

Pilot's Operating Handbook Information

The approved manufacturer's operating handbook, is issued for the specific model and serial number, and includes all applicable supplements and modifications done on that aircraft. It is legally required to be on board the aircraft during flight, and is the master document for all flight information.

In 1975, the US General Aviation Manufacturer's Association introduced the 'GAMA Specification No. 1' format for light aircraft manufacturer's handbook, calling it a 'Pilot's Operating Handbook' (POH). This format was later adopted by ICAO in their Guidance Document 9516, and is now required for all newly certified light aircraft by ICAO member states. Most light aircraft listed as built in 1976 or later, have a POH in this format.

This format was designed for the best ergonomic use during flight. It is recommended that pilots become familiar with the order and contents of each section, as summarised in the table below.

Section 1	General	Definitions and abbreviations
Section 2	Limitations	Specific operating limits, placards and specifications
Section 3	Emergencies	Complete descriptions of action in the event of any emergency or non-normal situation
Section 4	Normal Operations	Complete descriptions of required actions for all normal situations
Section 5	Performance	Performance graphs for takeoff, climb, cruise, and landing, and often includes stall speeds, CAS and crosswind calculation
Section 6	Weight and Balance	Loading specifications, limitations and loading graphs or tables
Section 7	Systems Descriptions	Technical descriptions of the entire aircraft, engine and all systems
Section 8	Servicing and maintenance	Maintenance requirements, inspections, storage, oil requirements, towing and handling.
Section 9	Supplements	Supplement sections follow the format above for additional equipment or modifications.
Section 10	Safety Information	General safety information and helpful operational recommendations

For use in training this text should be read in conjunction with the POH from *on board* the aircraft you are going to be flying. Even if you have a copy of a POH for the same model C206, the aircraft you are flying may have supplements for modifications and optional equipment which affect the operational performance.