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FLIGHTMANUAL

FOR THE

SAILPLANE

DG-808S

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This sailplane is to be operated in compliance with information and limitations contained herein.

Warnings

- All sailplanes are very complex technical devices. If you don't use yours as it is intended and within the certified operating limitations or if you fail to carry out proper maintenance work, it may harm your health or place your life in danger.
- Prior to flying the aircraft read all manuals carefully and regard especially all warnings, caution remarks and notes given in the manuals.
- Never take off without executing a serious pre-flight inspection according to the flight manual!
- Always respect the relevant safety altitudes!
- Respect the stall speeds and always fly with a safety margin above the stall speed according to the flight conditions, especially at low altitudes and in the mountains.
- Use only the battery chargers as specified in the flight manual.
- Don't execute yourself any work on the control system except for greasing.
- Repairs and maintenance work should only be accomplished by the manufacturer or at certified repair stations rated for this type of work. A list of stations which have experience with DG aircraft may be obtained from DG Flugzeugbau.
- Even if no annual inspections are required in your country, have your aircraft checked annually, see maintenance manual section 2.

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0 Revisions

0.1 Record of revisions

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0.3 Table of contents

1 General

Section Page

1.1 Introduction

The sailplane flight manual has been prepared to provide pilots and instructors with information for the safe and efficient operation of the DG-808S glider.

This manual includes the material required to be furnished to the pilot by JAR Part 22. It also contains supplemental data supplied by the glider manufacturer.

1.2 Certification basis

This type of sailplane has been approved by the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) in accordance with:

Airworthiness requirements:
JAR Part 22 „*Sailplanes and powered sailplanes*“, change 4, issued 27th June 1989.

The Type Certificate No. 384 for the model DG-808S has been issued on November 27. 2003.

EASA approved on 2.Dec.2003 under Approval No. 1420.

Category of Airworthiness: "Utility"

1.3 Warnings, cautions and notes

The following definitions apply to warnings, cautions and notes used in the flight manual.

"Warning"	means that the non observation of the corresponding procedure leads to an immediate or important degradation of the flight safety.
"Caution"	means that the non observation of the corresponding procedure leads to a minor or to a more or less long term degradation of the flight safety.
"Note"	draws the attention on any special item not directly related to safety but which is important or unusual.

1.4 Descriptive data

The DG-808S is a single-seater high performance sailplane with wing flaps.

Technical details

- 2-piece wing or 4 piece wing with parting at y=7.25m (Option).
- Wing tips with winglets for 15 m span (Option)
- Removable winglets for 18m span (Option)
- Automatic hook-ups for all controls.
- Comfortable seating and modern cockpit design, safety cockpit.
- Large canopy for very good in-flight vision.
- Draught free canopy demist and adjustable direct ventilation.
- Sealed airbrake- and landing gear boxes.
- Retractable main wheel, spring mounted.
- Tailwheel.
- All controls are to be operated with the left hand, which enables the right hand to remain on the control stick.

Further details for the version DG-808S Classic:
Waterballast in the wings in waterbags and in the fin in an integral tank.

Further details for the version DG-808S Competition:
The waterballast system consists of 2 watertanks in the fuselage and 2 separate integral tanks in each wing.
The unique feature of the system is that the DG-808S Competition is equipped with 2 completely independent waterballast systems which can be drained separately. With both systems the respective fuselage tank compensates the C.G. shift due to the wing-ballast.
The respective fuselage tank will be drained together with its wingtanks by operation of one handle only.
The inboard wingtanks are combined with the front fuselage tank.
The outboard wingtanks are combined with the rear fuselage tank).

Technical data

Wingspan	m (feet)	15 (49.2)	18 (59.1)
Wing surface	m² (ft²)	10.68 (115.0)	11.81 (127.1)
Aspect ratio	/	21.07	27.42
Mean aerodynamic chord MAC	m (ft)	0.734 (2.41)	0.700 (2.30)
Length	m (ft)	6.86 (22.5)	
Fuselage width	m (ft)	0.62 (2.03)	
Fuselage height	m (ft)	0.81 (2.66)	
Horizontal tail span	m (ft)	2.52 (8.27)	

Data for the version DG-808S Classic

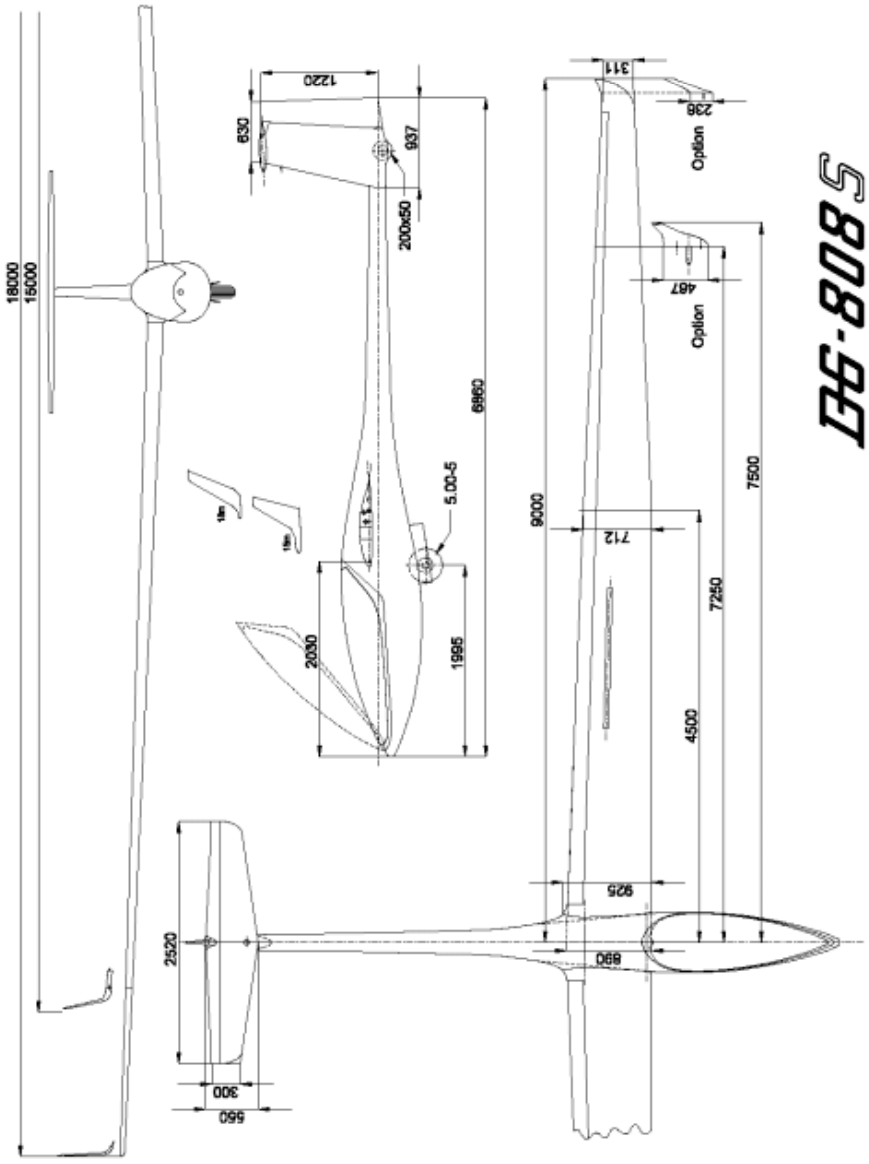
Waterballast wings	kg (U.S.gal)	120 (31.7) or	174 (46.0)
Waterballast fin tank	kg (U.S.gal)	max. 6.2 (1.64)	
Empty weight with parting approx.	kg (lbs.)	264 (582)	268 (591)
dto. without parting approx.	kg (lbs.)	/	265 (584)
Wing loading with 80 kg (176 lbs.) payload approx.	kg/m² (lbs./ft²)	32.2 (6.59)	29.5 (6.03)
Max. weight	kg (lbs.)	570 (1257)	600 (1323)
Max. wing loading	kg/m² (lbs./ft²)	53.4 (10.93)	50.8 (10.47)

Data for the version DG-808S Classic

Waterballast inboard wingtanks	kg (U.S.gal)	124 (32.76)	
Waterballast outboard wingtanks	kg (U.S.gal)	70 (18.5)	
Waterballast front fuselage tank ser. No.'s X1 + X2	kg (U.S.gal)	30.5 (8.06)	
dto. from ser. No. X3 on	kg (U.S.gal)	29.5 (7.79)	
Waterballast rear fuselage tank ser. No.'s X1 + X2	kg (U.S.gal)	12.5 (3.3)	
dto. from ser. No. X3 on	kg (U.S.gal)	13.5 (3.57)	
Total waterballast	kg (U.S.gal)	237 (62.7)	
Empty weight with parting approx.	kg (lbs.)	272 (600)	276 (608)
dto. without parting approx.	kg (lbs.)	/	273 (602)
Wing loading with 80 kg (176 lbs.) payload approx.	kg/m² (lbs./ft²)	33.0 (6.75)	30.1 (6.16)
Max. weight	kg (lbs.)	570 (1257)	600 (1323)
Max. wing loading	kg/m² (lbs./ft²)	53.4 (10.93)	50.8 (10.47)

Empty masses for gliders with common instrumentation.
*Options will increase the empty mass accordingly!

1.5 Three view drawing



2 Limitations

Section Page

2.1 Introduction

Section 2 includes operating limitations, instrument markings and basic placards necessary for safe operation of the glider, its standard systems and standard equipment.

The limitations included in this section have been approved by the LBA.

If not mentioned especially all limitations apply to both models DG-808S Classic and DG-808S Competition.

2.2 Airspeed

Airspeed limitations and their operational significance are shown below

	Speed	IAS km/h (kts.)	Remarks
V_{NE}	Never exceed speed	270 (146)	Do not exceed this speed in any operation and do not use more than 1/3 of control deflection.
V_{RA}	Rough air speed	190 (103)	Do not exceed this speed except in smooth air and then only with caution. Rough air is in lee-wave rotors, thunderclouds, visible whirlwinds or over mountain crests etc.
V_A	Manoeuvring speed	190 (103)	Do not make full or abrupt control movement above this speed, because under certain conditions the sailplane may be overstressed by full control movement.
V_W	Maximum winch-launching speed	150 (81)	Do not exceed this speed during winch- or auto-tow-launching
V_T	Maximum aero-towing speed	190 (103)	Do not exceed this speed during aerotowing.
VFE	Maximum flap extended speed L +5° up to +13°	 150 (81) 190 (103)	Do not exceed these speeds with the given flap setting
V_{LO}	Maximum landing gear operating speed	190 (103)	Do not extend or retract the landing gear above this speed.

Warning: At higher altitudes the true airspeed is higher than the indicated airspeed, so V_{NE} is reduced with altitude according to the table below, see also section 4.5.5.

Altitude in [m]	0-3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000
V_{NE} indicated km/h	270	256	243	230	217	205

Altitude in [ft]	0-10000	13000	16000	20000	23000	26000
V_{NE} indicated kts.	146	138	131	124	117	111

2.3 Airspeed Indicator Markings

Airspeed indicator markings and their colour code significance are shown below.

Marking	(IAS) value or range km/h (kts.)	Significance
White Arc	92 - 190 (49.7 - 103)	**Positive Flap Operating Range** (lower limit is maximum weight 1.1*VSO in landing configuration. Upper limit is maximum speed permissible with flaps extended positive + 13° + 10°, + 5°)
Green Arc	100 - 190 (54 - 103)	**Normal Operating Range** (Lower limit is maximum weight 1.1*VS1 at most forward c.g. with flaps neutral. Upper limit is rough air speed.)
Yellow Arc	190 - 270 (103 - 146)	Manoeuvres must be conducted with caution and only in smooth air.
Red Line	270 (146)	Maximum speed for all operations.
L	150 (81)	Max. speed for landing configuration L
Yellow Triangle	96 (52)	Approach speed at maximum weight without water ballast

2.4 Mass (weight)

Maximum take off and landing weight with waterballast
Wing span 15m: 570 kg 1257 lbs.

Wing span 18m: 600 kg 1323 lbs.

Caution: It is recommended to dump the waterballast before landing on airfields. Dump the ballast before an outlanding in any case.

without waterballast: Maximum take-off and landing mass = $W_{NLP} + W_{wings}$
W_{NLP} = Maximum mass of the non lifting parts (see below)
W_{wings} = actual mass of the wings

Maximum weight of the non lifting parts = 270 kg 595 lbs.

Maximum mass in baggage compartment: 15 kg 33 lbs.
Caution: Heavy pieces of baggage must be secured to the baggage compartment floor (screwing to the floor or with belts). The max. mass secured on one half of the floor (left and right of fuselage centre line) should not exceed 7,5kg (16.5 lbs.).

Maximum waterballast

Version	tank	mass kg (l)	mass US.gal.	mass lbs.
DG-808S Classic	wings	120 or 174	31.7	265 or 384
	fin	6.2	1.64	13.7
DG-808S Competition	wings inboard tanks	120	31.7	265
	fuselage tank front	30	7.93	66.1
	wings outboard tanks	70	18.5	154.3
	fuselage tank rear	13	3.43	28.7

The max. take off mass is not to be exceeded with 1. and 2. together.
Warning: Follow the loading procedures see section 6.

