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Wing	Empty Weight	
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1 GENERAL

This ASTM compliant Aircraft Operating Instructions (AOI)/ Pilot Operating Handbook (POH) is designed for maximum utilization as an operating guide for the pilot. It includes the material required by the regulations to be furnished to the pilot. It also contains supplemental data supplied by the aircraft manufacturer.

This Aircraft Operating Instructions / Pilot Operating Handbook is not designed as a substitute for adequate and competent flight instruction, knowledge of current airworthiness directives, applicable air regulations or advisory circulars. It is not intended to be a guide for basic flight instruction or a training manual and should not be used for operational purposes unless kept in a current status.

The remainder of the Aircraft Operating Instructions / Pilot Operating Handbook will be referred to as the Aircraft Operating Instructions or AOI.

Assurance that the aircraft is in an airworthy condition is the responsibility of the owner. The pilot in command is responsible for determining that the aircraft is safe for flight. The pilot is also responsible for remaining within the operating limitations as outlined by instrument markings, placards, and this AOI. Maintenance of the aircraft is very important for safety. Proper and scheduled maintenance will promote longevity of the aircraft and most importantly trouble free flying.

Although the arrangement of this AOI Manual is intended to maximize its in-flight capabilities, it should not be used solely as an occasional operating reference. The pilot should study the entire AOI to become familiar with the limitations, performance, normal and emergency procedures and operational handling characteristics of the aircraft before flight.

The AOI has been divided into numbered sections. The limitations and emergency procedures have been placed ahead of the normal procedures. The "Emergency Procedures" section is quickly available to present an instant reference. This AOI has made provisions for expansion and/or updates. Before flying the aircraft read and familiarize yourself with this AOI, Flight Training Supplement (FTS), Wing Manual, Engine Operators Manual and Maintenance Manual (MIP).

WARNING

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1.1 Introduction

The REVOLT has been designed and manufactured in accordance with the Weight Shift Control ASTM Consensus Standards as follows:

- F2317/F2317 M-16a Design and Performance & Required Equipment
- F2339-06 Design & Manufacture of Reciprocating Spark Ignition Engines
- F2425-05a Continued Airworthiness
- F2447-05 Production Acceptance Tests
- F2483-12 Maintenance and Inspection Procedures
- F2506-13 Design and Testing of Fixed-Pitch or Ground Adjustable Propellers
- F2972-15 Quality Assurance
- F3199-16a Wing Interface Documentation for Weight Shift Control

- ☐ F2316-12 Airframe Emergency Parachutes (only if equipped with BRS)

This manual follows the product information required and format listed under ASTM standard F2457-05.

WARNING

The operator must be thoroughly familiar with the aircraft and the contents of this manual before initial operation.

Regular maintenance is required to keep your aircraft flying in a safe condition. Detailed maintenance requirements are outlined in the Maintenance Manual (MIP). Please reference these manuals to ensure your aircraft is maintained properly.

The operating procedures contained in this handbook are derived from experience and testing of this model of aircraft.

1.2 Definitions, Terminology and Abbreviations

This is not a complete set of definitions. It is assumed that the audience of this manual is already a trike pilot or pilot in training. Only those items and terminology that may not be covered sufficiently in a Sport Pilot or Private – Weight Shift Control (SP or PP-WSC) pilot training regimen are expanded upon here. This is **NOT** a replacement for proper training or ground school with your instructor.

Weight-Shift-Control: Powered aircraft with a framed pivoting wing and a fuselage, controllable only in pitch and roll by the pilot's ability to change the aircraft's center of gravity with respect to the wing. Flight control of the aircraft depends on the wing's ability to flexibly deform rather than the use of control surfaces.

Trim Speed: Indicated airspeed at which the aircraft remains in a stabilized condition without pilot input.

Sprog: Helps in dive recovery and pitch stability of the wing. This is a metal tube placed on the inside of the sail at about 70% out on the wing span on either wing. There can be multiple (two or more) sprogs in a topless wing.

Definitions used in this handbook such as **WARNING**, **CAUTION** and **NOTE** employed in the following context.

WARNING

Procedures or instructions that if not followed correctly may result in injury or death.

CAUTION

Procedures or instructions that if not followed correctly may result in damage to the aircraft or its parts.

NOTE

Procedures or instructions that is essential to highlight.

Abbreviations:

AGL — Altitude Above Ground Level
AOA — Angle of Attack
AOB — Angle of Bank
AOI — Aircraft Operating Instructions
ATC — Air Traffic Control
BRS — Ballistic Recovery Systems
C — Celsius
ELT — Emergency Locator Transmitter
F — Fahrenheit
ft. lbs — Foot Pounds
FTS — Flight Training Supplement
GPH — Gallons per hour
Hg — Mercury
HP — Horse Power
hr(s) — Hour(s)
in Hg — Inches of Mercury
in. lbs — Inch Pounds
IFR — Instrument Flight Rules
ISA — International Standard Atmosphere
Max — Maximum
mb — Millibars
Min — Minimum
min — Minute(s)
MIP — Maintenance and Inspection Procedures
MTOW — Maximum Take Off Weight
PIC — Pilot In Command
PIO — Pilot Induced Oscillations
PP WSC — Private Pilot Weight Shift Control (aircraft)
PSI — Pounds per Square Inch gage pressure
RPM — Revolutions per Minute
s — Seconds
SI — International System of units
SP WSC — Sport Pilot Weight Shift Control (aircraft)
TOSS — Take Off Safety Speed
VFR — Visual Flight Rules
 W_{MAX} — Maximum Design Weight ($W_{WING} + W_{SUSP}$)
 W_{SUSP} — Highest Trike Carriage Weight suspended under the wing
 W_{TKMT} — Trike Carriage Empty Weight (including required minimum equipment, unusable fuel, maximum oil, and where appropriate, engine coolant, hangbolt and hydraulic fluid)
 W_{WING} — Wing Weight
WSC — Weight Shift Control (aircraft)

Airspeeds:

CAS — Calibrated air speed

IAS — Indicated Air Speed (All airspeeds in AOI unless otherwise noted)

KIAS — Knots Indicated Air Speed

km/hr — Kilometers per hour

kt(s) — Nautical mile per hour

MPH — Miles per hour

V Speeds:

V_A — Maneuvering Speed

V_C — Operating Cruising Speed

V_{DF} — Demonstrated Flight Diving Speed

V_H — Maximum Sustainable Speed in straight and level flight

V_{NE} — Never Exceed Speed

V_{SO} — Stalling Speed, or the minimum steady flight speed in the landing configuration

V_{S1} — Stalling Speed, or the minimum steady flight speed in a specific configuration

V_T — Maximum Glider Towing Speed

V_X — Speed at which Best Angle of Climb is achieved

V_Y — Speed at which Best Rate of Climb is achieved

Measurements:

cm — Centimeter

cu. in — Cubic Inches

cm³ — Centimeter Cube

ft — Feet

in — Inch

Kg — Kilogram

m — Meter

mm — Millimeter

N — Newton

Nm — Newton Meter

sq ft — Square Feet

sq m — Square Meter

Units:

Conversions:

Distances:

1 Inch (in) = 25.4 Millimeters (mm)
1 Foot (ft) = 0.3048 Meter (m)
1 Nautical mile (NM) = 1.852 Kilometers (km)
1 Statute mile = 1.609 Kilometers (km)

Pressure:

1 Millibar (mb) = 1 Hectopascal (hPa)
1 Millibar (mb) = 0.1 Kilopascal (kPa)
1 Pound per sq in (psi) = 6.895 Kilopascal (kPa)

Speed:

1 km/hr = 1.6 MPH
1 Kts (Knots) = 1.15 mph (miles per hour) = 1.84 km/hr
kt(s) — Nautical Mile per Hour (knot) (1 nautical mph = (1852/3600) m/s)

Temperature:

1 Degree Fahrenheit (F) = (1.8 X C)+32

Torque:

1 Foot Pound (ft lb) = 1.356 Newton Meters (Nm)
1 Inch Pound (in lb) = 0.113 Newton Meters (Nm)

Volume:

1 Cubic foot (ft³) = 28.317 Liters (l)
1 Imperial gallon = 4.546 Liters (l)
1 US gallon = 3.785 Liters (l)
1 US quart = 0.946 Liter (l)

Weights:

1 Kg = kilograms = 2.2 lbs = 2.2 pounds
1 Pound (lb) = 0.4539 Kilogram (kg)

1.3 General Description

1.3.1 Carriage

Please refer to section 7 of the AOI for a general description of the REVOLT trike carriage.

1.3.2 Wings

Evolution Aircraft Inc.'s Revo is available with the following wings:

1. REVOLT 15.0m
2. Rival X 14.0m

Please refer to section 7 of the AOI, Wing Manuals and Flight Training Supplement (FTS) for detailed information on each wing.

NOTE

Manufacturer may approve the use of other certified wings for use with the REVOLT. This written approval must be attached to the AOI with a list of changes to relevant sections of the manual.

1.3.3 Engines

REVOLT is available with the following ASTM complaint engines:

1.3.3.1 Rotax 912UL



Version		Performance			Torque			Max RPM
		kW	HP	RPM	Nm	ft. lb.	RPM	RPM
912 UL2		58.0	79	5500	103	75.9	4800	5800
Max 5 min (take-off)		59.6	81	5800				
Bore		Stroke		Displacement			Compression Ratio	
79.5 mm	3.13 in.	61 mm	2.4 in.	1211.2 cm ³	73.91 cu. in.	9.0:1		

1.3.3.2 Rotax 912ULS



Version	Performance			Torque			Max RPM
	kW	HP	RPM	Nm	ft. lb.	RPM	RPM
912 ULS2	69.0	95	5500	128	94	5100	5800
Max 5 min (take-off)	73.5*	100*	5800*	* with Rotax airbox & exhaust system			
Bore		Stroke		Displacement		Compression Ratio	
84 mm	3.31 in.	61 mm	2.4 in.	1352 cm ³	82.6 cu. in.	10.5:1	

1.3.4 Propellers

The REVOLT uses the following props:

1.3.4.1 Warp Drive

Warp Drive is a composite propeller with an Aluminum hub and AN hardware. It is a 3-blade 68” without nickel leading edge. It comes with a simple way to set the pitch on the ground. The acceptable pitch range is specified at the factory and marked on the propeller.

1.3.4.2 Sensenich Propeller for the Rotax 912 Series Engines

Sensenich is a 2-blade composite propeller with an Aluminum hub specifically designed for Rotax 912 series of engines. This prop is available as an option.

1.3.4.3 E-Props Propeller for the Rotax 912 Series Engines

E-Props is a 4-blade or 6-blade composite propeller with a Carbon fiber hub specifically designed for Rotax 912 series of engines. This prop is highly recommended for the 912 series due to its very low moment of inertia.

CAUTION

No pitch change should be undertaken that can over speed the propeller (engine red line RPM) in normal flight, excluding dive at full power which can over speed the prop.

1.3.5 Fuel

The following fuels are recommended for the REVOLT:

- **Lead Free 89 Octane or higher for 912UL**
- **Lead Free 91 Octane or higher for 912ULS**
- **Avgas 100LL**

NOTE

Avgas 100LL is permitted. Due to higher lead content in AVGAS, the wear of the valve seats and deposits in the combustion chamber will increase. More frequent oil changes of every 25 hours are necessary with use of Avgas. See Rotax manuals for further details.

1.4 Dimensions

	Metric		Imperial/US	
Wing Span	REVOLT 15m	9.6 m	REVOLT 15m	31.5 ft
	Rival X	9.6 m	Rival X	31.5 ft
Wing Area	REVOLT 15m	15.0 sq m	REVOLT 15m	161.4 sq. ft
	Rival X	14.0 sq m	Rival X	150.6 sq. ft
Aspect Ratio	REVOLT 15m	6.0:1	REVOLT 15m	6.0:1
	Rival X	6.5:1	Rival X	6.5:1
Wing Weight	REVOLT 15m	49.4 kg	REVOLT 15m	109 lbs
	Rival X	54.9 kg	Rival X	121 lbs
Wing Length (Long Pack)	REVOLT 15m	5.48 m	REVOLT 15m	18 ft
	Rival X	5.48 m	Rival X	18 ft
Wing Length (Short Pack)	REVOLT 15m	3.6 m	REVOLT 15m	12 ft
	Rival X	3.6 m	Rival X	12 ft

Lowest Overall Trike Height	All Wings	2.5 m	All Wings	8.6 ft
Trike Carriage Length	270 cm	270 cm	8.9 ft	8.9 ft
Trike Width – Outside to Outside	Suspension pulled together	208 cm	Suspension pulled together	82 in
	Suspension loaded	218 cm	Suspension loaded	86 in
Trike Width - Inside to Inside	185 cm	185 cm	73 in	73 in

1.5 Views

1.5.1 Front



1.5.2 Side



1.5.3 Back



2 LIMITATIONS

2.1 General

The limitations section of this manual outlines the various operating limitations, instrument function and placards necessary for the safe operation of this aircraft, engine and standard equipment.

2.2 Airspeed Limitations

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS) unless otherwise noted.

2.2.1 REVOLT 15m

Speed	KIAS	Comments
V _{NE} --- Never Exceed Speed	56 kts (65 MPH) (105 km/hr)	Never exceed this speed in any operation
V _A --- Maximum Maneuvering Speed at gross weight	48 kts (55 MPH) (89 km/hr)	Do not make abrupt or full control deflections above this speed or fly in extreme turbulence above this speed at gross weight.
V _{S0} --- Stalling Speed	33 kts (38 MPH) (61 km/hr)	With optional full windscreen
V _{S1} --- Stalling Speed	31 kts (36 MPH) (58 km/hr)	
V _H --- Maximum Sustainable Speed In Straight and Level Flight	50 kts (57 MPH) (92 km/hr)	
V _X --- Best Angle of Climb	36 kts (42 MPH) (68 km/hr)	
V _Y --- Best Rate of Climb	42 kts (48 MPH) (77 km/hr)	

NOTE

V_{NE} ---Never Exceed Speed is and can be programmed as a limit in the digital ASI for the wing installed at the time of flight. V_A reduces with reduction in weight.

2.2.2 Rival X 14m

Speed	KIAS	Comments
V _{NE} ---Never Exceed Speed	87 kts (100 MPH) (160 km/hr)	Never exceed this speed in any operation
V _A --- Maximum Maneuvering Speed at gross weight	66 kts (76 MPH) (122 km/hr)	Do not make abrupt or full control deflections above this speed or fly in extreme turbulence above this speed at gross weight.
V _{S0} --- Stalling Speed	35 kts (40 MPH) (64 km/hr)	With optional full windscreen
V _{S1} --- Stalling Speed	33 kts (38 MPH) (61 km/hr)	
V _H --- Maximum Sustainable Speed In Straight and Level Flight	76 kts (88 MPH) (142 km/hr)	
V _X --- Best Angle of Climb	48 kts (55 MPH) (89 km/hr)	
V _Y --- Best Rate of Climb	50 kts (58 MPH) (93 km/hr)	

NOTE

V_{NE} ---Never Exceed Speed is and can be programmed as a limit in the digital ASI for the wing installed at the time of flight. V_A reduces with reduction in weight.

