



## Existing Pilots: Cirrus Transition Training at Air Ventures PDK

For the aspiring Cirrus pilot training at Air Ventures PDK it's necessary to take a Cirrus transition course. A Cirrus Standardized Instructor Pilot (CSIP) at our flight school teaches the course. Air Ventures PDK has seasoned flight instructors who have successfully completed this CSIP training at the Cirrus factory in Duluth, Minn.

For most general aviation pilots, the Cirrus is the most sophisticated airplane you will ever fly. A high-performance, low-wing composite aircraft like the Cirrus SR20 feels different than the older style of high-wing metal aircraft. This means that pilots can't simply do "three times around the pattern" and become a competent Cirrus pilot.

Prior to enrolling in the Cirrus transition course, **all renter pilots at Air Ventures PDK are required to have a minimum of 200 hours of total time and a current instrument rating.** Feel free to call the Air Ventures PDK dispatch desk for more information.

### Cirrus Transition Training Pilot Kits

In order to transition to the Cirrus, every pilot must complete the Cirrus Transition Course. The transition course taught at Air Ventures PDK is the same course you'd take if you went to the Cirrus factory. So each pilot is required to purchase a **Cirrus Perspective Pilot Kit**. There are two versions available, the **basic pilot kit** and the **deluxe pilot kit**. Either kit can be purchased at our dispatch desk at Air Ventures PDK.

In order to get the maximum benefit from your Cirrus transition training, we expect you to have completed a ground-training course prior to beginning the actual flight portion of the course.

### The Basic Cirrus Transition

The Cirrus factory-training course is designed to teach the new Cirrus pilot how to manage all of this amazing technology in the real world, while conducting cross-country flights like those a renter pilot might fly for business or pleasure.

The course is composed of three stages. Assuming the skill level of an average private pilot, the course usually involves 10 hours of flight time, eight hours of ground instruction, 10 cross-country legs, and approximately 20 landings. Pilots who are a little rusty will likely require additional time to successfully complete the course and therefore be authorized for solo rentals in the airplane.

The three stages of the course use the most up-to-date FITS (FAA Industry Training Standards) concepts. The first stage concentrates on normal procedures; use of the Perspective avionics; basic air work such as steep turns and stalls; plus traffic pattern practice.

The second stage introduces nonstandard landings and configurations including partial and no-flap landings and managing abnormal procedures including those requiring a diversion in flight.

The final stage of training focuses on putting all of these skills into practice in actual cross-country flying. There's special emphasis on SRM (Single-Pilot Resource Management). The ultimate objective is that you will be a safe and proficient Cirrus pilot upon successful completion of the course.

## Other Cirrus Courses for Advanced Pilots at AVPDK

Some pilots may come to Air Ventures PDK with previous Cirrus experience. In order to rent the SR20, all pilots must have completed a Cirrus transition course at our flight school or have the course certificate as proof of that training.

Some pilots may have received this training in earlier, less-sophisticated versions of the Cirrus product line. For those pilots, Air Ventures PDK offers additional special courses, identical to the ones taught at the Cirrus factory. These include:

> **Advanced Transition:** Similar to the basic course but includes extra time for accomplishing an Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC).

> **Avionics Differences:** This course concentrates on learning how to manage the Garmin Perspective systems in both VFR and IFR flying.

> **Airframe/Powerplant Differences:** This course is designed for proficient Cirrus Perspective pilots who want to transition from the SR22 or SR22T to the SR20. It is typically a 1-day course.

> **Recurrent Training:** Every Cirrus pilot is expected to stay sharp and proficient. After all, the best safety feature in any aircraft is a well-trained pilot! Air Ventures PDK and our insurance carrier require Recurrent Training every 12 months in order to rent the SR20 airplane.

## The Perspective Club at Air Ventures PDK

For those Air Ventures PDK customers who want the very best flying experience, we are proud to offer membership in **The Perspective Club**.

If you have dreamed of flying the latest glass cockpit, with synthetic vision, enjoying the ultra-smooth GFC700 autopilot and the cool, air-conditioned cabin coupled with the ultimate safety protection of CAPS™ (Cirrus Airframe Parachute System), then **The Perspective Club** is for you.

### Membership Fees

Membership is required for every Cirrus student and renter. The membership fee is \$25 per month.

### How to Get Started!

To join **The Perspective Club** and enjoy the most advanced general aviation airplane in the world, please call Air Ventures PDK at 770-458-0001 and ask to speak with one of our CSIPs or the dispatcher.