ASH 25 suitable for use in performance-orientated clubs.

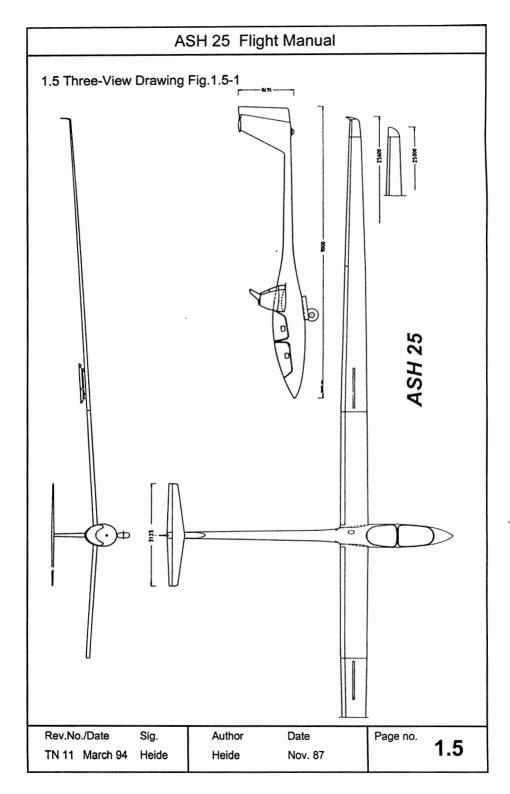
The ASH 25 is a shoulder wing glider with damped T-tail and sprung, retractable landing gear with hydraulic disc brake. The wing is equipped with trailing edge flaps extending over the full span, to allow a choice of optimum wing camber in relation to drag throughout the speed range. With landing flap selected the deflection of these flaps will generate high drag combined with good control which, together with the airbrake paddles on the upper wing side, permits very short landing approaches.

Upon accomplishment of the Technical Note 11 the span is increased by means of attachable wing tip extensions with winglets.

Technical Data:

Span	25.00 m (82 ft)	25.6 m (84 ft)
Fuselage length	9 m	(29.5 ft)
Height (Fin and Tail Whe	eel) 1.7 m	(5.5 ft)
Max. take-off mass	750 kg	(1654 lb)
Winglet height	0.35 m	ຸ (1.15 ft)
Wing chord: (mean aerodynamic) Wing surface	0.687 m (2.25 ft) 16.31 m ² (175.5 ft²)	0.671 m (2.20 ft) 16.46 m ² (177.2 ft²)
Wing loading: minimum single-seated	33 kg/m²	(6.75 lb/ft²)
maximum two-seated	46 kg/m² (9.42 lb/ft²)	45.6 kg/m² (9.34 lb/ft²)

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2.1 Introduction

This Section contains operating limitations, instrument markings and cockpit placards required for the safe operation of the ASH 25, its original equipment, systems and facilities initially fitted.

The operating limitations stated in this Section and in Section 9 are LBA-approved.

2.2 Air Speeds

Air speed limitations and their operational significance are shown below:-

Ţ	Speed	IAS kmh and (kts)	Remarks
VNE	Never exceed speed	280 (151)	Do not exceed this speed in any operation and do not use more than 1/3 of control de- flection

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	Rough air speed	180 km/h (97 kts)	Do not exceed this speed except in smooth air, and then only with caution. Examples of rough air are lee-wave rotor, thunderclouds etc.
V _A	Maneuvering speed	180 km/h (97 kts)	Do not make full or abrupt control movement above this speed, because under certain conditions the sailplane may be overstressed by full control movement

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V _{FE}	Max. Flap Ex- tended Speed (if applicable give different flap setting)	WK 1 = 280 km/h	Do not exceed these speeds with the given flap settings.
V _w	Max. winch launching speed	130 km/h (70 kts)	Do not exceed this speed dur- ing winch or autotow launch- ing
V _T	Max. aerotow- ing speed	180 km/h (97 kts)	Do not exceed this speed dur- ing aerotow

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V _{LO}	Max. landing gear operating speed	Do not extend or retract the landing gear above this speed

2.3 ASI Markings

The following table shows the ASI markings and the meaning of the colors:

