Engine Starting

Objective To ensure the applicant learns the elements of and can exhibit a clear understanding of the engine start procedure and how to perform the procedure properly. Purpose	OFF START
Starting an airplane engine is easy, but it is more complicated than starting a car. Spinning propellers and hard-starting carbureted engines provide unique challenges. This lesson introduces aspiring pilots to the engine start procedure, factors that complicate starting, and emergency procedures in case of an engine fire.	
Schedule	Equipment
 Ground Lesson: 5 minutes - In the Airplane Initial Before Flight: 5 minutes - Introduction and Demonstration Every Flight Before Flight: 5 minutes - Student Performs 	Airplane Checklist
Student Actions	Instructor Actions
 Ask any questions, receive study material for the next lesson. Watch linked video. Review listed references. 	 Deliver the ground lesson (below). Demonstrate the procedure in the airplane. Debrief after each flight.
Completion Standards	
 Ground: Student can explain the purpose of the procedure and how to execute it properly. Flight: Student can explain and perform the procedure including the following: Ensures that the area around the airplane and propeller is clear. Primes the engine before start, as needed. Performs the engine start checklist, and starts the engine. Manipulates the engine controls to aid a successful start. After start, verifies correct engine indications. 	

• What to do in case of an engine fire during start.

References

- Ryan Binns "Cessna 172P Engine Start Checklist"
 - YouTube <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyYyTQqJvGc</u>
- FAA-H-8083-3C (Airplane Flying Handbook) Chapter 2, Page 16 [Engine Starting], Chapter 2, Page 16-17 [Hand Propping]
- Airplane POH Section 4 [Normal Procedures], Section 3 [Emergency Procedures/Fire During Start]
- FAA-S-ACS-6C (Private Pilot ACS) Area II Task C
- FAA-S-ACS-7B (Commercial Pilot ACS) Area II Task C
- FAA-S-ACS-25 (CFI ACS) Area V Task C

Ground Lesson Outline

- Before Starting Safety Precautions
 - Final Walk-Around
 - Ensure Tow Bar, Chocks Removed, etc.
 - Anti-Collision Beacon Turn ON
 - Set Brakes
 - "Clear" call
 - Visually Clear Prop Area
- Engine Start Checklist
 - Importance of Checklist Usage
 - "Read and Do" Checklist Usage
 - Touch controls to confirm
 - Basic Start Procedure
 - Mixture Rich, Throttle 1/4", Prime (as necessary), Master On, Mags to Start
 - Use of Throttle and Mixture Controls during Cranking
 - Dangers of Overpriming Updraft Carburetor, Engine Fire
 - Ensure Proper Engine Indications
- Starting Difficulties
 - Effect of Atmospheric Conditions Hot/Cold Start
 - Overpriming
 - Dead Battery / Starting with External Power
 - Starter Duty Cycle Crank for max 10 seconds, wait 30 seconds between
 - No Start Mags Off, Master Off, Mixture Cutoff
 - Engine Fire Mixture Cutoff, Throttle Full, Continue Cranking!
 - If not extinguished, evacuate
- Hand Propping Extremely dangerous and very difficult with many common trainers
 - Do not attempt if you are not familiar!

Common Errors

- Failure to properly use the appropriate checklist.
- Failure to use safety precautions related to starting.
- Improper adjustment of engine controls during start.
- Failure to assure proper clearance of the propeller.