IFR Flight Planning Checklist

Pilot

☐ IFR current (FAR 61.57(c)
☐ IFR proficient
☐ Conditions comply with my Personal Minimums Checklist
☐ **By checking here I am certifying that I have no external pressures that will interfere with my decision-making.**

Aircraft

☐ Legal for VFR flight (FAR 91.205)
☐ Annual inspection (FAR 91.409)
☐ VOR check within 30 days (FAR 91.171)
☐ Static/altimeter inspection within 24 calendar months (FAR 91.411)
☐ Transponder inspection within 24 calendar months (FAR 91.413)
☐ ELT within 12 months, new battery: > 1-hr use or < 50% battery life
☐ Has operative radios for the flight plan

Flight Planning

☐ Determine route:
    ☐ Obstacle departure plan (AIM 5-2-9):
        ☐ VFR
        ☐ DP
        ☐ ODP
        ☐ SID
        ☐ VCOA
    ☐ Connect to IAF
    ▼ ☐ Check destination approach procedures for go-around capability and performance required
    ☐ Loss of Comm Plan considered
☐ Determine cruise altitude:
    ☐ MEA below performance limit
    ☐ Oxygen required? Y/N
    ☐ Loss of Comm Plan considered
☐ Read A/FD entry for departure and destination airports

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- ☐ Calculate time en route
- ☐ Weather briefing (ensure ForeFlight format set before retrieving)
- ☐ Is an alternate required? (1-2-3 Rule)(FAR 91.169)
- ☐ Suitable alternate chosen _____
    - ☐ Weather at ETA
    - ☐ Approach
    - ☐ Got WAAS?
        - ☐ Yes - Destination and alternate may have only RNAV approaches
        - ☐ No - Only destination OR alternate may have RNAV only approaches. Check RAIM
    - ☐ Route and fuel required to alternate.
- ☐ Fuel required (FAR 91.167)
- ☐ File flight plan
- ☐ Update weather briefing (refresh in ForeFlight)

▼ Performance Considerations:
- ☐ Climb performance (STD 200 ft/nm)
    - ☐ FPM = FPNM x GS /60

Within One Hour of Departure:
- ☐ Refresh briefing in ForeFlight
- ☐ Save to Files, email to self, print

Within 20 MInutes of Filed ETD:
- ☐ Call ATC for IFR clearance
- ☐ VOID If Not Off time (if applicable): _____

Contingency Planning:
- ☐ Instrument approach at departure airport? _____
    - ☐ Below mins? Takeoff alternate: _____
- ☐ Loss of comm procedures reviewed for THIS flight.
- ☐ Route to alternate.

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C _____

R _____

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A _____

F _____

T _____

Filed Route:

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OUT _____
OFF _____
ETE _____
ETA _____
ON _____
IN   _____

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