MARKING	(IAS) Value or Range km/h and (knots)	SIGNIFICANCE
White Arc	85 - 140 (46 - 76)	Positive Flap Op- erating Range
Green Arc	96 - 180 (52- 97)	Normal Operating Range (neutral flap setting)
Yellow Arc	180 - 280 (97 - 151)	Maneuvers must be conducted with caution and only in smooth air

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Red Line	280 (151)	Max. speed for all operations.
Yellow triangle	90 (49)	Approach speed at max. weight without water ballast

2.4 Masses (Weights)

Max. Terrinssible Take-Off Mass.		
- with water ballast	750 kg	(1654 lbs)

Max. Permissible Landing Mass:	750 kg	(1654 lbs)
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IVIAA. IIIASS	or an mon-mun	y		
parts		390 kg	(860	lbs)

wax. mass in	the baggage com-			
partment:		15 kg	(33 lbs)

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2.5 Center of Gravity

The limits of the C.G. range are as follows:

forward limit

0.19 m (0.62 ft) aft of datum (BP)

aft limit

0.39 m (1.28 ft) aft of datum (BP)

"BP" (German: **B**ezugspunkt) stands in this context for "Reference Datum" which is identical with the wing leading edge at the wing root rib. One example of calculating C.G. positions is given in Section 6 of the ASH 25 Maintenance Manual.

2.6 Approved Maneuvers

This sailplane is approved for normal sailplane operation (Airworthiness Category "Utility").

2.7 <u>Maneuvering Load Factors</u>

Maximum maneuvering load factors:

max. positive load factor

+5.3

max. negative load factor

- 2.65

at an air speed of:

180 km/h (97 kts)

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At increasing air speeds, these values will be reduced to:

Maximum positive load factor + 4
Maximum negative load factor - 1.5
at an air speed of: 280 kmh (151 kts)

2.8 Flight Crew

For solo flights the pilot must occupy the front seat.

Pilots weighing less than 70 kg = 155,5 lbs (incl. parachute) must use additional trim ballast weights. Please refer to the mass and balance form in Section 6 and the description of trim ballast plates in Section 7.11.

The minimum front cockpit load is also shown in the Operating Limitations Placard in the cockpit.

2.9 Types of Operation

Flights may be carried out in daylight, in accordance with VFR. Cloud flying is permitted if appropriate instrumentation is fitted (see Point 2.10), without water ballast, and if regulations currently in force are complied with.

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2.10 Minimum Equipment

Minimum Equipment consists of:

- 1 ASI indicating up to 300 km/h = 162 kts in the front instrument panel
- 1 Altimeter in the front instrument panel
- 2 4-part seat harness (symmetrical)

Additionally required for instruction:

- 1 ASI indicating up to 300 km/h = 162 kts in the rear instrument panel
- 1 Altimeter in the rear instrument panel

For cloud flying the following additional equipment must be fitted:

- 1 Turn & Slip Indicator
- 1 Magnetic Compass, and
- 1 Variometer

Approved equipment is listed in the Maintenance Manual in Section 12.1.

2.11 Aerotow and Winch Launch

The maximum launch speeds are:

for Aerotow 180 km/h (97 kts) for Winch Launch 130 km/h (70 kts)

For both launching methods, a weak link of 750 to 900 daN must be used in the launch cable or tow rope.

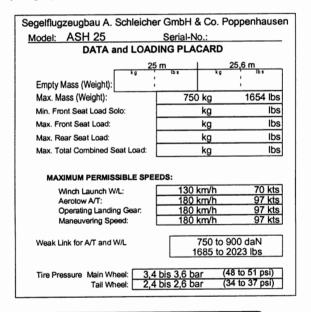
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For both launching methods, a weak link of 750 to 900 daN must be used in the launch cable or tow rope.

For Aerotow, the tow rope must be not less than 40 m (135 feet) in length.

