the calibration chart below.

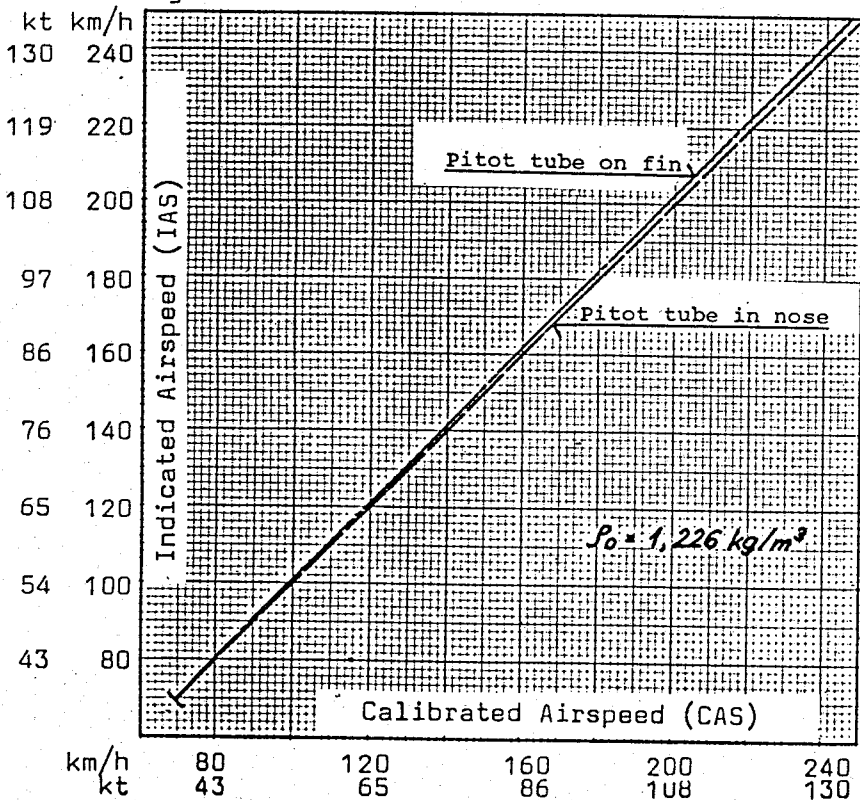
Position of the pressure ports:

Static pressure: At the rear of the fuselage, 80 cm (31.5 in.) in front of the base of the fin.

Pitot pressure : In the nose of the fuselage, or, should a nose tow hook be installed, on the upper end of the fin.

All airspeeds shown in this manual are indicated airspeeds (IAS) as registered by the ASI.

The calibration curve is also valid for winch launching and aerotow.



## 2. Operating limitations

### 2.1 Category of Airworthiness

Category "U" (Utility) according to JAR 22.

According to the requirements of JAR 22, full control surface deflections may be applied up to the maneuvering speed  $V_A$ .

At higher speeds, when using full control surface deflections, it would be possible to exceed the stress limits of the sailplane.

For this reason, full deflection of controls must not be used at speeds above 200 km/h (108 kt, 124 mph).

At maximum permitted speed  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph), only a maximum of one third of the full control deflection is permitted.

For the elevator, the deflections at  $V_{NE}$  are even considerably smaller and depend on the permitted maneuvering load factors.

In normal weather conditions, this sailplane can be flown at speeds up to  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph) without problems.

In severe turbulence, i.e. wave rotors, thunderstorms, visible whirlwinds and when crossing mountain ridges,  $V_{RA} = 200$  km/h (108 kt, 124 mph) must not be exceeded.

## 2.2 Permitted Operations

1. VFR Flying in daytime  
(Minimum equipment according to section 2.3 a).
2. Cloud Flying  
(Minimum equipment according to section 2.3 b).
3. Restricted Aerobatics:  
The following aerobatic maneuvers are permitted:
  - a) Inside Loop
  - b) Spins
  - c) Stalled Turn
  - d) Lazy Eight

In addition to the equipment listed in section 2.3 it is recommended to equip the sailplane with an accelerometer (3 hands, resettable) if it is to be used for aerobatics.

## 2.3 Minimum Equipment

Instruments and other basic equipment must be of an approved type and should be selected from the list in the Maintenance Manual.

### a) Normal Operations

- 1 Airspeed indicator,  
range up to 300 km/h (162 kt, 186 mph),  
with colour markings shown on page 18
- 1 Altimeter
- 1 Four-piece safety harness (symmetrical)
- 1 Automatic or manual parachute,  
or a seat-back cushion (thickness  
approx. 8 cm/3.15 in. when compressed).
- 1 Outside air temperature indicator  
with sensor  
(red line at 2<sup>o</sup> C/36<sup>o</sup> F)

b) Cloud Flying

In addition to the equipment listed in section a):

Turn & bank indicator with slip ball

Variometer

VHF-Transceiver

Magnetic compass

Temperature indicator (when flying with water ballast)

Note:

From experience gained to date it appears that the A.S.I. system, as installed, remains fully operational when flying in clouds.

Recommended additional equipment for:

Cloud Flying

Artificial horizon

Clock

Restricted Aerobatics

Accelerometer (3 hands, resettable)

Note:

For structural reasons the weight of the instrument panel and instruments must not exceed 10 kg (22 lb).

Operating Instructions

- Flight and Maintenance Manuals
- Data and Reference Placards

Airspeed Indicator Colour Markings

	kt	mph	km/h
Maximum permitted speed $V_{NE}$	135	155	250
Maneuvering speed $V_A$	108	124	200
1.1 x Stalling speed $1.1 \times V_{S1}$	51	59	95
Green arc (normal range)	51-108	59-124	95-200
Yellow arc (caution range)	108-135	124-155	200-250
Radial red line (never exceed)	135	155	250
Yellow arrow (approach speed)	62	71	115

The stalling speed on which the A.S.I. markings are based refers to the following configuration:

- a) Airbrakes : Closed
- b) Maximum weight:  $w_{max} = 525 \text{ kg (1157 lb)}$

2.4 <u>Airspeed limits (IAS)</u>		km/h	kt	mph
Maximum permitted speed	$V_{NE} =$	250	135	155
Maximum permitted speed in rough air	$V_{RA} =$	200	108	124
Maneuvering speed	$V_A =$	200	108	124
Maximum permitted speed on aerotow	$V_T =$	180	97	112
Maximum permitted speed on automobile & winch launch	$V_W =$	150	81	93

Please note that with increasing altitude true airspeed (TAS) increases versus indicated airspeed (IAS).

This is of no consequence with regard to the stressing of the sailplane. However, for flutter prevention the following speeds (IAS) must not be exceeded:

Altitude		V (IAS)			Altitude		V (IAS)		
m	ft	km/h	kt	mph	m	ft	km/h	kt	mph
0	0	250	135	155	6000	19680	230	124	143
1000	3280	250	135	155	7000	22960	217	117	135
2000	6560	250	135	155	8000	26240	205	111	127
3000	9840	250	135	155	9000	29520	193	104	120
4000	13120	250	135	155	10000	32800	182	98	113
5000	16400	243	131	151	12000	39360	158	85	98

## 2.5 Load factors

The following maneuvering load factors must not be exceeded:

at  $V_A = 200$  km/h (108 kt, 124 mph)

$n = + 5.3$

$n = - 2.65$

at  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph)

$n = + 4.0$

$n = - 1.5$

airbrakes closed.