2.5 Centre of gravity

Centre of gravity range in flight is:
210mm (8.27 in.) up to 350mm (13.78 in.) behind datum.

Datum = wing leading edge at the rootrib.
reference line = aft fuselage centre line horizontal.

C.G. diagrams and loading chart see sect. 6.

2.6 Approved manoeuvres

This sailplane is certified for normal gliding in the "Utility" category.
Simple aerobatics are approved but only without waterballast.
The following aerobatic manoeuvres are approved see sect. 4.5.8:

Manoeuvre	recommended km/h	entry speed IAS kts.
Spins	/	/
Inside Loop	180	97
Stall Turn	180	97
Lazy Eight	180	97
Chandelle	180	97

2.7 Manoeuvring load factors

The following load factors must not be exceeded:

	Speed	positive	negative
at manoeuvring speed	V_A	+5,3	-2,65
at max. speed	V_{NE}	+4,0	-1,5
with airbrakes extended	V_{NE}	+3,5	0
Wingflaps landing setting	V_{FE}	+4,0	0

2.8 Flight crew

max. load in the seat 110 kg (242 lbs.)
min. load in the seat see placard in cockpit and weighing report page 6.5

With these loads, the C.G. range given under 6.8 will be kept in the limits if the empty weight C.G. is in its limits. See loading chart in sect. 6.8.

Caution:
1. With lower pilot weights lead ballast must be added to the seat.
   Ballast put on the seat (lead ballast cushion) must be fastened at the safety belt anchor point.
   Option: Provision for removable trim-ballast see sect 7.13.1.
2. If the DG-808S is equipped with a provision to install a battery in the fin (Option) the battery (mass 4.3 kg (9.5 lbs.)) can be taken out and another battery be installed in the baggage compartment. This lowers the min. cockpit load by 20 kg (44 lbs.).

Note: For Australia the lower limit for the min. load in the cockpit should not exceed 66 kg (146 lbs.). A provision for removable ballast see sect. 7.13.1 is mandatory.

2.9 Kinds of operation

A) **All configurations**
Flights according to VFR (daylight)
Aerotow
Winch- and auto-launching

B) **In addition when flying without waterballast**
1. Cloud flying (daylight): permitted when properly instrumented (see section 2.10 b).
2. Simple aerobatics see sect. 4.5.8. Category „Utility“

Note: Cloud flying is not permitted in the USA, Canada and Australia.

2.10 Minimum equipment

As minimum equipment only the instruments and equipment specified in the equipment list (see maintenance manual) are admissible.

Note: The actual equipment list is filed in the enclosures of the maintenance manual.

a) **Normal operation**
Airspeed indicator Range: 0-300 km/h (0-165kts.);
Speed range markings see sect. 2.3
Altimeter Range: 0 – min. 10.000 m,
Altimeter with fine range pointer, 1 turn max. 1000 m (3000 ft.)
Four piece symmetrical safety harness
VHF - transceiver (ready for operation)
Parachute automatic or manual type or a suitable firm back cushion approximately 8 cm (3 in.) thick
Required placards, check lists
Flight and maintenance manual.
Outside air temperature gauge with probe in the fuselage nose.
Marking blue for temperatures below 2°C, (36°F).

b) **In addition for cloud flying**
(Not permitted in the USA, Canada and Australia)
Variometer
Turn and bank indicator
Remark: Experience has shown that the installed airspeed indicator system may be used for cloud flying.

Caution: The weight of the instrument panel shall not exceed 5.4 kg (11.9 lbs.).

2.11 Aerotow, winch and autotow launching

2.11.1 Weak links

recommended 6000 N $\pm$ 10% (1320 lbs. $\pm$ 10%)
max. 6800 N (1500 lbs.)

2.11.2 Towing cables

For aerotow 30-70 m (100 - 230 ft)
Material: hemp- or plastic fibres

2.11.3 Max. towing speeds

		maximum	maximum
Aerotow	V_T =	190 km/h	103 kts.
Winch- and autotow	V_W =	150 km/h	81 kts.

2.11.4 Tow Release

The C.G. tow release (installed in front of the main wheel) is suitable for winch-auto launching and aerotow.
Caution: If an additional front hook is installed (below the instrument console) it is to be used only for aerotow.
Note: The front hook is mandatory for Australia.

2.12 Crosswinds

The demonstrated crosswind velocity is 15 km/h (8 kts.) according to the airworthiness requirements.

2.13 Tyre Pressure

Main wheel	3,5 bar	(51 psi)
Tail wheel	2,0 bar	(29 psi)

2.14 Waterballast

2.14.1 Wing ballast

Warning: Filling the water ballast is only allowed with a filling system which enables determination of the exact amount of ballast filled, e.g. water gauge or calibrated canisters. Only symmetrical loading is allowed.
After filling, balance the wings by dumping enough water from the heavy wing,.
Flight with leaking watertanks is prohibited, as this may result in asymmetrical loading condition.
Warning: Follow the loading chart, see section 6.8.
Don't try to fill more water into the tanks than the specified values.
The max. take off weight must not be exceeded.

2.14.2 Fin tank and fuselage tanks

Warning: As it is dangerous to fly with empty wing tanks while ballast is resting in the fin or in the fuselage tanks, **it is prohibited to fill water into the fin tank or into the fuselage tanks if there is any risk of icing**. The flight conditions must comply with the following table:
Warning: Follow the loading chart, see section 6.8.
Don't try to fill more water into the tanks than the specified values.
The max. take off weight must not be exceeded.

min. ground temperature	°C	13,5	17	24	31	38
	°F	56	63	75	88	100
max. flight altitude	m	1500	2000	3000	4000	5000
	ft	5000	6500	10000	13000	16500

In addition the outside air temperature OAT gauge is to be watched.
The OAT should not be lower than 2°C (36°F)!

2.15 Limitations placards

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Type: DG – 808S Serial No.: 10- S
Year of construction:

Maximum airspeeds	km/h	kts.
Winch launching	150	81
Aero-tow	190	103
Manoeuvring V_A	190	103
Rough air	190	103
Max. flap extended speed +13° +10 +5°	190	103
Landing gear operating	190	103
Maximum speed V_{NE}	270	146
Max. flap extended speed L	150	81

Approved aerobatic manoeuvres, only without waterballast:
Pos. Loop, Chandelle, Spin, Stall turn
Maximum mass:

span 15m	570 kg	1257 lbs.
span 18m	600 kg	1323 lbs.

Loading chart
Cockpit load (Parachute included)

maximum	110 kg	242 lbs.	
minimum	kg	lbs.	battery in baggage compartment
minimum	kg	lbs.	battery in the fin

With lower pilot weight necessary ballast must be added.

limits for use of the fin or fuselage waterballast tanks

minimum	°C	13.5	17	24	31	38
ground temperature	°F	56	63	75	88	100
maximum flight	m	1500	2000	3000	4000	5000
altitude above GND	ft.	5000	6500	10000	13000	16500

Cockpit Check
1. Lead ballast (for under weight pilot)?
2. Fin or fuselage ballast tanks emptied or correct amount filled in?
3. Battery in the fin? Loading chart regarded?
4. Parachute worn properly?
5. Safety harness buckled?
6. Seat back and pedals adjusted?
7. All controls and knobs in reach?
8. Altimeter?
9. Dive brakes cycled and locked?
10. Wing flaps in take off position?
11. Positive control check ? (One person at the control surfaces).
12. Trim?

Altitude in [m]	0-3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000
V_{NE} IAS km/h	270	256	243	230	217	205
Altitude in [ft]	0-10000	13000	16000	20000	23000	26000
V_{NE} IAS kts.	146	138	131	124	117	111

Other cockpit placards see section 7

Gepäck max. 15 kg
baggage max. 33 lbs.

Sollbruchstelle 6800 N
rated load 1500 lbs.

Reifendruck 2 bar
Tyre pressure 29 psi
Tail wheel

Reifendruck 3,5 bar
Tyre pressure 51 psi
Main wheel

3 Emergency procedures

Section Page

3.1 Introduction

Section 3 provides a checklist and amplification for coping with emergencies that may occur. Emergency situations can be minimized by proper pre-flight inspections and maintenance.
Caution: Canopy jettison and bailing out should be trained several times on the ground before flying the aircraft.

3.2 Canopy jettison

To bail out open the red canopy emergency release handle. The white canopy opening handle will be opened automatically. A hook at the rear canopy lock will be rotated underneath the fuselage part of the canopy frame. Because of the hook the canopy will rotate about this point to leave the fuselage in a fast and safe way. The canopy will be opened by a spring and blown away by the oncoming air. If necessary, you have to push the canopy upwards with both hands on the Plexiglas.

3.3 Bailing out

First jettison the canopy, then unlock the safety harness and bail out. The low walls of the cockpit allow for a quick push-off exit.

3.4 Stall recovery

Easing the stick forward and picking up a dropping wing with sufficient opposite rudder the glider can be recovered from the stall.
To recognize and prevent the stall, please refer to section 4.5.2.

3.5 Spin Recovery

Apply full opposite rudder against direction of the spin.
Then ease stick forward until the rotation ceases, at aft C.G. positions at which the glider spins with the nose up, it is necessary to apply full stick forward.
Centralise the controls and carefully pull out of the dive.

The ailerons should be kept neutral during recovery.

Caution: To prevent unintentional spinning do not stall the sailplane. Fly with enough speed reserve especially in gusty conditions and in the landing pattern. Intentional spins with waterballast are not permitted.

Height loss during recovery	without waterballast	with full waterballast
up to	m 150	m 220
up to	ft 500	ft 720

max. speed during recovery		
	km/h	190
	kts.	103

3.6 Spiral dive recovery

Apply rudder and aileron in opposite direction and carefully pull out of the dive.

Spiral dive occurs only when spinning more than 2 turns with medium C.G. positions, see section 4.5.8.
To prevent spiral dives intentional spinning should only be executed at aft C.G. positions.
Recovery from unintentional spinning should be done immediately.

3.7 Recovery from unintentional cloud flying

Spins are not to be used to loose altitude. In an emergency, pull out the dive brakes fully before exceeding a speed of 200 km/h and fly with max. 200 km/h (108 kts.) until leaving the cloud.
At higher speeds up to V_{NE} pull out the dive brakes very carefully because of high aerodynamic and g-loads.

3.8 Flight with asymmetric waterballast

If you suspect that the waterballast does not dump symmetrically you have to close the dump valves of the wingtanks immediately, to avoid greater asymmetry.
Asymmetry can be verified by the necessary aileron deflection in straight flight at low airspeeds.
When flying with asymmetric waterballast you have to increase the airspeed, especially in turns, so that you can avoid a stall at all costs.
Fly the landing pattern and touch down aprox. 10 km/h (6 kts.) faster than usually and after touch down control carefully the bank angle to avoid the wing touching the ground too early.

3.9 Emergency wheel up landing

It is not recommended to execute a wheel up emergency landing, as the energy absorption capability of the fuselage is much smaller than that of the landing gear.
If the landing gear can't be extended touch down with small angle of attack.

3.10 Emergency ground loop

If there is the risk of overshooting the landing strip you have to decide at least 40 m (130 ft) before the end of the field to execute a controlled ground loop:

- If possible turn into the wind!
- At the same time try to lift the tail by pushing the stick forward.

3.11 Emergency landing on water

From the experience with emergency water landing we know that it is likely that the sailplane will dive into the water, cockpit first.

Therefore an emergency landing on water should be the last choice.
In the case of a water landing, however, extend the landing gear.

4 Normal procedures

Section Page

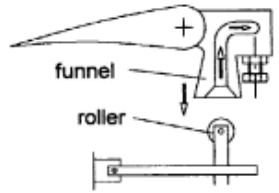
4.1 Introduction

This section provides checklist and amplification procedures for the conduct of normal operation. Normal procedures associated with optional systems can be found in section 9.

4.2 Rigging and derigging, filling the watertanks

4.2.1 Rigging

1. Open the canopy.
2. Clean and lube the pins, bushings and the control connections.
3. Set the airbrake handle to the forward stop and control stick and wingflap handle to neutral.
   With a helper on the wingtip, push the right wing into place, then the left wing. All controls will hook up automatically. The flaperons should be held at neutral for rigging, airbrakes locked.
   Sight through the wing main pin bushings to determine alignment. Push the main pins in as far as possible. Turn the handles up to the fuselage wall, while pulling out the white securing knob, then release the knob back to its locked position.
4. Rigging of the stabilizer
   Set the trim **nose down.** Set the stabilizer on top of the vertical fin, so that the roller at the fuselage side push rod is inserted into the funnel at the elevator.
   When the stabilizer is set down and laying on the fin, push it aft. The roller will slide forward in the funnel if you hold the elevator in the pertinent position.