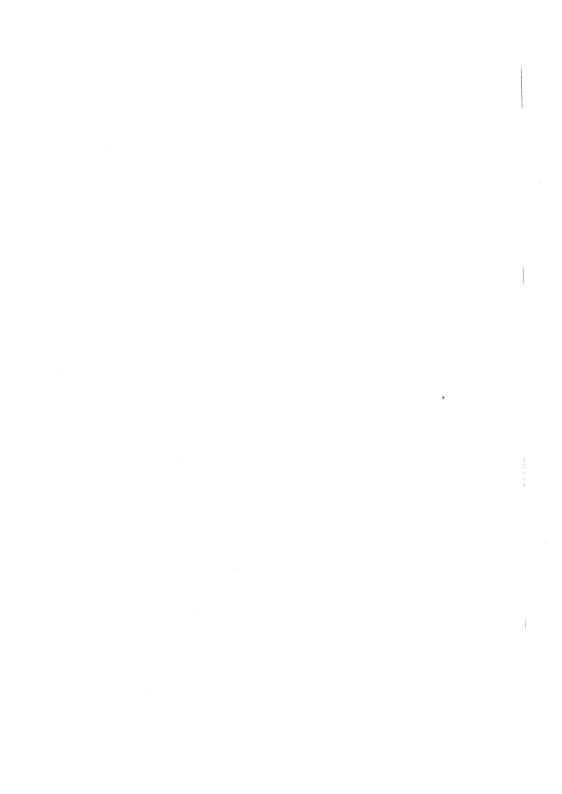
2.12 Operating Limitations Placard

This placard is fixed in the front cockpit and contains the most important Mass (weight) and Speed Limitations.



Reduced minimum cockpit load without trim ballast in the fin: see flight manual - Page 6.4

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4.1 Introduction

This Section contains Check Lists for the daily inspection and pre-flight checks. It also describes normal operating procedures. Normal operation procedures associated with the sailplane, if equipped with various ancillary systems and equipment not included as standard equipment, are described in Section 9.

4.2 Rigging and Derigging

Rigging

The ASH 25 can be rigged without use of rigging aids by three people, or by two people if a fuselage cradle and wing trestle are used.

NOTE:

Wingtip-extension with winglet must be exchanged for the detachable short wingtip only after the wing assembly is done.

- 1. Clean and lubricate all pins, bushings and control connections.
- 2. Support fuselage and keep upright. If the wheel is lowered, check that the landing gear is securely locked down.
- 3. Set flap lever to Flap Position 1 or 2.
- 4. Insert left inner wing spar fork into fuselage and support its outer end with a trestle, if available.

NOTE: The wing trestle must not obstruct the movement of the flap!

5. Insert right inner wing spar root and line up main rigging pin bushes. Insert and lock main pins. Only at this point - and not before - may the wing weight be relaxed.

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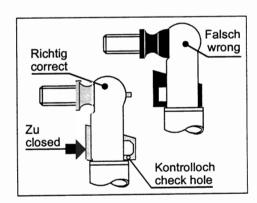
still supported in aircraft is а cradle. it is recommended that the landing gear should be extended at this stage, and riooing completed with the aircraft standing on not connect the control linkages in Dο the fuselage vet, as this makes the rigging of the outer wings more difficult.

- Screw the T-shaped rigging tool for fitting the outer wing into its seating. <u>Unlock the left</u> <u>outer wing airbrake paddle by means of the tool</u> <u>provided.</u>
- 7. Insert left outer wing into spar socket of inner wing and push in, leaving a gap of 5 to 10 cm = 2 to 4 in.
- 8. Connect flap control push rod (nearest the trailing edge) and secure.
- 9. Now push outer wing home, push main pin in to extent against flight direction and turn clockwise to Unscrew T-tool. secure. The main correctly fitted, if it is flush pin the wing surface. When pushing wings home, ensure that the aileron and airbrake push rods do not foul ribs or fittings.
- 10. At this stage it will be of help to move the trestle outwards somewhat, perhaps near the position of the center flap actuator. This will reduce the loads both on wing and trestle.
- 11. The rigging of the right outer wing should also

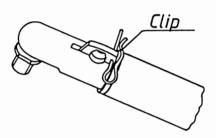
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follow clauses 6. to 9., except that the main pin must now be secured by means of an anti-clockwise turn.