Airbrakes extended: Maximum  $n = + 3.5$  .

## 2.6 Weights

Empty weight

Discus a : 228 kg ( 503 lb)

Discus b : 233 kg ( 514 lb)

Maximum permitted  
all-up weight : 525 kg (1157 lb)

Maximum weight of  
non-lifting parts: 240 kg ( 529 lb)

For maximum permitted water ballast refer to section 2.7.



## 2.7 Loading table

Seat load (pilot and parachute):

Minimum seat load	70 kg (154.3 lb)
Maximum seat load	110 kg (242.5 lb)*

\* Note: As the actual maximum permitted seat load of this sailplane to which this manual refers may differ from the above typical weight, the seat load placard in the cockpit must show the actual maximum weight from the log chart on page 26!

Pilot's weight of less than the placarded minimum seat load must be raised by using trim ballast.

A mounting provision for trim ballast by means of lead plates is provided in the nose of the fuselage. Three (3) plates with a weight of 2.2 kg (4.85 lb) each are provided.

Minimum cockpit load	No. of lead ballast plates
65 kg (143 lb)	1
60 kg (132 lb)	2
55 kg (121 lb)	3

The installation point is as follows:

- Discus a: 1600 mm (62.99 in.)  
ahead of datum (BE)
- Discus b: 1715 mm (67.52 in.)  
ahead of datum (BE)

Neither the max. permitted all-up weight nor the maximum weight of the non-lifting parts may be exceeded.

C/G position of the pilot:

(with parachute or back cushion)

450 mm (17.72 in.) ahead of datum (BE).

Loading table with water ballast

Max. permitted all-up weight including water ballast : 525 kg (1157 lb)

Lever arm of water ballast : 203 mm (7.99 in.)  
aft of datum (BE)

Table of water ballast loads at various empty weights and seat loads (pilot and parachute):

Empty weight kg lb	Seat load (kg / lb) (Pilot and parachute)														
	kg lb 70 154			kg lb 80 176			kg lb 90 198			kg 100 220 lb			kg lb 110 243		
220 485	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5
225 496	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5
230 507	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5
235 518	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	180	47.5	39.6
240 529	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	175	46.2	38.5
245 540	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	180	47.5	39.6	170	44.9	37.4
250 551	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	184	48.6	40.5	175	46.2	38.5	165	43.6	36.3
	Liter	U.S. Gal.	Imp. Gal.	Liter	U.S. Gal.	Imp. Gal.	Liter	U.S. Gal.	Imp. Gal.	Liter	U.S. Gal.	Imp. Gal.	Liter	U.S. Gal.	Imp. Gal.
Water ballast in both wing tanks															

Baggage compartment

Max. permitted load in baggage compartment:

2.0 kg (4.4 lb)

This load must be considered when the maximum permitted water ballast load is determined.

Lever arm of baggage:

Discus a: 500 mm (19.69 in.) aft of datum (BE)

Discus b: 880 mm (34.65 in.) aft of datum (BE)

Loading table when using the fin tank

In order to shift the center of gravity close to its aft limit (favourable in terms of performance), water ballast may be carried in a fin tank ( $m_{FT}$ ) to compensate for the nose heavy moment of water ballast in the wing ( $m_{WT}$ ).

The determination of the ballast quantity is done with the aid of the diagram on page 22 d.

Example for the determination  
of the ballast quantity:

Total water ballast  
in both wing tanks ( $m_{WT}$ ) = 70 kg/Ltr.

Resulting water ballast  
in fin tank ( $m_{FT}$ )  
as shown in the diagram  
on page 22 d = 2.5 kg/Ltr.

As the scale on the fin tank is graduated for  
full kilograms/Ltr. only, a quantity of

2.0 kg = 2.0 Ltr.

is filled in.

When determining the quantity of water ballast for the fin tank, bear in mind that the maximum permitted payload (see log chart, page 26) must not be exceeded. Check as follows:

$$m_{\text{pilot}} + m_{\text{FT}} \leq \text{less or equal to the max. permitted payload shown on page 26.}$$

In order to avoid that the maximum permitted gross weight is exceeded, the ballast in the fin tank must also be considered when determining the maximum allowable water ballast for the wing tanks.

Caution:

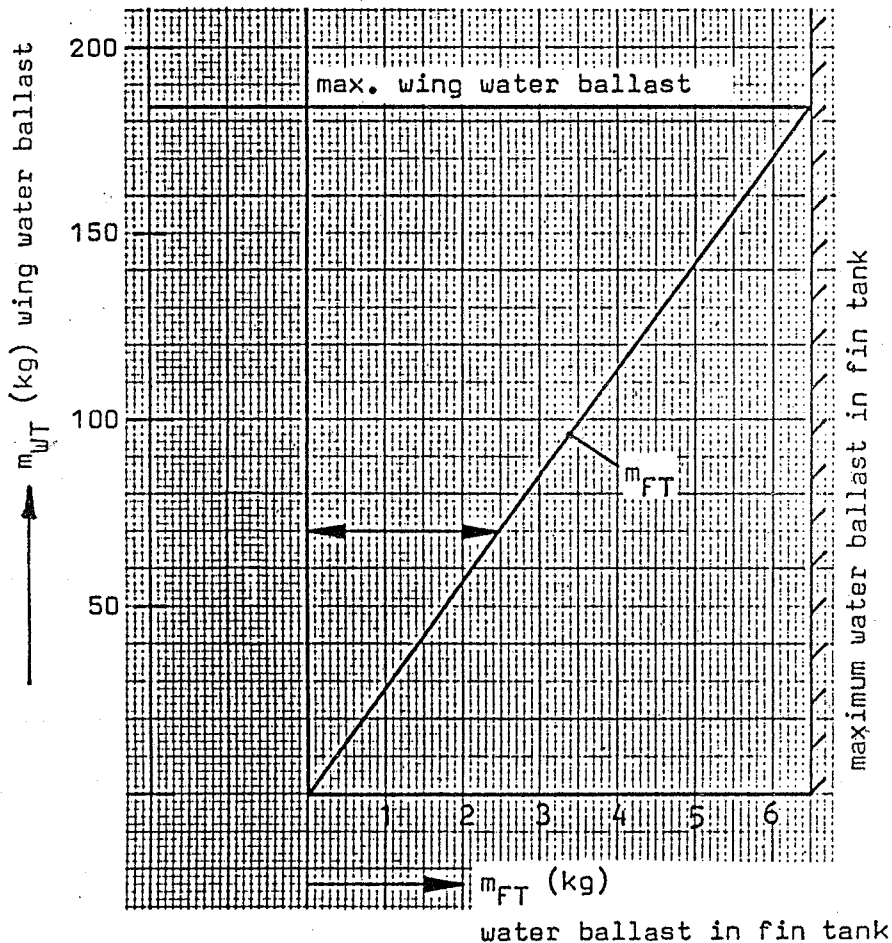
The fin tank should never be used when there is the danger of the water ballast becoming frozen.

Flying conditions must conform with the following table:

Operating limits when fin tank is used:						
Maximum ground temperature	°C	13.5	17	24	31	38
	°F	56	63	75	88	100
Maximum absolute ceiling	m	1500	2000	3000	4000	5000
	ft	4900	6500	9800	13100	16400

Observe the outside air temperature indicator - the temperature must not drop below 2° C (36° F).

