



Handling Notes

Piper Warrior **PA28**

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Foreword

Flying is an art, sport, pastime, pleasure and profession. It has different meanings to different people and for some just a dream. I for one fell in love with flying at an early age after a short trip into the sky with a friend of a friend. Probably the way it happens for many people. Every penny was then saved to enable me to learn to fly at the local field, on Condors (a wood and fabric taildragger). Like many others I tried the RAF, but didn't get past the sergeant in the careers office "don't think you are from the right background old boy" sort of thing, which was still around in those days. British Airways at Hamble was of a similar attitude. With self-esteem a bit dented but still a great passion for flying I remained a private pilot for some years until I realised that my destiny really was as a professional pilot. I cannot deny it takes a lot of hard work to achieve and maintain a high standard but I still consider myself privileged to do the job I do. Dreams are often hard to realise and in flying we cannot escape the fact that it is costly. So, any way in which someone who is already in "the club" can help others to do likewise, even if it is just in the form of encouragement and valuable advice should be done with enthusiasm. As, I too was encouraged to write this book. There is nothing quite like a clubroom full of pilots for opinions! But out of that sometimes gems of wisdom do come. Flying really is an activity where one can benefit from the experience of others; my experience (apart from flying) lies in engineering. So I hope through the pages of this book I can pass on some of my knowledge that may help at some time. Also included is information that I have had passed on to me from my instructors in the past and that distilled from the flight manual. I hope that you find the information useful whether it be sport, pleasure or professional flying you indulge in. I would also like to thank my partner Helen for her help in putting together the draft document and for some of the diagrams that accompany the text.