2.3 Engine Operating Limitations

2.3.1 Rotax 912UL

Engine Limitations	Metric	Imperial/US
ENGINE RPM		
Max RPM	5800 RPM (5 minutes max)	5800 RPM (5 minutes max)
Maximum Continuous RPM	5500 RPM	5500 RPM
Idle RPM	1800-2000 RPM	1800-2000 RPM
POWER DATA		
Takeoff Performance	59.6 KW	81 HP
Continuous Performance	58 KW	79 HP
OIL PRESSURE		
Maximum Oil Pressure (allowed for short period at cold start)	7 bar	102 psi
Minimum Oil Pressure (below 3500 RPM)	0.8 bar	12 psi
Normal Oil Pressure (above 3500 RPM)	2 – 5 bar	29 – 73 psi
OIL TEMPERATURE		
Maximum Oil Temperature	140° C	285° F
Minimum Oil Temperature (idle at 2000 for 2 minutes and proceed to 2500 RPM till minimum oil temperature is reached)	50° C	120° F
Normal Oil Temperature	88 - 110° C	190 - 230° F
CYLINDER HEAD/ WATER TEMPERATURES		
Maximum CHT/ H2O	150° C / 120° C	300° F / 248° F
Normal CHT/ H2O	75 - 110°C / 75 - 110°C	167 - 230° F / 167 - 230° F
EXHAUST GAS TEMPERATURE		
Maximum at max. Takeoff Power	880° C	1616° F
Maximum at max. Continuous Power	850° C	1560° F
Normal EGT	800° C	1472° F
FUEL PRESSURE		
Maximum Fuel Pressure	0.4 bar	5.8 psi
Minimum Fuel Pressure	0.15 bar	2.2 psi
AMBIENT OPERATING TEMPERATURE		
Maximum	50° C	120° F
Minimum	-25° C	-13° F

2.3.2 Rotax 912ULS

Engine Limitations	Metric	Imperial/US
ENGINE RPM		
Max RPM	5800 RPM (5 minutes max)	5800 RPM (5 minutes max)
Maximum Continuous RPM	5500 RPM	5500 RPM
Idle RPM	1800-2000 RPM	1800-2000 RPM
POWER DATA		
Takeoff Performance	73.5 KW	100 HP
Continuous Performance	69 KW	95 HP
OIL PRESSURE		
Maximum Oil Pressure (allowed for short period at cold start)	7 bar	102 psi
Minimum Oil Pressure (below 3500 RPM)	0.8 bar	12 psi
Normal Oil Pressure (above 3500 RPM)	2 – 5 bar	29 – 73 psi
OIL TEMPERATURE		
Maximum Oil Temperature	130° C	266° F
Minimum Oil Temperature (idle at 2000 for 2 minutes and proceed to 2500 RPM till minimum oil temperature is reached)	50° C	120° F
Normal Oil Temperature	90 - 110° C	190 - 230° F
CYLINDER HEAD / WATER TEMPERATURES		
Maximum CHT/ H2O	135° C / 120° C	275° F / 248° F
Normal CHT/ H2O	75 - 110°C / 75 - 110°C	167 - 230° F / 167 - 230° F
EXHAUST GAS TEMPERATURE		
Maximum at max. Takeoff Power	880° C	1620° F
Maximum at max. Continuous Power	850° C	1560° F
Normal EGT	800° C	1472° F
FUEL PRESSURE		
Maximum Fuel Pressure	0.4 bar	5.8 psi
Minimum Fuel Pressure	0.15 bar	2.2 psi
AMBIENT OPERATING TEMPERATURE		
Maximum	50° C	120° F
Minimum	-25° C	-13° F

2.4 Engine Operating Media

Please refer to the Rotax Operator's manual section for Operating media approved for your engine.

2.5 Fuel and Oil Capacity

2.5.1 Fuel Capacity

Fuel Capacity	Unusable Fuel Capacity
18.7 US Gallons (70.8 Liters)	2.0 US Gallons (7.5 Liters)

2.5.2 Oil Capacity

Oil Tank Capacity (912 series engines)
3.12 Liters or 3.3 Quarts

NOTE

REVOLT models are equipped with a Curtis quick drain oil system for draining the oil reservoir.

2.6 Aircraft Operational and Maneuvering Limits

2.6.1 Center of Gravity Limits

Center of gravity limits in a flex wing, weight shift control aircraft are controlled by hang block position on the keel of the wing. The carriage attaches to the wing through this universal junction known as hang block. Variations in cockpit and fuel loading cannot affect aircraft's balance significantly for purposes of safety. The REVOLT is therefore not critical in terms of center of gravity. However, distribution of load in a trike carriage affects the attitude of the trike carriage in-flight in a minor way as long as prescribed weight limits per seat are followed which are 250 lb (113 kg) per front seat max and 130 lb (59 kg) minimum pilot seat and 0 lb to 300 lb (136 kg) passenger rear seat.

NOTE

The trike may optionally be equipped with an electric speed trim device that allows the pilot to change the trim position of the wing within limits to speed up or slow down the aircraft. In such a case it is advisable that pilots set their trim position in the center of the range for takeoff and slow down the aircraft to proper approach speed using this trim during an approach to landing. If the electric speed trim is not set properly, it will require more pressure to slow the aircraft down when trimmed fast and more pressure to maintain higher air speed when trimmed slow which may be taxing to the body. Ultimately, the pilot controls the speed not the trim setting of the aircraft.

Base Suspension Range	Dimension (Metric - millimeters)	Dimension (Imperial/US - inches)
REVOLT 15m (from front edge of nose keel tube of the wing to the center of the hangbolt)	1321 mm - 1422 mm	52" - 56"
Rival X 14m (from front edge of nose keel tube of the wing to the center of the hangbolt)	1321 mm - 1448 mm	52" - 57"

2.6.2 Maneuvering Limits and Loads

WARNING

All aerobatic maneuvers including whip stalls, wingovers/wangs, loops, steep prolonged spiral descents, spins and any negative G maneuvers are prohibited.

These maneuvers can never be conducted with a guarantee of safety. These maneuvers can put the aircraft outside the pilots control and put both the aircraft and its occupants in extreme danger.

Do not pitch nose up or nose down more than 30° from the horizontal. Do not bank more than 60° angle of bank. Flying the REVOLT outside of these set parameters can lead to unrecoverable tumbles, excess G loads above 4Gs or exceed the aircraft's VNE which can result in **DEATH**.

Limits	
Maximum Takeoff Weight	992 lbs (450 Kg) for microlight category in many European countries OR 1160 lbs (526 Kg) with REVOLT 15m and RIVAL X
Maximum Weight in front Seat	250 lbs (114 kg)
Minimum Weight in the Front Seat	130 lbs (59 kg)
Maximum Weight in Rear Seat	300 lbs (136 kg)
Minimum Weight in the Rear Seat	0
Pitch	+30°, -30° from Horizontal
Roll	+60°, -60° AOB
Maximum Positive Maneuvering Load Factor	+4.0 G
Negative Maneuvering Load Factors	Prohibited
Load Factors below 1.0 G	To Be Avoided

2.6.3 Minimum Flight Crew and Crew Weight

At least one pilot in the front seat is required to operate the aircraft. Minimum pilot weight is 130 lbs (59 kg) in the front seat.

WARNING

Always operate the aircraft from the front seat when flying solo.

2.6.4 Maximum Passenger Seating Limit

In addition to pilot in the front seat, a maximum of one passenger is allowed in the back seat. Maximum weight for front seat is 250 lbs (136 kg) and a combination of pilot and passenger should not exceed maximum takeoff weight or gross weight of the aircraft.

2.6.5 Operating Limits

Limits	Allowed (Yes/No/Comment)
Day VFR operations	Yes
IFR operations	No
Night VFR operations	Only if properly equipped and with proper training from an authorized flight instructor depending on national civil aviation authority rules When the aircraft is equipped for night flying and the pilot has the relevant national license certifications for night flying in a trike, the machine is then authorized for night flying by the manufacturer. Evolution Aircraft, Inc. strongly recommends that the aircraft is kept within safe gliding distance of an airport with lighted runways for the entire duration of the flight.
Operations without engine monitoring Instruments.	No (only the EGT is not a required instrument by Rotax for 912 series engines)
Operation without proper training on this particular combination of trike and wing from a qualified instructor.	No
Operation without familiarity with this manual in full.	No
Takeoff with a wing known to have moisture or frost on it.	No. Moisture must be wiped off and dry before takeoff. Stall speed can become high with moisture on the leading edge of the wing. Frost can be more detrimental to the lift properties of a wing. Do NOT fly with frost on the wing!
Operation outside the CG limit trim set by the manufacturer.	No
Flight without helmet, visor or eye protection.	No without optional full windscreen Yes with optional windscreen – eye protection required
Low flying	Low flying is prohibited, even where permitted by local aviation law, unless the pilot has complete and recent knowledge of the area and obstacles in the vicinity.
Congested area safe altitude	This aircraft may only be operated over congested areas when a safe landing can be made without damage to aircraft or person, vessel, vehicle, structure or property on the ground in the event of an engine failure. Evolution Aircraft, Inc. recommends that the aircraft be flown as often as possible within safe gliding distance of a landing site.

2.6.5.1 Environmental Restrictions

Other Limitations	Value
Operation in continued medium to heavy rain	Not allowed
Maximum Crosswind Component Hard paved surface	
REVOLT 15m	9 kts (10 MPH) (16 km/hr) see section 4.8.10 for additional clarification.
Rival X 14m	10 Kts (12 MPH) (19 km/hr) see section 4.8.10 for additional clarification
Maximum Crosswind Component Soft field surface	
REVOLT 15m	10 kts (12 MPH) (19 km/hr) see section 4.8.10 for additional clarification
Rival X 14m	15 kts (17 MPH) (27 km/hr) see section 4.8.10 for additional clarification
Maximum Wind Strength	
REVOLT 15m	17 kts (20 MPH) (32 km/hr)
Rival X 14m	23 kts (26 MPH) (42 km/hr)
Maximum Ambient Operating Temperature	50°C or 120° F (all temperatures have to monitored and power must be lowered to keep within limits while operating at the extremes of these temperatures).

WARNING

Moisture on the wing can increase the stall speed of the aircraft and all moisture should be removed prior to takeoff.

2.6.6 Minimum Equipment List

Equipment Reading Required	Comment
Engine monitoring instruments, if any required, for safe operation of the engine by the engine manufacturer.	Please consult the ASTM engine manual for most up-to-date information from the engine manufacturer. For Rotax 912 series engine, the following instruments are a minimum required: 1) Engine RPM 2) Oil Pressure 3) Oil Temperature 4) CHT

NOTE

Please refer to Appendix A for the particular trike that lists the equipment installed at the manufacturing facility for this aircraft. A letter of authorization from the manufacturer is required for any modifications from this list citing specific serial number of the aircraft lest the aircraft falls out of compliance and its status is lost as Special-Light Sport aircraft or Production-Light Sport Aircraft. If the aircraft is not certificated as Special Light Sport Aircraft with the FAA then changes can be made without any warranty, real or implied. However, the manufacturer is not liable for support or safe operation of the aircraft if changes are made to the aircraft.

3 Emergency Procedures

3.1 General

This section of the manual deals with procedures to be adopted during an abnormal event in the operation of the REVOLT weight-shift-control aircraft (trike).

Perform steps listed in the order listed unless warranted and determined by a qualified pilot in command (PIC). It is important to maintain correct and suitable pattern altitude and speed for safe operation of the aircraft. Never fly in adverse weather conditions and always fly within the limits of your skill and ability. Limit departures from your proven ability to instructional settings only under supervision of a qualified instructor acting as PIC of the aircraft.

Be aware of rotors and turbulence when flying near mountains or obstacles. Being on the wrong side of the mountain can make you experience extreme turbulence and down drafts that cannot be overcome even with full engine power in some cases. It is suggested to take further instruction and orientation regarding mountain flying from qualified and experienced instructors before venturing solo in such terrain. It may be best not to fly near mountainous terrain during days with high winds.

Safe flight requires that you be aware of possible emergency landing areas and diversions along your flight route. Engines can stop regardless of how reliably maintained they are. Most engine outs do not happen because of the fault of the engine, but because of auxiliary systems fault or errors on the part of the pilot. Never put your life in the hands of any engine.

Always scan for other aircraft. Always show your intentions and be courteous to other aircraft. It should be noted that the manufacturer cannot possibly foresee all conceivable circumstances. Some circumstances such as multiple or unlisted emergencies, flight into adverse weather etc. may require modification to these procedures. A thorough knowledge of the aircraft and its systems is thus required to analyze the situation correctly and to determine the best course of action for the PIC.

3.2 Airspeeds for Emergency Operation

Wing	Speed	Indicated Air Speed (IAS)
REVOLT 15m	Maximum Maneuvering Speed (V _A) at gross weight	48 kts (55 MPH) (89 km/hr)
Rival X 14m	Maximum Maneuvering Speed (V _A) at gross weight	66 kts (76MPH) (122 km/hr)

3.3 Emergency Procedures Checklists

3.3.1 Engine Out on Climb Out

If the engine quits on climb out, pull the control bar in quickly and immediately until the nose of the trike is no higher than the attitude for minimum sink. Best glide or a steeper nose down attitude such as approach speed attitude may be required. The pilot must choose which is most appropriate. After lowering the nose as described, then proceed to:

- 1) Maintain Control
- 2) Maintain Airspeed – best glide speed or higher
- 3) Forced Landing (straight ahead if possible)

WARNING

If a minimum altitude of 496 ft (150 m) cannot be obtained, immediately pull the control bar in abruptly; this will help to maintain airspeed until the nose of the trike reaches a desired approach angle. Choose close to best glide speed while seeking a place to land immediately in front to you or slightly to the left or right. An altitude of 496 ft AGL (150 m) will allow an attentive pilot to be able to make a turn back to the runway but this should be practiced by the pilot while the engine is working to establish proper responses.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CORRECT GLIDE SPEED BE
ATTAINED AND MAINTAINED! DO NOT TURN BACK TO THE
RUNWAY BELOW THIS ALTITUDE.**

WARNING

For establishing best glide your attention is drawn to section [5.5](#) of this manual. Keep in mind that ‘best glide’ is NOT ALWAYS desirable in engine out on climb-out situation depending on runway length. Pilot should establish appropriate glide speed as necessary.

3.3.2 Engine Failure at Altitude

If the engine stops while operating at cruise or full power when the aircraft is well clear of the ground (496 ft or 150 m), proceed as follows:

- 1) Establish Glide Speed – use trim if available
- 2) Select Landing Area
- 3) Trim for Landing (if available)
- 4) Proceed to Landing Area

NOTE

For establishing best glide your attention is drawn to section [5.5](#) of this manual.

