

IAGSA Member Self-Assessment Questionnaire

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Total # Employees: 50		

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Planning – All Operations				
Title	IAGSA Recommendation	Compliance Level	Explanation of Compliance	
Survey Planning	The following is a list of IAGSA I when planning airborne survey of Prior to commencing a survey, do you conduct a detailed risk assessment which identifies the safe survey height?		es which all members should take into account of type of survey or terrain.	
	Prior to conducting a survey do you establish a crew rotation schedule which considers factors such as remoteness of site, severity of climate, quality of accommodation, food and personal considerations?	 Always Sometimes Never 		
	Do you have a minimum temperature limit for cold weather operations?	 Always Sometimes Never N/A 		



Do you limit the use of aircraft heaters or air-conditioning in the interest of "clean" data?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Do you require the use of oxygen for all aircrew for survey flights or portions thereof conducted above 10,000 feet ASL?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Do you have a drug and alcohol policy?	⊠ Yes □ No	
Are aircrew members required to wear long trousers or a flight suit, closed shoes, have gloves available and clothing appropriate for the environmental conditions?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
For fixed wing surveys, is a risk assessment conducted to determine whether or not helmets should be worn by the flight crew members?	AlwaysSometimes	No – we do not wear Helmets.



		Never	
	For helicopter surveys, are the flight crew members required to wear a flight helmet?		NA
		SometimesNever	
	Are flight crew members paid or given an incentive based upon hours or kilometers flown?	AlwaysSometimes	
		Never	
Emergency Response Planning	Do you develop project specific emergency response plans for each project?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
	Does your company have an overall crisis management plan?	☐ Yes ⊠ No	I am compiling it at the moment. We have flow diagrams in the ERP but no written plan.
Flight Following	Do you operate a satellite tracking system on all aircraft?	🖂 Always	



		Sometimes	
		Never	
	Is the position reporting frequency of the tracking system set to 2 minute	⊠ Yes □ No	
	intervals as a minimum?		
Single Pilot Only Surveys	Do you conduct single Pilot Only Surveys (no equipment	Always	
	operator)?	Sometimes	
		Never	
	If so, does the Pilot have equipment operation duties in	Always	
addition to those normally associated with flying the aircraft?	Sometimes		
	Never		
		N/A	
	Are additional risks associated with single pilot only	Always	
operations de assessment?	operations detailed in the risk assessment?	Sometimes	
		Never	



			N/A		
Operating Standards					
Minimum safe survey speeds	Are minimum safe survey speeds for single engine aircraft calculated at 130% of clean stall speed (Vs)?		Always Sometimes Never	NA	
	Are minimum safe survey speeds for Multi-engine aircraft: 110% of best single engine rate of climb speed (Vyse), or minimum safe single engine speed (Vsse, if published)?		Always Sometimes Never N/A		
Minimum Fuel Standard	Is fuel planning for survey flights based upon 110% of planned consumption? Is minimum reserve fuel		Always Sometimes Never	One Hour.	
	calculated as 30 minutes for fixed wing and 20 minutes for helicopter at normal cruise consumption rates?		Always Sometimes Never		



	Do planned minimum fuel reserves consider site specific contingencies?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Flight and Duty Times	Are the following Flight & Duty Times adhered to?		
Single Pilot Operation Maximum Flight Times	A maximum of 8 hours flight time per day.	AlwaysSometimesNever	NA
	A maximum of 5 hours flight time on survey per day (excluding transit time)	AlwaysSometimesNever	NA
	A maximum of 40 hours flight time in any 7 consecutive day period	AlwaysSometimesNever	NA
	A maximum of 100 hours flight time in any consecutive 28 day period.	Always	NA



		Sometimes	
		Never	
	A maximum of 1000 hours in any consecutive 365 day	Always	NA
	period.	Sometimes	
		Never	
	If extensions to the single pilot flight times are used has the	Always	NA
re	extension criteria recommended by IAGSA been met?	Sometimes	
		Never	
		□ N/A	
Dual Pilot Operations	A maximum of 10 hours flight	🛛 Always	
Maximum Flight times time per day.	time per day.	Sometimes	
		Never	
	A maximum of 8 hours flight time on survey (excluding	Always	
	transit time).	Sometimes	
		Never	



	A maximum of 45 hours flight	🛛 Always	
	time in any consecutive 7 day period.	Sometimes	
		Never	
	A maximum of 120 hours flight	🛛 Always	
	time in any consecutive 28 day period.	Sometimes	
		Never	
	A maximum of 1200 hours	🛛 Always	
	flight time in any consecutive 365 day period.	Sometimes	
		Never	
Maximum Duty Times	The maximum duty time in any one day shall not exceed 14	Always	
	hours	Sometimes	
		Never	
	The pilot shall have a minimum of 2 days rest within	🛛 Always	
	a 14 day period. These may be taken separately or together. If taken separately, one day rest shall be defined	Sometimes	
		Never	
	as 30 consecutive hours free from duty.		



