

Airspeed Limitations

The indicated airspeeds in the following table are based upon Section 5 Airspeed Calibrations using the normal static source. When using the alternate static source, allow for the airspeed calibration variations between the normal and alternate static sources.

Speed	KIAS	KCAS	Remarks
V _{NE}	201	204	Never Exceed Speed is the speed limit that may not be exceeded at any time.
V _{NO}	178	180	Maximum Structural Cruising Speed is the speed that should not be exceeded except in smooth air, and then only with caution.
V _O 3400 Lb	133	135	Operating Maneuvering Speed is the maximum speed at which full control travel may be used. Below this speed the airplane stalls before limit loads are reached. Above this speed, full control movements can damage the airplane.
V _{FE} 50% Flaps 100% Flaps	119 104	120 104	Maximum Flap Extended Speed is the highest speed permissible with wing flaps extended.
V _{PD}	133	135	Maximum Demonstrated Parachute Deployment Speed is the maximum speed at which parachute deployment has been demonstrated.

Figure 2-1
Airspeed Limits

Kinds of Operation

The SR22 is equipped and approved for the following type operations:

- VFR day and night.
- IFR day and night.

Icing

Flight into known icing conditions is prohibited.

Kinds of Operation Equipment List

The following listing summarizes the equipment required under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 23 for airworthiness under the listed kind of operation. Those minimum items of equipment necessary under the operating rules are defined in FAR Part 91 and FAR Part 135 as applicable.

• Note •

All references to types of flight operations on the operating limitations placards are based upon equipment installed at the time of Airworthiness Certificate issuance.

System, Instrument, and/or Equipment	Kinds of Operation				Remarks, Notes, and/or Exceptions
	VFR Day	VFR Nt.	IFR Day	IFR Nt.	
Communications					
VHF COM	—	—	1	1	
Electrical Power					
Battery 1	1	1	1	1	
Battery 2	—	—	1	1	
Alternator 1	1	1	1	1	
Alternator 2	—	—	1	1	
Ammeter	1	1	1	1	
Low Volts Annunciator	1	1	1	1	

CAPS Deployment

The Cirrus Airframe Parachute System (CAPS) should be activated in the event of a life-threatening emergency where CAPS deployment is determined to be safer than continued flight and landing.

• WARNING •

CAPS deployment is expected to result in loss of the airframe and, depending upon adverse external factors such as high deployment speed, low altitude, rough terrain or high wind conditions, may result in severe injury or death to the occupants. Because of this, CAPS should only be activated when any other means of handling the emergency would not protect the occupants from serious injury.

• Caution •

Expected impact in a fully stabilized deployment is equivalent to a drop from approximately 13 feet.

• Note •

Several possible scenarios in which the activation of the CAPS would be appropriate are discussed in Section 10 - Safety Information, of this Handbook. These include:

- Mid-air collision
- Structural failure
- Loss of control
- Landing in inhospitable terrain
- Pilot incapacitation

All pilots should carefully review the information on CAPS activation and deployment in Section 10 before operating the airplane.

Once the decision is made to deploy CAPS, the following actions should be taken:

1. Airspeed..... MINIMUM POSSIBLE

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Cirrus Airplane Parachute System

The SR22 is equipped with a Cirrus Airplane Parachute System (CAPS) designed to bring the aircraft and its occupants to the ground in the event of a life-threatening emergency. The system is intended to save the lives of the occupants but will most likely destroy the aircraft and may, in adverse circumstances, cause serious injury or death to the occupants. Because of this it is important to carefully read the CAPS descriptions in this section, section 3 Emergency Procedures and Section 10, Safety and consider when and how you would use the system.

• WARNING •

The parachute system does not require electrical power for activation and can be activated at any time. The solid-propellant rocket flight path is upward from the parachute cover. Stay clear of parachute canister area when aircraft is occupied. Do not allow children in the aircraft unattended.

System Description

The CAPS consists of a parachute, a solid-propellant rocket to deploy the parachute, a rocket activation handle, and a harness imbedded within the fuselage structure.

A composite box containing the parachute and solid-propellant rocket is mounted to the airplane structure immediately aft of the baggage compartment bulkhead. The box is covered and protected from the elements by a thin composite cover.

The parachute is enclosed within a deployment bag that stages the deployment and inflation sequence. The deployment bag creates an orderly deployment process by allowing the canopy to inflate only after the rocket motor has pulled the parachute lines taut.

The parachute itself is a 2400-square-foot round canopy equipped with a slider, an annular-shaped fabric panel with a diameter significantly less than the open diameter of the canopy. The slider has grommets spaced around its perimeter. The canopy suspension lines are routed through these grommets so that the slider is free to move along the suspension lines. Since the slider is positioned at the top of the suspension lines near the canopy, at the beginning of the deployment

sequence the slider limits the initial diameter of the parachute and the rate at which the parachute inflates. As the slider moves down the suspension lines the canopy inflates.

A three-point harness connects the airplane fuselage structure to the parachute. The aft harness strap is stowed in the parachute canister and attached to the structure at the aft baggage compartment bulkhead. The forward harness straps are routed from the canister to firewall attach points just under the surface of the fuselage skin. When the parachute deploys, the forward harness straps pull through the fuselage skin covering from the canister to the forward attach points.

Activation Handle

CAPS is initiated by pulling the CAPS Activation T-handle installed in the cabin ceiling on the airplane centerline just above the pilot's right shoulder. A placarded cover, held in place with hook and loop fasteners, covers the T-handle and prevents tampering with the control. The cover is removed by pulling the black tab at the forward edge of the cover.