Check the following if attention can be shared between safely continuing a glide to the emergency landing site that has been picked:

- 1) Fuel Valve On
- 2) Ignition On
- 3) Choke Off

Carry on with the rest of emergency landing procedure as listed in this section.

If your engine fails in flight, relax and maintain control while concentrating on correct emergency landing techniques.

Adopt a suitable glide speed. For example, if gliding with a tailwind, minimum sink speed would give you the longest glide and increase options. As a careful pilot, you should always fly in "a cone of safety", at sufficient altitude, with an understanding of the orientation of the wind. It is not enough to simply land on the area you have chosen. Do NOT forget to take into account the possible obstacles that you could discover only at the last minute (e.g. power lines, ditches etc....) and ground related and/or mechanical turbulence that may occur. Check that your seat belt and that of the passenger is securely fastened. The final approach should be preferably into the wind. With the onset of night the approach should be with the sun at the rear if possible. Your aircraft will be quiet, check that there is nobody on the ground. Make a short landing run if possible.

If you have time, you can try to start the engine again while in flight. Verify that the problem is not from a memory lapse: choke lever actuated, fuel valve accidentally off, ignition switches off... Remember, even if the engine starts again remain in the cone of flight safety while circling the landing site and maintaining a glide without turning your back on the area. Or land on the area initially considered or a close-by better option, to determine the possible origin of the engine failure **BEFORE** continuing the flight to your destination.

3.3.3 Stuck Throttle at Full Power (In Flight)

If the throttle should jam full open in flight, proceed as follows:

- 1) Maintain Control and Select a Suitable Landing Area.
- 2) Get Height with engine at full power. Adjust height and ground position to improve the outcome of a forced landing.
- 3) Increase Airspeed to keep the climb angle less than 30° above the horizontal – use trim if available.
- 4) Ignition Off
- 5) Trim for Landing (if available)
- 6) Prepare for forced landing in chosen landing area.

3.3.4 Emergency Landings

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Maintain Control and Airspeed - nominated approach speed - use trim if available.
- 2) Throttle Closed
- 3) Ignition Off
- 4) Fuel Valve Off
- 5) Seat Belts Tight
- 6) Helmets Tight
- 7) Body parts inside seat frame
- 8) Contact ATC if necessary and if there is time to alert Position and Problem.
- 9) Turn ELT ON if equipped
- 10) Advise passenger on how to communicate position using radio if pilot is incapacitated.
- 11) Decide if using the BRS parachute (if equipped) is necessary, depending on extreme harsh terrain.
- 12) Trim for Landing (if available)

3.3.5 Engine Fire While In-Flight

If fire occurs while in-flight, the initial procedure would be to maintain control of the aircraft and evaluate the extent of the fire. This emergency is unlikely to occur but to avoid any further problems, use common sense and land the aircraft safely.

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Maintain Control
- 2) Fuel Valve Off
- 3) Full Throttle (To exhaust engine system fuel as soon as possible and maximize slipstream to clear flames from passengers and airframe).

When fuel is exhausted then:

- 1) Ignition off
- 2) Trim for Landing
- 3) Forced Landing
- 4) After landing Release seat belt
- 5) Release Passenger seat belt
- 6) Evacuate aircraft and step away from it

3.3.6 Engine Fire on Ground

If fire occurs while aircraft is moving on the ground, proceed as follows:

- 1) Maintain Control
- 2) Fuel Valve Off
- 3) Use remaining speed to clear people, other aircraft and property
- 4) Ignition Off
- 5) After stopping Release seat belt
- 6) Release passenger seat belt
- 7) Evacuate aircraft and step away from it

3.3.7 Propeller Damage

WARNING

Propeller blades are spinning at very fast speeds while cruising and at full power. Propeller tip speeds may reach 0.7 Mach and even small objects can cause significant damage to the propeller blades if thrown into the prop during normal or full power operation.

The indication of propeller damage is usually felt by extreme vibration and lack of thrust.

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Throttle Closed
- 2) Maintain Control
- 3) Find suitable emergency landing area
- 4) Trim for Landing (if available)
- 5) Forced Landing

Certain precautions prior to takeoff are extremely helpful in avoiding this problem. Inspect the strip or ground you are going to use as your take off area for anything that may kick up by the tires and go through the propeller.

In pre-engine start checklist always ensure that any loose items on the trike and yourself and passenger are secured so they can't go through the prop.

3.3.8 Sail Damage

If you discover damage to the sail during flight, the first procedure is to maintain control of the aircraft. If the sail damage is not impairing the flight characteristics of the aircraft, land at the nearest landing field to inspect the damage.

3.3.9 Ballistic Recovery Systems (Parachute) - Optional

WARNING

There is no guarantee of any kind that the BRS will always work in all circumstances of an emergency in saving the occupants life. It should be used as a measure of last resort only.

WARNING

It is important to realize that the parachute once deployed will control the rate of descent but the pilot will not have any control over where the aircraft will land.

WARNING

Remove the BRS safety pin before flight and REPLACE immediately after flight before exiting the trike in order to avoid accidental deployment.

The emergency ballistic parachute is an option. See picture (page 40).

The parachute-operating handle is fitted with a safety pin. Remove this pin before each flight and replace the safety pin before exiting the aircraft. A force of approximately 30 lbs (13.5 Kg) pull on the actuating handle is required to positively activate the BRS rocket motor.

Pilot should brief the passenger on the BRS parachute release sequence prior to flight.

The parachute is only to be used in emergency situations as a last resort and when you are certain that:

- 1) Aircraft is above 300 ft (91.4m) AGL.
- 2) The aircraft has suffered structural damage to the extent that control is not possible.
- 3) The aircraft is in an irrecoverable situation/attitude where structural damage is likely to occur.
- 4) A forced landing is required with no suitable landing area due to harsh terrain.

Refer to the BRS manual and section 7.16 for additional information.

To operate the parachute, first kill the engine. If possible, wait for the propeller to stop spinning. Then pull the handle at least 8 in (20 cm) for the parachute rocket projectile to be activated. The parachute will allow the complete aircraft to be lowered to the ground.

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Ignition/ Engine Off
- 2) Seat Belts Tight
- 3) Check parachute Pin Removed
- 4) Deploy parachute (pull with about 30 lbs/13.5 kg of force)
- 5) Safety Position Assume
- 6) Fuel Valve Off (if possible)



For additional information, refer to section 7.15.

3.3.10 Ignition Circuit Failure

The Rotax engine requires a hot circuit on the engine to kill the engine. If the ignition circuit for the pilot is broken it is possible to utilize the rear engine kill switch located on the port side of the aircraft accessible by both pilot and passenger.

It is possible to starve the engine by switching off the fuel valve - this method is not as quick however.

3.3.11 Spins and Spiral Descents

WARNING

No deliberate spin attempts are permitted.

Tight Spiral Dives should not be attempted.

During descending turns aircraft attitude should be kept within operating limitations for pitch, roll and airspeed.

Any attempt at deliberate spinning of the aircraft is prohibited. After a stall, a spiral dive may develop if the bar remains in the forward limit and fast roll rate develops or continues. If this condition is not corrected it will lead to large and increasing bank attitudes (beyond the 60° limit). Increasing banked attitude, increasing speed and large control bar feedback will occur. Spiral dives can be terminated any time by pulling the bar in reducing the bar pressure and then rolling the wings level. If the spiral dive is allowed to develop to extreme bank attitude, recovery is helped by relieving the control bar forces (pulling the bar in slightly) and then rolling wings level and recovering from the high-speed condition.

3.3.12 Unusual Attitudes

Unusual attitudes where the nose is raised or lowered more than 30° from the horizontal are to be avoided. On recognizing a situation where the aircraft is approaching these pitch angles proceed as follows:

3.3.12.1 Nose High Attitude

To recover from the situation where the nose of the aircraft pitches up more than 30° from the horizontal proceed as follows:

- 1) Reduce Power Appropriately
- 2) Pull the Control Bar In
- 3) The aircraft will rotate nose down
- 4) Once the nose lowers Increase Power to prevent over pitching
- 5) Recover and Resume desired flight path

3.3.12.2 Nose Down Attitude

To recover from the situation where the nose of the aircraft pitches down more than 30° from the horizontal proceed as follows:

- 1) Raise Attitude - push out (as long as the wings are not banked greater than 30°, otherwise follow spiral dive recovery).
- 2) Apply Power if airspeed is below maneuvering speed.
- 3) Recover from Dive and Resume desired flight path.

3.3.13 Instrument Failure or Warnings

Instrument failure may happen through an electrical fault or through exposure to High Intensity Radio Fields (HIRF).

The aircraft is equipped with a digital engine and flight management and monitoring system. **If there is a problem with the digital system or a warning for fuel or any engine monitoring parameters is flashing** along with the red lighted “Warning” lamp on the switch plate, the **correct procedure is to try and fly to the nearest safe landing area, execute a precautionary emergency landing** and investigate the cause of the malfunction. Correct the problem before flying again.

If you get to **V_{NE}** or other **flight parameter danger situation warning** you may also get a flashing warning about **AIRSPEED** and similar **until you correct the situation**. In such cases **correct the flight situation that you have exceeded (AIRSPEED in this example) and continue normal flight** to the airport.

WARNING

Heed the flashing warnings on the EFIS system for engine monitoring parameters or low fuel and follow the recommended procedures. Use a conservative approach for safety. Always carry enough fuel to have a 45 min reserve upon landing. The EFIS will give you a warning when you get to the last 2.7 US gallons of fuel or reserve.

3.13.13.1 Course of Action for Engine Monitoring and Low Fuel Warnings

In the event that any of the monitoring goes outside of its parameters, a large red flashing box will display across the screen alerting the pilot to the warning. Familiarize yourself with these warnings. The suggested courses of action are manufacturer’s recommendations. Use common sense and conservative approach and keep your situational awareness high. **Pilot in Command is ultimately responsible to make decisions that will lead to safe outcomes.**

3.13.13.1.1 CHT High

- a) Reduce throttle.
- b) Locate a safe landing area.
- c) Increase airspeed to increase airflow over the engine. Set trim if available.
- d) Set trim for landing (if available)
- e) Execute precautionary landing unless coolant temperature comes below the red line and remains there. In that case, continue flight and land at the closest airport to evaluate the problem.

3.13.13.1.2 Oil Temperature At or Above Red Line

- a) Reduce throttle.
- b) Locate a safe landing area.
- c) Increase airspeed to increase airflow over the engine. Set trim if available
- d) Set trim for landing (if available)
- e) Execute precautionary landing unless oil temperature comes below the red line and remains there. In that case, continue flight and land at the closest airport to evaluate the problem.

3.13.13.1.3 Fuel Level Warning

- a) If the fuel level warning has just started flashing, you are dipping into the reserve or last 45 minutes of flight fuel level. Evaluate if this warning makes sense to you compared to your flight planning (time and fuel usage calculation). As PIC it's your responsibility to carry enough quantity of fuel for safe flight and know your fuel usage and flight conditions.
- b) Continue the flight to the closest safe landing site.
- c) Set trim for landing (if available)
- d) Execute precautionary landing.

3.13.13.1.4 Oil Pressure Warning

- a) Reduce throttle.
- b) Locate a safe landing area.
- c) Set trim for landing (if available)
- d) Execute precautionary landing to evaluate the problem. 4 Normal Procedures

4 Normal Procedures

4.1 General

This section of the manual describes procedures for normal operations of this aircraft.

4.1.1 Speeds for Normal Operation

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS) unless otherwise noted.

4.1.1.1 REVOLT 15m

Trim Speed	42 – 47 kts (48 – 54 MPH) (77 – 87 km/hr)
Stall Speed at Maximum Take Off Weight	31 kts (36 MPH) (58 km/hr)
Take Off Safety Speed - TOSS	39 kts (45 MPH) (72 km/hr)
Maximum Speed in Turbulence (V _A)	48 kts (55 MPH) (89 km/hr)
Maximum Level Speed (V _H)	50 kts (57 MPH) (92 km/hr)
Best Angle of Climb (V _X)	36 kts (42 MPH) (68 km/hr)
Best Rate of Climb (V _Y)	42 kts (48 MPH) (77 km/hr)
Never Exceed Speed (V _{NE})	56 kts (65 MPH) (105 km/hr)
Maximum wind operating conditions (At ground level)	17 kts (20 MPH) (32 km/hr)

4.1.1.2 Rival X 14m

Trim Speed	52 – 71 kts (60 – 82 MPH) (97 – 132 km/hr)
Stall Speed at Maximum Take Off Weight	33 kts (38 MPH) (61 km/hr)
Take Off Safety Speed - TOSS	47 kts (55 MPH) (88 km/hr)
Maximum Speed in Turbulence (V _A)	66 kts (76 MPH) (122 km/hr)
Maximum Level Speed (V _H)	76 kts (88 MPH) (142 km/hr)
Best Angle of Climb (V _X)	48 kts (55 MPH) (89 km/hr)
Best Rate of Climb (V _Y)	50 kts (58 MPH) (93 km/hr)
Never Exceed Speed (V _{NE})	87 kts (100 MPH) (160 km/hr)
Maximum wind operating conditions (At ground level)	23 kts (26 MPH) (42 km/hr)

4.1.2 Normal Procedures Check List

This section provides comprehensive information regarding normal operations of this aircraft and assumes the pilot has proper training in the assembly and use of a weight shift controlled aircraft by a qualified instructor.

Pilot-In-Command (PIC) has the ultimate responsibility for determining if the aircraft is in a safe condition for flight. Pre-flight inspections, post-flight inspections and securing the plane all fall on the PIC. Unlike the highway, there is no place to pull over and remedy an unsafe problem once you are flying. Use of common sense, conservative approach and sound Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM) will help you enjoy flying for a long time.

4.2 Wing Assembly Procedure

Please refer to the wing manual for the assembly procedure.

4.3 Attaching Wing to Trike Carriage

Attaching Wing to Carriage	
1) Make sure that the ignition/ engine is off.	√
2) Remove wind shield or roll cage if equipped.	√
3) Position the wing on its A-frame, facing into the wind, with the nose on the ground.	√
4) Release the mast by removing the 2 ¼” pins at the top of the rear struts (roll cage).	√
5) Roll the trike behind the wing, and roll the front wheel over the control bar and center it as well as carefully keep the trike perpendicular to the wing.	√
6) Allow the mast to rise slightly until high enough to connect the hang block to the wing. Insert the hang bolt with bolt head retaining unit. Tighten nut firmly by hand and secure with safety pin.	√
7) Secure the backup safety cable.	√
8) Gently roll the trike carriage backwards so that the control bar is now just in front of the trike front wheel.	√
9) Lock the rear brakes.	√
10) Squat on the ground and lift the wing by the control bar, keeping the control bar as close to the front wheel and forks as possible until the mast is all the way up.	√
11) After lifting the wing approximately 18” you will begin to feel the leverage provided by the mast pivot geometry and it will be easy to lift the wing the rest of the way.	√
12) Once the wing is totally lifted as high as possible it will be past vertical and resting on the rear roll cage/ rear struts.	√

13) Secured with (2) ¼” pins into the rear roll cage/ rear struts.	√
13) Trailing edge sail condition good, no damage	√
14) Install the optional windshield or front roll cage if desired.	√

4.4 Wing Pre-Flight Inspection

The design of the wing is such that junctions not open to view may be reached from zipped inspection panels. Start at the A-frame or control frame of the right wing and move around the wing making the following checks. Familiarize yourself with the wing so your pre-flights are effective and orderly.