$m_{FT}$  Water ballast in fin tank:



## 2.8 C.G. Positions

### a) In-flight C.G. position

Sailplane attitude: Tailskid jacked up so that a wedge-shaped block 100:4.4 for Discus b and 100:3.1 for Discus a placed on the fuselage tail boom is horizontal along its top edge.

Datum (BE) : Wing leading edge  
at root rib

Max. forward

C.G. position : 260 mm (10.24 in.)  
aft of datum (BE)

Max. rearward

C.G. position : 400 mm (15.75 in.)  
aft of datum (BE)

Make sure that the maximum permitted rearward C.G. position is not exceeded - this is ensured when the minimum seat load (pilot and parachute) is observed.

A lower seat load must be compensated by ballast, see section 2.5 "loading table".

### b) Empty weight C.G. position

After repair, repainting, installation of additional equipment, modifications etc. the center of gravity must be re-determined by weighing the sailplane; in any case the Discus should be re-weighed every four years. Make sure that the empty weight C.G. is within the permitted range. If necessary, compensating ballast weight must be installed.

When the empty weight C.G. limits and the loading table are observed, the C.G. position in flight will be within the permitted range.

The determination of the C.G. ranges as shown in the diagrams on page 25 A and 25 B is done with the following seat loads:

Forward

C.G. Positions: With a maximum seat load of 110 kg (242.5 lb) and with max. permitted water ballast

Rearward

C.G. Positions: With various minimum seat loads and with 2.0 kg (4.4 lb) load in the baggage compartment

For easier determination of the "empty" weight C.G. position the table on page 24 A shows, at various empty weights, the maximum permissible tailskid loads with various seat loads (with reference to the rearmost C.G. position).

Just determine the actual tailskid load with the sailplane being in weighing attitude (main wheel on the ground, tailskid jacked up approx. 43 cm (16.93 in.) above floor level) as described on page 23.

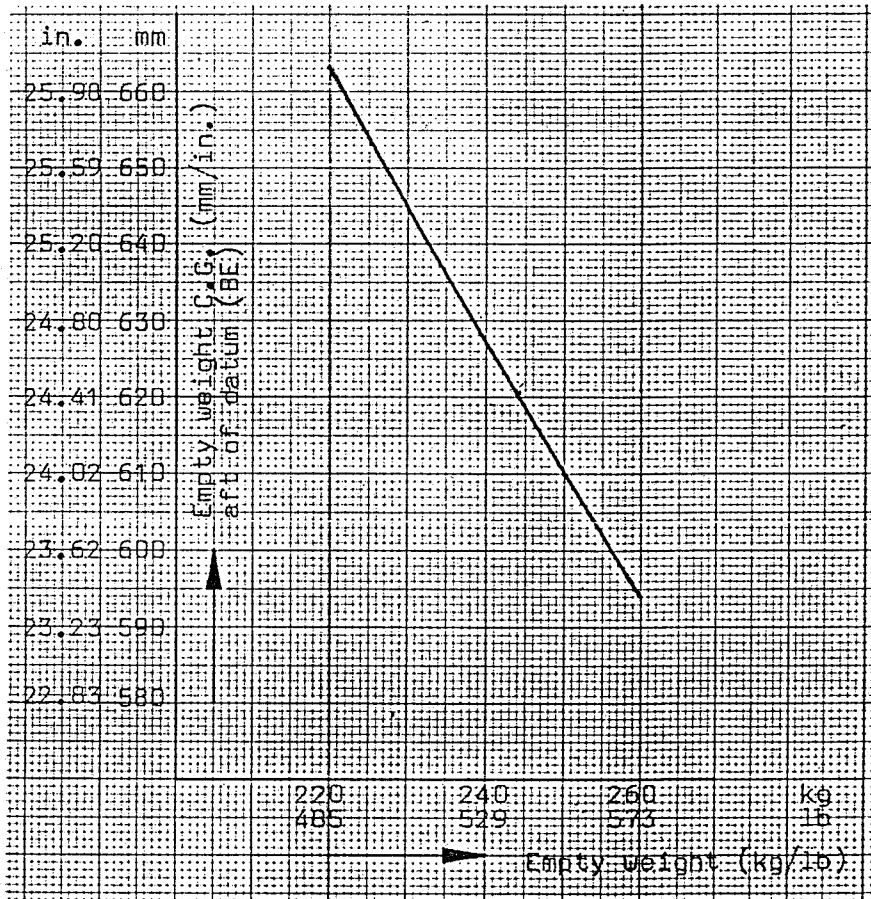
If the tailskid load determined is below the value shown on page 24 A, the C.G. position is within the permitted range.



Empty weight kg lb	Tail ski load with a seat load of:													
	70 kg /		154 lb		75 kg /		165 lb		80 kg /		176 lb		85 kg /	
	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb	Discus a kg lb	Discus b kg lb
220 485	29.7 65.5	28.5 62.8	30.8 67.9	29.5 65.0	31.9 70.3	30.6 67.4	33.0 72.8	31.6 69.7	33.0 72.8	30.6 67.4	31.6 69.7	33.0 72.8	31.6 69.7	
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230 507	30.4 67.0	29.2 64.4	31.5 69.4	30.2 66.6	32.6 71.9	31.3 69.0	33.6 74.1	32.2 71.0	33.6 74.1	31.3 69.0	32.2 71.0	33.6 74.1	32.2 71.0	
235 518	30.7 67.7	29.5 65.0	31.8 70.1	30.5 67.2	32.9 72.5	31.6 69.7	34.0 75.0	32.6 71.9	34.0 75.0	31.6 69.7	32.6 71.9	34.0 75.0	32.6 71.9	
240 529	31.1 68.6	29.8 65.7	32.2 71.0	30.9 68.1	33.2 73.2	31.8 70.1	34.3 75.6	32.9 72.5	34.3 75.6	31.8 70.1	32.9 72.5	34.3 75.6	32.9 72.5	
245 540	31.4 69.2	30.1 66.4	32.5 71.6	31.2 68.8	33.6 74.1	32.2 71.0	34.7 76.5	33.3 73.4	34.7 76.5	32.2 71.0	33.3 73.4	34.7 76.5	33.3 73.4	
250 551	31.8 70.1	30.5 67.2	32.8 72.3	31.5 69.4	33.9 74.7	32.5 71.6	35.0 77.2	34.0 75.0	35.0 77.2	32.5 71.6	34.0 75.0	35.0 77.2	34.0 75.0	
255 562	32.1 70.8	30.8 67.9	33.2 73.2	31.9 70.3	34.2 75.4	32.8 72.3	35.3 77.8	33.9 74.7	35.3 77.8	32.8 72.3	33.9 74.7	35.3 77.8	33.9 74.7	
260 573	32.4 71.4	31.1 68.6	33.5 73.9	32.1 70.8	34.6 76.3	33.2 73.2	35.7 78.7	34.2 75.4	35.7 78.7	33.2 73.2	34.2 75.4	35.7 78.7	34.2 75.4	