   With a 13 mm wrench (supplied with your glider) tighten the front mounting bolt firmly (the brass securing sleeve will be pushed down by the wrench). Then rotate the bolt head a little back and forth so that the securing sleeve engages.
   The securing sleeve should move up so far, that its upper surface is even with the upper surface of the bolt head.
   Check for correct elevator connection by looking through the Plexiglas window at the upper surface of the stabilizer.
5. Tape the gaps of the wing-fuselage junction and at the wing joint.
6. Execute a positive control check, one helper to hold firmly the control surfaces is needed.

4.2.2 Filling the water ballast tanks

4.2.2.1 All versions

Warning: Filling the water ballast is only allowed with a filling system which enables determination of the exact amount of ballast filled, e.g. water gauge or calibrated canisters. Fill with clean water. Only symmetrical loading is allowed.
After filling, balance the wings by dumping enough water from the heavy wing,.
Flight with leaking watertanks is prohibited, as this may result in asymmetrical loading condition or the rear C.G. may be exceeded.
Warning: Follow the loading chart, see section 6.8.
Don't try to fill more water into the tanks than the specified values.
The max. take off weight must not be exceeded.
Warning: Fill the hose from your water containers but never from a main pressure water supply. Filling the wing tanks with excessive pressure (more than 0.2 bar, 3 psi) will definitely burst the wing shell!
The same applies for fuselage and fin tanks.

4.2.2.2 Version DG-808S Classic

Filling the wing tanks
First open the fin tank and then open the right wing tank valve (top handle).
Place the right wing tip on the ground. Attach the hose in the water outlet on the lower surface of the wing. Fill with water. Close the valve.
Place the left wing tip to the ground and fill the left tank accordingly.
After filling the tanks, check to see if the wings are balanced. If one wing is heavier, dump enough water to balance the wings.
Finally press the Teflon-glass-fabric which shall close the dump holes against the wing-shell. There must be always a small amount of grease on the shell, to ensure that the covers stick to the shell.
Caution: If the tanks are to be filled up completely you must suck the air out of the tanks with the filling hose, as the tanks have no ventilation line.
In case a valve leaks slightly, you may try to pull out the PVC pushrod of the valve to stop the leak. If this cannot be done successfully refer to maintenance manual 1.8.1. and 4.1.

Filling the fin ballast tank
This tank must be filled after filling the wingtanks. Determine the amount see section 6.8.5. Connect the transparent funnel equipped filling hose (supplied with the aircraft) via the hose connector to the hose which comes out of the left rear end of the fuselage.
The funnel can be suspended at the top of the rudder.

Fill with clean water using a graduated measuring vessel.
In addition you may check the content level by holding the filling hose against the scale on the fin.
After filling, push the fin tank dump lever in forward direction (the dump valve will be closed by a spring).
Then remove the filling hose with the hose connector.

4.2.2.3 Version DG-808S Competition

Open the respective waterballast dump handle in the cockpit:
upper handle for system 1: inboard wing tanks and front fuselage tank,
lower handle for system 2: outboard wing tanks and rear fuselage tank.
It doesn't matter if you start filling with system 1 or system 2, you also may fill only one of the two systems.
Caution: Fill one system after the other, don't fill both tanks of one wing and then both tanks of the other wing.

Place stands under the wings so that the wings are level during the whole filling procedure.

First fill the respective fuselage tank, therefore push the hose with funnel (Z126) into the dump hole on the lower fuselage side (right hand side = front fuselage tank, left hand side = rear fuselage tank), fill with clean water using a graduated measuring vessel.
In addition you may check the content level by holding the filling hose against the scale on the fuselage.
After filling, close the dump valve (handle in forward position) and push the connector of the hose with funnel (Z125) into the dump hole on the lower wing surface of one wing. The valve will be held open by the connector. The connector has a rubber sleeve which must be clamped into the dump hole by rotating the lock nut at the connector. Other wise the valve will push out the connector.
Hold the funnel approx. 0.5m higher than the wing.
Fill in the water.
Fill the other wing accordingly.
After filling the tanks of one system, check to see if the wings are balanced.
If one wing is heavier, dump enough water to balance the wings by pressing the wing waterballast valve cover of the respective tank upwards.

Repeat the procedure with the second tank system.

If a wing tank dump valve leaks slightly you should check its sealing surface for dirt or unevenness. Remove them and apply a little grease to the valve sealing ring inside the wing.

4.2.3 Derigging

Derigging follows the reverse of rigging.
Waterballast must be dumped first.
Lock the airbrakes.

4.2.4 Rigging and derigging the wing tip extensions (Option)

1. Insert the wing tip extensions into the wing.
   Press in the locking pin with your finger.
   Insert the wing tip as far as the flaperon connector starts to slide into the flaperon slot.
   Strike firmly with the palm of your hand on to the wing tip to lock in the wing tip extension.
2. Disassembling of the wing tip
   Use a diameter 6 mm pin for pressing in the locking pin on the wings upper side.
3. The rigging of the 15 m wingtips with winglets (Option) has to be done analogous to the wing tip extensions.

4.2.5 Assembly and disassembly of the winglets

To assemble the winglets pull off the wingtips and slot in the winglets. The winglets are secured to the wings by means of a quarter turn fastener. With a screw driver turn the fastener a 1/4 turn in clockwise direction until it engages. Removal is the opposite of that described above.
To fly with wingtips instead of winglets, secure the wingtips to the wings by taping the gap.

4.3 Daily Inspection

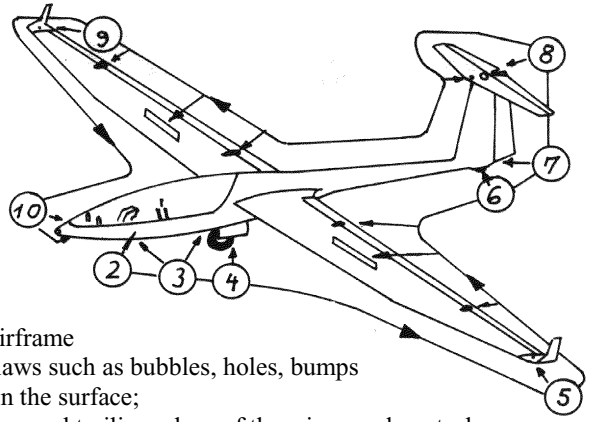
Please keep in mind the importance of the inspection after rigging the glider and respectively each day prior to the first take off. It is for your safety.

Caution: After a heavy landing or if other high loads have been imposed on your sailplane, you must execute a complete inspection referring to maintenance manual sect. 2.3 prior to the next take off. If you detect any damage, don't operate your aircraft before the damage is repaired. If the maintenance and repair manual don't give adequate information, please contact the manufacturer.

A Inspection prior to rigging:

1. Wing roots and spar ends
   a) Check for cracks, delamination etc.;
   b) Check the bushes and their glued connection in root ribs and the spar ends for wear;
   c) Check the control hook ups at the rootrib for wear and corrosion;
   d) Check the strings which hold the waterbags for sufficient tension (see maintenance manual sect. 4.1)
   e) Only version DG-808S Classic: Check the watertank compartment for water leaks.
   f) Only version DG-808S Competition: Check the tank ventilation holes.
2. Fuselage at wing connection
   a) Check the lift pins for wear and corrosion;
   b) Check the control hook ups including the water dump system for wear and corrosion.
3. Top of the vertical fin
   a) Check the mounting points of the horizontal tailplane and the elevator control hook up for wear and corrosion
   b) Check if a battery is installed in the fin and connected. In this case the loading chart (section 6) must be followed.
4. Horizontal tailplane
   Check the mounting points and the elevator control hook up for wear and corrosion;
5. Rigging points for the outboard wing panels
   a) Check the bushes and their glued connection at the inner wing panels for wear and corrosion
   b) Check the lift pins and their glued connection at the insertable wing tips for wear and corrosion, and check the securing bolt for sufficient spring force.

B Inspection after rigging - Walk around the aircraft



1. All parts of the airframe
   a) Check for flaws such as bubbles, holes, bumps and cracks in the surface;
   b) Check leading and trailing edges of the wings and control surfaces for cracks;
2. Cockpit area
   a) Check the canopy locking mechanism;
   b) Check the canopy emergency release see section 7.12 (not each day, but min. every 3 month);
   c) Check the main pin securing;
   d) Check all controls for wear and function, incl. positive control check;
   e) Check the tow release system for wear and function incl. cable release check;
   f) Check for foreign objects;
   g) Check the instrumentation for wear and function;
   h) check if the correct battery is installed, secured and connected
3. C.G. Tow hook
   a) Check the ring muzzle of the C.G. hook for wear and function;
   b) Check both tow hooks (if installed) for cleanliness and corrosion;
4. Main landing gear
   a) Check the struts, the gear box, the gear doors and the tyre for wear; dirt in the struts can hinder the landing gear from locking over centre the next time!;
   b) Check the tyre pressure;
   main wheel: 3.5 bar - 51 psi
   c) Check wheel brake and cable for wear and function;

5. Left wing
   a) Check locking of the wing tip (option)
   b) Check the flaperon for excessive free play;
   c) Check airbrake- and box and control rod for wear and free play. It must be possible to retract the airbrake, even if it is pressed backwards in direction of flight. If there is any water in the airbrake box this has to be removed;
6. Tail wheel
   a) Check for wear, free play and excessive dirt in the wheel box. Remove excessive dirt prior to take off;
   b) Check tyre pressure: 2 bar -29 psi;
7. Rear end of the fuselage
   a) Check the lower rudder hinge and the connection of the rudder cables for wear, free play and correct securing;
   b) Check the bulkhead and fin trailing edge shear web for cracks and delamination;
   c) Only version Classic: Check the fin tank for correct amount of water filled in (see sect. 4.2.2.2). In case of doubt dump the fin tank.
8. Fin - horizontal tail
   a) Check the upper rudder hinge for wear and free play;
   b) Check the elevator for free play and correct control hook up, look through the Plexiglas window;
   c) Check the securing of the of the front mounting bolt;
   d) Check the horizontal tail for free play;
   e) Check the TE or Multiprobe for correct insertion and fix it with tape
9. Right wing see item 5.
10. Fuselage nose
    a) Check the ports for the static pressure and the pitot pressure for cleanliness.
    b) If the sailplane was parked in rain, you have to empty the static ports by sucking out the water at the ports.

4.4 Pre-flight inspection

1. Lead ballast (for under weight pilot)?
2. Fin ballast tank emptied or correct amount filled in?
3. Battery in the fin? Loading chart regarded?
4. Parachute worn properly?
5. Safety harness buckled?
6. Seat back and pedals adjusted?
7. All controls and knobs in reach?
8. Altimeter?
9. Dive brakes cycled and locked?
10. Wing flaps in initial take off position?
11. Positive control check? (One person at the control surfaces).
12. Trim?
13. Canopies locked?

4.5 Normal procedures and recommended speeds

4.5.1 Launch

Due to the towhook position being in the middle of the fuselage and the excellent effectiveness of the ailerons and rudder, the possibility of wing dropping or ground loops, even on a slowly accelerating aerotow is reduced. Take-off with strong crosswind is possible.

4.5.1.1 Aerotow

If only a C.G. release is installed, then the aerotow is to be executed with this release. Set trim to full nose down for aerotow.

Caution:
If an additional tow release for aerotow is installed, only this release should be used for aerotow. Adjust the trim for aerotow to fully nose down position.

General: Set the wing flaps to +13°.
Hold the stick in the forward position.
Don't try to lift off before you reach an airspeed of 80 km/h (43 kts.) (without ballast).
On a rough airfield hold the control stick tight. The undercarriage can be retracted at safety height during the tow.

Note: With high take-off weight (more than 500kg, 1100lbs) it is recommended to set the wing flap lever to +5° for the initial take-off roll. As soon as adequate aileron control is achieved, move the flap lever to the +13° setting.

Normal towing speed is 120-130 km/h (65-70 kts.).
For a cross country tow the speed can be as high as 190 km/h (103 kts.), the flaps should be at a negative setting. (see sect. 4.5.2).

Warning: Aerotow with high take off weight requires a powerful tow plane. Many tow planes are not certified to tow gliders with high take off weights. Reduce the take off weight if necessary!

4.5.1.2 Winch launch

Winch launch is only allowed at the C.G. tow hook!

Set the wing flaps to +13°.
Set the trim nose down for a winch launch. Use the normal winch launch procedure.

After reaching 60 m (200 ft) gradually pull back on the stick so that the glider will not pick up excessive speed.

After reaching release altitude pull the tow release knob.

The recommended winch launch airspeed is 110-120 km/h (60-65 kts.).

Caution: Do not fly at less than 90 km/h (49kts.) or not more than 150 km/h (81 kts.).
Warning: Winch launch with high take off weight requires a powerful winch!

4.5.2 Free flight

Stalling characteristics (level and turning flight)
When stalled with flap setting neutral or negative the DG-808S will continue to fly level.
If the stick should be pulled further the DG-808S will drop the nose or one wing.
During the stall a large angle of attack will be reached.
At positive flap settings the DG-808S will stall over one wing.
When reaching the minimum speed, the angle of attack has to be increased remarkably, before the DG-808S stalls so that the stalled flight is easy to recognize.

