



AIR LAW

Airspeed Limitations and
Cruise Altitudes



603.32 Airspeed Limitations

No person shall:

- a. operate an aircraft at an indicated airspeed of more than 250 knots if the aircraft is below 10,000 feet ASL; or
- b. operate an aircraft at an indicated airspeed of more than 200 knots if the aircraft is below 3,000 feet AGL within 10 nautical miles of a controlled aerodrome unless authorized to do so in an air traffic control clearance.

Aircraft may be exempt from airspeed limitations if the aircraft is being operated in accordance with a special flight operations certificate.

If the minimum safe airspeed for the flight configuration of an aircraft is greater than the airspeed referred to above, the aircraft shall be operated at the minimum safe airspeed.



602.34 Cruising Altitudes and Cruising Flight Levels

The appropriate cruising altitude or cruising flight level for an aircraft in level cruising flight is determined in accordance with

- a. the magnetic track, in the Southern Domestic Airspace; and
- b. the true track, in the Northern Domestic Airspace.

Cruising altitudes/flight level regulations apply to aircraft operating:

- a. at more than 3,000 feet AGL, in VFR flight; or
- b. in IFR flight.



Aircraft that are required to follow the flight cruising altitudes/flight levels, shall do so based on the direction of flight and flight rules as shown in the table below:

TRACK 000° – 179°		TRACK 180° – 359°	
<u>IFR</u>	<u>VFR</u>	<u>IFR</u>	<u>VFR</u>
1,000	-	2,000	-
3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500
5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500
7,000	7,500	8,000	8,500
9,000	9,500	10,000	10,500
11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500
13,000	13,500	14,000	14,500
15,000	15,500	16,000	16,500
17,000	17,500		