Empty Weight C.G. Range

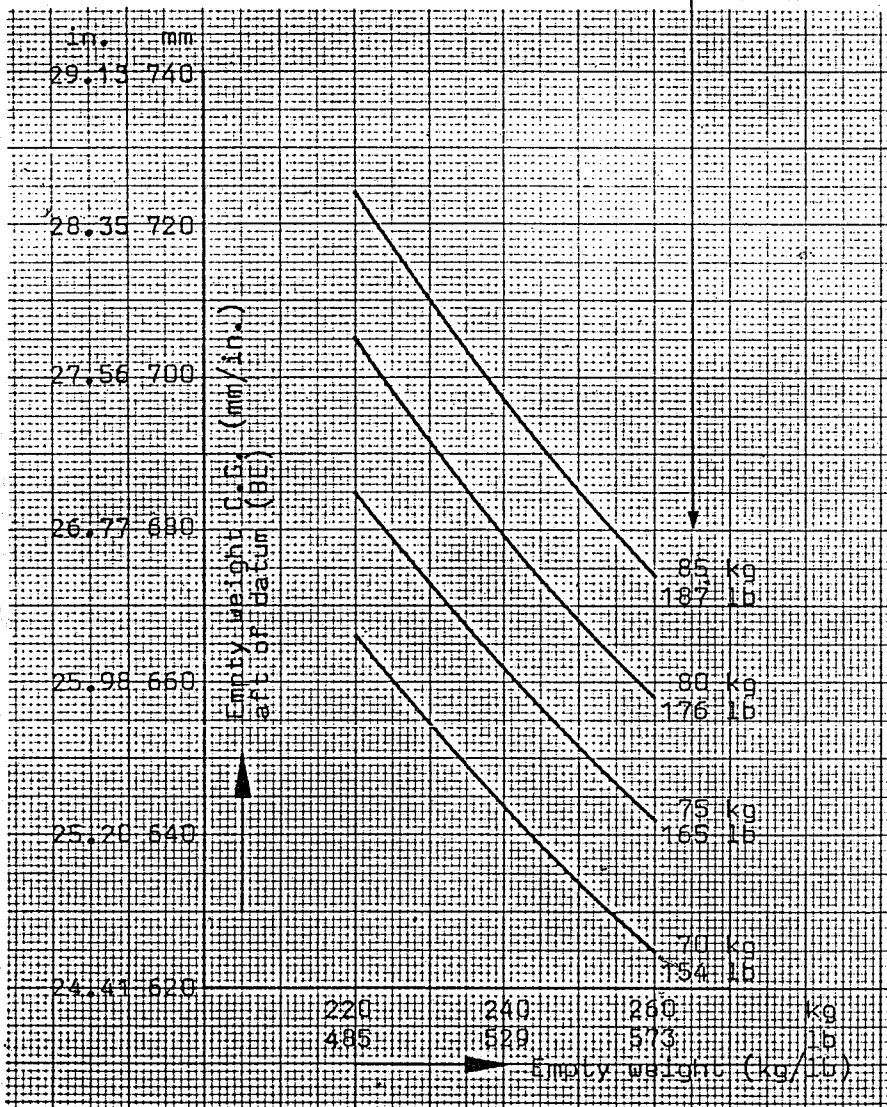
Permitted forward C.G. position at maximum seat load of 110 kg (242.5 lb) and maximum permitted water ballast



Max. permitted A.U.W. = 525 kg (1157 lb)

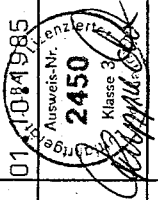
Empty Weight C.G. Range

Permitted rearward C.G. position  
at minimum seat loads of: \_\_\_\_\_



Max. permitted A.U.W. = 525 kg (1157 lb)

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Date of weighing	01.10.1985					
Inspector Signature Stamp						
Empty weight (kg)	242.1 **					
Equipment list dated	01.10.1985					
Empty weight C.G. position (mm) aft of datum (BE)	642					
Weight of pilot and parachute (kg)	max. * 110 min. 70					
Maximum payload (kg)	121.7					
Max. permitted water ballast (kg) at max. payload	161.2					

\* max. seat load not to exceed 110 kg  
\*\* incl. 6 kg lead ballast (for instruments)

2.9 Tow hook(s)

a) C.G. Release mechanism (if installed)

For winch launching and aerotow the TOST release mechanism

Safety release "EUROPA G 72" or  
"EUROPA G 73"

is used, which is installed on the bottom of the fuselage in front of the main landing wheel.

b) Nose tow release mechanism (if installed)

For aerotow the TOST release mechanism

Nose release "E 72" or "E 75"

is used, which is installed in the nose of the fuselage.

2.10 Weak links in winch cable and aerotow rope

For both winch launching and aerotow:

Maximum: 680 daN (1499 lb)

The minimum strength of the weak link should not be less than the value for the maximum all-up weight.

2.11 Tire pressure

Up to 360 kg (794 lb) A.U.W. = 3.5 bar (50 psi)

Above 360 kg (794 lb) A.U.W. = 4.5 bar (64 psi)

2.12 Crosswind

Maximum crosswind component proven for take-off and landing:

20 km/h (11 kt)

### 3. Emergency Procedures

#### 3.1 Spin Recovery

1. Apply full opposite rudder against the direction of rotation of the spin.
2. Ease the control stick forward until the rotation ceases.
3. Centralize rudder and pull out smoothly from dive.

### 3.2 Emergency Exit

In case of danger the roomy and uncluttered cockpit ensures a quick and safe emergency exit.

The procedure for jettisoning the canopy is as follows:

1. Swing canopy locking lever (with red knob) on the left side of the canopy frame forward and raise canopy.
2. Push red knob located directly below the right hand canopy frame forward.
3. Throw off the canopy.

The canopy coaming frame of the fuselage is made of fiberglass laminates, strong and without sharp edges, so the pilot may use it for support when bailing out.

### 3.3 Safety Considerations

Take-off by winch-launch or aerotow from uncut grass fields must be strictly avoided.

If a wing tip is caught in high grass, release winch cable/tow rope immediately, otherwise a cart-wheel with resulting ground loop (with risk of damage) cannot be prevented.

After an emergency release at low altitude, in straight flight a speed of 70 to 90 km/h (38-49 kt, 43-56 mph), depending on wing loading, should be maintained.

In circling flight the speed should be increased according to the bank angle. This will prevent the sailplane from being inadvertently and unnoticeably flown in a stalled condition.

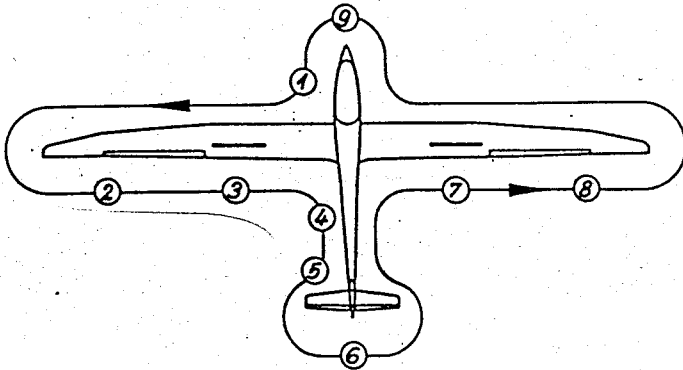
If light vibration and sloppy controls are felt, the sailplane is flying in a stalled condition. The control stick should then be eased forward immediately.



4. Normal Operations

4.1 Daily Inspection

Before commencing the day's flying or after rigging the sailplane it is very important to inspect it carefully, as accidents often occur when these daily inspections are neglected or carried out carelessly.



