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Spinning of aircraft

Most aircraft will enter a spin if the controls are mishandled under certain conditions. However, as the majority of modern aircraft are not authorised in their C of A for intentional spinning, there are many private and student pilots who have never experienced a full spin and recovery with the result that if they ever find themselves in an unintentional spin for any one of a number of reasons, they do not always recognize the spin for what it is, and are sometimes so shocked at the uncontrolled gyrations of the aircraft that they do not carry out the correct recovery action, or leave recovery too late to be effective.

There is no mystery about spinning, it is a well understood maneuver from which there is a simple recovery action, provided the pilot recognizes what is happening and take the correct recovery action in time.

Pilots in Zimbabwe who have never experienced spinning and recovery are strongly advised to contact an instructor and seek out an aircraft in which intentional spinning is allowed and have dual instruction spinning and recovery, spins in both directions should be undertaken. It is pointed out however, that intentional spinning may only be executed in an aircraft which provisions for this maneuver are in the relevant certificate of airworthiness.



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