- 11a) Only at this stage the wingtip-extension with winglet may be exchanged for the detachable short wingtip, if this is intended. Using an Allen wrench, move the safety pin back in order to do the assembly. Watch that the aileron is correctly aligned! After the assembly the safety pin is again pushed forwards to lock.
- 12. First connect the aileron and airbrake control linkages in the airbrake boxes and secure, only then connect the six control linkages in the fuselage which are accessible when the access hole cover is removed. All quick-release connectors (HOTELLIER type) must be tested by trying to pull the socket ends of the pushrods off the ball heads, applying a force of not less than 5 daN, and it must be ensured that the check holes are visible. Flap control connections can be checked in landing flap setting (Flap L) through the airbrake box. If the aircraft is not going to be derigged for some time, the HOTELLIER connectors could usefully be secured by inserting spring clips through the check holes. Clips are available from Messrs. Alexander Schleicher.



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- 13. After cleaning and lightly lubricating and sockets. the tailplane is studs elevator pushed on to the fin from the front. Each halfbe guided into the elevator conelevator must nections. The elastic lip seal covering the elevator gap must be placed on top of the elevator control tongue. Now push the tailplane until the hexagon socket head bolt at the leading edge will engage its thread. The bolt must be fully and firmly tightened: it is secured either by a spring loaded pin which must extend over the bolt head, or by means of a spring ball catch, whose ball must engage in the grooves on the side of the bolt head.
- 14. A considerable performance improvement can be achieved with little effort by taping all gaps between wing junctions with plastic self-adhesive tape (on the non moving parts only). The lid of the access hole on the fuselage and the fin-tailplane junctions should also be taped up. The canopy rim must not be taped over,

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so as not to impair bail-out.

It is recommended that areas to be taped up should be thoroughly waxed beforehand, so that the adhesive tape can afterwards be cleanly removed without lifting the paint finish.

- 15. Connect both vent tubes from the inboard wing water tanks to the openings at top of the baggage compartment.
- 16. Now use the Check List (see the following para.
 4.4) to carry out a pre-flight check. Under point 3. "(Control surface clearances at trailing edge min. 1,5 mm = 1/16 in!)", check that the wing control surfaces have that minimum

and outboard wing cut-out edges.
This clearance is necessary to ensure that these surfaces do not foul each other or the wing cut-out edges when deformed under load in flight.

clearance from each other and from the inboard

De-rigging

To de-rig, proceed in the reverse order of rigging. We would add the following suggestions:

- 1. Drain all water ballast. Ensure that all the water has emptied out by putting down alternative wing tips several times.
- 2. When disassembling the tailplane, carefully

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push back the locking pin with the sleeve tube of the Allen key supplied to avoid damaging it as the bolt is removed.

- If the tailplane is very firmly located in its rear seating, it will be more easily dismantled by two people alternately pushing it forwards by the tips.
- 4. Prior to de-rigging the outer wings the wingtip-extension with winglet if fitted must be removed and exchanged for the detachable short wingtip. When de-rigging the outer wings, at first pull them out only 5 to 10 cm = 2 to 4 in. from the inner wing, to allow disconnection of the flap linkages.
- 5. Before de-rigging the inner wings from the fuselage, do not forget to disconnect the fuel lines, to retract the propeller, and to disconnect the battery wires above the spar!

4.3 Daily Inspection

Before commencing flying operations, the aircraft must be thoroughly inspected and its controls checked; this also applies to aircraft kept in the hangar, as experience shows them to be vulnerable to hangar-packing damage and small animal.

- a) Open canopies and check canopy jettison.
- b) Main pins home and secured?
- c) Check control connections of ailerons, elevator and air brakes through the fuselage access hole cover and through the airbrake boxes.