When walking around the sailplane, check all surfaces for paint cracks, dents and unevenness. In case of doubt, ask an expert for his advice.

1. a) Open the canopy.  
b) Check that the main bolt is fully home and secured.  
c) Make a visual check of all control circuits in the cockpit.  
d) Check controls for full, correct and free movements.  
e) Check for foreign objects.

- f) Check main wheel tire pressure:
    - Up to 360 kg (794 lb) A.U.W.: 50 psi (3.5 bar)
    - Above 360 kg (794 lb) A.U.W.: 64 psi (4.5 bar)
  - g) Check condition and operation of the tow hook(s).
  - h) When trim ballast is necessary:
    - Ballast weights correctly attached in the nose of the fuselage ?
2. a) Check upper and lower wing surfaces for damage.
- b) Clean and grease water dump valves.
- c) Check ailerons for proper condition and free movement.
- Check for unusual play by gently shaking the trailing edge of the aileron.
- Check hinges for damage.
3. Check airbrakes for proper condition, fit and locking.
4. a) Check fuselage for damage, particularly the underside.

4. b) Check that the static pressure ports below the main spar cut-out and on the fuselage tail boom (0.8 m/31.5 in. forward of the leading edge of the fin) are clear.
  
5. a) Check condition of tail skid (or wheel - if installed, tire pressure 2.0 bar/28 psi).  
Check that the fin tank dump hole is clear.  
b) If a T.E. Compensation probe is used, mount it and check the line (when blowing gently into the probe, vario-meter should read "climb").  
c) Check that the spill holes of the fin tank are clear.  
d) Check ballast quantity in fin tank (in case of doubt dump water).
  
6. a) Check horizontal tailplane for correct attachment and locking.  
b) Check elevator and rudder for free movement.  
c) Check trailing edge of elevator and rudder for damage.  
d) Check elevator and rudder for unusual play by gently shaking the trailing edge.
  
7. See (3)
  
8. See (2)

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9. Check that the static pressure ports near the instrument panel and the Pitot tube in the fuselage nose are clear. When blowing gently into the Pitot tube the ASI should register.
10. By removing the connectors behind the instrument panel, water may be drained from Pitot, Static and Total Energy Compensation lines.

After heavy landings or after the sailplane has been subjected to excessive g-loads, the resonant frequency of the wing should be checked (the exact figure of this serial number is shown in the last inspection report).

Check the entire sailplane thoroughly for surface cracks and other damage. For this purpose it should be de-rigged.

If damage is found (i.e. surface cracks in the fuselage tail boom or tailplane, or if delamination is discovered at the wing roots or at the bearings in the root rib) the sailplane must be grounded until the damage has been repaired by a qualified person.

## 4.2 Pre-flight Inspection

Refer to cockpit placards

## 4.3 Take-off

### 4.3.1 Aerotow

Maximum permitted speed on aerotow:

$$V_T = 180 \text{ km/h (97 kt, 112 mph).}$$

Use the C.G. hook for aerotow, or, if installed, the nose tow hook. The Discus has been aerotowed using hemp and nylon ropes of between 30 and 60 m length (100-200 ft).

For take-off set trim to about one third travel from its forward position (with the C.G. in aft-most position the trim should be fully nose-heavy).

As the tow rope tightens apply the wheel brake gently so that the sailplane does not overrun the tow rope.

For intermediate to forward C.G. positions the elevator should be neutral for the ground run; in the case of rear C.G. positions it is recommended that down elevator is applied until the tail lifts.

Due to the control circuit geometry of the aileron control slightly larger control stick movements are required during the take-off run.

After lift-off, at about 75 to 95 km/h (40-51 kt, 47-59 mph) the trim can be re-set for minimum elevator control loads.

Normal towing speed is in the region of 100 to 120 km/h (54-65 kt, 62-75 mph) and between 120 and 140 km/h (65-76 kt, 75-87 mph) when water ballast is carried.

To keep station behind the tug only small control movements are necessary.

Correspondingly greater control movements are required when flying the sailplane into the tug's propeller slip stream; furthermore, tailplane vibration occurs and the ASI reading varies.

The undercarriage may be retracted during tow; this is not, however, recommended at low altitude, as changing hands on the control stick could easily cause the sailplane to lose station behind the tug.

When releasing the tow rope, pull the yellow grip fully several times and turn only when definitely clear of rope.

#### 4.3.2 Winch launching

Maximum permitted winch launch speed:

$$V_w = 150 \text{ km/h (81 kt, 93 mph).}$$

The trim is normally set at a mid-point position, for rearward C.G. positions it should be set to fully nose heavy.

As the cable tightens, apply the wheel brake gently in order to prevent the sailplane overrunning the winch cable.

Ground run and lift off are normal and there is no tendency to veer-off or to climb excessively steeply on leaving the ground.

Depending on the seat load the sailplane is lifted off with the control stick almost fully pushed forward in the case of aft C.G. positions and slightly pulled back with the C.G. in a forward position.

After climbing to a safe height the transition to a typical steep winch launch climbing attitude is effected by easing the control column back slightly.

At normal flying weights, without water ballast, the launch speed should not be less than 90 km/h (49 kt, 56 mph), and with water ballast not less than 100 to 110 km/h (54-59 kt, 62-68 mph).

Normal launch speed is about 100 km/h (54 kt, 62 mph), with water ballast about 115 to 125 km/h (62-68 kt, 71-77 mph).

At the top of the launch the cable will normally back release automatically; the cable release should, however, be pulled firmly several times to ensure that the cable has actually gone.

Winch launching at maximum permitted all-up weight of 525 kg (1157 lb) should only be performed if an appropriately strong winch and a cable in perfect condition are available.

There is not much point in using a winch launch for a soaring flight if the release height gained is less than 400 m (1300 ft).

In case of doubt, reduce all-up weight to e.g. 400 kg (882 lb) or less.

Winch launching with water ballast is not recommended if the head wind is less than 20 km/h (11 kt).

It is explicitly advised against winch launching with a tail wind.



#### 4.4 Free Flight

This sailplane has pleasant flight characteristics and can be flown effortlessly at all speeds, loading conditions (with or without water ballast), configurations and C.G. positions.

With a mid-point C.G. position the speed range covered by the trim is from about 70 km/h to about 220 km/h (38 to 119 kt, 43 to 137 mph).

Flying characteristics are pleasant and the controls are well harmonized.

Turn reversal from  $45^{\circ}$  to  $45^{\circ}$  is effected without any noticeable skidding.

Ailerons and rudder may be used to the limit of their travel.

Times required are shown below, figures set in parenthesis refer to 525 kg/1157 lb A.U.W.:

Speed : 95 km/h 51 kt 59 mph  
(120 km/h) (65 kt) (75 mph)

Reversal time  
approx. : 4 seconds  
(3 seconds)

4.5 Low Speed Handling and Stall

In order to become familiar with the Discus we recommend exploring the low speed and stall characteristics at a safe height.

Stalls should be approached from straight flight and from turning flight (with approx. 45° bank).