Wing Pre-Flight Inspection	
Start with Right Wing	
1) Downtube/strut/ control bar connection secure	√
2) Front and rear lower rigging cables secure, fray and corrosion free	√
3) Downtube not kinked or damaged	√
4) Hang block bolts all secure	√
5) Hang block backup cable secure	√
6) Leading edge tube undamaged and no dents or irregularities	√
7) Wing struts and joints inspected for any damage and all safety pins	√
8) Leading edge tube and cross-tube junction area inspected and secure	√
9) Inboard sprog secure and properly stationed (open inspection zipper)	√
10) Outboard sprog secure and properly stationed (open inspection zipper)	√
11) Wingtip batten secure, wing tip webbing secure	√
12) Leading edge tube inspected from the wing tip opening, condition good, no bends or abnormalities noticed.	√
13) Battens secure and pockets free from damage	√
14) Trailing edge sail condition good, no damage	√
15) Upper sail condition good	√
16) Haulback cable secured. Haulback bracket in good condition	√
Repeat for Left Wing	√
17) A-frame/ Control frame cables secure	√
18) A-frame/ Control frame Locked	√
19) Nose area (plates), bolts, nuts secure and swan catch and bracket in good shape. No cracks.	√

General Extended	√
20) All Inspection zippers secure	√
21) Sail condition inspection	√
22) Sail free from water accumulation	√
23) Full / free movement of the wing when attached to the trike base to be completed before flight.	√
24) Inspect all cables. Inspect for kinks fraying, corrosion, particularly around the NICO press fittings on cable assemblies	√
25) The symmetry of the wing (Batten profile check). Stand back a distance and look at the wing from behind while tied to the front strut.	√
26) All sail seams intact, with no frayed stitching	√
27) Nose cone centered and secured properly	√

4.5 Complete Trike Carriage Pre-Flight Inspection

Ensure that the ignition switches are off prior to inspection. Daily inspections as outlined in the Rotax Engine Operator's Manual should be carried out in conjunction with the following inspections.

Trike Carriage Pre-Flight Inspection	
1) No hydraulic, oil or coolant leaks visible	√
2) Check oil level.	√
3) Fuel vent line unobstructed	√
4) Check fuel level present for flight. Check gas in a clear container for contamination/water via fuel drain(s) (gascolator and tank drain both) at back of tank and bottom of gascolator.	√
5) Fuel shut-off valve in the ON position	√
6) Check coolant level in tank and coolant present in overflow bottle between max and min marks	√
7) Check propeller blades and hub for nicks, cracks and de-laminating and bolts and nuts secure	√
8) Check exhaust system for proper alignment, affixed securely and any cracks etc.	√
9) All engine components secure - air filter, plug leads, etc.	√
10) Check tire tread, air in tires (18-25 psi) on 21" treaded Air Trac tires and (5-9 PSI) in 22" smooth Tundra tires	√
11) No bolts and nuts fractured or cracked.	√
12) Mast pins secured. Mast and frame condition, seats and seat cushions secured	√
13) Electrical system operational. Electric trim system operational	√
14) Foot throttle and cruise hand throttle operation	√
15) Seat belts condition good	√
16) Hang block secured to mast properly and bolts within it tight. Safety cable installed.	√
17) Mechanical Components. Rotate propeller in direction of rotation for about half a turn and observe for noise.	√
18) Front fork area checked for general condition	√
19) Parachute if attached secure and cable and pull handle securely in place	√
20) If equipped, Wind shield secured	√
21) Verify throttle at idle by checking throttle position at carbs	√
22) If equipped, roll cage secured (3 pins)	√
23) General inspection of trike complete	√

4.6 Fueling

WARNING

Make sure the aircraft is GROUNDED while fueling.

Fuel flow is from a single fuel tank fitted with a self-venting tube vented behind and at the bottom side of the trike and labeled. The fuel system is fitted with a shut off valve. Be sure this valve is in the **ON** position before starting engine.

Never refuel if fuel could be spilled on hot engine components. Use only approved fuel containers. Never transport fuel in an unsafe manner.

4.6.1 Fuel Gascolator

The fuel system has a gascolator with a fuel filter inside, mounted between the fuel tank and the fuel shut off valve. This filter can be replaced or cleaned and should be checked for debris during inspection. Fuel gascolator is located on the left side of the trike behind the optional saddle bag if equipped. Only those filter elements or gascolators approved by the manufacturer may be used. Check the fuel on each pre-flight by emptying the gascolator in a clear jar.

4.6.2 Fuel Level

NOTE

Note fuel level on instrument panel and the sight fuel tube located on the side of the trike to determine how much fuel will be required to fill the tank.

Remember 16.7Gal (63L) of fuel should be considered usable in the tank.

The REVOLT fuel levels are seen from the MGL Avionics EFIS fuel level installed on the panel or in the clear fuel line on the side of the machine. Fill the tank to full by filling the fuel sight gauge all the way to the top.

4.6.3 Fuel Vent

A fuel vent line is located on the tank and is guided/vented to the bottom of the trike near the back. Confirm there is no obstruction in this vent line before flight.

4.6.4 Quick Drain

The fuel tank has a Curtis CCA-1250 (Assembled 3Q05) Quick drain valve mounted at bottom rear of the tank. The Curtis Quick drain hose can be used to drain the fuel completely if desired. Take a fuel sample from the tank as well to check for water.

4.7 Helmet, Ear and Eye Protection Requirement

The open cockpit of trikes exposes the occupants to the elements during flight and exposes them to objects outside of the aircraft in an emergency situation.

Helmets, ear and eye protection are required for occupants for protection from wind, light rain and strike by insects and so on. Helmets are also required for risk reduction during an emergency landing of the aircraft. Although the pilot may be completely protected by the optional windscreen during flight, once on the ground or during takeoff and landing it is possible for wind/bugs etc. to reach the pilot's eyes.

NOTE

REVOLTs that are equipped with an extra-large windscreen require a pilot to wear a minimum of eye protection at all times.

4.8 Normal Procedures Check List

The following checklists are a reference or a guide. Ultimately, it is the PIC's responsibility to develop checklists that work for their flights. Prior to flight a thorough pre-flight inspection of the aircraft should be carried out. Refer to sections 4.3 and 4.5 for details of the pre-flight inspection.

4.8.1 Before Engine Start

Before Engine Start	
1) Pre-Flight inspection complete	√
2) Controls deflections free and full on the ground	√
3) Passenger Briefing completed	√
4) Helmets secure	√
5) Seatbelts secure	√
6) Loose objects secure (trike and persons)	√
7) Instruments to monitor engine ON	√
8) Brakes ON	√
9) Parachute handle safety pin released (if applicable)	√
10) Area Clear	√

4.8.2 Starting Engine

WARNING Never leave your aircraft unattended while the engine is running!
WARNING Remember to Yell “CLEAR PROP!”

Starting Engine 912UL and 912ULS	
1) Brakes ON	√
2) Fuel shut off valve ON	√
3) Throttles to idle (hand and foot)	√
4) Master/Main ON	√
5) Choke ON	√
6) Ignition Key to “Both”	√
7) Yell CLEAR PROP!	√
8) Ignition key engaged to “Start” –Release when engine fires	√
9) Oil Pressure (2 bars or 30 PSI within 10 sec)	√
10) Choke OFF (after initial idle warm up)	√
11) Idle adjusted to 2000 RPM	√
12) Radio check – if applicable	√

4.8.3 Taxiing

Awareness of water temperature is important when taxiing slowly or away from the wind or holding in place. The REVOLT is equipped with an electric fan to regulate temperature both on the ground while stopped or in some extreme conditions in the air during flight. It should be noted so long as the cooling fan is operating properly it is impossible for the engine, if functioning properly to overheat in any condition on the ground or in the air. If the cooling fan malfunctions the REVOLT can safely operate without it, however it is recommended to shut the engine off if temperature reaches 230° F, then when ready to depart start the engine again verify water temperature is less than 240°F before taking off if the cooling fan were to ever fail. If temperatures are at or near 240° it is recommended to climb out at full power, but not steeply. This should result in the water temperature normalizing rapidly.

Taxiing in normal conditions is fairly straight forward.

With the engine idling, gently release the brake pedal to disengage the brakes. Position the A-frame so that it is in the approximate position for normal trim speed. The pilot's feet actuate steering on the ground. Pushing forward on the right foot peg will actuate a left turn. While pushing forward on the left foot peg will actuate a right turn

NOTE

Control sense for turning is opposite to that of a conventional three axis aircraft.

When taxiing in strong wind conditions the following procedures apply:

- Head Wind conditions requires the nose of the wing to be lowered just below the trim position.
- Down Wind conditions requires the nose of the wing to be raised just above the trim position.
- Cross wind conditions requires the upwind tip to be kept level or lowered slightly* (5-10° is sufficient).

4.8.4 Before Take Off

CAUTION

Be careful of loose objects in the engine run-up and take off area. These objects can be sucked up by the propeller and can cause damage to the aircraft. Make sure the gas cap is secure and rear seatbelts are secured in place.

Before Take Off	
1) Brakes ON	√
2) Choke OFF (on 912UL and 912ULS)	√
3) Warm up engine – adjust idle to 2500 RPM till reach 50°C or 120° F	√
4) Oil – check temperature and pressure are in range for safe operation	√
5) Mags check for 912UL and 912ULS Increase rpm to 3800. Rpm drop with one ignition must not exceed 300 rpm and difference between each mag must not be more than 115 rpm.	√
6) Fuel quantity – sufficient for flight (remember last 2.0 US Gallons of fuel is unusable) NOTE Although it is possible to use nearly every last drop of fuel in either of the gas tank configurations of the REVOLT, in level flight, certain flight attitudes such as 30° nose down will cause fuel starvation below 2.0 gal of fuel.	√
7) Instruments - set	√
8) Seatbelts secure	√
9) Helmets secure – chin strap secure, visor down and locked	√
10) Throttle Response – 80% On for 3 seconds, hand on key to shut engine off in case of runaway engine	√
11) Controls – pitch and roll, full and free movement.	√
12) Electric trim set for takeoff (if available)	√
13) Base and final – clear of traffic	√
14) Ensure H2O temp is below 240°F	√

WARNING

Keep an aircraft and engine log and enter any unusual engine behavior. Do not fly unless you have corrected a given problem and recorded the correction in the log.

4.8.5 Take Off and Initial Climb

CAUTION

High angle climb outs near the ground should be avoided.

WARNING

At low takeoff weights the TOSS can result in nose high angles that can be out of prescribed limits of +30°. The pilot must be aware of this and should keep the aircraft within prescribed limits by lowering the nose or reducing engine power appropriately.

4.8.5.1 Normal Take Off and Initial Climb

Normal Take Off and Initial Climb	
1) Pitch Control – past neutral towards the compression strut. As you speed up there may be noticeable back pressure from the control bar, keep it pushed forward.	√
2) Hand Throttle OFF	√
3) Foot Throttle – full ON	√
4) Directional Control – maintain centered	√
5) Speed – build up Take Off Safety Speed (refer to sec 4.1)	√
6) Rotate - push control bar smoothly forward so it touches the compression strut momentarily as the nose lifts and returned to trim speed before leaving ground effect.	√
7) Control bar adjusted for shallow nose angle climb close to ground.	√

WARNING

Please note of the danger of transition at initial climb from ground effect to higher altitude. It is possible to takeoff at much slower speeds and fly in ground effect but the aircraft should have accelerated in ground effect to gain enough airspeed otherwise upon transitioning from ground effect to a higher altitude, a stall may occur. In ground effect the stall speed of the aircraft is lower.

4.8.6 Climb

Climb	
1) Throttle - ON	√
2) RPM – Reduce a bit if necessary to maintain climb angle within limits (+30°) otherwise full throttle is recommended.	√
3) Airspeed –Establish Best Climb Speed (V_Y) Set electric trim to maintain airspeed (if available)	√

4.8.7 Cruise

Cruise	
1) Cruise Throttle – adjust foot throttle for level flight at desired speed and then adjust cruise hand throttle on right hand side of the trike to release pressure.	√
2) Airspeed – Establish cruise speed (V_C) Set electric trim to maintain airspeed (if available)	√

NOTE

When the hand throttle is actuated, a higher power setting can still be achieved with the use of the foot throttle. The rpm will always return to the set cruise RPM when foot throttle is disengaged. Please not to turn off the hand throttle to reduce power.

4.8.8 Descent

NOTE

You can increase these speeds for gusty conditions.

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS) unless otherwise noted.

Descent	
1) Foot Throttle - reduce	√
2) Hand Throttle - OFF	√
3) Airspeed – all airspeeds are IAS • REVOLT 15m = 62 MPH (53 Kts) (100 Km/hr) • Rival X 14m = 68 MPH (59 Kts) (109 Km/hr)	√
4) Set electric trim to maintain airspeed (if available)	√

4.8.9 Landing

Landing	
1) Hand Throttle - OFF	√
2) Airspeed – Best Glide Speed (consult section 5.5 under your wing model name) + 0.5 Max wind gust + 3 MPH NOTE Additional speed is recommended and can be bled off in ground effect float.	√
3) Set electric trim for landing (if available)	√
4) Nose Wheel – Straight	√
5) Brake Pedal - Disengage	√
6) Final - Clear	√
7) Landing – Execute properly per training	√
8) Braking – Brake OFF and then as required. Only use brake when bar has been pulled back at least mid-way.	√

Landing should always be into the wind if possible with a long straight approach in normal operations.

The landing distance specified in performance section is the measured ground distance covered from an approach at 50 ft (15 m) above the average elevation of the runway used until the aircraft makes a complete stop.

An approach to the runway can be with or without power. However, the airspeed should be maintained above the nominated approach speed in either case.

The aircraft should be flown on final approach at or above the nominated safety speed. The additional airspeed allows for wind gradient, and to provide greater controllability in the rough air that may be encountered close to the ground. Maintaining airspeed on final is very important for engine-off landings, allowing a margin for round out before touchdown. The trike is designed to land with the rear wheels touching down slightly before the nose wheel. Once all three wheels are solidly on the ground, aerodynamic braking may be achieved by pulling in the control bar, then applying the brakes.