With a little stick forward and opposite rudder the DG-808S can be recovered without much loss of height. Rain does not influence this behaviour noticeably.
The loss of height is appr.30m(100ft) if recovered immediately.
Stall airspeeds see section 5.2.2.

Caution: Flights in conditions conducive to lightning strikes must be avoided.

Wing flap settings
Optimal settings depending on the wing loading see sect. 5.3.2.

High speed flying
Flap settings 0°, -5°, -9°
The parallelogram control stick reduces the possibility of pilot induced oscillations.
The DG-808S can be trimmed almost up to high speeds.
Nevertheless don't release the stick at any time.
Do not exceed the max. airspeeds. (see sect. 2.2!)

Thermalling
Flap setting: + 10°.
+ 13° for narrow thermals

Thanks to the long fuselage, the DG-808S is directionally very stable.
Uneven lift can be optimized because of the excellent roll rate.

4.5.3 Approach and landing

4.5.3.1 Normal landing

It is recommended to dump the waterballast before landing on airfields.
Dump the ballast before an outlanding in any case.
Abeam the landing point extend the landing gear and set the wing flap to 13° or L.
In calm weather approach with approx. 96 km/h (52 kts.) (ballast dumped!).
With strong wind fly faster!

The very effective Schempp-Hirth dive brakes make a short landing possible.

While slipping, the rudder is sucked in its displaced position. So it is recommended to practice slipping at a higher altitude.

Strong crosswind offers no problem.
Do not approach too slowly with fully extended airbrakes otherwise the aircraft may drop during flare out.
When flaring out keep the airbrake setting you were using, opening them further may drop the sailplane.
You can land the DG-808S on soft fields with the landing gear extended, as there is no tendency of nosing over, if the stick is pulled backwards.
During ground roll the wing flaps may be kept in the landing position.
Clean the landing gear and tow release after landing in a muddy field. Dirt in the front strut can keep the landing gear from locking over centre next time. Simply hosing with water is the best cleaning method.

4.5.3.2 Landing with the landing gear retracted

Wheel-up landing is not recommended see emergency procedures section 3.9.

After wheel-up landing check the fuselage belly and the tow hook for damage.

4.5.3.3 Landing with asymmetric waterballast

See emergency procedures section 3.8

4.5.4 Flight with water ballast

4.5.4.1 Wing tanks

Recommended ballast for smooth thermals:

	rate of climb		ballast	
	m/s	fpm	litres	U.S. gallons
below	1	200	none	
	1 – 2	200 - 400	60	16
	2 - 4	400 - 800	120	32
more than	4	800	max. ballast	

Do not exceed the maximum gross weight when loading the water ballast. The maximum quantity of water allowed is dependent on the empty weight and the cockpit load (see section 6.8.9).

4.5.4.2 Fin water ballast tank or fuselage tanks

For optimal thermalling performance and handling water ballast in the fin tank should be used to compensate the forward movement of C.G. due to the mass of the wing water ballast. Please refer to section 6.8.10.
Warning: It is prohibited to use the fin tank in icing conditions see sect. 2.14.2.

Warning: If there is the risk of freezing, dump all water before you reach freezing altitude, latest at +2°C (36°F), or descend to lower altitudes.
If you suspect a tank is leaking, dump all water immediately.
Water ballast raises the approach speed, so it is recommended to dump the waterballast before landing. Dump the ballast before an outlanding in any case.

4.5.4.3 Filling the waterballast

See sections 4.2.2. During filling level the wings and check if the dump valves are tight. It is not allowed to fly with leaking watertanks as this may result in an asymmetric loading condition.

4.5.4.4 Dumping of the waterballast

Version DG-808S classic: First open the fin tank, then open both wing ballast tanks together. Do not empty one wing tank after the other to avoid an asymmetric loading condition.
Version DG-808S Competition: Wing tanks and fuselage tank are dumped by only one dump handle (upper handle for system 1: inboard wing tanks and front fuselage tank and lower handle for system 2: outboard wing tanks and rear fuselage tank).

In flight the water drains at approx. 0.7 lt./sec. (1.5 lbs./sec).
For the version DG-808S Competition this applies for each of the two waterballast systems, this means when both systems are dumped together the water drains at approx. 1.4 l/sec. (3 lbs./sec).

4.5.4.5 Valves leaking, servicing

Please refer to the maintenance manual sect. 1.8 and 4.1.

4.5.5 Flight at high altitude and at low temperatures

With temperatures below 0°C (32°F) for instance when wave flying or flying in winter, it is possible that the control circuits could become stiffer. Special care should be taken to ensure that there is no moisture on any section of the control circuits to minimize the possibility of freeze up. It could be advantageous to apply Vaseline along all the edges of the airbrake cover plates to minimize the possibility of freezing closed.

Operate the controls regularly to prevent ice build-up.
It is not allowed to carry waterballast.

Caution:

1. At temperatures below -20°C (-4°F) there is the risk of cracking the gelcoat.
2. Attention must be paid to the fact that at higher altitudes the true airspeed is greater than the indicated airspeed.
   The max. speed V_{NE} is reduced. See the following table:

Altitude in [m]	0-3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000
V_{NE} indicated km/h	270	256	243	230	217	205

Altitude in [ft]	0-10000	13000	16000	20000	23000	26000
V_{NE} indicated kts.	146	138	131	124	117	111

3. Dump the water ballast before you reach freezing altitude or descend to lower altitudes.
4. Do not fly below 0°C (32°F) when your glider is wet (e.g. after rain).

4.5.6 Flight in rain

With light rain the stall speed and the sink rate increases slightly and the approach speed has to be increased.

4.5.7 Cloud flying

Cloud flying is only permitted without waterballast. Take care to fly smoothly and coordinated. It is prohibited to use a spin as a method for loosing altitude in cloud. In case of emergency, pull out the dive brakes fully before exceeding a speed of 200 km/h and dive with max. 200 km/h (108 kts.) to leave the cloud.

4.5.8 Aerobatics

Permissible only without ballast in the wings
Execute only the approved manoeuvres. At the recommended entry airspeeds there is no need to pull up abruptly, unnecessarily stressing the aircraft. The following manoeuvres are easy to execute. Wing flap setting for all manoeuvres 0°.

Approved manoeuvres

1. Spins	/		
2. Inside Loop	Entry Speed	180 km/h	(97 kts.)
3. Stall turn	Entry Speed	180 km/h	(97 kts.)
4. Chandelle	Entry Speed	180 km/h	(97 kts.)
5. Lazy Eight	Entry Speed	180 km/h	(97 kts.)

Spins:
Caution: Continuous spinning is best at aft C.G. positions 330-350 mm (13.0 - 13.8 in) behind datum.
It is not necessary to extend the dive brakes during spin recovery. The DG-808S shows a large nose down pitch after leaving spin if you are spinning more than 2 turns. So you have to flare out correspondingly.
With **forward C.G. position** the DG-808S will not remain in a spin.
The DG-808S will recover after 1-2 turns (depending on C.G. position).
As the nose down pitch and the airspeed will be high with this C.G. position spinning should not be executed.
At medium C.G. position there is a tendency that the spin will turn into a spiral dive after 3 turns. Reaching this state you have to recover immediately. The spiral dive tendency can be avoided if you deflect the aileron into the direction of the spin when inducing the spin.
Inducing the spin: (Normal procedure)
Gradually bring the sailplane into a stall. When it starts to burble, pull the stick back completely and kick in full rudder in the spin direction.
Recovering from the spin:
Check ailerons neutral.
Apply full rudder opposite to direction of the spin.
Then ease stick forward until rotation ceases.
At aft C.G. positions at which the glider spins with the nose up, it is necessary to apply full stick forward.
Centralize the controls and carefully pull out of the dive.

Height loss during recovery is up to 150 m (490 ft), the max. speed is 190 km /h (103 kts.).

Stall-turn

To fly a stall-turn safely, please proceed as follows:

After reaching the entry speed pull back the stick quickly, but not abruptly. During the pull out, shortly before reaching the vertical flight path initiate rotation with the rudder. Push the rudder quickly, but not abruptly. Also, at the highest point of the turn, the glider should still have a positive airspeed above stalling speed.

Be careful not to exceed the airspeed for max. control surface deflection as indicated in section 2.2.

When reaching the vertical dive, flare out immediately to minimize speed increase and g-load.

Caution:
A classical stall-turn with almost no airspeed at the highest point of the turn is very difficult to fly with a glider with larger wingspan, due to the high moment of inertia.

This effect is taken into account when using the above mentioned procedure.

Warning:
If the rudder is pushed too late and the rotation is insufficient, it is possible that the glider tailslides (falls tailwards).
If this happens, it is important to hold all controls firmly, preferably at one of the stops, until the nose swings down. Then flare out immediately.

5 Performance

Section Page

5.1 Introduction

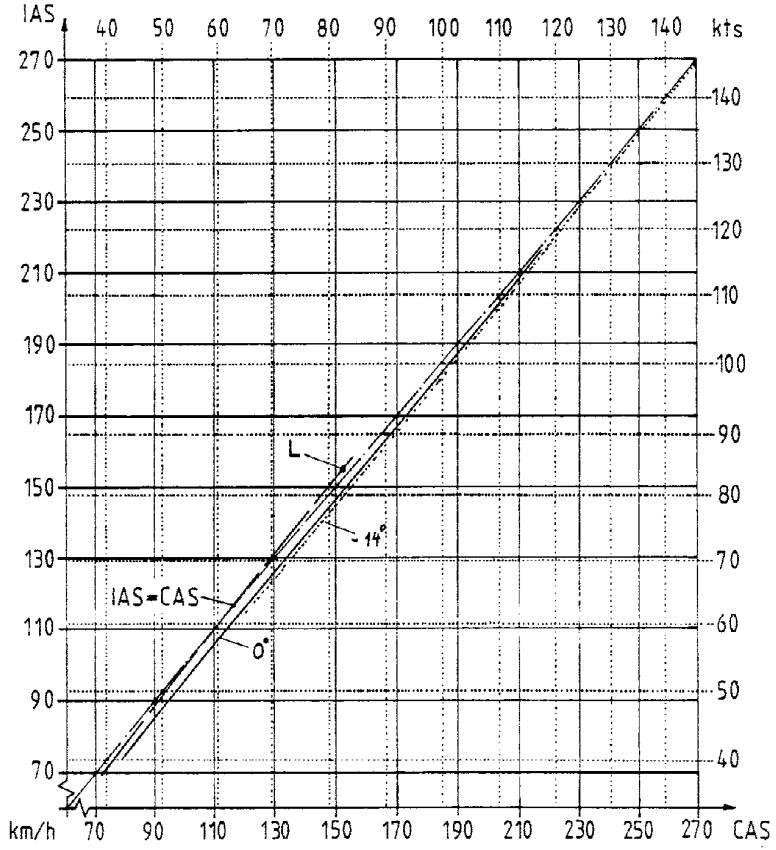
This section provides approved data for airspeed calibration, stall speeds and take-off performance and non-approved additional information.

The data in the charts has been computed from actual flight tests with the sailplane in good and clean condition and using average piloting techniques.

5.2 Approved data

5.2.1 Airspeed indicator system calibration

IAS = indicated airspeed
CAS = calibrated airspeed



Caution: The airspeed indicator is to be connected to the static ports and pitot probe in the fuselage nose.

5.2.2 Stall speeds

Stall speeds wing span 15 m

The given speeds are the minimum achievable speeds during level flight in km/h and (kts.).

Airbrakes retracted

Flap setting	mass **340**	**370**	**400**	**440**	**480**	**525**	**550**	**570**	**kg**
	750	**816**	**882**	**970**	**1058**	**1157**	**1213**	**1257**	**lbs.**
L	65	68	70	74	77	81	83	84	km/h
	35	37	38	40	42	44	45	45	kts.
+13°	66	68	71	75	78	82	83	85	km/h
	35	37	38	40	42	44	45	46	kts.
0°	70	73	76	80	84	87	89	91	km/h
	38	40	41	43	45	47	48	49	kts.
-9°	74	77	80	84	88	92	94	96	km/h
	40	42	43	46	48	50	51	52	kts.

Airbrakes extended

Flap setting	mass **340**	**370**	**400**	**440**	**480**	**525**	**550**	**570**	**kg**
	750	**816**	**882**	**970**	**1058**	**1157**	**1213**	**1257**	**lbs.**
L	70	73	75	79	83	86	88	90	km/h
	38	39	41	43	45	47	48	49	kts.
+13°	70	73	76	80	84	87	89	91	km/h
	38	40	41	43	45	47	48	49	kts.
0°	74	77	80	84	88	92	94	96	km/h
	40	42	43	46	48	50	51	52	kts.
-9°	78	81	85	89	93	97	99	101	km/h
	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	55	kts.

The loss of height for stall recovery is approximately 30 m (100 ft) if recovered immediately.

Stall speeds wing span 18 m

The given speeds are the minimum achievable speeds during level flight in km/h and (kts.).