Emergency Beacon / Radio	Is each aircrew member required to carry on their person essential survival items including: a personal locator beacon means to start a fire, knife and a signal mirror?	 Always Sometimes Never 	Each crew member has an ELT but the survival equipment is held within the grab pack and on the liferaft.
Fuel Quality Control – Storage Tanks	adequacy of this quality control Is there a procedure in place to unknown or questionable:	and take all available n	naller centres. The crew must determine the neans to ensure against boarding contaminated fuel. ng checks are required anytime a fuel source is
Cor doc ava Che veh	Check that Fuel Quality Control Check and Delivery documents are current and available.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
	Check that the fuel servicing vehicle / facility is identified with the fuel type handled.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
	Check that the facility is clean and maintained.	 Always Sometimes Never 	



Check that bonding wires and connections are in good condition.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Check that filter systems are in place and date of last element replacement.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Check that a sample is clear and bright downstream of the filter.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Request or conduct a water test with paste or syringe and capsules.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Check that a sample from the low point of the tank is clear bright and free of water. If there is no low point water	AlwaysSometimes	I will need to confirm this.



	drain, do a dip of the tank using water paste.	Never	
Fuel Quality Control - Drums	When using drummed fuel are the	here procedures in place to ensure the following requirements?	
	Verify the expiry date of the drums.	Always	
		Sometimes	
		Never	
	A "go no-go" filter be used for all refueling from drums.	Always	
		Sometimes	
		Never	
	All drum fuel is visually checked for clarity and color	Always	
	and water tested with paste or fuel syringe and capsules	Sometimes	
	before use.	Never	
	Only clearly branded drums with both seals intact are be	Always	
	used unless the pilot knows the "history" of the drum since	Sometimes	
	the seals were broken and retests the fuel for	Never	
	contamination before use.		

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Aircraft sump drains be checked before the first flight of the day and after each refueling.	AlwaysSometimesNever	I will need to confirm this.
Drums are stored on their sides, clear of the ground with bungs horizontal in an area not subject to flooding. Under- cover storage should be considered if drum stock are to be kept for a long time.	AlwaysSometimesNever	As far as I am aware, all drums have been stored in a vertical fashion as per the manufacturers and oil companies guidelines – not on their sides?
When not in use, fuel pumps are protected from water and other contamination.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
Bungs should be sealed and the drum placed on its side for short term storage (i.e. overnight) of a partially filled drum.	AlwaysSometimesNever	All drums have been stored in a vertical fashion.



with a smoo Such flights flight into te	Typically, survey flights are conducted at low heights in day VMC, but if the low height is removed coupled with a smooth air requirement, such as for gravity surveys, it may be desirable to conduct night flights. Such flights can be conducted safely as long as there are adequate procedures to prevent a "controlled flight into terrain" CFIT accident. Are procedures in place to ensure the following requirements:			
least 1000 obstacles w	urveys flown at feet above all vithin the I area and a 10	Always Sometimes		
operational operational	le buffer around the l area? Does the l area include the ng area for line	Never		
turns and le	ead-ins?	N/A		
	econnaissance rmed in each block?	Always		
		Sometimes		
		Never		
		N/A		
radios and turned on a	vey flights, are transponders and selected to the ATC or flight	Always Sometimes		