NOTE

In the case of a hard landing the maintenance manuals for both the wing and the carriage should be referenced. It must be noted that after a hard landing, your aircraft must be completely checked and an entry to this effect logged in the aircraft logbook.

4.8.10 Crosswind Operation

Pilots with low hours should avoid landing or taking off with high crosswind components. Pilot skills and aircraft capabilities are two separate things and lack of either one can set events in motion that can lead to accidents. Crosswind landings or take off with low wind components up to 7 knots are quite safe and controllable, even in the hands of qualified but relatively inexperienced weight shift control pilot.

The nominated approach speed should be on the higher side of the range listed when landing in cross wind conditions of 8 kts or more.

4.8.10.1 Crosswind Take Off and Initial Climb

Crosswind Take Off and Initial Climb	
1) Set electric trim to normal takeoff position (if available)	√
2) Pitch control neutral	√
3) Hand Throttle OFF	√
4) Foot Throttle – full ON	√
5) Directional Control – maintain centered	√
6) Speed – build up Take Off Safety Speed -TOSS (refer to sec 4.1) • TOSS – REVOLT 15m = 39 kts (45 MPH) (72 km/hr) • TOSS – Rival X 14m = 47 Kts (55 MPH) (88 Km/hr) NOTE All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)	√
7) Rotate - push control bar forward at arms length	√
8) Control bar pressure released smoothly and speed adjusted for shallow nose angle climb close to ground. Trike will lift off quickly and establish a crab angle into the wind to maintain ground track.	√

4.8.10.2 Crosswind Landing

Crosswind Landing	
1) Hand Throttle - OFF	√
2) Airspeed – Best Glide Speed (consult section 5.5 under your wing model name) + 0.5 Max wind gust + 3 MPH NOTE Additional speed is recommended and can be bled off in ground effect float.	√
3) Set electric trim for landing (if available)	√
4) Nose Wheel – Straight	√
5) Brake Pedal - Disengage	√
6) Final - Clear	√
7) Landing – Execute properly per training	√
8) Braking – Brake OFF and then as required. Only use brake when bar has been pulled back at least mid-way.	√
9) Touch down crabbed. Avoid pulling the bar in until after the nose wheel has made contact with the runway.	√

WARNING

In crosswind landings, after planting the mains on the ground, it is very important especially on paved runways as opposed to grass fields, higher crosswind component that the nose wheel be kept flying and kept above the ground until the trike carriage has time to line up straight with the direction of travel before nose wheel comes in contact with the ground. Not doing so can flip your trike on its side and cause injuries.

On grass runways, the wheel can possibly slide sideways on the grass but that will not be the case on paved runways. Proper technique and instruction is required for crosswind landings in the higher range crosswind component.

After a full touchdown in crosswind conditions, the relative airflow over the wing will become increasingly higher from tip to tip as the aircraft slows down. The upwind wing tip should be lowered slightly. This amount depends on the wind strength, and the carriage wheels should retain firm contact with the ground.

Take off procedure is unchanged for the nominated crosswind component. The upward wing may need to be lowered at the start of the takeoff procedures in higher crosswinds but make sure the wings are level at the point of lift off or a turn immediately following the liftoff will result.

WARNING

The upwind wing may need to be lowered at the start of the takeoff procedure in higher crosswinds but make sure the wings are level at the point of lift off or a turn immediately after liftoff will result.

4.8.11 After Landing

After Landing	
1) Controls – secure (wing tied properly to the compression strut, upwind wing tip down)	√
2) Electrical Switches – OFF (landing light, strobe, leave Master on)	√
3) Ignition - OFF	√
4) Master - OFF	√
5) Seatbelts – unlatched, set gently aside	√
6) Parachute Pin - inserted	√
7) Set parking brake	√
8) Exit – exit the aircraft and help passenger exit if necessary	√

4.8.12 Parking the Aircraft

Parking the aircraft requires parking brake or using chocks and securing the wing with the upwind wing down. Using the front and rear lap belts it is recommended to run the front right seat belt in front of the control bar which is against the pilot seat back to the left rear lap belt and tighten the belts using the belt adjustment. After, connect the opposite belts the same way making an X pattern with the 2 lap belts. In higher or gusty wind conditions, where the trike cannot be moved indoors, the wing and trike carriage should be tied down or, if appropriate, the wing can be taken down

Park the aircraft in a crosswind position with the wings control bar secured to the horizontal frame member behind the pilot seat or the optional full roll cage with the bungee cords supplied. The wingtip facing the wind should be lowered.

4.8.13 Go Around

During a situation where a go around is required, normal take off power and procedures should be used and enough airspeed should be built up before raising the nose of the trike for climb out.

4.8.14 Ideal Minimum Safe Runway Length

It is common for pilots to try to calculate the shortest possible runway to use. Evolution Aircraft Inc. strongly recommends using a runway that is long enough so that a straight ahead landing can be made on the runway in the event of an engine failure on takeoff up until safe altitude is reached whereby a 180° turn can be made to land downwind on the same runway. Pilots often have a false sense of security when overhead a runway, when in reality they are in the danger zone and outside the cone of flight safety. Often the runway is too short to land straight ahead on and too short to allow sufficient altitude for a 180° turn back to the runway, thus an engine failure over the runway could lead to an off-field accident. The approximate lowest altitude, dependent on pilot skill and environmental factors, etc., for a 180° turn to landing is 300-500 ft AGL.

NOTE

Calculate the ideal minimum safe runway length like this:

Takeoff distance to 15 m (50 ft) + distance to climb to 300+ feet at best climb + distance to descend from 300 feet to 50 ft + landing distance from 15 m (50 feet).

This assumes perfect pilot skill, and thus should be multiplied by a safety factor.

CAUTION

Pilots may be surprised to discover that this ideal safe runway can be over 2500 ft. (762 meters) long, and discover that the runway they operate from has an unsafe zone right overhead the runway towards the center.

Runways surrounded by safe landing areas or with good overshoots, however, do not need this ideal length.

4.9 Separating Wing from Trike Carriage

Separating Wing from Trike Carriage	
1) Make sure the conditions are not extremely windy in the area that this is being done.	√
2) Make sure that the ignition is off and BRS pin secured and inserted if applicable.	√
3) Optionally if fitted with wing training bars, it will be advantageous to remove the training bars from the wing at this point but that is not necessary.	√
4) Remove the optional windshield or full roll cage if equipped.	√
5) Position trike carriage so it is pointing into the wind.	√
6) Remove the 2 ¼” pins from the rear of the mast going into the rear roll cage.	√
7) Lower the control bar down over and in front of the trike staying as close to the front forks and front tire as possible with the control bar.	√
8) Once the control bar is on the ground, pull the nose to make the wing level.	√
9) Disconnect the safety backup cable, antenna and electric plug for trim motor. Also, disconnect the hang block from the mast by removing the hang bolt.	√
10) Remove the nose cone from the wing and lower the wing to its nose, while resting the mast on a pad/towel on the instrument panel.	√
11) Gently slide the trike carriage backwards away from the wing by pushing it.	√

4.10 Wing Breakdown Procedure

Please refer to the wing manual. If equipped with a linear actuator for electric trim, please remember to take the linear actuator out of the wing before folding.

4.11 Transportation and Storage

4.11.1 Transporting by Trailer

During transport, secure the trike carriage at both the front and the rear to prevent movement. Tie down straps should be used with a ratchet system so preload can be applied; this allows the tires to be compressed slightly to firmly hold the base in place during transport.

Before rolling the REVOLT into a trailer the axle carriers should be tied together using a ratchet strap to bring the wheels all the way together in order to fit into the trailer. The best place to tie down the REVOLT carriage is by placing the strap of a ratchet tie down through the axle carriers. Two straps per side. One goes forward and one back. The completed rigging forms an X under the belly of the REVOLT when secured. The nose wheel does need to be secured down as well. The 4 straps at the rear will hold the rear down and prevent the entire trike from moving in any horizontal direction. The soft part of the ratchet strap can be looped over the front axle to accomplish this.

When transporting the trike carriage on an open trailer, the use of trike and prop covers to protect the aircraft from road grime is recommended. Tie the propeller to the trike to stop it from rotating at speed.

Transporting the wing packed in its bag, off the trike for long distances, is recommended. The bag is **NOT** waterproof; however, an optional waterproof bag that goes over the existing wing bag is available as an option. During transportation, or when stored on slings, the wing must be supported at a minimum of three places including:

- a) Its center
- b) Two points less than 3 ft (1 m) from each end.

The padding supplied with the wing must be used to prevent chaffing during transport. Supports should be softly padded, and any support systems used for transport, such as roof racks, must use attachment straps that are sufficiently secure to eliminate the possibility of damage from vibration and movement. Avoid damage to your wing by using well-padded racks. As the wing is quite heavy a strong set of racks are required. Check that the back of the wing is well clear of the front mast with the trike on the trailer. Remember there is an overhanging load when maneuvering in tight places. Store the wing in a dry room off the ground; air the wing out regularly to avoid mildew, and never store wet.

A proper trailer, like the one supplied by Evolution Aircraft Inc., can be used in conjunction with topless models of wings on smooth roads to be able to trailer the wing and carriage being still attached. For short distances, like transport to a local airfield on smooth roads, attach the wing to the trike carriage and transport it standing upright on its control. Place the control bar in the optional REVOLT dolly cart. Straps should secure the sail on each side so the sail remains packed to the leading edge tubes. The wing leading edges should rest secured against some padded material. The trike carriage in this case should be secured as normal on to the trailer besides the wing.



REVOLT Dolly Cart



REVOLT Secured on Dolly Cart



Side View REVOLT on Dolly Cart

4.11.2 Packed in a Crate

Empty the fuel tank and the carburetor bowls on the 912UL and 912ULS. Remove the propeller and pack it with the blade covers and bubble wrap or soft packing material and put in a box. Disconnect the battery ground. Remove the rear landing gear assembly and support the engine from moving laterally by securing the prop drive.

4.11.3 Parachute

Aircraft equipped with parachutes deployed by pyrotechnic rockets are covered by particular Regulations according to the Country of Registration of the Aircraft, you must know and adhere to these Regulations. Evolution Aircraft, Inc. cannot ship a trike equipped with a Ballistic Rocket for the parachute as it's against the law to ship such material without licenses held by the parachute Manufacturer. In the USA, if a BRS parachute is taken as an option, the trike has to be delivered locally or the rocket must be drop shipped directly from BRS.

4.11.4 Storage

Thoroughly check and clean the trike carriage prior to storage. After cleaning, wipe all metal components with a clean lightly oiled cloth, while avoiding joints and rubberized parts. If the trike carriage is to be stored for a long period (e.g. 2 or more months):

- Place a well-oiled cloth in the open end of the exhaust.
- Cover the air filter with several layers of protection to prevent condensation.
- Drain the fuel tank. Drain fuel system by shutting off fuel valve and then running the engine.
- Empty carb bowls on the 912UL and 912ULS. Recent fuel additives will tend to gum up in the system. For further information on long-term storage of the engine, please refer to the engine manuals.
- Disconnect the battery terminals and tape them off with electrical tape.

A trike cover is recommended to secure against rodents and cobwebs while in storage.

See your engine manual for precautions to be observed if you intend to store the aircraft without use for extended periods.

5 Performance

5.1 General

The performance data in this section has been gathered from flight testing the aircraft with power plant and wing in good condition and using average piloting techniques. It should be noted that climatic conditions, piloting techniques and aircraft condition will cause significant variation to this data.

5.2 Take Off and Landing

5.2.1 Take Off

5.2.1.1 ISA Conditions, Clean Dry Runway, Calm Winds, Standard Day (sea level 59°F)

Performance at MTOW with 912UL (80 HP)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	128m	420 ft
Rival X 14m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	161m	530 ft

Performance at MTOW with 912ULS (100 HP)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	115 m	380 ft
Rival X 14m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	143 m	470 ft

5.2.1.2 3000 ft (914 m) Density Altitude, Clean Dry Runway, Calm Winds

Performance at typical weight of 820 lbs (373 kg) with 912UL (80 HP)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	160 m	525 ft
Rival X 14m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	202 m	662 ft

Performance at typical weight of 820 lbs (373 kg) with 912ULS (100 HP)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	144 m	475 ft
Rival X 14m - Take off distance to 50 ft (15 m)	179 m	587 ft

The following factors will increase takeoff distance:

- a) Tail wind
- b) Tall grass on runway
- c) Higher density altitude
- d) Pilot skill
- e) Crosswind

PIC is required to take into account the effects of these adverse factors while planning a takeoff.

5.2.2 Landing

5.2.2.1 ISA Conditions, Clean Dry Runway, Calm Winds

Performance at MTOW	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	213 m	700 ft
Rival X 14m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	243 m	800 ft

Performance at typical weight of 820 lbs (373 kg)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	188 m	600 ft
Rival X 14m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	213 m	700 ft

5.2.2.2 3000 ft (914 m) Density Altitude, Clean Dry Runway, Calm Winds

Performance at MTOW	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	243 m	800 ft
Rival X 14m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	274 m	900 ft

Performance at typical weight of 820 lbs (373 kg)	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	213 m	700 ft
Rival X 14m - Landing distance from 50 ft (15 m)	243 m	800 ft

The following factors will increase landing distance:

- a) Brakes not working optimally
- b) Tail wind
- c) Downhill landing
- d) Density altitude
- e) Pilot skill

PIC is required to take into account the effects of these adverse factors while landing.

Always plan conservatively when selecting locations for takeoff and landing. Leave some margin for appropriate procedure to be performed in the event of sudden engine failure or turbulence.

5.3 Climb

5.3.1 ISA Conditions, Calm Winds, Sea Level, MTOW

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)

Performance at MTOW with 912ULS, 100 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	5.1 m/sec	1000 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	5.4 m/sec	1060 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

NOTE**All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)**

Performance at MTOW with 912UL, 80 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	4.4 m/sec	860 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	4.5 m/sec	885 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

5.3.2 ISA Conditions, Calm Winds, Sea Level, 820 lbs (373kg)**NOTE****All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)**

Performance with 912ULS, 100 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	6.0 m/sec	1180 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	6.2 m/sec	1220 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

NOTE**All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)**

Performance with 912UL, 80 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	5.0 m/sec	990 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	5.3 m/sec	1040 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

5.3.3 3000 ft (914m) Density Altitude, Calm Winds, MTOW**NOTE****All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)**

Performance at MTOW with 912ULS, 100 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	4.7 m/sec	928 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	4.8 m/sec	944 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

Performance at MTOW with 912UL, 80 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	3.0 m/sec	600 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m (MTOW = 1160 lbs, 526 kg)		
Climb Rate	3.1 m/sec	620 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

5.3.4 3000 ft (914m) Density Altitude, Calm Winds, 820 lbs (373kg)**NOTE****All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)**

Performance with 912ULS, 100 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	5.1 m/sec	1000 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	5.3 m/sec	1050 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

Performance with 912UL, 80 HP	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	3.7 m/sec	720 FPM
Best Climb Speed	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m 820 lbs (373kg)		
Climb Rate	3.8 m/sec	740 FPM
Best Climb Speed	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

5.4 Stall Speeds

Wing Model	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m	58 km/hr	36 MPH (31 kts)
Rival X 14m	61 km/hr	38 MPH (33 kts)

5.5 Glide

Glide data has been obtained with the engine off at MTOW at best glide speed for each wing at ISA conditions, calm winds. The best speed to use in an emergency to achieve most travel will vary with conditions. Generally, if you wanted to cover more distance in a headwind by gliding, you will have to compensate the best glide speed for calm conditions by increasing the speed a bit. If you had a tailwind and wanted to cover more distance by gliding then the speed to establish would be slower than best glide speed and possibly minimum sink speed.