Airbrakes retracted

Flap setting	**mass** **340** **750**	**370** **816**	**400** **882**	**440** **970**	**480** **1058**	**525** **1157**	**560** **1235**	**600** **1323**	**kg** **lbs.**
L	62	64	67	70	73	77	79	82	km/h
	33	35	36	38	40	41	43	44	kts.
+13°	62	65	68	71	74	78	80	83	km/h
	34	35	37	38	40	42	43	45	kts.
0°	67	70	72	76	79	83	86	89	km/h
	36	38	39	41	43	45	46	48	kts.
-9°	71	74	76	80	84	88	90	94	km/h
	38	40	41	43	45	47	49	51	kts.

Airbrakes extended

Flap setting	**mass** **340** **750**	**370** **816**	**400** **882**	**440** **970**	**480** **1058**	**525** **1157**	**560** **1235**	**600** **1323**	**kg** **lbs.**
L	66	69	72	75	79	82	85	88	km/h
	36	37	39	41	42	44	46	47	kts.
+13°	67	70	72	76	79	83	86	89	km/h
	36	38	39	41	43	45	46	48	kts.
0°	71	74	76	80	84	88	90	94	km/h
	38	40	41	43	45	47	49	51	kts.
-9°	74	77	80	84	88	92	95	99	km/h
	40	42	43	46	48	50	51	53	kts.

The loss of height for stall recovery is approximately 30 m (100 ft) if recovered immediately.

5.3 Additional Information

5.3.1 Demonstrated crosswind performance

The demonstrated crosswind velocity is 15 km/h (8 kts) according to the airworthiness requirements.

5.3.2 Gliding performance

(data evaluated by comparison flights)

Performance data with 15 m span (S = 10.68 m²)

Mass	kg	340	370	430	525	570
Wing loading	kg/m²	32	35	40	49	53.4
	lbs./ft²	6.6	7.2	8.2	10.0	10.9
min. sink rate	m/s	0.55	0.58	0.61	0.67	0.70
	ft/min	109	115	121	133	139
at V	km/h	79	83	86	98	102
	kts.	43	45	46	53	55
best glide ratio	/	44.6	45.0	45.4	46.2	46.5
at V	km/h	96	101	105	119	124
	kts.	52	55	57	64	67

Performance data with 18 m span (S=11.81 m²)

Mass	kg	350	410	470	525	600
Wing loading	kg/ m²	30	35	40	44.5	50.8
	lbs./ft²	6.1	7.2	8.2	9.1	10.47
min. sink rate	m/s	0.47	0.50	0.53	0.55	0.58
	ft/min	93	99	105	109	116
at V	km/h	75	81	88	93	100
	kts.	40	44	48	50	54
best glide ratio	/	49.4	50.1	50.7	51.2	51.8
at V	km/h	91	98	105	110	118
	kts.	49	53	57	59	64

With winglets at the 18m wingtips the max. L/D is increased by approx. 1.5 points.
The min. sink is reduced by approx. 0.03 m/s (6 ft/min.).

A variation in speed by ± 10 km/h (5 kts.) from the above will decrease the best glide angle by 0.5 glide points and increase the min. sink rate by 1 cm/sec. (2 ft/min).

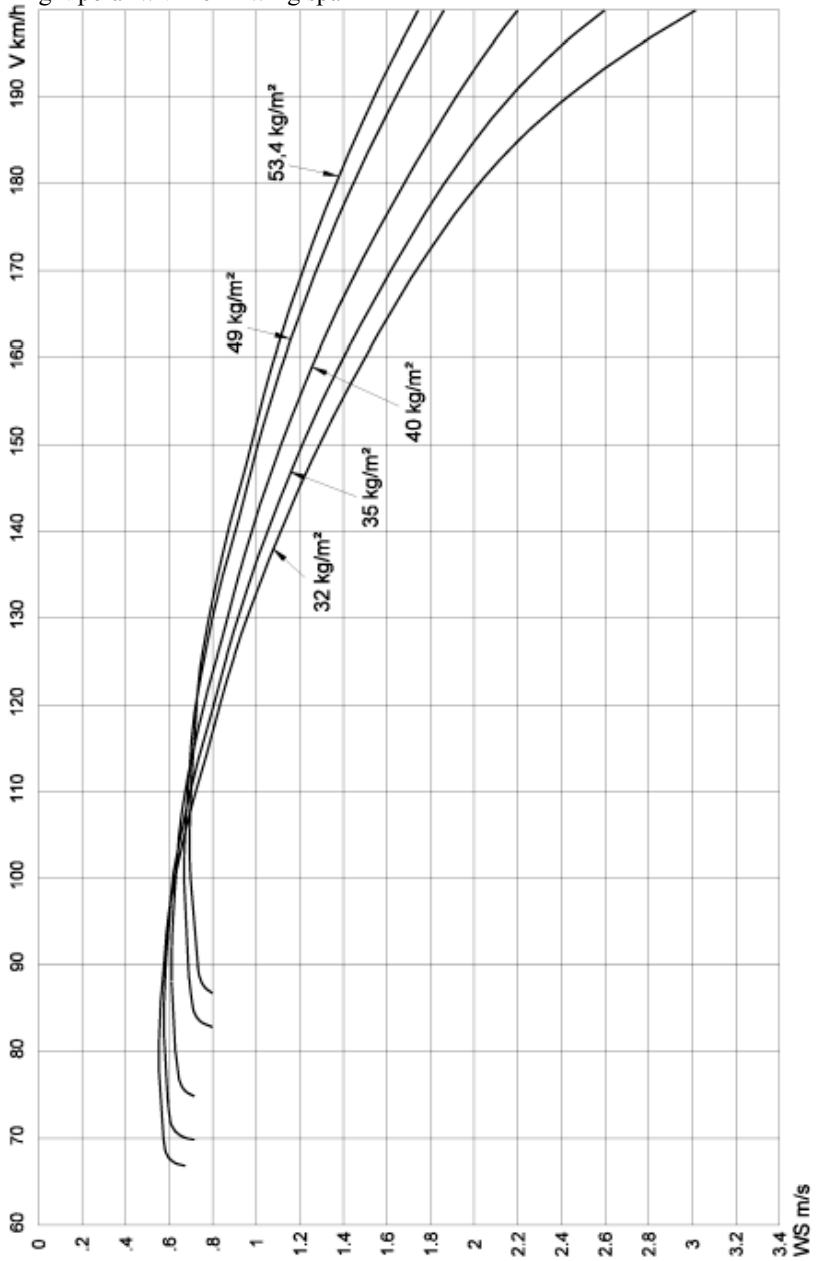
For optimum performance, the aircraft should be flown with a C.G. towards the rear of the allowable range. This especially improves thermalling performance. However the aircraft will be more pitch sensitive.

The wing fuselage joint, wing parting and the tailplane fin joint should be taped up and the aircraft thoroughly cleaned to obtain maximum performance.

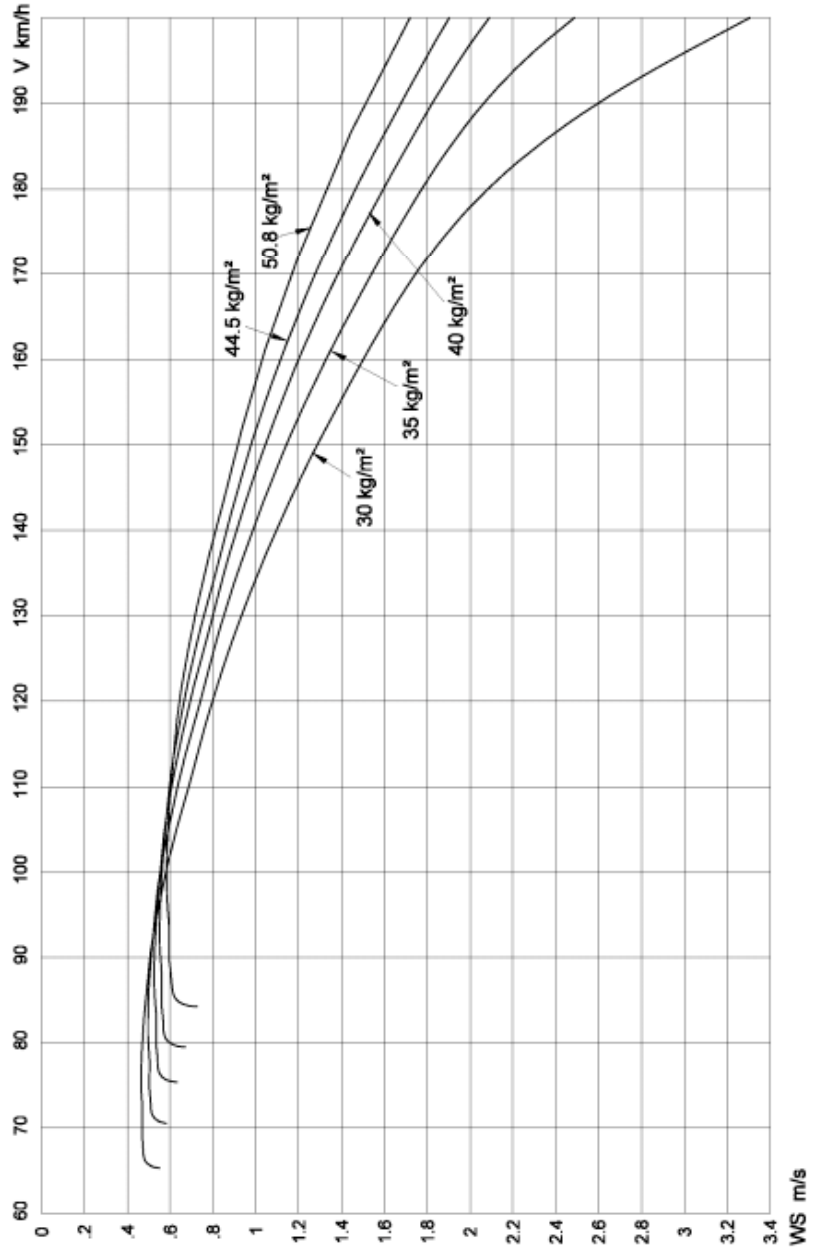
The polars apply to a "clean" aircraft.
With dirty wings or flight in rain, the performance drops accordingly.

5.3.3 Flight polar

Flight polar with 15 m wing span



Flight polar with 18 m wing span



5.3.4 Operating the wing flaps

The following flap settings should be used for optimum performance for the speed ranges and wing loadings specified:

Speeds in km/h

wing span 15 m

mass (kg)	**340**	**370**	**400**	**440**	**480**	**525**	**570**
+13°	up to 74	- 77	- 80	- 84	- 88	- 92	- 96
+10°	74- 83	77- 87	80- 90	84- 94	88- 99	92-103	96- 107
+5°	83- 92	87- 96	90-100	94-104	99-110	103-115	107- 120
0°	92- 125	96-130	100-135	104-141	110-149	115-155	120- 162
-5°	125- 148	130-154	135-160	141-167	149-176	155-183	162- 191
-9°	148-V_{NE}	154-V_{NE}	160-V_{NE}	167-V_{NE}	176-V_{NE}	183-V_{NE}	191-V_{NE}

wing span 18 m

mass (kg)	**340**	**370**	**400**	**440**	**480**	**525**	**600**
+13°	up to 70	- 73	- 76	- 80	- 84	- 87	- 93
+10°	70- 79	73- 83	76- 86	80- 90	84- 94	87- 98	93 – 105
+5°	79- 88	83- 92	86- 95	90-100	94-104	98-109	105– 117
0°	88- 119	92-124	95-129	100-135	104-141	109-147	117– 157
-5°	119- 141	124-147	129-153	135-160	141-167	147-175	157– 188
-9°	141-V_{NE}	147-VNE	153-V_{NE}	160-V_{NE}	167-V_{NE}	175-V_{NE}	188 - V_{NE}

To accelerate or flatten out, always use flaps and elevator simultaneously.

Set the flap earlier in its position for the speeds listed above because flattening out raises the wing loading and speeding up lowers it. The higher the g-loads, set the flaps earlier.

Flatten out with 1.5 g or speeding up with 0.5 g changes the optimal speed approximately 15 km/h (8 kts.) at low speeds and 30km/h (16 kts.) at high speeds.

Operating the wing flaps

Speeds in kts.

wing span 15 m

mass (lbs.)	750	816	880	970	1060	1157	1257
+13°	up to 40	- 42	- 43	- 45	- 48	- 50	- 52
+10°	40- 45	42- 47	43- 49	45- 51	48- 53	50- 56	52- 57
+5°	45- 50	47- 52	49- 54	51- 56	53- 59	56- 62	57- 65
0°	50- 67	52- 70	54- 73	56- 76	59- 80	62- 84	65- 87
-5°	67- 80	70- 83	73- 86	76- 90	80- 95	84- 99	87- 103
-9°	80- V_{NE}	83- V_{NE}	86- V_{NE}	90- V_{NE}	95- V_{NE}	99- V_{NE}	103- V_{NE}

wing span 18 m

mass (lbs.)	750	816	880	970	1060	1157	1301
+13°	up to 38	- 39	- 41	- 43	- 45	- 47	- 50
+10°	38- 43	39- 45	41- 46	43- 49	45- 51	47- 53	50- 56
+5°	43- 48	45- 50	46- 51	49- 54	51- 56	53- 59	56- 63
0°	48- 64	50- 67	51- 70	54- 73	56- 76	59- 79	63- 85
-5°	64- 76	67- 79	70- 83	73- 86	76- 90	79- 94	85- 100
-9°	76- V_{NE}	79- V_{NE}	83- V_{NE}	86- V_{NE}	90- V_{NE}	94- V_{NE}	100- V_{NE}

6 Mass (weight) and balance

6.1 Introduction

This section contains the payload range within which the sailplane may be safely operated.
A procedure for calculating the in-flight C.G. is also provided.