	Additionally, equipment permitting, common air to air and emergency frequencies (121.5MHz) should also be monitored.	Never Never	
Turning Radius			nt margin above the stall speed, however in a steep varning and a stall in the turn at low level will likely
	Are all turns at low level limited to a maximum angle of bank of	🖂 Always	
	30 degrees and be done at a constant altitude. Are climbs or	Sometimes	
	descents allowed to be carried out during the turn?	Never	
	Towed	Geophysical Arra	ays
Towed Geophysical Arrays – All aircraft types	This section applies to all airborn rotary or fixed wing aircraft.	ne surveys utilizing geo	ophysical arrays suspended below and/or towed by
	Do you operate towed geophysical arrays?	Yes	
		🖂 No	
	Does the towed array have an STC/LSTC, engineering order or other similar certificate or statement describing array	☐ Yes □ No	



specifications and flight test data?	N/A	
Is there an Operating Manual for each array?	Yes	
	🗌 No	
	N/A	
Does the Operating manual identify the maximum safe	Yes	
operating airspeed for the array?	🗌 No	
	N/A	
Does the Operating Manual contain a parts list and	Yes	
maintenance manual containing the critical design	🗌 No	
specification for all parts and elements of the array?	N/A	
Does the Operations Manual contain a pre-flight checklist?	Yes	
	🗌 No	
	N/A	



	Does the Operations Manual contain a schedule for routine preventative maintenance, recorded inspections and testing?	☐ Yes☐ No☑ N/A	
	Is there a procedure in place to ensure that all required maintenance, inspections and testing are up to date prior to	Yes No	
	job start?	🖂 N/A	
	Is all maintenance performed by a qualified person endorsed	Yes	
	by the manufacturer or operator?	🗌 No	
		🛛 N/A	
Towed Geophysical Arrays – Rotary Wing Aircraft	Has the cable weight and length been determined by an aeronautical engineer as to minimize the potential for	☐ Yes □ No	
	cable recoil into main and tail rotors following the loss of load?	⊠ N/A	
	Is there a weak link incorporated into the load bearing cable?	Yes	
		└ No	



	N/A	
Is the weak link located as close as possible to the attachment hook of the helicopter?	☐ Yes☐ No☑ N/A	
Has the breaking strain of the weak link been specified by an aeronautical engineer?	 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ N/A 	
Is the maximum towed array airspeed and VNE (Velocity Never Exceed) placard placed on the aircraft instrument panel in the Pilot's view?	☐ Yes☐ No☑ N/A	
Does the cargo hook arrangement allow the pilot to jettison the load without removing his/her hands from the flight controls? Do procedures include the requirement to test the	☐ Yes☐ No☑ N/A	

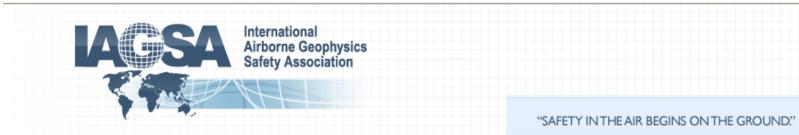


	helicopter cargo hook release mechanism?		
Towed Geophysical Arrays – Fixed Wing	Is the aircraft fitted with a shearing mechanism which can cut the tow cable when the	Yes	
	array needs to be jettisoned?	□ No	
		N/A	
	Does the tow cable have a breaking strain which	Yes	
	minimizes damage to the aircraft in the event the array	🗌 No	
	snagged with ground objects?	N/A	
	Coophysic	ol Survoy Elight T	roining
	Geophysic	al Survey Flight T	raining
Training and Experience – All	Does your training program		
Training and Experience – All Operations			
Experience – All	Does your training program contain a syllabus for low level geophysical flight training? Does the Pilot training syllabus reflect the IAGSA training	Yes	
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Simulator Training	In addition to the training in the actual aircraft, do pilots, where practical, undergo simulator training in a type specific simulator representing the aircraft being flown on survey? If so, at what frequency?	 Always Sometimes Never N/A 	
	Overwate	r and Offshore Su	Irvevs
Minimum requirements for Over water and Off Shore Surveys			and off shore surveys flown in both fixed wing and
Training – Overwater & Offshore Surveys	Is Underwater Escape Training completed within the preceding three years before undertaking the over water or offshore survey.	AlwaysSometimesNever	
	Are Ditching & Emergency Evacuation Procedures reviewed, crew members thoroughly briefed and simulated training to be conducted at the work site prior to the start of all over water or offshore work. This	 Always Sometimes Never 	

review should include a review

of general emergency procedures that could



	potentially lead to a ditching and a discussion on the significance of sea state/wave height on ditching.		
Training - Off Shore Surveys	In addition to the above items, the	l ne following are to be ir	ncluded in offshore training:
	Does Initial Training consist of a minimum of 10 hours training conducted by a pilot who has a minimum of 100 hours Offshore experience?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Does Recurrent Training consist of a minimum of 5 hours training conducted annually by a pilot with the same qualifications as for the initial training: or prior to the start of an Offshore survey if pilot has completed the initial training but has not flown Offshore for more than 90 days?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Alternatively, the above experience requirements may be waived if the Operator has in place a competency based training program which includes Offshore operations.		