WARNING

Pilot training, experience, familiarity with your aircraft is your responsibility. We suggest experimenting with these scenarios when your engine is running by going to idle so you have a better idea of how your aircraft will behave in glide in different wind conditions.

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)

Performance for Best Glide (L/D max) Speed	Metric	Imperial
REVOLT 15m (6.7:1)	77 km/hr	48 MPH (41 kts)
Rival X 14m (7.6:1)	93 km/hr	58 MPH (50 kts)

5.5.1 Max Glide Speeds to Fly (Rules Of Thumb)

- Speed to fly for max glide in a tailwind = min sink speed
- Speed to fly for max glide in a headwind = best L/D speed + 1/2 wind speed

5.6 Cruise

Cruise performance on the REVOLT is listed for mid-trim setting with the bar pulled in pressure that can be easily held for long periods for time without much effort on the part of the pilot. Trim speed settings are also listed. The data is listed in IAS at close to full weight and is for Rotax 912 UL and ULS series engines in calm wind conditions.

NOTE

All airspeeds are Indicated Airspeed (IAS)

Performance at Slowest Trim Setting (hands off cruise)		Metric	USA	Fuel Burn Metric	Fuel Burn USA
REVOLT 15m	912 UL/ULS	77 km/hr	48 MPH (42 kts)	9.5 liters/hr	2.5 GPH
Rival X 14m	912 UL/ULS	89 km/hr	55 MPH (48 Kts)	10.9 liters/hr	2.9 GPH

Performance at Normal Cruise		Metric	USA	Fuel Burn Metric	Fuel Burn USA
REVOLT 15m	912 UL/ULS	77 km/hr	48 MPH (42 kts)	15.0 liters/hr	4.2 GPH
Rival X 14m	912 UL/ULS	105 km/hr	65 MPH (56 Kts)	14.0 liters/hr	3.7 GPH

NOTE

Fuel consumption data was collected in US units and are included as a guide only. Changes in aircraft configuration, load, altitude, wind gust strength as well as climatic conditions can cause significant variation in fuel consumption. Always carry a reserve of fuel beyond the planned flight of at least 30 minutes.

WARNING

Not carrying enough reserve fuel or not heeding the low fuel and other engine and flight parameter warnings flashed by the instrumentation can cause serious injury or death.

6 Weight and Loading

Center of gravity limits are not critical in a flex wing weight shift control aircraft. The carriage attaches to the wing through a universal junction known as hang block assembly. Variations in cockpit and fuel loading cannot affect aircraft's balance. The REVOLT is therefore not critical in terms of center of gravity. However, distribution of load in a trike carriage affects the attitude of the trike carriage in-flight in a minor way.

Please refer to weight and loading document for the particular aircraft as that document over-rides the generalized information here.

6.1 Center of Gravity Limits

Refer to the **weight and loading document** of the aircraft.

NOTE

If the wing is optionally equipped with electric in-flight trim, it is possible to change the CG in flight by using the electric trim. Do not exceed V_{NE} using electric trim in a dive attitude.

NOTE

There is a max 250 lbs (114 kg) front seat and 300 lbs (136kg) max rear seat weight limit. Remain under gross weight of aircraft. Refer to each individual aircraft weight and loading document for more detail. Minimum weight in the front seat is 130 lbs (59 kg).

NOTE

The trike may optionally be equipped with an electric trim device that allows the pilot to change the trim position of the wing within limits to speed up or slow down the aircraft. In such a case, it is advisable that pilots set their trim position in the slow to center of the range for takeoff and slow down the aircraft to proper approach speed using this trim during an approach to landing. If the electric trim is not set properly, it may take longer to takeoff than normal and also the aircraft may have excess airspeed to bleed off before touchdown at the proper speed during landing. If the runway is long enough this is not a problem.

Center of Gravity Limits

Base Hang Point Range	Dimension (Metric - millimeters)	Dimension (Imperial/US -inches)
REVOLT 15m (from front edge of nose keel tube of the wing to the center of the hangbolt)	1320 mm –1422 mm	52” – 56”
Rival X 14m (from front edge of nose keel tube of the wing to the center of the hangbolt)	1320 mm –1447 mm	52” – 57”

7 Descriptions of the Aircraft and Its Systems

7.1 General

This section gives general description of the aircraft, controls, instruments, and optional equipment. Information on the aircraft flight controls is detailed in this section, but it is mandatory that you receive professional training prior to any solo flight. Local laws govern the use of this aircraft where applicable. The US Sport Pilot license in WSC category is a required minimum to pilot the REVOLT.

7.2 Airframe

The following pictures show the various controls located in the cockpit and outside of the REVOLT.



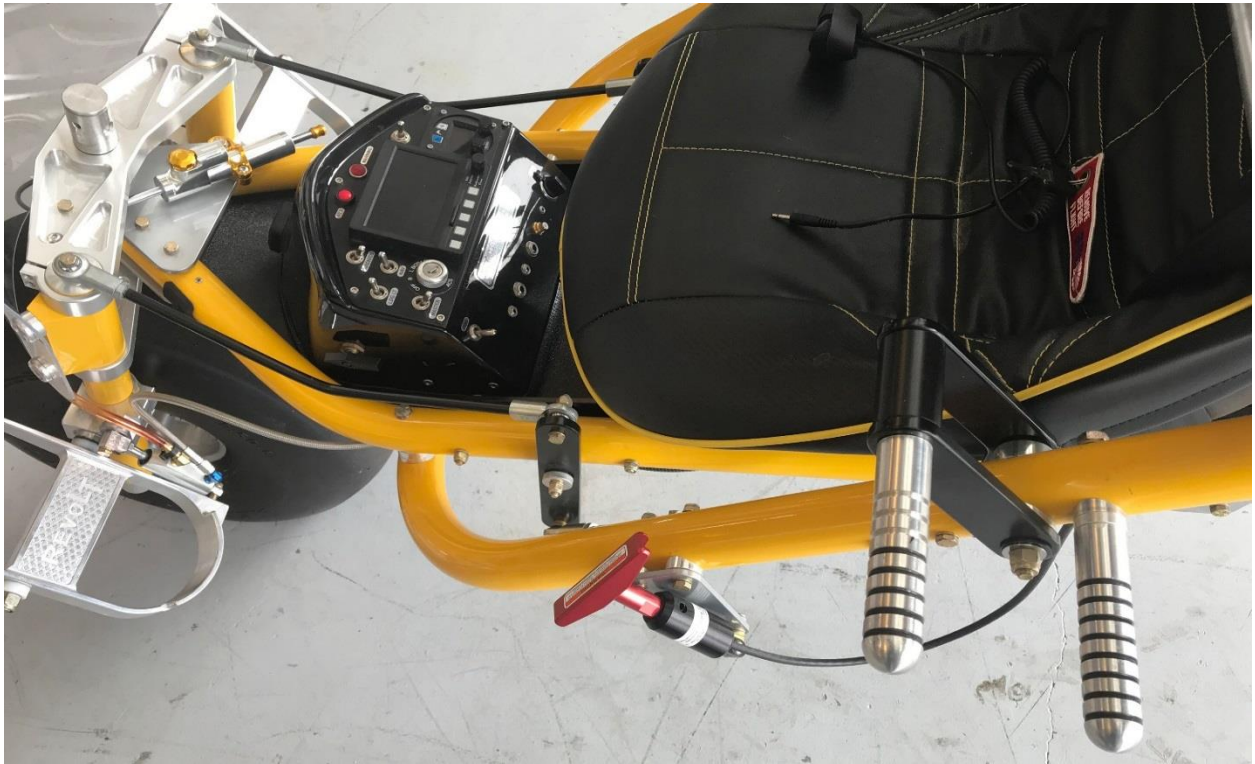
The REVOLT



Instrument Panel and Parking Brake on Left Side



Pilot Cruise Throttle and Choke



Instructor Pedals and Pilot BRS Pull Handle



Instructor Trainer Bars and Throttle

7.2.1 Wing

Evolution Aircraft Inc.'s REVOLT is available with the following wings:

- 1) REVOLT 15m
- 2) Rival X 14m

For more information on the wing please refer to the wing manual which should be carried along with this AOI at all times. A brief description of the wing models is provided here.

7.2.1.1 REVOLT 15m

The REVOLT 15m is a single surface wing which flies slow enough not to need wind protection and offers the fastest set up and breakdown. This wing also has the shortest takeoff and steepest climb angle utilizing the lower HP options on the REVOLT.

7.2.1.2 Rival X 14m

The Rival X is a suitable beginner wing through advanced. This wing is best used for cross country and higher winds.

7.2.2 Carriage

The REVOLT trike carriage is a two seat tandem WSC aircraft. The layout is typical for two seat trike design, with the pilot and passenger being suspended by a triangular frame made of 6061 T6 Aluminum, hanging from the dual central mast. A large CNC hang block attach the carriage to the wing allowing pitch and roll movement to provide for weight shift control.

The seats are extra large padded “stadium style” seating allowing the passenger a clear view forward. The central mast design with rear roll cage support eliminates the need for a front strut giving the pilot an unrestricted view. The instrument panel is located between the pilot's legs allowing a direct line of sight without entering the normal view during flight.

The main gear suspension consists of Fox gas charged shocks with 7” of travel on the main strut.

The seat belts are fully adjustable aircraft grade lap belts

The rear wheels are equipped with highly effective dual hydraulic caliper disc brakes.

The optional saddle bags on each side of the rear seat. Under the back seat is a 18.7 US GAL (70.8 L) fuel tank, securely rubber mounted to the frame of the trike carriage.

An ASTM compliant model BRS 1050 can be fitted very cleanly above the engine. The BRS handles are located on the side of the seat frame well within reach of each occupant.



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7.3 Flight Controls

Flight controls are as follows:

- Control bar move right = Left turn
- Control bar push out = Pitch up
- Push right toe = Throttle open
- Hand throttle forward = Throttle open
- Cruise throttle control pulled and foot throttle pressure released = Throttle set in position
- Push trim momentary switch down = CG trim moves to a faster position (with electric trim option only)
- Push trim momentary switch up = CG trim moves to a slower position (with electric trim option only)

7.4 Ground/ Flight Control

Ground Controls are as follows:

- Push left pedal = Taxi steering right
- Push right pedal = Taxi steering left
- Push Left Toe = Brakes on
- Ignition key switch to BOTH position = Both magnetos on for 912UL and 912ULS
- Choke to ON position = Choke on
- Fuel Shut Off valve to “ON” position = Fuel on

7.5 Instrumentation

The instrument panel consists of an MGL Xtreme glass cockpit instrument mounted centrally in the instrument pod. The glass cockpit receives its data from an RDAC engine and sender data collection unit located behind the rear seat. A 12V DC outlet and Cessna like keyed mags for pilot and ignition key switch is on the panel. Other marked switches include landing light switch, strobe (flasher) switch and a master avionics switch.



REVOLT Instrument Panel

7.6 Electric In-Flight Trim Systems

7.6.1 Electric In-Flight Speed Trim

The electric in-flight speed trim is an option that allows the pilot to fly hands off by changing the speed of the wing with the push of a momentary switch. The electric in-flight speed trim shifts the entire hang block fore and aft on the keel. It is important to understand that this system only relieves the pilot's arms from holding the bar in a position that may be different than a fixed hang point trim speed. In **No Way** can it over-ride the pilot's input. To use the speed trim press and hold the momentary switch. Holding down the switch will pull the hang block forward and shift the CG of the wing forward causing it to trim faster. Holding up the switch will allow the hang block to slide back and shift the CG of the wing aft causing it to trim slower.

To set the trim for takeoff first hold the trim switch to full slow for 10 sec. This ensures the trim is at its slowest position and has stopped. Release the slow (up) switch and press down for approximately 3 seconds. This is the ideal start point prior to takeoff. The slowest trim speed setting will not give you the shortest takeoff roll. Takeoff in a full fast trim setting will require much more pressure to push the control bar forward. The control bar is the best indicator of where the trim is set when in flight. It is also possible to simply look up and note the position of the hang block between the stops for trim setting when the trike is flying (not when it is on the ground).

Setting the trim for landing position is similar to the takeoff position. The preferable trim range for landing is to adjust the control bar until it is approximately 12-14" from the pilots chest, although any trim position may be used. Landing in full slow trim however, will require more pressure to pull the control bar in on final approach. Some back pressure on the control bar may be needed to achieve the approach speed designated in the AOI.

NOTE

The trim position is impossible to detect while on the ground due to the hang block being allowed to float freely back and forth by design. Any trim position is safe for both takeoff and landing. However, there will be additional bar pressure for both takeoff and landing when not set at the ideal position for each.

7.7 Occupant Restraint Harness

The front and rear seats of the REVOLT are fitted with a lap belt. To buckle the lap belt, the male end is inserted into the female end. When latching the buckle, the spring loaded latch is **NOT** pulled. There should be a click heard and felt as the buckle positively locks. Then by tugging on the connection, it can be tested that the buckle is secure. To remove the seat belt just pull on the release handle until it opens approximately 90 degrees and the buckle will release. Please take special care not to allow the heavy metal buckles to fall onto the frame of the REVOLT which may scratch the powdercoating.

When flying the trike solo it is important to fasten the rear lap seat belt to prevent contact with hot engine components during flight.

7.8 Engine

The power units available with REVOLT are: Rotax 912 UL 80 hp and 912 ULS 100 hp. The Rotax engines are a 4 stroke engine designed and built in Austria. The Rotax engine is fitted with a gearbox (2.43:1 reduction ratio), which delivers smooth thrust via a reduction drive. A ground adjustable propeller makes this power unit the ultimate in performance and reliability.

