MAC262 – ACFT LIMITS AND SPEEDS PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. In twin-engine performance planning, what is Vmc used to assess?

A. Vmc is the minimum cruise speed with both engines operating; used for fuel planning.

B. Vmc is the minimum control speed with one engine inoperative; used to assess safe speeds for asymmetric thrust.

C. Vmc is the maximum speed in cruise; used for climb performance.

D. Vmc is the minimum control speed with all engines inoperative.

2. Which option correctly defines VR in the takeoff sequence?

A. V1; the decision speed.

B. V2; takeoff safety speed.

C. VR; rotation speed at which the aircraft begins to rotate for takeoff.

D. Vmca; minimum control speed in the air.

3. The White arc on the airspeed indicator represents which range?

A. The maximum structural cruising speed

B. The Yellow arc

C. The stall speed to Vfe

D. The flap operating range from stall speed to Vfe

4. How long must a 6th gear cycle be followed by a break?

A. 15 minutes

B. 10 minutes

C. 30 minutes

D. No break required

5. A cracked window screen is permissible under which condition?

A. <25 hours, below FL250, cabin differential 2.0-4.6

B. <25 hours, any altitude

C. >25 hours

D. No differential requirement

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6. What is speed margin?

A. The buffer between minimum and maximum endurance speed.

B. A defined margin between CAS and TAS with altitude effects.

C. The difference between takeoff and landing speeds.

D. The buffer between current speed and critical limits (stall, Vne, etc.) that provides safety against unforeseen changes.

7. What is the maximum Mach number?

A. 0.58 Mach

B. 0.55 Mach

C. 0.60 Mach

D. 0.62 Mach

8. What is Vapp and how is it used on final approach?

A. Vapp is the target approach speed to maintain a stabilized approach, chosen near Vref and adjusted for weight and wind.

B. Vapp is the minimum descent speed used for the final approach.

C. Vapp is the maximum crosswind component allowed on final approach.

D. Vapp is the stall speed in the landing configuration.

9. Why is it essential to study aircraft limits and speeds for MAC262?

A. To memorize maintenance schedules.

B. To understand the aircraft envelope, maintain safety, and perform accurate exam preparation.

C. To plan meals on long flights.

D. To determine weather patterns.

10. Which two weight limits are equal in this configuration?

A. MTOW and Max Landing Weight

B. MTOW and Max Ramp Weight

C. Max Ramp Weight and Max Zero Fuel Weight

D. Max Landing Weight and Max Zero Fuel Weight

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Answers

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1. B
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. A
6. D
7. A
8. D
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. In twin-engine performance planning, what is Vmc used to assess?

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Vmc is the minimum control speed with one engine inoperative; it defines the speed below which the airplane cannot be kept under control when there's asymmetric thrust. In a twin, losing one engine creates a yaw toward the failed side, so you must maintain at least Vmc to use rudder effectively and keep a straight, recoverable flight path. That's why Vmc is used in performance planning—to ensure safe handling and controllability in an engine-out condition, especially during takeoff and initial climb. Weight, altitude, and configuration affect Vmc (heavier weight, higher altitude, or certain configurations generally raise it), but the essential idea is the speed at which control can be maintained with one engine failed.

2. Which option correctly defines VR in the takeoff sequence?

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B. V2; takeoff safety speed.

C. VR; rotation speed at which the aircraft begins to rotate for takeoff.

D. Vmca; minimum control speed in the air.

VR is rotation speed—the speed at which you begin to rotate the aircraft to the takeoff attitude. It's the point where you stop focusing on accelerating straight down the runway and start pitching up to lift off. VR is determined from the takeoff performance data and depends on factors like weight, flap setting, runway conditions, and density altitude. It sits after you've passed V1 (the decision speed) and before V2 (the takeoff safety speed). After reaching VR, the pilot applies back pressure to rotate smoothly; liftoff occurs shortly afterward as you continue to accelerate and climb. Vmca is a different concept related to control with an engine inoperative in the air, so it isn't used to define the takeoff rotation.

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Airspeed indicator color bands show safe operating ranges, and the white arc specifically marks the flap operating range. It starts at Vs0, the stall speed with flaps down, and ends at Vfe, the maximum flap extension speed. Inside this arc you can extend flaps safely; below Vs0 you stall even with flaps down, and above Vfe you risk structural damage if flaps are still extended. So the white arc represents the flap operating range from stall speed to Vfe.

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4. How long must a 6th gear cycle be followed by a break?

A. 15 minutes

B. 10 minutes

C. 30 minutes

D. No break required

A break is required after a set number of gear cycles to manage both equipment cooling and operator fatigue. After six consecutive gear extension/retraction cycles, you must pause for 15 minutes to let the hydraulic system cool and to give the crew a short rest, reducing the risk of overheating equipment and of reduced alertness. A shorter break wouldn't provide enough cooling, while a longer break isn't needed for safety and would unnecessarily delay operations. Skipping the break altogether isn't allowed by the rule. So, 15 minutes is the correct rest duration.