Stalling from straight and level flight

The following stalling speeds are typical in straight flight:

A.U.W.	Discus a			Discus b			Discus a / b		
	313 kg 690 lb			333 kg 734 lb			525 kg 1157 lb		
C.G. position aft of datum (BE)	400 mm 15.75 in.			400 mm 15.75 in.			260 mm 10.24 in.		
Stalling speed,	km/h	kt	mph	km/h	kt	mph	km/h	kt	mph
airbrakes closed	66 (60)	36 (32)	41 (37)	68 (60)	37 (32)	42 (37)	86 (80)	46 (43)	53 (50)
airbrakes extended	70 (60)	38 (32)	43 (37)	72 (60)	39 (32)	45 (37)	95 (80)	51 (43)	59 (50)

Figures shown in parenthesis apply for sailplanes having a nose tow hook installed which causes a large airspeed indicator error around the stalling speed.

In the case of the C.G. being at the fully aft position stall warning occurs 3 to 5 km/h (2 - 3 kt) above stalling speed and is indicated by vibration in the control system. When pulling the control stick further back, vibration increases up to the point of stall and the ailerons get spongy.

With the C.G. at the fully forward position stall warning occurs just before the stalling speed is reached. The elevator and rudder control of the sailplane is normal up to the point of stall.

When reaching a stalled condition with the C.G. at an aft position the sailplane may drop a wing but usually the wings can be held level.

When the C.G. is forward, the sailplane will simply stall straight ahead with full aft stick.

Transition into a normal flight condition is performed by releasing the back pressure on the control stick and, if necessary, applying opposite rudder and aileron.

#### Turning flight stalls

When approaching a stall from a coordinated 45° banked turn with the control stick fully pulled back the sailplane either continues to fly in a stalled condition or it drops a wing abruptly.

With the C.G. at a forward position and the control stick fully pulled back it simply stalls.

Transition into a normal flight condition is performed by appropriate use of controls.

In the case of an aft C.G. position, application of full rudder when the sailplane is stalled will produce a spin.

With the C.G. at an aftmost position oscillations in pitch occur during a spin.

If aileron is applied in the direction of the spin the pitch attitude steepens and the rate of rotation increases.

Following the standard recovery procedure the loss of height during recovery from a spin is approximately 50 to 80 m (164-262 ft) measured from the point at which recovery is initiated to the point at which horizontal flight is regained.

Recovery speed is between about 120 and 190 km/h (65-103 kt, 75-118 mph).

A safe recovery from spin is effected by following the standard recovery procedure:

- a) apply opposite rudder, i.e. against direction of spin
- b) short pause
- c) ease the control column forward until rotation ceases and the airflow is restored
- d) centralize rudder and pull gently out of the resulting dive.

With the C.G. at the fully forward position spins cannot be induced, but, depending on the use of controls a spiral dive may develop. The sailplane will quickly recover from this condition by normal use of opposite controls.

#### 4.6 High Speed Flight

When flying at high speeds up to  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph) the sailplane is well controllable.

Full deflection of control surfaces may only be used up to  $V_A = 200$  km/h (108 kt, 124 mph).

At  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph) only 1/3 controlled deflections are permitted. Avoid especially sudden elevator control movements.

In strong turbulence, i.e. in wave rotors, thunderstorms, visible whirl winds or when crossing mountain ridges, the speed in rough air  $V_{RA} = 200$  km/h (108 kt, 124 mph) must not be exceeded.

With the C.G. in rearward positions the control column movement from the point of stall to maximum permissible speed is relatively small, though the change in speed will be noticed through a perceptible change in control column loads.

The airbrakes may be extended up to  $V_{NE} = 250$  km/h (135 kt, 155 mph), however, they should only be used at such high speeds in emergency or when the maximum permitted airspeeds are being exceeded inadvertently.

As the airbrakes are very effective the deceleration forces are considerable if they are extended suddenly.

Therefore it must be ensured that the harness is tight and that the control column is not inadvertently moved when the airbrakes are extended.

Avoid loose objects in the cockpit.

It should also be noted that with the airbrakes extended the sailplane should be pulled out less abruptly than with retracted airbrakes (see section 2.5, load factors).

A dive with the airbrakes fully extended is limited to an angle to the horizon of  $35^{\circ}$  at maximum permitted all-up weight and to  $49^{\circ}$  without water ballast at speeds of approximately 250 km/h (135 kt, 155 mph).

#### 4.7 Flying with water ballast

The water ballast tanks are integral compartments in the wing D nose.

The tanks are to be filled with clear water only through a round opening with a strainer on the upper surface of the wing D nose.

The plugged-in filler caps are withdrawn by inserting the tailplane rigging screw in their 6 mm female thread. The thread hole in the cap also serves for venting the tank quickly and must therefore be kept clear. In addition both tanks are also vented by a tube running from the highest point of the tank through the wing to the underside of the wing tip. The vent hole in the filler cap may therefore be taped tight when placing the tip of a full wing on the ground. Water then will stop escaping through the venting tube as soon as an air pocket has formed at the highest point of the tank at the root rib. The tape covering the filler cap hole should be removed before take-off so that the ballast tank is drained off in the shortest time.

Total capacity of the wing tanks is 184 liters (48.6 U.S. Gal., 40.5 Imp. Gal.).

The left tank holds 97 liters (25.6 U.S. Gal., 21.3 Imp. Gal.), the right tank 87 liters (23.0 U.S. Gal., 19.2 Imp. Gal.).

Dumping the water ballast takes about four to five minutes from full tanks.

When filling the tanks bear in mind the weight of the pilot and ensure that the maximum permitted weight is not exceeded (see loading table, section 2.7).

Both tanks should be filled with about the same amount of water to prevent lateral imbalance. (With full wing tanks their different capacity is hardly perceptible as the excess weight is situated near the root rib).

When taking off with partly full ballast tanks ensure that the wings are held level in order to allow the water to be equally distributed so both wings are balanced.

Because of the additional weight in the wings the wingtip runner should continue running as long as possible during the launch.

Thanks to the integral bulkheads in the ballast tanks there is no perceptible movement of the water ballast when flying with partially full tanks.

When flying at maximum permitted A.U.W. the low speed and stall behaviour of the sailplane is slightly different from the flight characteristics without water ballast. The stalling speed increases (see section 4.5), and for corrections of the flying attitude larger movements of the control surfaces are required. Also, for recovery from a stall slightly more height is necessary to regain normal flying attitude.



Water ballast is dumped through an opening on the lower wing surface near the root rib.

The dump valve mechanism is hooked-up automatically when the wings are rigged.

In the unlikely event of the tanks emptying unevenly or only one of them emptying (recognized by having to apply up to 50 % opposite aileron for normal flying attitude), it is necessary to fly somewhat faster to take into account the increased weight and also to avoid stalling the sailplane.

If, despite this, the sailplane should enter a spin with a very flat angle to the horizon, then, for spin recovery according to the standard procedure, full forward stick is required and the airbrakes must be extended.

When landing, be prepared to veer off course, as the heavier wing will touch down somewhat earlier.

#### Fin tank

The forward travel of the center of gravity, caused by water ballast in the wings, may be compensated by carrying water ballast in a fin tank, thus regaining optimum performance in circling flight.

For instructions how to use the fin tank refer to the following pages: 22 a, 22 b, 22 c, 47 a and 47 b.

Water ballast in the fin tank

The water tank is an integral compartment in the fin with a capacity of 6.5 kg/Ltr. (0.26 U.S. Gal., 0.22 Imp. Gal.).