7.9 Propeller

The propellers approved for use with the REVOLT aircraft are:

- 1) **Warp Drive Composite** (3 blade ground adjustable pitch)
- 2) **Sensenich** (2 blade composite for 912 series engines as an upgrade option)
- 3) **E-Props** (4 & 6 blade composite for 912 series engines as an upgrade)

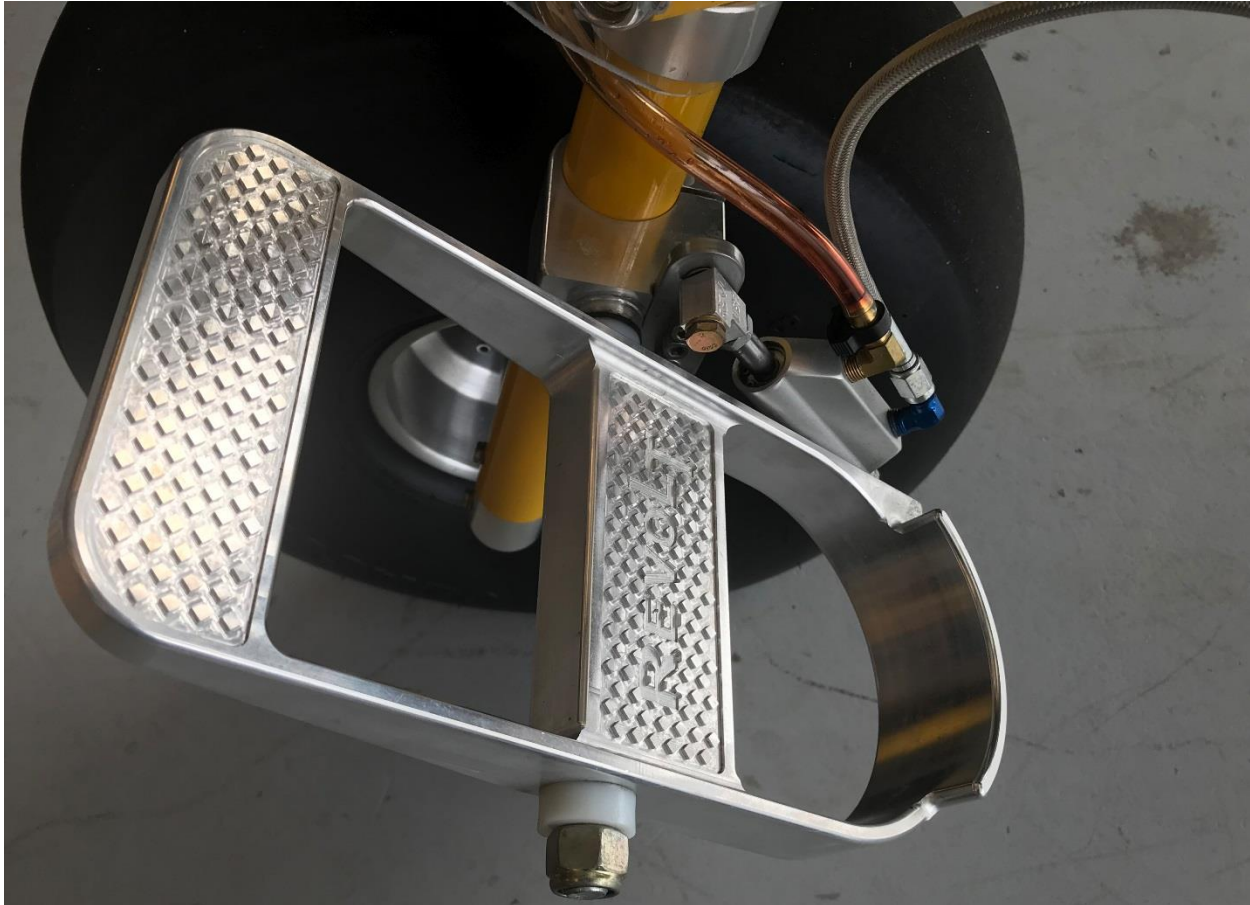
Please see propeller manual for further info.

NOTE

The manufacturer may approve the use of alternative propellers. This approval is only valid when the written authorization from the manufacturer is attached to the AOI.

7.10 Brake System

There are rear wheel hydraulic disc brakes used on this aircraft. Depressing the brake lever on the left hand side of the front footrest engages the brakes on both wheels. Use brakes smoothly and with care. The brake fluid (ATF) reservoir is the long vent line that terminates at the bottom of the front fork.



REVOLT Brake Pedal

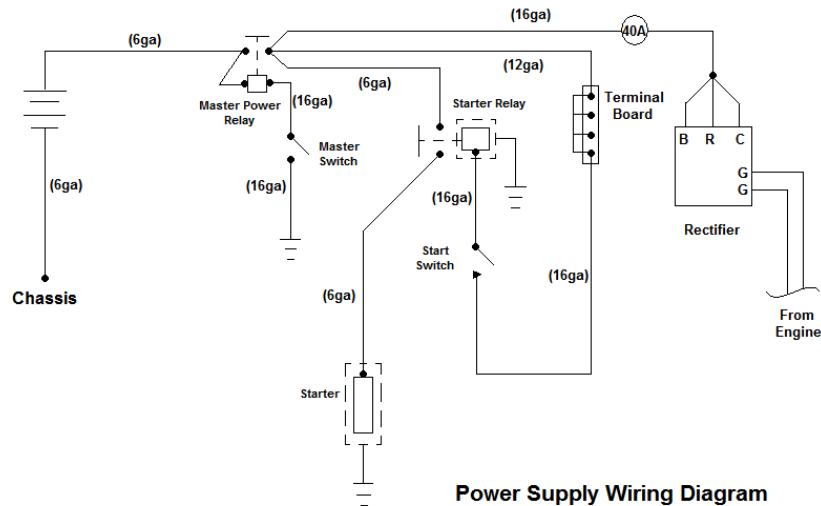


Parking Brake on Port Side of Instrument Panel

The parking brake lever is located on the port side of the instrument panel. To engage parking brake, depress the left foot pedal (brake pedal) to get desired braking pressure and simply rotate the parking brake valve lever with the left hand so that the lever is vertical. This will engage parking brake.

7.11 Electrical System 912UL, 912ULS

Below is an electrical diagram for the aircraft:



REVOLT Rotax 912 UL & 912 ULS Wiring

NOTE

The ignition circuit is a fail-safe system whereby the engine will run in the event of the ignition circuit becoming disconnected. Switching the coil to ground stops the engine.

When stopping the 912 UL and 912 ULS engine, turn the ignition key to the off position. Turn the master switch on the dash to the off position and turn additional switches to the “off” position, if applicable.

If necessary, stop the motor by using the choke to flood the engine as mentioned in the emergency procedure section of this manual.

Refer to the Rotax manual for more details for the engine electrical system.

7.12 Pitot Static System and Instruments

The pitot static system supplies ram air pressure to the air speed indicator.

7.13 XTreme EFIS (Standard Equipment)

NOTE

For more information on using this instrument please refer to MGL manual found on their website www.mglavionics.com

7.13.1 Abbreviations XTreme EFIS

Abbreviations:

ALT = Altitude

ASI = Air Speed Indicator

CHT = Cylinder Head Temperature (x 2)

DA = Density Altitude

Dist = Distance to selected waypoint or airport

EGT = Exhaust Gas Temperature (x 2)

ETA = Estimated Time of Arrival

ETE = Estimated Time En-route

Flight Time = How long the flight has been conducted for so far

Fuel (Calculated) = Fuel Quantity calculated by using the Fuel Flow sensor.

Fuel (Tank) = Fuel Quantity indicated by Fuel Level sender fitted in the gas tank

GS = Ground Speed (from GPS)

HDG = Magnetic Heading

HITS = Highway In The Sky

OILP = Oil Pressure

OILT = Oil Temperature

TAS = True Airspeed

TRK = Track

Units of measurement can be changed in EFIS Menu settings to metric system units. Please refer to EFIS manual for details. The system time and date should be updated by the user.

7.13.2 Fuel Calculated (Optional)

Fuel Quantity calculated by using the Fuel Flow sensor. This fuel being used as indicated by Fuel Flow sensor is subtracted from this Fuel (Calculated). Pilot should update the Calculated Fuel level whenever he/she fills fuel in the fuel tank. This is done by:

- a) Hitting Menu
- b) Selecting Fuel Level Calculated RDAC 1
- c) Updating the fuel level to however much pilot believes is in the fuel tank

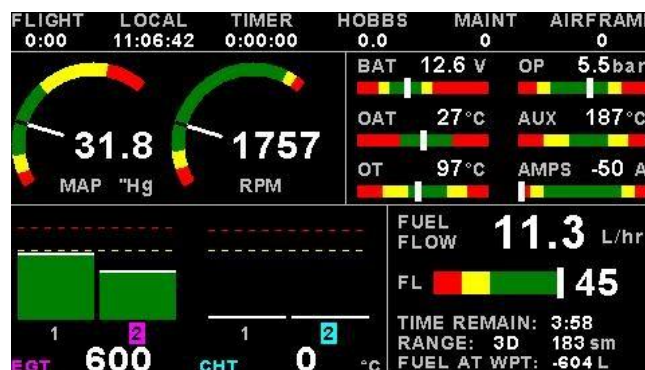
7.13.3 Views and Screens of XTreme EFIS



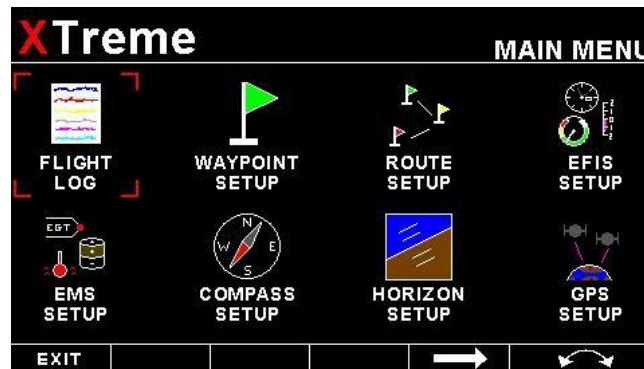
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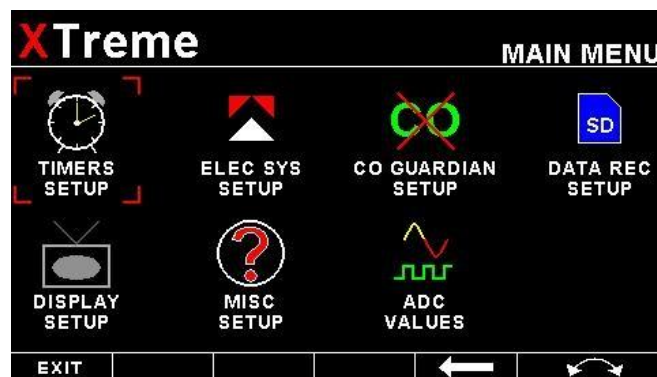
Flight Instruments and Engine Monitoring



Engine Monitoring Only



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The XTreme EFIS is the only EFIS available for the REVOLT. It is a 4.3” sunlight readable, wide viewing angle, high resolution LCD display. It integrates an SD card reader (for software updates and for engine data recording), 5 function buttons and a rotary control. It is connected to the standard MGL Avionics RDAC.

7.13.4 Common EFIS GPS Usage

The aircraft is equipped standard with SP-2 sensor for the EFIS that is connected to the back of the EFIS (not via RDAC). This sensor provides “Magnetic” heading. This sensor is located under the pilot seat just to the right. The sensor is simply “Velcroed” on to the inside of the body and can be moved by the pilot.

NOTE

Treat the magnetic heading from the EFIS the same way as any magnetic compass. No difference. This is NOT a GPS based heading. It in fact is a solid state magnetic heading indicator not related to the GPS at all.

You may want to get deviation calibrated as much as possible before doing long cross country flights or once a year or so or if you have changed the EFIS unit.

Deviation compensation consists of entering deviation compensation mode through the Menus in the EFIS and rotating your aircraft through at least one full 360° turn on the ground away from metal buildings. The SP-2 must during this procedure remain horizontal to the Earth’s surface. Once the turn is completed you need to end the deviation compensation procedure. It is also possible to clear any deviation compensation and return the unit to factory calibration.

NOTE

Be aware that many concrete reinforced aircraft aprons or runways may contain significant amounts of iron which may make it impossible to perform any meaningful deviation compensation on these surfaces. Also, do not attempt to calibrate your compass inside a hanger that contains significant amounts of iron based metals as part of the construction.

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Get trike away from metal buildings and objects.
- 2) Turn EFIS on.
- 3) Turn on all radios, transponders and electrical devices. Engine is NOT running.
- 4) On EFIS keypad do the following: Menu -> Menu -> Page Down (down Arrow) -> Setup Compass Sensor -> Start Deviation Compensation -> Press "1" to accept Continue.
- 5) Now lift the nose of the aircraft only a couple of inches (no more) and rotate the aircraft through 360° turns twice. Stopping at the same heading where you started.
- 6) Let the numbers on blue screen settle in a bit.
- 7) Press "Enter" to accept Deviation Compensation
- 8) You can press "Enter" on Enigma keypad to get out of this menu.

To get more accurate calibration on compass rose, you can do this further step:

- 1) Taxi your trike to an airport Compass Rose. Many airports but not all have these painted showing North, South, East and West.
- 2) Have all electrical devices turned on and the engine running.
- 3) On EFIS keypad do the following: Menu -> Menu -> Page Down (Down Arrow) -> Setup Compass Sensor.
- 4) Line up aircraft North on the painted compass rows. Press the number on the Enigma screen that says "Lineup North". Press "1" to Set.
- 5) Line up aircraft South on the painted compass rows. Press the number on the Enigma screen that says "Lineup South". Press "1" to Set.
- 6) Line up aircraft East on the painted compass rows. Press the number on the Enigma screen that says "Lineup East". Press "1" to Set.
- 7) Line up aircraft West on the painted compass rows. Press the number on the Enigma screen that says "Lineup West". Press "1" to Set.
- 8) You can press enter to get out of this screen and menu.
- 9) That's it. That should give you a very accurate magnetic compass heading. You may want to repeat the deviation compensation once in a while. There is an option to clear current deviation compensation in Compass setup Menu also. This should also be done when the EFIS unit is replaced under warranty or due to malfunction.
- 10) Test your compass new deviation compensation by lining up on runways or on compass rose to see if the heading shown seems to correspond. If they don't correspond it may be that the SP-2 compass sensor has started getting some ferrous interference. The ferrous interference may need to be removed. In the trike, it is easier to move the SP-2 sensor to a different location because it is simply Velcroed down with industrial strength Velcro.

NOTE

For more information on using this instrument please refer to the MGL EFIS and RDAC manuals found on their website www.mglavionics.com

7.14 Secondary Engine Kill Ignition Switch for the Back Seat

The secondary ignition switch is located on the trike frame on the left hand side easily reachable by the back seat occupant when needed. The switches momentary and must be held until the engine comes to a complete stop. This is done to prevent an accidental engine shut off by the back seat occupant.

When the kill switch is engaged, the switch shorts the engine coils to ground causing the engine to stop. Pulling up on the engine kill switch or pushing down on it will kill the engine within a short time.



Rear Seat BRS Pull Handle and Secondary Engine Kill Switch

7.15 Ballistic Recovery Systems (Parachute) - Optional

NOTE

The parachute is optional equipment.

