

What's a POH?

POH stands for Pilot's Operating Handbook. Most handbooks come with this notice:

**WARNING:**

**EXTREME CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO LIMIT THE USE OF THIS HANDBOOK TO APPLICABLE AIRCRAFT. THIS HANDBOOK IS VALID FOR USE WITH THE AIRPLANE IDENTIFIED ON THE FACE OF THE TITLE PAGE.**

At a certain point, the POH became keyed to the Serial Number of the aircraft and directs the safe and correct operation for that aircraft with the specific equipment on board. The POH is to be in the aircraft at all times and has operating instructions for all of the systems, Emergency procedures, and use of avionics.

Legacy POH's were called owner's manuals and were very basic. As aircraft became more sophisticated and the legal system and liability became more and more of a factor the information in the POH became profuse and the book much larger.

The POH contains all of the Checklists necessary for Safe Operation, Troubleshooting and Emergency procedures for that aircraft.