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- d) Check cockpit and control runs for loose objects or components.
- e) Check clearance, and full and stress-free operation of all controls. Hold controls firmly at full deflection while loads are applied to control surfaces.
- f) Check inflation and condition of tires:

Main wheel 3.5 bar (50 psi) Tail wheel 2.5 bar (36 psi)

- g) Check condition and operation of tow release couplings! Release control operating freely? Do not forget release checks!
- h) Check wheel brake for operation and leaks. With airbrake paddles fully extended the resilient brake pressure from the main brake (master) cylinder should be felt through the brake handle.
- i) Check both wing upper and under surfaces for damage.
- j) Flaps including ailerons: check condition and freedom of movement (clearances). Also the linkage fairings on control surfaces and wings must be checked for clearance.
 - Wingtip-extension with winglet, or short wingtip respectively, correctly assembled and secured? Winglet undamaged?
- k) Airbrake paddles: check condition and control connections. Do both sides have good over-center lock?
- I) Check fuselage, especially underside, for damage.

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damage.

- m) Check that rudder, tailplane and elevator are correctly fitted, and for damage or excessive play.
- n) Check the pressure port in the fin: is the tube (pitot/static or TE) properly seated and tight??
- o) Check that static ports in the fuselage tail boom are unobstructed.

4.4 Pre-Flight Checks

The following Check List containing the most important points is affixed within easy view of the front seat pilot:

Pre-Flight Checks: 1. Control connections and rigging pins secured? 2. Controls checked for positive connections and full and free deflections? 3. (Control surface clearances at trailing edge min. 1,5 mm = 1/16 in !)4. Parachute static line connected? 5. Check ballast / C of G ! Comply with Mass and Balance Form ! 7. Water tank drain and vent openings unobstructed? Pre-Take-Off Checks: Parachute clipped on? 2. Seat Harness secure and tight? Wheel locked down? Airbrakes closed and locked? Trim set for Take-Off? 6. Flaps set for Take-Off? 7. Altimeter set?

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8. Tail dolly removed?9. Check wind direction!10. Close and lock canopies!

istics become very gentle, as the limited elevator deflection will no longer allow maximum angles of attack to be reached.

At this C.G. position, stall warning through buffeting will not be experienced, but large aileron deflections can be applied without dropping a wing.

Even with rearmost C.G. position, about half of maximum aileron deflection can still be applied, with rudder centralized, to maintain the aircraft in straight stalled flight. It would, of course, be more appropriate to control the aircraft by means of rudder alone, and to leave the ailerons centered.

Violent applications of rudder or aileron would result in a spiral dive, spinning or side slipping, depending on C.G. position.

With winglets fitted the minimum speed is slightly reduced, therefore wing dropping with winglets occurs slightly faster.

CAUTION:

Height loss due to incipient spin from straight or circling flight depends largely on the all-up flight mass:

Height loss from straight flight after prompt recovery action

$$\approx 40 \text{ m} = 132 \text{ ft}!$$

Height loss from circling flight:

up to
$$150 \text{ m} = 495 \text{ ft} !$$

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More specifically, the following would apply:

C.G.position	Flap	Rudder & Aileron Coordinated	Rudder & Aileron Crossed
rearmost	3 - 5	steady spin	steady spin
central	3 - 5	spin, leading to spiral dive	spin, leading to slipping turn
foremost	3 - 5	approx. half turn of spin, leading to spiral dive	slipping turn

Wing drop from circling flight is not noticeably more violent than from straight flight.

The above specifications for spin behavior apply likewise for operation of the sailplane with wingtip extension-with-winglets installed.

4.5.4 Landing Approach

Make the decision to land in good time and, notwithstanding the high performance, select Flap 4 or 5 and lower the wheel at the latest at 100 m = 300 ft agl.

For the remainder of the circuit, maintain about 90 km/h = 49 kts (yellow triangle on ASI scale).

The sailplane should be trimmed to between 90 and 100 km/h = 49 kts and 54 kts. In turbulence, the approach speed should be appropriately increased.