The fin tank is filled by connecting one end of a flexible plastic tube (outer diameter: 8.0 mm/0.31 in.) to a water container, its other end is inserted into the filler tube (internal diameter: 10 mm/0.39 in.) protruding from the gap of the rudder on top of the fin. The filler tube is accessible with the horizontal tailplane in place or removed.

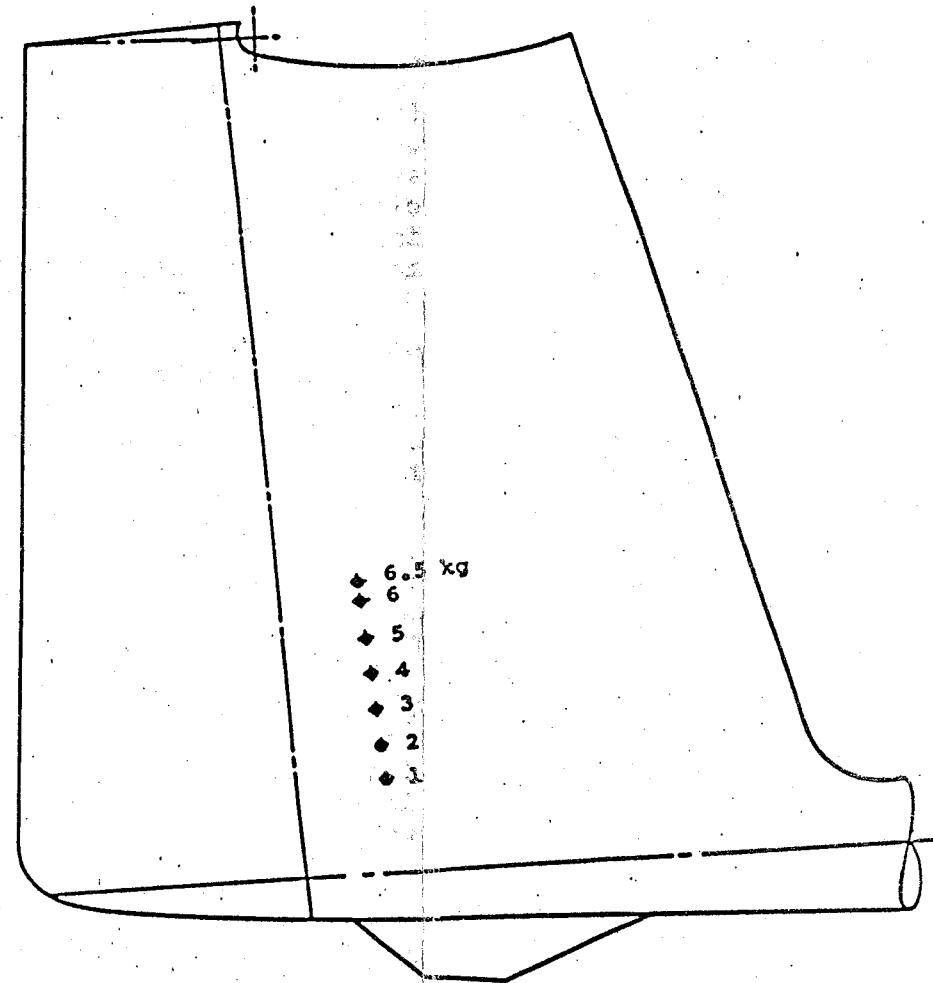
Six spill holes, one for each kg/Ltr. ballast, plus a seventh for the maximum capacity (6.5 kg/Ltr.) on top of the tank, all properly marked, are located on the r.h. side of fin as shown in the accompanying sketch.

The number of spill holes to be taped closed before the tank is filled, depends on the weight of the ballast required to compensate for the water in the wing tanks - see loading chart "when fin tank is used".

Always tape closed one hole less than the weight required, measured in kg/Ltr.

If, for instance, a ballast weight of 3 kg/Ltr. is required, only the lower two holes are taped closed, any excessive water then escapes through the third hole.

Venting of the fin tank is through the uppermost 6.5 kg/Ltr. hole and through the filler tube.



ctd.: Water ballast in the fin tank

Water ballast is dumped from the fin tank through an opening on the underside of the fuselage opposite to the rudder.

The fin tank dump valve is linked to the dumping mechanism of the wing tanks such that all three tanks always open simultaneously.

Dumping water ballast from a full fin tank takes about 2 to 2.5 seconds, i.e. half of the time required for the wing tanks.

Dumping water ballast from the fin tank therefore is always quicker than from the wing tanks.

Important

1. On longer flights at temperatures near  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $32^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) water ballast must be dumped in any case when reaching a temperature of  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $36^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).
2. There is little point in using much water ballast if the average rate of climb expected does not exceed 1.5 m/s (295 fpm). The same applies to flights in narrow thermals requiring high angles of bank.
3. Before an off-field landing water ballast should always be dumped.
4. On no account whatsoever must the sailplane ever be parked with full ballast tanks, because of the danger of them freezing up. Before the sailplane is parked drain off all water completely, remove the filler caps and allow the tanks to dry out.
5. Before the water tanks are filled, check with the dump valves opened that both drain plugs open, move and close simultaneously. Leaking (dripping) dump valves are avoided by cleaning and greasing the valve seats and drain plugs (with the valves open), then, with the valves closed, the drain plugs are pulled in position with the threaded tool used to attach the tailplane.
6. Never pressurize the tanks, for instance by filling directly from the water hose; water should always be poured in.
7. Before the fin tank is filled, check that those spill holes not being taped closed are clear.

#### 4.8 Cloud Flying

(only permitted without water ballast)

This sailplane is sufficiently robust and stable for cloud flying. It is simple to control and is stable in a turn.

Certain basic rules must be observed however. Under no circumstances may the speed limitations be exceeded.

It is recommended that the airbrakes be extended fully if the speed builds up to 130 km/h (70 kt, 81 mph) or if more than 2 g are pulled.

The additional equipment required for cloud flying is to be observed (refer to section 2.3 b).

#### 4.9 Flying at temperatures below freezing point

When flying in temperatures below 0° C (32° F), (as in wave or during the winter months) it is possible that the usual ease and smoothness of the control circuits is reduced.

Ensure that all control elements are free from moisture so that there is no danger of them freezing solid. This applies especially to the airbrakes.

It has been found beneficial to cover the mating surfaces of the airbrakes with Vaseline along their full length so that they cannot freeze solid. Move the control surfaces occasionally.

When flying with water ballast note the instructions in section 4.7.

Note:

Since the polyester gelcoat of this sailplane becomes very brittle when operating at high altitudes at associated temperatures of possibly  $-40^{\circ}$  C to  $-50^{\circ}$  C ( $-40^{\circ}$  F to  $-58^{\circ}$  F), cracks in the wing shell coating - particularly near the ends of the airbrakes - may occur under certain loads.

Therefore, after having reached the ceiling on high altitude wave flights, descend cautiously while the airbrakes are extended.

A steep descent with the airbrakes extended should only be conducted in case of emergency.

To date no damage to the structure has been found on cracked wing shell coatings.

#### 4.10 Restricted Aerobatics

(only permitted without water ballast)

The Discus is permitted to carry out the following aerobatic maneuvers:

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) Inside Loops | c) Stalled Turn |
| b) Spins        | d) Lazy Eight   |

##### Inside Loop

Enter the maneuver at a speed of 180 km/h (97 kt, 112 mph) IAS. Speed during recovery from the maneuver: Approx. 170 km/h (92 kt, 106 mph).