Pulling the activation T-handle will activate the rocket and initiate the CAPS deployment sequence. To activate the rocket, two separate events must occur:

1. Pull the activation T-handle from its receptacle. Pulling the T-handle removes it from the o-ring seal that holds it in place and takes out the slack in the cable (approximately two inches (5 cm) of cable will be exposed). Once the slack is removed, the T-handle motion will stop and greater force will be required to activate the rocket.
2. Clasp both hands around activation T-handle and pull straight downward with a strong, steady, and continuous force until the rocket activates. A chin-up type pull works best. Up to 45.0 pounds (20.4 Kg) force, or greater, may be required to activate the rocket. The greater force required occurs as the cable arms and then releases the rocket igniter firing pin. When the firing pin releases, two primers discharge and ignite the rocket fuel.

• Note •

Jerking or rapidly pulling on the activation T-handle greatly increases the pull forces required to activate the rocket.

Attempting to activate the rocket by pushing the activation T-handle forward and down limits the force that can be applied. Pulling the activation T-handle straight down generates the greatest force.

A maintenance safety pin is provided to ensure that the activation handle is not pulled during maintenance. However, there may be some circumstances where an operator may wish to safety the CAPS system; for example, the presence of unattended children in the airplane, the presence of people who are not familiar with the CAPS activation system in the airplane, or during display of the airplane.

The pin is inserted through the handle retainer and barrel locking the handle in the "safe" position. A "Remove Before Flight" streamer is attached to the pin.

• **WARNING** •

After maintenance has been performed or any other time the system has been safetied, operators must verify that the pin has been removed before further flight.

Deployment Characteristics

When the rocket launches, the parachute assembly is extracted outward due to rocket thrust and rearward due to relative wind. In approximately two seconds the parachute will begin to inflate.

When air begins to fill the canopy, forward motion of the airplane will dramatically be slowed. This deceleration increases with airspeed but in all cases within the parachute envelope should be less than 3 g's. During this deceleration a slight nose-up may be experienced, particularly at high speed; however, the rear riser is intentionally snubbed short to preclude excessive nose-up pitch. Following any nose-up pitching, the nose will gradually drop until the aircraft is hanging nose-low beneath the canopy.

Eight seconds after deployment, the rear riser snub line will be cut and the aircraft tail will drop down into its final approximately level attitude. Once stabilized in this attitude, the aircraft may yaw slowly back and forth or oscillate slightly as it hangs from the parachute. Descent rate is expected to be less than 1700 feet per minute with a lateral speed

continued safe flight and landing. If it is not, CAPS activation should be considered.

Loss of Control

Loss of control may result from many situations, such as: a control system failure (disconnected or jammed controls); severe wake turbulence, severe turbulence causing upset, severe airframe icing, or sustained pilot disorientation caused by vertigo or panic; or a spiral/spin. If loss of control occurs, determine if the airplane can be recovered. If control cannot be regained, the CAPS should be activated. This decision should be made prior to your pre-determined decision altitude (2,000' AGL, as discussed below).

Landing Required in Terrain not Permitting a Safe Landing

If a forced landing is required because of engine failure, fuel exhaustion, excessive structural icing, or any other condition CAPS activation is only warranted if a landing cannot be made that ensures little or no risk to the aircraft occupants. However, if the condition occurs over terrain thought not to permit such a landing, such as: over extremely rough or mountainous terrain, over water out of gliding distance to land, over widespread ground fog or at night, CAPS activation should be considered.

Pilot Incapacitation

Pilot incapacitation may be the result of anything from a pilot's medical condition to a bird strike that injures the pilot. If this occurs and the passengers cannot reasonably accomplish a safe landing, CAPS activation by the passengers should be considered. This possibility should be explained to the passengers prior to the flight and all appropriate passengers should be briefed on CAPS operation so they could effectively deploy CAPS if required.

General Deployment Information

Deployment Speed

The maximum speed at which deployment has been demonstrated is 133 KIAS. Deployment at higher speeds could subject the parachute and aircraft to excessive loads that could result in structural failure. Once a decision has been made to deploy the CAPS, make all reasonable efforts to slow to the minimum possible airspeed. However,

if time and altitude are critical, and/or ground impact is imminent, the CAPS should be activated regardless of airspeed.

Deployment Altitude

No minimum altitude for deployment has been set. This is because the actual altitude loss during a particular deployment depends upon the airplane's airspeed, altitude and attitude at deployment as well as other environmental factors. In all cases, however, the chances of a successful deployment increase with altitude. As a guideline, the demonstrated altitude loss from entry into a one-turn spin until under a stabilized parachute is 920 feet. Altitude loss from level flight deployments has been demonstrated at less than 400 feet. With these numbers in mind it might be useful to keep 2,000 feet AGL in mind as a cut-off decision altitude. Above 2,000 feet, there would normally be time to systematically assess and address the aircraft emergency. Below 2,000 feet, the decision to activate the CAPS has to come almost immediately in order to maximize the possibility of successful deployment. At any altitude, once the CAPS is determined to be the only alternative available for saving the aircraft occupants, deploy the system without delay.

Deployment Attitude

The CAPS has been tested in all flap configurations at speeds ranging from V_{SO} to V_A . Most CAPS testing was accomplished from a level attitude. Deployment from a spin was also tested. From these tests it was found that as long as the parachute was introduced to the free air by the rocket, it would successfully recover the aircraft into its level descent attitude under parachute. However, it can be assumed that to minimize the chances of parachute entanglement and reduce aircraft oscillations under the parachute, the CAPS should be activated from a wings-level, upright attitude if at all possible.