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5.2.2 Stall Speeds

Stall Speeds in km/h (kts) - Indicated Air Speed:-

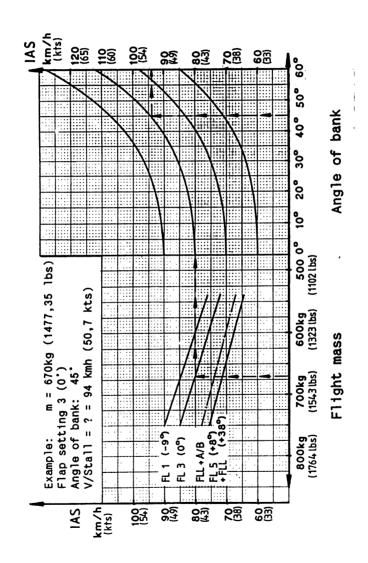
	All-	Up Weight kg (It	os)
Flap Setting	540 kg	630 kg	750 kg
	(1191 lb)	(1389 lb)	(1654 lb)
Flap 1	76 km/h	83 km/h	90 km/h
·	(41 kts)	(44.8 kts)	(48.6 kts)
Flap 2	75 km/h	81 km/h	88 km/h
	(40.5 kts)	(43.7 kts)	(47.5 kts)
Flap 3	72 km/h	78 km/h	85 km/h
·	(38.9 kts)	(42.1 kts)	(45.9 kts)
Flap 4	66 km/h	71 km/h	78 km/h
-	(35.6 kts)	(38.3 kts)	(42.1 kts)
Flap 5	65 km/h	70 km/h	76 km/h
•	(35.1 kts)	(37.8 kts)	(41 kts)
Flap L	64 km/h	69 km/h	75 km/h
•	(34.5 kts)	(37.2 kts)	(40.5 kts)
Flap L +	67 km/h	72 km/h	78 km/h
Airbrake	(36.2 kts)	(38.9 kts)	(42.1 kts)

- 1. The speeds indicated are valid for the aerodynamically clean aircraft. Wingtip extension with winglets fitted reduce the stall speeds by about 1 km/h (0.54 kts).
- 2. With C.G. aft, a stall warning in the form of horizontal tail buffeting will commence at about 5 % above stalling speed.
- 3. Extending the airbrakes increases the stalling speed in level flight by about 5 km/h = 2.7 kts.

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4. Lowering the landing gear does not affect the stalling speed.

Stalling Speed Diagrams



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When parking, carefully remove any remainders of provisions (chocolate, sweets &c), as experience shows this would attract small animal which could cause damage in and to the aircraft.

When parking for protracted periods - even in the hangar -and when transporting the aircraft the wing tip extensions with the winglets must be removed. Tie-down holes can be fitted only in the short detachable wing tips (must be expressly ordered).

(2) Road Transport

Messrs. Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. can supply dimensioned drawings of the ASH 25 which will provide all the measurements needed for building a closed trailer. We can also supply the names and addresses of reputable trailer manufacturers.

Above all, it is important to ensure that the wings are supported in properly shaped and fitted wing cradles, or at the very least, that the spar ends are securely supported as close as possible to the root ribs.

Reinforced points of the fuselage are the main wheel (but watch the suspension springing!) and tail wheel; also possibly the drag spar pins (make up support seatings from plastic material like Nylon!), and under the fuselage the area under the canopy arch.

For an aircraft of this quality and value, an open trailer, even with tarpaulin, cannot be recommended. Only a closed trailer of plastic or metal construction, or with heavy tarpaulin cover, may be considered suitable, which in any case should have light colored surfaces and be well ventilated also while stationary so as to avoid high internal temperatures or humidity.

Road transport with water ballast in the tanks is not permissible!

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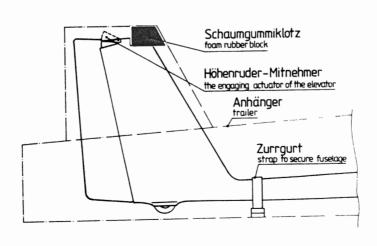
CAUTION:

transported in а glider trailer, When the elevator be taken that must care of the alider (on actuator engaging is not beina restrictthe fin) of required free movement ed in its any foam blocks inside the trailer.

for example such a foam rubber block is restrictmovina of the elevator engaging actuina the free rather lona road transports this may with this part. (See also the to а fatique crack on Drawing in Section 7 of the Maintenance Manual).

This cause must immediately be removed.

The drawing below shows how to cut and locate a foam useful to think it is also have rubber block. We order anchored trailer floor in to strap in the seof fuselagethe tail boom in front the fincure be sure that the elevator transition. In anv case Even free movina. with the actuator is engaging deflection eleupwards of the stick full back, full vator engaging actuator must be possible.