A comprehensive list of all equipment available for this sailplane is contained in the maintenance manual.

6.2 Weighing procedures

See maintenance manual DG-808S section 5.
Datum: Wing leading edge at the rootrib.
Reference line: aft fuselage centre line horizontal.
If there is a provision to install a battery in the fin the weighing is to be executed with this battery (part No. Z 07, mass 4.3 kg - 9.5 lbs.)

6.3 Weighing record

The result of each C.G. weighing is to be entered on page 6.5. If the min. cockpit load has changed this data is to be entered in the cockpit placard as well. When altering the equipment, the new data can be gathered by a C.G. calculation (see section 6.9).
The actual equipment list is enclosed in the maintenance manual.

6.4 Basic empty mass and C.G.

Actual data see page 6.5. With the empty weight C.G. and the cockpit loads in the limits of the diagram on page 6.6, the in-flight C.G. limits will not be exceeded.

6.5 Mass of all non-lifting parts (WNLP)

The max. mass of all non-lifting parts is 270 kg (595 lbs.).

WNLP is to be determined as follows:
WNLP = WNLP empty + cockpit load (pilots, parachute, baggage, trim ballast, removable items of equipment etc.).
WNLP empty = Total empty weight incl. permanently installed equipment minus weight of the wings.
Note: With this definition the ballast in the fin tank or in the fuselage tanks is not to be counted to WNLP, as ballast in these tanks is only allowed together with ballast in the wings.

6.6 Max. mass (weight)

15m wingspan

Maximum take off weight:	570 kg	1257 lbs.
Maximum landing weight:	570 kg	1257 lbs.

18m wingsapn

Maximum take off weight:	600 kg	1323 lbs.
Maximum landing weight:	600 kg	1323 lbs.

Max. mass without waterballast: Maximum take-off and landing mass = W_{NLP} + W_{wings}

W_{NLP} = Maximum mass of all non lifting parts (see above)

W_{wings} = actual mass of the wings

6.7 Useful loads

Max. load **without** waterballast

= max. weight without waterballast - empty weight

Max. load **with** waterballast

= max. weight with waterballast - empty weight

The data is recorded on page 6.5.

6.8 Loading chart

6.8.1 Cockpit load

Cockpit load see weighing report section 6.8.7.
With lower pilot weight necessary ballast must be added in the seat or in the optional ballast boxes see below. Ballast put on the seat (lead ballast cushion) must be fastened at the connections of the safety belts.

6.8.2 **Removable ballast** for underweight pilots

Option: see section 7.13.1.

6.8.3 Baggage

max. 15 kg (33lbs)
Heavy pieces of baggage must be secured to the baggage compartment floor (screwing to the floor or with belts). The max. mass secured on one half of the floor (left and right of fuselage centre line) should not exceed 7,5 kg (16.5 lbs.). The added load in the fuselage must not exceed the max. load without waterballast (W.B.) see weighing report section 6.8.7.

6.8.4 Waterballast in the wing tanks

DG-808S Classic: The tanks have a capacity of 60 l (15.85 U.S. gal) or 87 l (23.0 U.S.gal) per wing.
DG-808S Competition: the inboard tanks have a capacity of 62 l (16.38 U.S. gal) per wing and the outboard tanks have a capacity of 35 l (9.25 US.gal.) per wing.
Warning: Filling the water ballast is only allowed with a filling system which enables determination of the exact amount of ballast filled, e.g. water gauge or calibrated canisters. Don't try to fill more water into the tanks than the specified values. It is only allowed to fly with symmetric wing ballast!

6.8.5 Fin or fuselage ballast tanks

Water ballast in the fin tank or in the fuselage tanks should be used to compensate the forward move of C.G. due to the water ballast in the wings. The amount of ballast in these tanks is dependent on the amount of water in the wing tanks and to be determined from the tables in section 6.8.10.
The total amount of ballast (wing and fin or fuselage tanks) is dependent on the empty mass and the fuselage load and can be determined from the tables in section 6.8.9

6.8.6 Battery in the fin (Option)

Only the factory supplied battery (part No. Z 07, mass 4.3 kg (9.5 lbs.)) is allowed to be used. If the pilot mass is less than the min. cockpit load, the battery may be removed from the fin and another battery installed in the baggage compartment. This lowers the min. cockpit load by 20 kg (44 lbs.).

6.8.7 Weighing report (for section 6.3)

Distances in mm, masses in kg -- 25.4 mm = 1 inch / 1 kg = 2.2046 lbs.

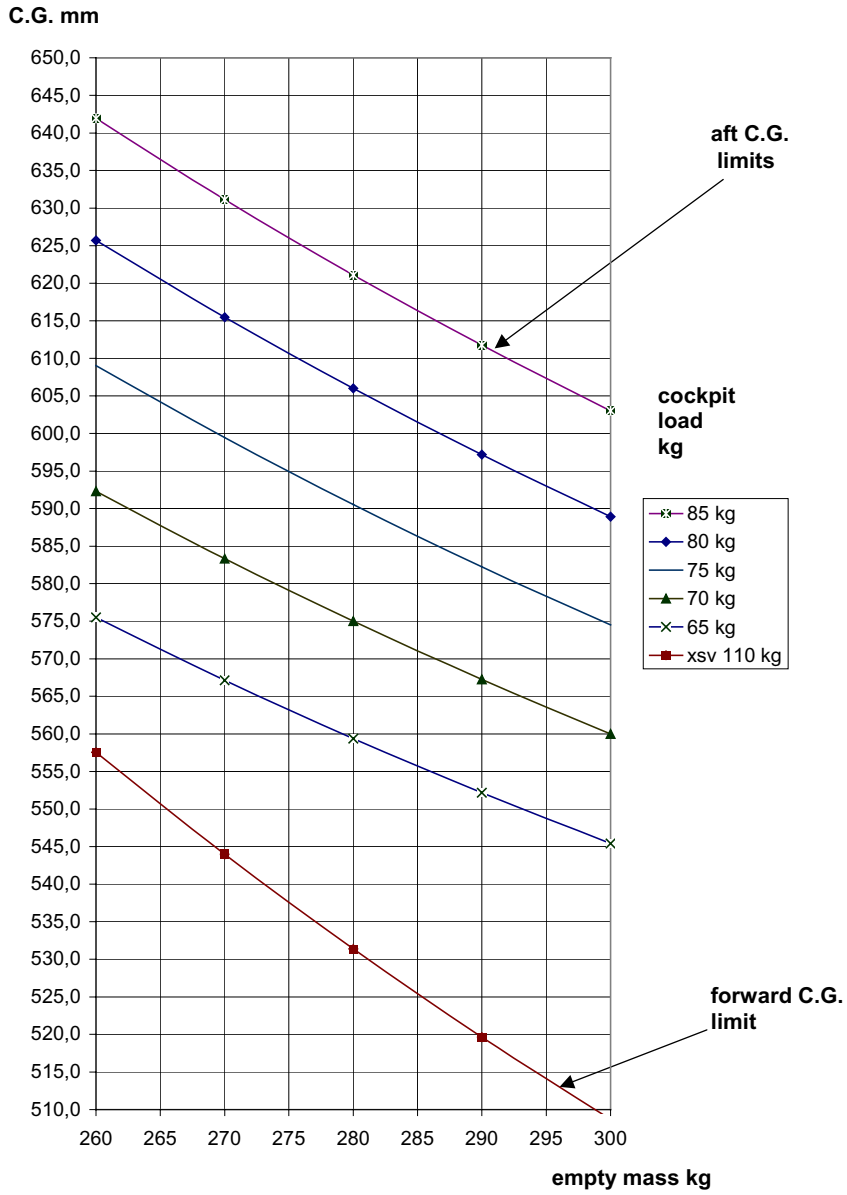
Date of weighing:	**wing span**						
Executed by:							
Date of equipment list:							
Empty mass	15						
	18						
Empty mass C.G.	15						
	18						
Max. mass without W.B.	15						
	18	/					
Max. load without W.B.	15						
	18						
max. mass with WB	15						
	18						
max. useful load with W.B.	15						
	18						
min. cockpit load with battery in baggage compartment							
min. cockpit load with battery in the fin							
max.cockpit load		110					
Inspector, signature, stamp							

Note:

1. If there is a provision to install a battery in the fin, the weighing is to be executed with this battery (part No. Z 07, mass 4.3 kg - 9.5 lbs.). If there is no battery compartment in the fin, the weighing is to be executed with a battery in the baggage compartment.

2. Weighing was executed with: tailwheel with:
   - ☐ plastic hub
   - ☐ brass hub (see section 7.13.4)

6.8.8 Empty weight C.G. limits (for 6.4)



6.8.9 DG-808S ballast chart (total ballast)

To determine the max. allowable total waterballast (wing tanks + fin tank or fuselage tanks).

Fuselage load = pilot + baggage etc. but without waterballast.
All values in kg (l) 1 kg = 2.2046 lbs. 3.785 kg (l) = 1 US gal.

DG-808S Classic and Competition: This table is for the max. TOW of 570 kg (15m wingspan)

empty mass	260	265	270	275	280	285	290	295	300
fuselage load									
70	240	235	230	225	220	215	210	205	200
75	235	230	225	220	215	210	205	200	195
80	230	225	220	215	210	205	200	195	190
85	225	220	215	210	205	200	195	190	185
90	220	215	210	205	200	195	190	185	180
95	215	210	205	200	195	190	185	180	175
100	210	205	200	195	190	185	180	175	170
105	205	200	195	190	185	180	175	170	165
110	200	195	190	185	180	175	170	165	160
115	195	190	185	180	175	170	165	160	155
120	190	185	180	175	170	165	160	155	150
125	185	180	175	170	165	160	155	150	145
130	180	175	170	165	160	155	150	145	140

DG-808S Classic and Competition: This table is for the max. TOW of 600 kg (18m wingspan)

empty mass	260	265	270	275	280	285	290	295	300
fuselage load									
70	270	265	260	255	250	245	240	235	230
75	265	260	255	250	245	240	235	230	225
80	260	255	250	245	240	235	230	225	220
85	255	250	245	240	235	230	225	220	215
90	250	245	240	235	230	225	220	215	210
95	245	240	235	230	225	220	215	210	205
100	240	235	230	225	220	215	210	205	200
105	235	230	225	220	215	210	205	200	195
110	230	225	220	215	210	205	200	195	190
115	225	220	215	210	205	200	195	190	185
120	220	215	210	205	200	195	190	185	180
125	215	210	205	200	195	190	185	180	175
130	210	205	200	195	190	185	180	175	170

6.8.10 Ballast chart for fin ballast tanks or fuselage ballast tanks

To determine the max. allowable waterballast in the fin tank or in the fuselage tanks.
All values in kg (l) 1 kg = 2.2046 lbs. 3.785 kg (l) = 1 US gal.

DG-808S Classic

wingtanks	fintank	total ballast
20	0,7	21
40	1,4	41
60	2,1	62
80	2,9	83
100	3,6	104
120	4,3	124
140	5	145
160	5,7	166
174	6,2	180

DG-808S Competition

wingtanks inboard	front fuselage tank		total ballast system 1	
W.Nr.	X1 +X2	ab X3	X1 +X2	ab X3
20	4,9	5,0	24,9	25,0
30	7,4	7,5	37,4	37,5
40	9,8	10,0	49,8	50,0
50	12,3	12,5	62,3	62,5
60	14,7	15,0	74,7	75,0
70	17,2	17,5	87,2	87,5
80	19,7	20,0	99,7	100,0
90	22,1	22,4	112,1	112,4
100	24,6	24,9	124,6	124,9
110	27,0	27,4	137,0	137,4
120	29,5	29,5	149,5	149,5
124	30,5	29,5	154,5	153,5
wingtanks outboard	rear fuselage tank		total ballast system 2	
W.Nr.	X1 +X2	ab X3	X1 +X2	ab X3
20	4,1	4,1	24,1	24,1
30	6,1	6,1	36,1	36,1
40	8,2	8,2	48,2	48,2
50	10,2	10,2	60,2	60,2
60	12,2	12,3	72,2	72,3
70	12,5	13,5	82,5	83,5

Note: The values for “total ballast“ or the sum of “total “ and “total ballast 2” (DG-808S Competition) must not exceed the total ballast determined from section 6.8.9.

Note: The fin or fuselage waterballast determined from these charts compensates only 80 % of the C.G. move due to the wing ballast, which will insure that in case of leaking wing tanks the rear in-flight C.G. is kept in the limits.