##### Spins

Spins are only possible when the C.G. position is aft. Enter the spin from a stall by applying full rudder and with ailerons neutral. Hold the stick hard back while spinning. Recover from the spin by applying opposite rudder and easing the stick forward with the ailerons neutral. Recovery speed is about 140 km/h (76 kt, 87 mph). If spun with the C.G. at the fully aft position, the spin will continue for approximately half a turn after recovery action is initiated.

##### Stalled Turn

Enter the maneuver at a speed of 160 km/h (86 kt, 99 mph). While climbing vertically let the wing which will be on the inside of the turn drag and then at about 140 km/h (76 kt, 87 mph) apply rudder in the direction of the dragging wing in order to prevent a distorted maneuver. Speed during recovery from the maneuver: Approx. 150 km/h (81 kt, 93 mph).

##### Lazy Eight

Enter the maneuver at a speed of 160 km/h (86 kt, 99 mph). After pulling up in a 45° climb enter a turn at about 120 km/h (65 kt, 75 mph). Recovery speed: Approx. 150 km/h (81 kt, 93 mph).

#### 4.11 Approach and landing

Normal approach speed with airbrakes fully extended and with the undercarriage lowered is 95 km/h (51 kt, 59 mph) and at maximum all-up weight 115 km/h (62 kt, 71 mph). In this configuration the glide angle is approximately 1 : 5.5.

The airbrakes open smoothly - they are very effective. There is no perceptible change of trim.

Side slipping is well controllable and can be used as an effective landing aid, with the airbrakes extended as well.

At minimum speed touch down is tail first.

The wheel brake works well.

To avoid a long landing run make sure that the sailplane touches down at minimum speed (about 70 km/h, 38 kt, 43 mph).

At a touch down speed of 90 km/h (49 kt, 56 mph) instead of 70 km/h (38 kt, 43 mph), the kinetic energy to be dissipated by braking is increased by a factor of 1.65 and therefore increases the length of the ground run considerably.

For off-field landings always extend the undercarriage.



5. Rigging and de-rigging

5.1 Rigging

The sailplane can be rigged by two persons if a wing stand is used under one wing tip.

All wing and tailplane rigging fittings should be cleaned and greased.

Wings

Unlock the airbrakes and set the water ballast jettisoning knob in the forward (closed) position. Insert the left wing.

It is important that the helper on the wing tip should concentrate on lifting the trailing edge of the wing more than the leading edge, so that the rear wing attachment pin does not force the swivel bearing on the fuselage down and out of alignment.

Check that the spar stub is located correctly on the far side of the fuselage (if necessary tilt the fuselage or move the wing gently up and down to help it home).

Check that the angular levers at the root rib are properly inserted in the funnels on the fuselage.

Push in the main bolt approx. 30 mm (1.2 in.) so that the wing is prevented from sliding out by the GFRP cover over the forward wing mounting tube.

The wing can now be placed on the stand.

Insert the right wing.

The procedure is the same as for the left wing.

If it is difficult to push in the wing for the last 10 or 20 mm (0.4 - 0.8 in.), remove the main bolt again and draw the wings together with the rigging lever.

Make sure that the airbrake operating lever is slightly pulled back as otherwise the overcentering forces of the airbrake locking system will drive the wings apart by some millimeters.

Finally, push the main bolt fully home and secure it by its handle with the cowling safety pin on the fuselage side.

### Horizontal tailplane

Take the round-headed rigging tool (from the cockpit pocket) and screw it into the front tailplane locating pin on the leading edge of the fin.

Slide the tailplane aft onto the two elevator actuating pins. Then pull the round-headed rigging tool and its pin forward, seat the front of the tailplane and push the pin fully home into the tailplane fitting. Remove rigging tool.

The pin must not protrude in front of the leading edge of the fin.

Check whether the elevator operating pins are really located by moving the elevator.

### After rigging

With the aid of a helper check the controls for full and free movement in the correct sense.

Use tape to seal off the wing/fuselage joint, the opening for the front tailplane attachment pin and the joint between fin and tailplane.

Sealing with tape is beneficial in terms of performance and it also serves to reduce the noise level.

## 5.2 De-rigging

Before the sailplane is de-rigged, remove sealing tape.

### Horizontal tailplane

Withdraw front attachment pin with rigging tool, lift the leading edge of the stabilizer slightly, slide tailplane forwards and off.

### Wings

Unlock the airbrakes, set water ballast valve control to "closed" and remove safety pin from the main bolt handle.

With a helper on each wing tip pull out the main bolt and withdraw the right wing, gently rocking it backwards and forwards if necessary.

Then remove the left wing.

### 5.3 Storage, Hanging and Transport

The sailplane should always be hangared or kept in well ventilated conditions.

If it is kept in closed trailers there must be adequate ventilation.

The sailplane must not be subjected to loads when not in use, especially in the case of high ambient temperatures.

As the wings have a thin airfoil section it is important that they are well supported: Leading edge down, with support at the spar roots and approx. 3.3 m (10.8 ft) from the wing tip in wing cradles of correct airfoil section.

The fuselage can rest on a broad cradle just forward of the C.G. hook and on its tailskid.

The tailplane should be kept leading edge down in two wing boxes of correct airfoil section, about 1.0 m (3.3 ft) apart.

On no account should the tailplane be supported by its fittings in the trailer.

In the case of sailplanes which remain rigged permanently it is important to ensure that the maintenance program includes rust prevention for the fittings of the fuselage, wings and tailplane.

Dust covers should be regarded as essential for a high-performance sailplane.

If the sailplane is being pushed it should not be pushed at the wing tips but as near to the fuselage as possible.

#### 5.4 Caring for the sailplane surface

For cleaning and care we recommend:

- Water, with or without washing agents with usual additives, polish and polish materials.
- Petrol and alcohol may be used for a short time only.  
Not recommended are thinners of all kinds.
- Never use chlorine hydrogen (i.e. Tri, Tetra, Per, etc.).
- The canopy should be cleaned with "Plexiklar", "Mirror Glaze", or with a similar plexiglass cleaner and only if necessary, with warm water. The canopy should be wiped down only with a clean soft chamois leather or a very soft material.  
Never rub the canopy when it is dry!
- This sailplane, like any other, should be protected from the wet.  
If water has found a way in, the sailplane should be stored in a dry environment and the components turned frequently to eliminate the water.
- The sailplane should not be exposed unnecessarily to intense sunlight or heat and should not be subjected to continual loads in a mechanical sense.

All external portions of the sailplane exposed to sunlight must be painted white, except the areas for the registration numbers and (optional) anti-collision markings.

Colours other than white can lead to the GFRP or CFRP overheating in direct sunlight, resulting in a weakening of the structure.

Appendix

6. Performance Data

Flight performance data shown refer to an all-up weight of 350 kg (772 lb).

Wing loading : 33 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (6.76 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Stalling speed : 69 km/h (37 kt, 43 mph)

Minimum sink rate  
at 78 km/h  
(42 kt, 48 mph) : 0.61 m/s (120 fpm)

Maximum L/D  
at 100 km/h  
(54 kt, 62 mph) : 42.5

A speed polar diagram is shown on the next page.



