

Appendix 4 - Pilot's Cross-Country Checklist

PILOT

- Review Personal Minimums Checklist
 - Recency (time/practice in last 30 days)
 - Currency (takeoffs & landings, IFR currency if applicable)
 - Terrain & airspace (familiarity?)
 - Health & well-being

AIRCRAFT

- Overall mechanical condition
- Avionics & systems
- Performance calculations
- Fuel requirements
- Other equipment

ENVIRONMENT

- Weather Reports & Forecasts
 - Departure/En route/Destination
 - Severe weather forecasts?
 - Weather stability?
 - Alternate required?

- Night
 - Flashlights available
 - Terrain avoidance plan

- Airspace
 - TFRs or other restrictions
 - COM/NAV equipment requirements
 - Cruising altitude(s)

- Terrain
 - VFR & IFR charts with MSA / MEA altitudes
 - AOPA/ASI Terrain Avoidance Planning

- Airports
 - COM/NAV requirements & frequencies
 - Runway lengths
 - Services available

EXTERNAL PRESSURES

- Family expectations?
- Passenger needs / expectations?
- Weather worries?
- Prepared for diversion (money, accommodations)?
- Time pressures (e.g., "must be at work" issues)? [\[back\]](#)