6.9 C.G. calculation

The actual C.G. can be determined as follows:

For each item, the moment mass x C.G. has to be determined and to be added up and divided by the total mass. See the following example:

1 kg = 2.2046 lbs. = .264 US gal. water 0.305 m = 1 ft

Item	mass [kg]	C.G. behind Datum [m]	Moment [m×kg]
Aircraft empty (with Battery in the fin)	265	0,56	148,4
Pilot	78	- 0,55	- 42,9
Waterballast in the wings	70	0,191	13,4
Water in the fin tank	2,8	4,338	12,2
Total:	**415,8**	X_S= **0,315**	**121,1**
		(X_S = Moment/Mass)	

The limits of the in-flight C.G 0,210m - 0,350m should not be exceeded!

The most important C.G. positions (behind datum):
Pilot: The C.G. position is dependent on the pilots shape, mass and thickness of the parachute. The pilot C.G. position can be determined by executing a weight and balance measurement with glider empty and equipped with the pilot etc. see maintenance manual. Please note, that the distance a has to be measured with both configurations, as it may change due to deflection of the landing gear.
The pilot C.G. can be determined by the following equation:

$$X_P = (X_{SF} * M_F - X_{SE} * M_E)/M_P$$

M_F = flight mass X_{SF} = flight C.G M_P = pilot mass
M_E = empty mass X_{SE} = empty C.G.

If the actual pilot C.G. is not known, you have to take the values from the following table:

flight: v = near the forward C.G.
h = near the aft C.G.

Pilotenmasse [kg]	Pilotenhebelarm [m]	
	v	h
110	-0,582	-0,533
105	-0,583	-0,535
100	-0,584	-0,537
95	-0,585	-0,539
90	-0,586	-0,541
85	-0,587	-0,543
80	-0,588	-0,546
75	-0,589	-0,548
70	-0,590	-0,550
65	-0,591	-0,552
60	-0,592	-0,554
55	-0,593	-0,556

Further C.G. positions:

Baggage and battery in baggage compartment	0,171 m
Instruments	-1,070 m
removable ballast (Option, see section 7.13.1a)	-1,743 m
removable ballast (Option, see section 7.13.1b)	-1.215 m
Battery in fin (see section 6.8.4)	4,272 m
Tail wheel /see section 7.13.4)	4.334 m
DG-808S Classic	
Waterballast in the wings	0,191 m
Fin ballast tank (see section 6.8.5)	4,338 m
DG-808S Competition	
Inboard wingtanks	0,200 m
front fuselage tank	0,840 m
Outboard wingtanks	0,184 m
rear fuselage tank	1,000 m

7 Sailplane and systems description

7.1 Introduction

This section provides description and operating of the sailplane and its systems.

M.M. = Maintenance manual

Refer to section 9 "Supplements" for details of optional systems and equipment.

7.2 Airframe

The DG-800S is a single-seater high performance sailplane with 18 m wing span. As an option wings can be equipped with a parting device at y = 7.25 m, and with winglets for flying with 15 m span.

Construction

Wings	CFRP-foam-sandwich-shell with CFRP-roving spar caps
Flaperons	CFRP-skin
Rudder	GFRP-foam sandwich-shell
Horizontal stabilizer	GFRP-foam sandwich-shell
Elevator	GFRP-skin
Fuselage	GFRP-shell

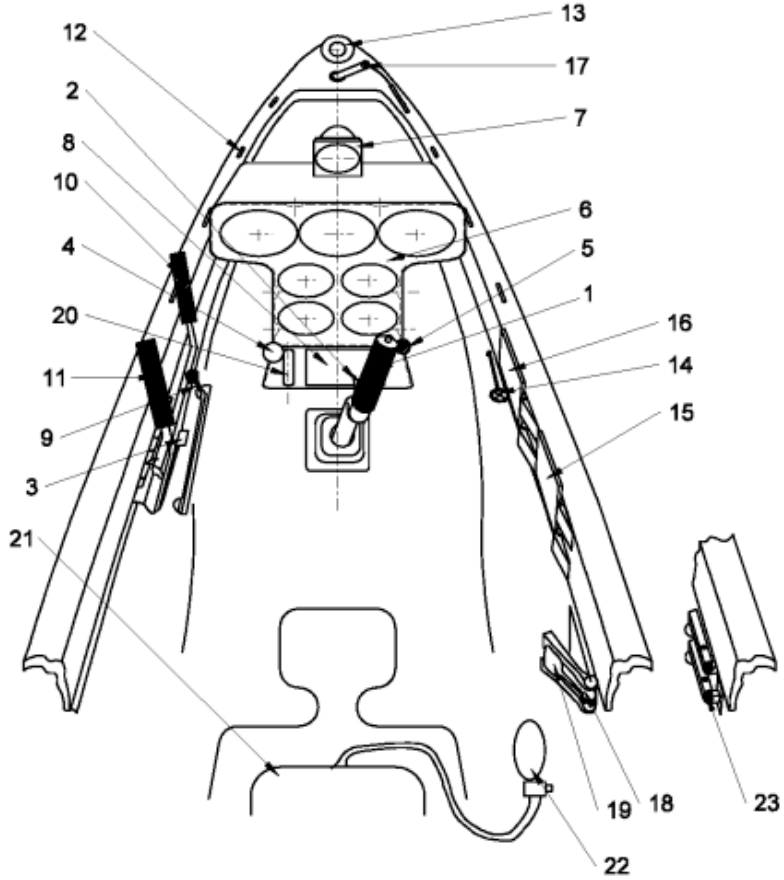
Canopy
Large single piece canopy, hinged at the nose, supported by a gas strut. Canopy glass made from Plexiglas GS 245 clear or light green GS 2422 as option.

Tailplane
T-Tail with conventional stabilizer-elevator and spring trim.

Colour

Airframe:	white	
registration numbers:	grey	RAL 7001
or	red	RAL 3020
or	blue	RAL 5012
or	green	RAL 6001

7.3 Cockpit, cockpit controls and placards



18 only with DG-808S Classic
23 only with DG-808S Competition

1) Control column - Parallelogram type

2) Release lever for the trim mechanism - green
Operation see section 7.4 elevator control

3) Trim position indicator and trim preselection lever

4) Tow release knob - yellow 

5) Rudder pedal adjustment knob – black
(only in front cockpit) 

By pulling on the knob, the locking pin will be disengaged and the rudder pedals can be pulled back towards the pilot or pushed forward away from the pilot.

6) Instrument panel
After removing the side screws at the base 2 x M 6 and after removing the screws attaching the cover to the panel 4 x M 4, the cover can be removed towards the front. The panel remains in the aircraft.

7) Compass installation position

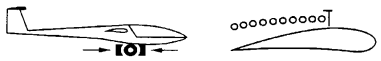
8) Radio installation position

9) Undercarriage retraction - extension handle - black

back = retracted,
front = extended, 

The undercarriage is locked in the extended position by an overcentre locking arrangement, and an additional safety catch at the handle. The handle is to be turned toward the cockpit wall, so that the locking catch will engage.

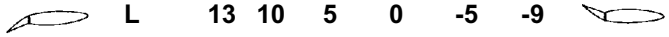
10) Airbrake handle - blue



The wheel brake is operated at the end of the airbrake handle travel and the flaps will be moved from negative to neutral.

Optional parking brake combined with an airbrake securing device (Piggott-hook): Pull the airbrake handle back to actuate the wheelbrake and rotate the handle to the cockpit wall. A detent will engage in one of 4 notches to hold the system in this position.
In case the airbrakes mistakenly haven't been locked, a detent engages in one of several notches to avoid inadvertent deployment of the airbrakes. To open and to close the airbrakes the operating handle must be rotated into the cockpit so far that the detent passes the notches.

11) Wing flap handle – black

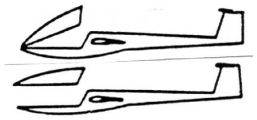


12) Constantly open de-misting air vents

13) Main air vent

14) Main air vent operating knob
pushed to front = closed
pulled = open

15) Canopy opening handle - white
towards the nose = closed
into cockpit = open



16) Canopy emergency release handle - red
towards the nose = closed
into cockpit = open

17) Locking mechanism for the canopy emergency release towards the front – locked. For 15, 16, 17 please refer to section 7.12 too.

18) Only DG-808S Classic: Water ballast dump handles - silver
upper handle = right wingtank
lower handle = left wingtank
forward = valve closed
into the cockpit = valve open.

19) Fin waterballast dump lever
Rotate backward to dump. The wing waterballast can only be dumped after dumping the fin waterballast.

20) Outside-air temperature gauge (required with fin tank).

21) Head rest.
The head rest is integrated in the back rest to take up the rebound forces of the pilots head in the case of a crash landing.
Warning: If the DG-800S shall be flown without back rest, a separate headrest (Option) must be installed.

22) Pneumatic back rest adjustment with air release thumbscrew.
The adjustment should only be used for minor comfort adjustment. For major adjustment, a harder material like a foam block approximately 300 mm x 300 mm (12 in. x 12 in.) should be used.

23) Only DG-808S competition: Water ballast dump handles – black
Each of the 2 dumpf handles open a set of wingtanks and the respective fuselage tank.
The upper handle operates the inboard wing tanks and the front fuselage tank.
The lower handle operates the outboard wing tanks and the rear fuselage tank.
forward = valves closed
rotated backwards = valves open.

7.4 Flight controls

Rudder control
See diagram 2 M.M
Cable system with adjustable pedals in the front cockpit.

Elevator control:
See diagram 1 M.M.
Parallelogram control column stick. The parallelogram system reduces the possibility of pilot induced oscillations.
All pushrods slide in maintenance free nylon ball guides.
Automatic control hook up system.
Trim:
Spring trimmer with release lever at the control stick and position indicator at the left cockpit wall.
To trim, you have to operate the release lever and bring the control stick and the wing flap handle to the appropriate position for the desired trim speed.
If this is not enough, you can in addition push forward the trim indicator (release lever operated).
It is possible to fly the DG-808S with the trim released. A rubber cord connects the wingflap control with the trim system (see maintenance manual sect. 1.2.5) and applies forward trim with negative flap settings.

Aileron and wingflap control:
See diagram 3 and 4 M.M.
The wings feature single piece flaperons, which are driven at two places.
The mixing of aileron and flap deflections takes place in the fuselage. Pushrods slide in maintenance free nylon ball guides.
Automatic control hook up system.

7.5 Airbrakes

See diagram 3 and 4 M.M.
Double storey Schempp-Hirth type airbrakes on the upper wing surface.
When operating the airbrakes the wingflaps will be moved from negative to neutral position.
The wheel brake is operated by the airbrake system.
Pushrods in the wings slide in maintenance free nylon ball guides. Automatic control hook up system.

7.6 Landing gear

see diagram 2 M.M.

a) Main wheel: retractable, assisted by a gas strut, spring mounted, fully sealed landing gear box, internal drum brake,
Tyre 5.00 - 5 4 PR or 6 PR, Diameter 362 mm (14.25 in)
Tyre pressure 3.3 bar (48 psi)

b) Tailwheel: Tyre 200 x 50 2 PR, Diameter 200 mm (7.87 in)
Tyre pressure 2 bar (28 psi)

7.7 Tow hooks

see diagram 5 M.M.

"Safety release G 88" for winch- and aerotow installed near the C.G..
additional as option "nose release E 85" installed under the instrument console, only for aerotow.

Both hooks are operated by the same handle.

7.8 Seats and safety harness

The seat is constructed as an integral inner shell. The backrest is adjustable by means of an aircushion (Adjustment see sect. 7.3 item 22). The backrest can be screwed to the seat shell at 3 different positions dependent on the thickness of the parachute.

The head rest is integrated in the back rest to take up the rebound forces of the pilots head in the case of a crash landing.

Warning: If the DG-808S shall be flown without back rest, a separate neckrest (Option) must be installed.

As safety harness only symmetric 4-point harnesses fixed at the given fixing points are allowed.

7.9 Baggage compartment

Max. load 15 kg (33 lbs.).
Heavy pieces of baggage must be secured to the baggage compartment floor.
The max. mass secured on one half of the floor (left and right of fuselage centre line) should not exceed 7.5 kg (16.5 lbs.).

7.10 Waterballast system

7.10.1 DG-808S Classic

see diagram 5 M.M.

a) The wingtanks are constructed as double wall bags with a capacity of 60 l (15.85 U.S.gal) or 87 l (23 U.S. gal) per wing. The 87 l tanks are separated in 2 chambers to reduce the pressure load in case of spinning and positive g-loads. The separation also improves the handling of the glider with the tanks filled partly. The dump valves are mounted in the wings and the control is hooked up automatically when rigging the glider.

b) Fin ballast tank with 6.2 l (1.64 U.S.gal.) capacity. This tank is constructed as integral tank with a ventilation tube. Filling is via the dump valve. The dump valve is opened by a cable and closed by a steel tension spring. If you overfill the tank, the excess water drains via a hole in the rear fin shear web.

c) control handles
The handle for the fintank (wide plate) is above the wingtank handles, so that the wingtanks can only be emptied after opening the fintank.

Warning: It is prohibited to change this system!