5. A cracked window screen is permissible under which condition?

A. <25 hours, below FL250, cabin differential 2.0-4.6

B. <25 hours, any altitude

C. >25 hours

D. No differential requirement

A cracked window screen is a structural issue in a pressurized cabin, so it can only be tolerated if the flight is kept within tight limits that prevent the crack from propagating or the pressure loads from exceeding what the panel can safely handle. The allowed envelope is when you have less than 25 hours of flight time since the crack was detected, you stay below 25,000 ft (below FL250), and the cabin differential pressure remains within 2.0 to 4.6 psi. This combination keeps the load on the cracked panel within a conservative range and minimizes risk during that flight. Flying with a crack at higher altitudes would expose the window to greater pressure differences, increasing the danger of sudden failure. Exceeding 25 hours since the crack was found means more cycles and greater likelihood of propagation. And ignoring the differential requirements isn't correct because the pressurization load is a key factor in whether the cracked screen can safely handle the flight.

6. What is speed margin?

A. The buffer between minimum and maximum endurance speed.

B. A defined margin between CAS and TAS with altitude effects.

C. The difference between takeoff and landing speeds.

D. The buffer between current speed and critical limits (stall, Vne, etc.) that provides safety against unforeseen changes.

Speed margin is the safety cushion between the speed you're currently flying and the speeds that could put the airplane at risk, such as stall speed or the maximum permissible speed (Vne). This cushion protects you from unforeseen changes— gusts, sudden maneuvering, weight or configuration changes, and instrument or engine lag—so you don't unexpectedly reach a critical speed. The other descriptions don't capture this protective buffer to critical limits. One describes a performance-speed comparison (endurance speeds), another talks about indicated versus true airspeed with altitude, and the last compares takeoff and landing speeds. None describe a safety margin relative to stall, Vne, or other limits.

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7. What is the maximum Mach number?

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Mach number limits represent the highest speed, in terms of the ratio to the local speed of sound, that an airplane is certified to operate safely. The maximum operating Mach number (Mmo) is tied to the airframe, engine, and overall design, and staying at or below this limit avoids adverse aerodynamic effects like shock formation, loss of control effectiveness, and excessive structural loads. For this aircraft, the published maximum Mach number is 0.58. That value is the upper boundary you must not exceed in flight. Values above it (0.60 and 0.62) are beyond the certified limit, while a lower value (0.55) is safe but not the maximum. So the best answer, reflecting the highest permissible Mach, is 0.58 Mach.

8. What is Vapp and how is it used on final approach?

A. Vapp is the target approach speed to maintain a stabilized approach, chosen near Vref and adjusted for weight and wind.

B. Vapp is the minimum descent speed used for the final approach.

C. Vapp is the maximum crosswind component allowed on final approach.

D. Vapp is the stall speed in the landing configuration.

V_app is the target speed for the final approach that you fly to keep the approach stabilized and controllable. It's set near the reference landing speed (Vref) and adjusted for weight, configuration (flaps, gear), and wind. On final, you maintain this speed (or very close to it) to ensure you have enough lift margin to stay attached to the glideslope and to recover safely from any gusts without getting too slow. This speed isn't the minimum descent speed, nor is it the stall speed. Stall speed (in landing configuration) is the lower limit below which you risk losing lift. V_app sits above that to provide a safe approach margin. It also isn't a crosswind limit.

9. Why is it essential to study aircraft limits and speeds for MAC262?

A. To memorize maintenance schedules.

B. To understand the aircraft envelope, maintain safety, and perform accurate exam preparation.

C. To plan meals on long flights.

D. To determine weather patterns.

Knowing aircraft limits and speeds defines the safe operating envelope of the airplane. This tells you the maximum and minimum airspeeds, weight and balance constraints, and structural or maneuvering limits you must operate within to keep the aircraft from overstressing or losing control. For MAC262, this foundation lets you interpret V speeds, limit speeds, flap and gear limitations, and weight restrictions so you can plan and execute procedures safely and prepare accurately for the exam. Staying within published limits provides the essential safety margins you rely on in every phase of flight. The other options don't fit because they involve maintenance schedules, meal planning, or weather patterns, which are not determined by aircraft limits and speeds.

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10. Which two weight limits are equal in this configuration?

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B. MTOW and Max Ramp Weight

C. Max Ramp Weight and Max Zero Fuel Weight

D. Max Landing Weight and Max Zero Fuel Weight

The weight limit that matters for both takeoff and landing is the same value in this configuration. When the maximum landing weight (MLW) equals the maximum takeoff weight (MTOW), it means the aircraft is allowed to operate at the same upper weight whether it's taking off or landing. This happens when landing stresses, gear loads, and performance requirements aren't more restrictive than the takeoff constraint, so the two limits coincide. The other limits tend to differ because they reflect different design purposes: Max Ramp Weight accounts for fueling and taxiing on the ground and is typically higher than MTOW; Max Zero Fuel Weight excludes usable fuel and is usually lower than MTOW. So those pairs aren't equal in this setup.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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