

Communication Summary

December 28 and 29, 2020

From: David Koehn, Cirrus Training Partner



Mr. Koehn was advised of an accident where a pilot had erroneous flight readings during his IFR flight. He was asked if his training program included manipulating the alternate static source open and he advised that his training program does not. He was asked if it is possible to add that alternate static source physical manipulation training to the program?

He, in part, advised we do train all our pilots on pitot/static failures including symptoms and treatments for each of the various failure modes. I have made it a point of emphasis with our instructors to make sure that every pilot that flies with us is familiar with the operation of the alternate static and is comfortable using it. He was subsequently asked about manipulating the alternate static source open and he now advised that they currently include a physical movement of the alt static as part of our instruction.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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