The handle for the fintank will stay in the open position by an overcentre device. The upper handle is for the right and the lower handle for the left wingtank.

7.10.2 DG-808S Competition

see diagrams 8 and 9 MM
The DG-808S Competition is equipped with 2 completely independent waterballast systems which can be drained separately. With both systems the respective fuselage tank compensates the C.G. shift due to the wing-ballast.
The respective fuselage tank will be drained together with its wingtanks by operation of one handle only.
The inboard wingtanks are combined with the front fuselage tank.
The outboard wingtanks are combined with the rear fuselage tank).

All tanks are constructed as integral-tanks.
The ventilation lines of the wing tanks are ending at the wing root near the leading edge. The ventilation outlets are on the lower wing surface.
The ventilation of the fuselage tanks is by holes drilled into the fuselage top.
The dump valves are mounted in the wings and the controls hook up automatically when rigging the glider.

7.11 Pitot and static system

see diagram 6 M.M.
Pitot probe in fuselage nose, static ports a short distance behind fuselage nose.
The airspeed indicator and the altimeter are to be connected to these ports and probe.
Additional holder for a TE-probe or a Multiprobe in the fin is to operate variometer and flight computer systems.
To preserve the sealings inside the holder, the end of the probe should be greased with e.g. Vaseline from time to time.

7.12 Canopy emergency release

For emergency release only, the red handle at the canopy is to be operated. By this action the canopy opening lever will also be operated and a hook at the rear canopy lock will be rotated underneath the fuselage part of the canopy frame. Because of the hook in case of emergency release the canopy will rotate around this point and will leave the fuselage in a safe and fast way. The spring will open the canopy at the nose far enough to be blown away by the oncoming air.
Checking the emergency release on the ground:
Pull the emergency release knob, the canopy should spring open at the nose min. 6 cm (2.4 in.).
Reinstalling the canopy:
Pull the canopy hinge into the open position. Replace the emergency release spring. Two people are required to hold the canopy - one at the nose, the other at the rear. The emergency release locking mechanism should be in the open position. Place the canopy on the hinge and press down. Relocate the locking mechanism. Push the hook forwards at the rear canopy lock until it snaps in.

7.13 Miscellaneous equipment (Options)

7.13.1 Removable Ballast (Option)

a) In the nose of fuselage
Three lead ballast weights part No. Z11/1 up to Z11/3 each 2.25 kg (4.96 lbs.) can be fixed at the 2 M6 inserts in front of the rudder pedals. Each weight compensates a pilot mass of 5 kg (11 lbs.). The lead ballast weights are to be fixed with bolts M6 which must be min. 10 mm (.4 in.) and max. 35 mm (1.4 in.) longer than the thickness of the ballast weights.

b) In ballast Box (Option)
The ballast box at the right hand side of the instrument console underneath the carpet can accommodate 3 lead ballast weights part No. Z10 of min 2.16 kg (4.76 lbs.) each. Each weight compensates a pilot mass of 3.75 kg (8.27 lbs.). The lead ballast weights are to be fixed in the box with a M 8 wingnut.

7.13.2 Oxygen system

Oxygen bottle installation

a) Max. size of oxygen bottle is 4 l capacity with diameter 100 mm (3.94 in.). The bottle must be fixed at its neck with a bracket part No. Z 13/1.
b) Or as special equipment: diameter max. 134mm for 5 l US bottles. The bottle must be fixed at its neck with a bracket part No. Z 13/2.

Installation of the oxygen equipment

To ensure a safe installation ask for an installation instruction.
For the installation of the Dräger Höhenatmer E 20088 you will find an installation plan 6EP18 in the maintenance manual.

7.13.3 ELT Emergency Locator Transmitter

To ensure a safe installation ask DG Flugzeugbau for an installation instruction.
For the ELT ACK you will find an installation plan 8EP38 in the maintenance manual.

Caution: Concerning 7.13.2 and 7.13.3
The installation has to be accomplished by the aircraft manufacturer or by an approved service station and to be inspected and entered in the aircraft log book by a licensed inspector.

7.13.4 Battery in the fin (Option)

Only the factory supplied battery (part No. Z 07, mass 4.3 kg (9.5 lbs.)) is allowed to be used. If the pilot mass is less than the min. cockpit load, the battery may be removed from the fin and another battery installed in the baggage compartment. This lowers the min. cockpit load by 20 kg (44 lbs.).

By looking through a Plexiglas window in the left fin surface it can be checked, if the battery is installed.

To connect the fin-battery to the electrical system, the wiring coming from the instrument panel is to be plugged in the socket located at the rear wall of the baggage compartment.

7.13.5 Heavy tailwheel

Instead of the standard tailwheel with plastic hub a tailwheel with brass hub S27/1 (with 2 washers 8.4DIN125 St zn one left and one1 right from the hub) may be installed.
The difference in mass between both hubs is 3.1 kg (6.84 lbs.). With the brass hub the min. front cockpit load is increased by 14 kg (30.9 lbs.). This higher value must be entered in the cockpit data placards and on page 6.5.
Even if the heavy tailwheel is installed only sometimes, the higher min. cockpit load must be entered.

8 Sailplane handling, care and maintenance

Seite

8.1 Introduction

This section contains manufacturer's recommended procedures for proper ground handling and servicing of the sailplane. It also identifies certain inspection and maintenance requirements which must be followed if the sailplane is to retain that new-plane performance and dependability. It is wise to follow a planned schedule of lubrication and preventive maintenance based on climatic and flying conditions encountered.

8.2 Inspection period, maintenance

The "Instructions for continued airworthiness” (maintenance manual) for the DG-808S have to be followed.
Before each rigging all the connecting pins and bushes should be cleaned and greased. This includes the control connectors.
Once a year all the bearings and hinges should be cleaned and greased. See the greasing programme of the maintenance manual.
Each year the control surface displacements, adjustments and general condition must be checked. (See the maintenance manual).

8.3 Alterations or repairs

It is essential that the responsible airworthiness authority be contacted prior to any alterations on the aeroplane, to ensure that the airworthiness of the sailplane is not impaired.
It is prohibited to execute the alteration without the approval of the airworthiness authority.
The manufacturer will not be liable for the alteration or for damages resulting from changes in the characteristics of the aircraft due to alteration.
So it is strongly recommended to execute no alternatives which are not approved by the aircraft manufacturer.
External loads such as external camera installations are to be regarded as alterations!
Repair instructions can be found in the DG-800S repair manual.
No repairs should be carried out without referring to the manual.

8.4 Tie Down, Parking

Use textile ropes or straps to tie down the wing tips. The fuselage should be tied down just ahead of the fin.

Water ballast can be left in the wings for a few days only, but not when there is the possibility of freezing! On sunny days the cockpit should be closed and covered.

Note: Longer parking with exposure to sun and humidity will cause premature ageing of the external surfaces of your sailplane.

8.5 Transport

It is recommended to carry this valuable sailplane in a factory approved closed trailer.

Approved fitting points:

Inner wing panels:
- Wing spar as close to wing rootrib as possible or a rootrib wing cradle.
- A wing cradle at the taper change.

Horizontal tailplane and outboard wing panel:
- Cradles as desired

Fuselage:
- A felt lined fibreglass nose cap which does not extend over the canopy, secured to floor.
- Fuselage dolly in front of the undercarriage
- Tail wheel-well in trailer floor. Secure fuselage with a belt in front of the fin or hold it down with the trailer top (soft foam in top).

All aircraft structures should not be subject to any unusual loads. With high temperatures that can occur inside trailers, these loads in time can warp any fibre reinforced plastic sailplane.
The trailer should be well ventilated so as to prevent moisture build up which could result in bubbles forming in the gelcoat. A solar powered ventilator is recommended.

8.6 Towing on the ground

a) by towing from the tow hook using a rope with the standard double ring approved for the release
b) by using a tow bar which is fixed at the tail dolly and a wing tip wheel.

The tow bar and wing tip wheel may be ordered through the DG-Flugzeugbau factory.

8.7 Cleaning and Care

Exterior surfaces of the fibre-reinforced plastic parts

The surfaces are coated by a UP-gelcoat or Polyurethane paint (Option). This surface is protected by a hard wax coating which has been applied during production with a rotating disc ("Schwabbel" procedure). Do not remove the wax, because this would lead to shading, swelling and cracking of the surface. In general, the wax coat is very resistant. As soon as the wax coat is damaged or worn, a new coat has to be applied (see maintenance manual sect. 3.1). If you store your aircraft often outside, this may be necessary every half year!

Hints for care
- Wash the surface only with clean water using a sponge and chamois.
- The adhesive remains of tape may be removed with petroleum ether (pure petroleum spirit) which should be applied and removed immediately, otherwise this may lead to swelling of the gelcoat.
- More stubborn dirt which cannot be removed by washing may be cleaned off with silicone-free, wax containing car polishes (e.g. 1Z Extra, Meguiars in USA).
- Long-term dirt and shading can be removed by applying a new hard wax coat (see maintenance manual sect. 3.1).
- Never use alcohol, acetone, thinner etc.. Do not use detergents for washing!
- Protect the surface from intense sunlight.
- Protect the aircraft from water and moisture. See sections 8.4 and 8.5.
- Remove water that has entered and allow the aircraft to dry out.
- Never store your wet aircraft in a trailer.

Plexiglas canopy
- Use clean water and a chamois for cleaning.
- Stubborn dirt and small scratches can be removed by use of the "Schwabbel procedure" (see maintenance manual sect. 3.1).

Metal parts
- The pins and bushes for rigging the aircraft are not surface protected and must be covered with grease at all times.
- The other metal parts, especially the control stick and all handles should occasionally be preserved with metal polishes.

9 Supplements

Section page

9.1 Introduction

This section contains the appropriate supplements necessary to safety and efficiently operate the sailplane when equipped with various optional systems and equipment not provided with the standard sailplane.

9.2 List of inserted supplements

Date of insertion	Document No.	Title of the inserted supplement
March 2003	9.3, 9.4, 9.5	Emergency bail-out aid NOAH (Option)

9.3 Emergency bail-out aid NOAH

Section 1
Introduction
In the following text the changes to those sections of the flight manual which are effected by the installation of winglets at the 18m wingtips will be given

Brief description
NOAH is a system to facilitate the bail-out of the cockpit in an emergency.
NOAH is a supplementation to the parachute.
NOAH features an airbag similar to a car airbag. The gas which is necessary to inflate the bag is stored in a pressurised gas cylinder. The actuation is by mechanical means via a handle at the right hand side near the control stick.
To actuate NOAH the canopy must be opened or jettisoned first. The system is secured by a metal plate at the actuation unit which is blocked by a GFRP block at the canopy frame.

When the NOAH system is activated the seat harness buckle will be opened prior to the opening of the pressurised gas cylinder. The pilot will be lifted by the airbag so that he can roll himself out of the cockpit.
If NOAH is used together with an automatic parachute, the emergency bail out procedure will be more or less automatic after operation of the NOAH handle.

Note: There is a small hole in the NOAH airbag close to the pressure relief valve. In case of inadvertent inflation of the airbag gas can stream out of this hole. This is to prevent injuries to the pilot if the seat harness buckle is not open.

Technical data:
Mass of all parts: approx. 4,5 kg
Generation of pressure: nitrogen approx. 200 bar
Filling time: approx. 2 seconds
Design range: pilot mass 110 kg up to 4 g

Section 3

Use of NOAH in case of an emergency bail out:

Note: We recommend strongly the use of an automatic parachute. Only with an automatic parachute will the bail out procedure be nearly automatic and precious time and altitude can be saved.

For the bail out jettison the canopy first, therefore pull the canopy emergency release and if necessary push the canopy upwards.

Warning: If there are loops at the rudder pedals make sure that your feet are out of the loops first.

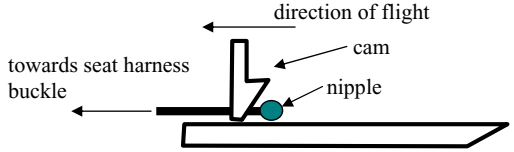
Then pull the NOAH handle (at the right hand side next to the control stick, marked black and yellow) **strongly and quickly** up to its stop.

Roll out of the cockpit to the right hand side if possible, as on the left hand side the airbrake handle may impede the procedure.

Note: Don't operate the NOAH handle on the ground with open canopy as you may release NOAH and the pressurised gas cylinder must be filled again.

Section 4

a) Pre-flight inspection
Check the airbag, the high pressure hose and the operating cables for correct positioning and for any wear.
Check especially if the nipple of the cable which opens the seat harness buckle is positioned aft of the cam of the actuation unit see sketch:



detail of the actuation unit (at the right hand side cockpit wall in front of the main bulkhead)

b) For normal opening of the seat harness buckle rotate the buckle only in clockwise direction.

Section 7

The NOAH actuation handle is located at the right hand side abeam the control stick, it is marked black and yellow.
A sticker is wrapped around the actuation handle and the guiding tube for the actuation cable. The sticker serves as an additional means to guard against inadvertent operation.

Section 8

For inspections and maintenance please refer to the "manual for the emergency bail out-aid NOAH".