The BRS emergency parachute system has a double acting firing mechanism. The parachute operating handle is fitted with a safety pin and is located on the left side of each seat. This pin should be removed before each flight and the safety pin must be replaced before the pilot gets out of the aircraft. A force of approximately 30 lbs (13.5 kg) pull on the actuating handle is required to activate the BRS rocket motor. Emergency procedures for use of the BRS can be found in emergency procedures section of this manual. Additional information including service and maintenance requirements can be found in the BRS manual.

WARNING

There is no guarantee of any kind that BRS will always work in all circumstances of an emergency in saving the occupants life. The BRS should be used as a measure of last resort.

8 Handling, Servicing and Maintenance

8.1 Introduction

This section contains factory recommended procedures for proper handling and routine care for your REVOLT weight shift control aircraft. Included in this section is relevant information required by the operator.

WARNING

It is the PIC's responsibility to ensure compliance with all airworthiness directives and that all required and recommended service and maintenance have been performed as listed in the relevant maintenance manuals of the wing, aircraft and the engine, in accordance with applicable regulations.

8.2 Identification Plates

The identification plate is located on the left rear side of the aircraft. The wing's identification plate and serial number will be located on the cross tube of the wing. Serial numbers, model name and date of manufacturer for both trike and wing should be used when corresponding with the factory.

8.3 Documents

This POH or AOI is one in a series of documents for the aircraft. Other documents include:

- Wing(s) manual
- Propeller manual
- Engine Owner's Manual
- Engine Installation and Maintenance Manual
- MGL manual for instrumentation
- RDAC or Remote Data Acquisition Computer Manual
- Maintenance and Inspection Manual
- BRS Owner's Manual (optional)
- Radio or Transponder Operators Manual (optional)

These manuals should be consulted for information not included in this manual.

8.4 Aircraft Inspection, Maintenance and Repair

Qualifications for the person doing the maintenance vary from country to country. The operator/mechanic should be familiar with the local requirements. Maintenance requirements are outlined in the maintenance manual for the base unit and in the wing manual for the wing and for engine maintenance refer to the engine manuals.

NOTE

To protect hardware from elements it is highly recommended that a water displacement compound like ACF-50 or something similar be used from time to time to clean and prevent galvanic corrosion. This can be done by the owner. Excess should be wiped off immediately after application. Alternately, compounds like Bo-Shield sprays, after replacement of hardware, can be used as they make a waxy film around the metal and protect it from the elements for up to 6 months or as advertised. Treating engine with WD-40 or another water displacement compound also makes it easier to clean and maintain engine's appearance. Excess should be wiped off with a soft cloth.

8.4.1 Hang Bolt Replacement

Hangbolt (AN8-47 aircraft grade) should be replaced every 400 hrs with a bolt supplied by either Evolution Aircraft Inc. or a reputable AN bolt supply house.

8.4.2 Mast Bolts and Nuts Replacement

Mast bolts and nuts should be replaced every 1000 hours with a bolt supplied by Evolution Aircraft Inc. or with an equivalent AN aircraft bolts.

8.4.3 Engine Mount Bolts and Nuts Replacement

Engine mount bolts and nuts should be replaced every 1000 hours or on condition with hardware supplied by Evolution Aircraft Inc. or aviation grade AN bolts of the same size.

8.4.4 Wing Hardware Replacement

Generally anything in the wing that looks suspicious should be replaced immediately with hardware supplied by the manufacturer or an aviation hardware source before continuing flight. For further information please refer to the maintenance manual. Wing hardware is all AN grade aviation hardware.

8.4.5 Wing Sail Condition

If there is any doubt as to the wing sail condition of a tear or stitching coming apart, it is recommended that you refer to the maintenance manual or authorized sources of information about your wing or the manufacturer (Evolution Aircraft Inc.) and not fly the trike until proper evaluation of the condition can be made.

8.4.6 Propeller

Refer to the propeller manual.

8.5 Fuel System

Please refer to section [4.6](#)

8.6 Engine Oil Replenishment

Please refer to the engine manual

8.7 Engine Coolant Replenishment

Use 50/50 DexCool coolant. For further info please refer to the engine manual. We do **NOT** recommend using Evans waterless coolant for the REVOLT.

8.8 Tire Pressures

The stock 800-6 21” treaded tires should be inflated to 20 psi for both front and back tires. The optional 22” 850-6 smooth Tundra tires should be inflated to 6.5 PSI up to 12 PSI for soft field only. For hard pavement the rear tires **MUST** be inflated to **minimum** 28 PSI and the front a minimum of 6.5 PSI.

WARNING

Optional 22” rear tires when used on hard pavement MUST be inflated to minimum 28 PSI and the front a minimum of 6.5 PSI. Failure to do so, may cause excessive grabbing and poor tracking which may result in a roll over.

8.9 Hydraulic Brake Fluid

Revo uses 5606 aircraft red brake fluid. This is the same as red automatic transmission fluid (ATF) found at auto stores. It should never be mixed with DOT brake fluids.

8.10 Battery

WARNING

**Do NOT use with a desulfating battery charger.
Do NOT use Schumacher battery chargers with Earth X Batteries.**

Recommended to Use the simple non-computerized 1-2 amp battery charger. These are readily available as the cheapest chargers on the shelf at Walmart and auto part stores.

Lithium batteries have a very low self-discharge rate which means the battery, if disconnected from your trike, could “hold its charge” for a year.

The ETX Lithium battery is compatible with most “modern” lead-acid battery chargers or 4cell LiFePO4 battery chargers. By “modern” we mean a charger that automatically turns off when the battery is fully charged, a charger with a micro-processor, or a charger with multiple mode charging. The “full charge” voltage for the ETX Lithium battery is 13.3V or higher. Some lead-acid battery trickle chargers maintenance mode voltage can be below 13.3V, which is too low for a lithium battery. For example, the Battery Tender JR has a maintenance mode voltage of 13.3V which is compatible, whereas the original Battery Tender has a maintenance mode voltage of 13.2V which is too low for a lithium battery. Never charge a faulty battery (a battery that will not accept a charge or hold a charge). Never use the de-sulfate setting on your charger. Be sure the charger’s output voltage level does not exceed 15V. If the charger does not display the voltage reading, then use a voltmeter to check the voltage while charging. If the battery gets hot while charging, discontinue charging and use. Do not charge battery in temperatures above 140 degrees F (60C), or in direct sunlight. When charging a battery, place it on a non-flammable surface, and remove any flammable items nearby. For maximum battery and vehicle starting system life, do not crank an engine for more than 10 seconds within any 1 minute period.

8.11 Parking, Moving on the Ground and Storage

Make sure area is clear, ignition is Off and if applicable BRS safety pin is in before moving the aircraft on the ground manually. Before moving the aircraft secure the wing's A-frame and move carefully negotiating the wind direction with the wing's position.

8.11.1 Pulling the Trike

Moving the base (with or without the wing) is facilitated by lifting the front wheel and walking the base. Its best to push the aircraft from the rear roll cage next to the prop hub. Steer the trike while manually moving by pushing the nose wheel or front steering in the desired direction. Alternately, the front wheel can be placed on a castering support and steered freely.

8.11.2 Pushing the Trike

The trike can be pushed using pushing on the rear roll cage on either side of the prop hub. Steering is slower and harder using this method except when using castering support on the front wheel.

NOTE

The trike carriage or base can be moved with or without the wing.

8.11.3 Parking the Trike

Parking the aircraft requires parking brake and using chocks and securing the wing with the upwind wing down. In higher or gusty wind conditions, the wing and trike carriage should be tied down or if appropriate wing can be taken down or the trike should be moved indoors. Please refer to section 4.8.12 for further information.

8.11.4 Long Term Storage

Long term storage will require the supplied air filter(s) and exhaust be covered to prevent foreign objects getting in the air intake area. Full covers for the carriage and prop blades are advisable, which are available items from Evolution Aircraft Inc. It is recommended to disconnect the terminals of the battery, empty the carb bowls, fuel tank and using fogging oil inside the engine to keep engine free of rust etc. The engine manual should be consulted for long term storage practices for the engine. Refer to Section 4.11.4 of the AOI for further information regarding long-term storage.

NOTE

Do not store the trike outside for any appreciable length of time where it is exposed to the elements. This may reduce life of the sail and other items.

8.12 Transporting the Aircraft

Custom or flatbed trailers can be used to transport the aircraft if they are capable of securing the carriage properly. A carriage cover and propeller cover should be used to minimize damage from flying debris. Propeller blades should be tied in place with soft straps so they are not allowed to move in the air. Propeller blades should never be moved more than a half rotation in the opposite direction to the general direction of rotation of the engine. The wing can be removed and completely packed, or folded on the trike with use of our optional dolly cart.



REVOLT on Optional Trike Dolly

8.13 Cleaning

8.13.1 Windshield

The windshield is made from flexible Lexan material and therefore a certain amount of care is required to keep it clean and in good condition. The following procedure is recommended:

- Flush with clean water to remove excess dirt, bugs and other loose particles. Wash with mild detergent and warm water. Use a soft cloth or sponge. Do not rub excessively.
- Rinse thoroughly, and then dry with a clean moist chamois. Do not use volatile solvents such as gasoline, alcohol or most commercial window cleaning sprays, as they will adversely affect the plastic.

8.13.2 Powder Coated Surfaces

The powder coated surfaces of the aircraft can be washed using a mild detergent and water, alternatively an automotive liquid detergent may be used. Soft wax polish applied with proper procedure is recommended every 4 months on powder coated surfaces to maintain luster and protect the finish.

8.13.3 Engine

An engine and accessories wash down should be performed regularly to remove any oil, grease, and other residue. Periodic cleaning allows proper inspection of the engine components and can be an aid to discovering defects during inspection as well as reducing the potential for an engine fire during aircraft operation. The engine may be washed down using a suitable solvent, and then dried thoroughly. During cleaning, the Air intakes, BRS parachute, and the electronics should be protected with a thin plastic film like saran wrap.

8.13.4 Propeller

The propeller should be cleaned occasionally with water and a mild detergent with a soft cloth or sponge to remove dirt, grass and bug stains. The opportunity should be taken to visually check the condition of the propeller during cleaning.

8.13.5 Upholstery and Interior

Vacuuming is recommended for the upholstery. Alternately, seats can be taken off easily (2 snaps) and washed with mild detergent and water.

WARNING

Do not use gasoline or any highly flammable liquid for any wash down or cleaning. Do not wash a hot engine. Wait for it to completely cool off. Perform all cleaning in a well ventilated area and take proper precautions for the materials used.

CAUTION

Precautions should be taken so that cleaning agent or water does not damage electrical circuits. Electrical components should be protected before using any solvent on the engine. All fuel, air and electrical openings or components on the engine should be covered before cleaning the engine. Caustic cleaning agents should be first tested before being used on a larger area.

8.14 Approved Sources of Information and Maintenance

The following are the approved sources for further information regarding maintenance:

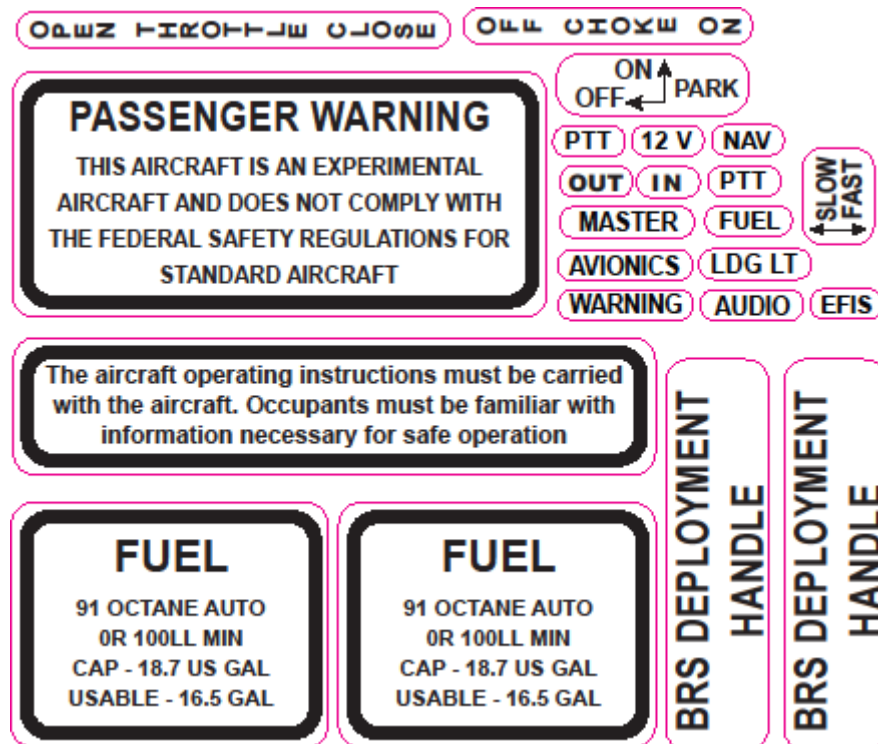
- Evolution Aircraft Inc. website www.evolutiontrikes.com
- MGL Avionics. South Africa www.mglavionics.co.za (XTreme EFIS) or www.mglavionics.com (USA distributor)
- Warp drive Propeller USA for Warp Drive prop maintenance and technical support at www.warpdriveinc.com
- Sensenich Propeller for optional Sensenich prop maintenance and technical support www.sensenichprop.com
- Rotax Austria and its authorized representatives www.flyrotax.com

For a list of who is allowed to do non-preventative heavy maintenance and annual inspections on this aircraft please refer to the maintenance manual.

9 Supplement

9.1 Placards

The placards on the aircraft are designed to provide information on the safe operation of the aircraft. This placard sheet may be ordered from the manufacturer using Part #RevoLT 001



Part #RevoLT 001

10 Data Location and Contact Information

In the case that the original manufacturer loses its ability to support this aircraft make and model, the following resource can be used to recover certification information. This resource will supply information for sub-assembly providers and parts supplies to provide support for the aircraft fleet on an on-going basis.

Name	Position/Significance	Contact Information
Phil Mednick	Company Officer	Mflyinlo@aol.com

11 Setup and Breakdown

Please refer to Section 4.9 for separating the wing from the trike carriage. Refer to Section 4.10 for the wing breakdown procedure. Refer to Section 4.11 for information on the transportation and storage of the trike.

12 Flight Training Supplement

12.1 REVOLT 15m Wing

The REVOLT 15 wing is recommended to avoid completely power off landings. Due to its limited speed range, throttle is recommended for landings in all but completely calm air.

12.2 RIVAL X 14m Wing

The RIVAL X wing has almost no unique characteristics or special training required specific to this combination of wing/carriage. The exception to this is when rolled very quickly the bar should be moved forward to “coordinate” the turn. Failure to do so can result in altitude loss and or a PIO (Pilot induced oscillation).