Type of Aircraft – Over water / Offshore Operations	or the exposure that would follow reduces the probability of a ditch harsh conditions where the odds	w are low then the emp hing. Whereas, the airc	h conditions where the odds of surviving a ditching hasis must be placed on choosing an aircraft that raft criteria may be somewhat less stringent in less ng and rescue are good.
	For any survey that is over water or offshore in an area		
	where rescue is not likely to		
	occur within an anticipated acceptable exposure time	🛛 Always	
	and/or where anticipated sea states would make a	Sometimes	
	successful ditching unlikely, is the use of a multi engine	Never Never	
	aircraft with performance characteristics such that in the		
	event of an engine failure during an over water survey it		
	can climb from survey height to 500 feet and return to shore		
	or during an offshore survey it		
	can climb from survey height and maintain prolonged flight		
	on the remaining engine(s) to		
	return to a suitable airport at the minimum IFR altitude utilized?		



	Are single engine piston aircraft used for over water/offshore surveys?	 □ Always □ Sometimes ○ Never 	
Aircraft equipment – Offshore	Are aircraft equipped with at least the following gyroscopic instruments, each of which must be independent of the others: 2 x attitude indicator; 2 x heading indicator; 2 x turn and slip indicator or turn coordinator?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	If a second pilot is to be part of the crew, is there a complete second set of basic flight instruments (attitude indicator, gyroscopic heading indicator, turn and slip or turn coordinator airspeed, altimeter, vertical speed) installed at the co-pilot's seating position?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Are there at least two (2) independent power sources to drive the gyroscopic instruments?		

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- this may mean two vacuum pumps with all air driven gyroscopes or a mixture of air driven and electric gyroscopes provided loss of one power source leaves operational one set of three gyroscopic instruments (attitude, heading and turn rate indicators)	Yes	"SAFETY IN THE AIR BEGINS ON THE GROUND."
Is there a radio or radar altimeter with a means of alerting the crew when height above the water falls below a minimum safety height selected by the crew? Is there a means of testing the alerting device prior to flight?	⊠ Yes □ No	
Is there a minimum of one instantaneous vertical speed indicator (IVSI) to provide an instant alert of descent Do you require the use of weather radar where	☑ Yes☑ No☑ Always	



	thunderstorms are present or could be expected? Are Rotary wing aircraft equipped with floatation aids such as "pop-outs floats"?	 Sometimes Never Always Sometimes 	NA
Emergency Equipment – Offshore Surveys	An upper torso restraint system, with a preference for a four point harness, for each crew member	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Are aircraft equipped with a 406 MHZ ELT?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Is the crew provided a covered life raft with a self erecting canopy that is equipped with a 406 MHZ ELT and normal emergency survival equipment? Does raft should include an inflatable floor for cold water operations?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	Are constant wear dual chamber life vests that contain		They are not worn while flying but under each seat.



	an ELT aELT/EPIRB, flares and a signal mirror, worn by each crew member?	⊠ Yes □ No		
	Are immersion/exposure suits worn if water and air temperatures warrant?	⊠ Yes □ No		
	Are all helmets and headsets fitted with double disconnect cords?	Yes No	We do not wear helmets.	
Weather – Offshore Surveys	Are Offshore survey flights conducted under VMC with minimums of 5 miles visibility and 1000 foot ceiling in the survey area?	⊠ Yes □ No		
	Is a thorough weather briefing solicited (if available) and does it should include sea state/wave height and wind maximums in the survey area?	⊠ Yes □ No		
Additional Training Requirements				
Fire Extinguisher Training	Do all crew members on survey flights, including equipment operators, receive	🖂 Yes		



	fire extinguishers in fighting in flight fires?		
Survey Crew Resource Management Training	Is Survey Crew Resource Management training provided to all crew members assigned to survey operations including: geophysicists; pilots; equipment operators; maintenance engineers; field technicians and field support staff at intervals not exceeding three years?	☐ Yes ⊠ No	
	Flight Pe	erformance Monito	oring
Performance Monitoring	Is performance parameters, including aircraft speed, height above terrain and drape, periodically reviewed using data collected during surveys?	AlwaysSometimesNever	
	Is the frequency of review such that any discrepancies on a particular survey or by a particular pilot can be identified as early as possible?	AlwaysSometimesNever	