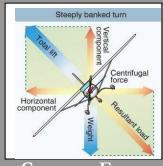
# **Steep Turns**



**Objective:** Develop smoothness, coordination, orientation, division of attention and control techniques during turns.



#### Common Errors

- Not clearing the area
- Improper pitch, bank & power coordination during entry & rollout
- Uncoordinated use of the flight controls
- Improper procedure in correcting altitude deviations
- Loss of orientation
- Gaining or losing altitude
- Failure to maintain constant bank angle
- Ineffective use of trim
- Ineffective use of power & airspeed control
- Performing by reference to the flight instrument rather than visual references
- Failure to scan for other traffic during the maneuver
- Failure to stop the turn on designated heading

# Completion Standards

- Adheres to recommended safety precautions
- Understands how the load factor changes in a steep turn and the affects on stall speed
- Accomplishes the maneuver in both directions
- Divides attention between aircraft control and orientation
- Maintain the entry altitude  $\pm 100$  feet, airspeed  $\pm 10$  knots bank  $\pm 5^{\circ}$ , and roll out on the entry heading  $\pm 10^{\circ}$ .

### Preparation for Flight & Preflight Discussion

20- Min

- ☐ The **Pilot** & Crew I'M Safe Checklist & Delegate Duties
- The Plane

POH - Stall speeds, CG location, Weight, Configuration (flaps) & bank angles

The Environment

Weather Briefing

The effects of environmental elements on aircraft performance (turbulence, wind shear, and high-density altitude)

☐ External Pressures

Aerodynamics associated with steep turns Loss of vertical component of lift Increased load factor

Overbanking tendency Left turning tendencies

Factors & situations that could lead to an accelerated stall

Limitations of stall warning horns/speeds Distractions, improper task management, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Coordinated and uncoordinated flight

- ☐ Rate and radius of turn Function of airspeed & angle of bank
- ☐ Altitude deviations in steep turns Slight increase or decrease in bank angle to control small altitude deviations
- ☐ Load Factor & Stall speed Load factor in 45° bank = 1.414 G's

Bank	G's
0°	1
30°	1.155
45°	1.414
60°	2
70°	2.924
75°	3.864

The stall speed increases as the square root of the G's applied

- ☐ Inadvertent stalls while turning Reduce AOA before leveling the wings
- ☐ Spin Awareness

Stalls which result from abrupt maneuvers tend to be more rapid, or severe. Failure to take immediate steps toward recovery may result in a complete loss of control & spins.

## Flight Maneuvers

Clear the Area

Altitude: Task completed > 1,500 ft

Airspeed: @ or below VA

Airspace: E or G Area Clear: No traffic

☐ The Set-up

Choose a ground reference point and/or set heading bug to note starting heading & note altitude

☐ Steed Turns (One in each direction) Smoothly roll into a 45° bank angle As the bank angle is being established, smoothly apply elevator back pressure



\*As AOA 🕈 induced drag 🕏

Increase Throttle (power) to maintain altitude and airspeed.

\*As power & pitch 1 left turning tendencies 1





20- Min

Trim to relieve back pressure Anticipate roll out ( ½ bank angle 45° = 22° prior to desired heading) Remove both the trim & power inputs as the maneuver is completed. Roll out on the entry altitude & heading

### Traffic Pattern & Low altitudes

15-Min

- ☐ When maneuvering in the pattern or at low altitudes, bank angles should be shallow to medium. No greater than (30 degrees)
- ☐ A stabilized approach = A good landing Do not increase bank angles to salvage a bad approach. Go-around!