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1.1 Introduction

This Maintenance Manual has been compiled because the safety and airworthiness of an aircraft depends to a large measure also on the careful maintenance of all its components. Its airworthiness can be assured only if the ASH 25 is maintained and operated in the manner laid down in the Manuals.

1.2 Description of the Aircraft

Two-seater mid-wing sailplane with camber-changing flaps, T-tail unit, retractable landing gear and provision for water ballast. The double-paddle dive brakes with spring loaded sealing caps extend on the top surface only.

1.2.1 Wings

4-part wing with CFRP/hard foam sandwich surface. The I-section-spar consists of carbon fiber caps with GRP/hard foam web The wings are assembled in the fuselage by means of a tongue-and-fork joint and two cylindrical main pins. The wing-to-wing connection at 3.8 m span is achieved by inserting the spar stub of the outer wing into the spar socket of the inner wing and securing by means of a cylindrical sliding pin which rotates to lock.

The wingtip extensions with winglets or the short wing tips respectively are secured by means of spring-loaded pins. The aileron connection to the wingtip extension is provided by overlapping at the aileron.

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1.2.2 Fuselage

The fuselage shell construction employs hybrid materials technology. The mixture of carbon and aramid fibers provides a light, rigid structure capable of protecting the pilot even in the case of an accident. The additional stiffening in the cockpit area further increases pilot safety.

The fin is made up from GRP/hard foam sandwich, so as not to impede signal transmission from the VHF radio aerial.

1.2.3 Tail Unit, Control Surfaces, and Flaps

The stabilizer of the horizontal T-tail unit is of CFRP/hard foam sandwich construction. Control surfaces and flaps are of SRP/hard foam sandwich construction.

SRP = \underline{S} ynthetic fiber \underline{R} einforced \underline{P} lastics

1.3 Primary and Secondary Structures

Primary structures include:

- wing spars and root ribs
- wing shells
- fuselage tail boom from wing mounting area to fin
- fin and horizontal stabilizer
- all rigging fittings and control linkage parts

Secondary structures are:

- control surfaces and flaps
- fuselage in the cockpit area

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Wings				
Span	25.00 s		25.60 84	
Wing area	16.31 175.50	- 1	16.46 177.20	
Aspect Ratio	38.32		39.82	
Dihedral (spar top su Sweepback (both inner (outboard w (wingtip ex Winglet height	wing tapers) wing taper)	+0.8 °	+4.45 0.35 (1.15	m
Winglet area			0.05	m²
Winglet aspect ratio Winglet sweepback (le	eading edge)		2.45 52	•
Flap settings	- <u>·</u>	9 °, -5 6 °, +8	°, 0 °	°,
Airfoil sections	HQ17 (14,38 % DU 84-132V3 at	wing to	ip,	d
Fuselage	DU 86-084/18 a	t wingle	€.	
Length Height at T-tail with Cockpit width Cockpit height	n tail wheel	9.00 m 1.70 m 0.705 m 0.98 m	(5.5 (2.3	ft) ft)
Fin				
Height over tail boom Surface area Airfoil Section		1.705 m	(18.3	5 sqft)
Rudder				
Chord ratio Surface area		31 % 0.512 m	²(5.51	sqft)
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Tailplane

Span	3.125 m	(10.25 ft)
Surface area	1.27 m ²	(13.67 ft ²)
Aspect ratio	7.69	

Airfoil Section Wortmann FX 71-L150/30 with 12 % thickness

Elevator

Chord ratio 30 % Surface area 0.381 m^2 (4.10 ft²)

<u>Airbrake Paddles</u> (Schempp-Hirth - top sfce.only)

Length 1.20 m (3.94 ft)
Surface area (both together) 0.336 m² (3.62 ft²)
Height 0.15 m (0.49 ft)

<u>Masses (Weights)</u>

Empty mass approx. 470 kg (1037 lbs)

Max. cockpit load 195 kg (430 lbs)

Max. mass of non-lifting
parts 390 kg (860 lbs)

Max. all-up mass 750 kg (1654 lbs)

Wing loading 33.1 - 46.0 kg/m²
(6.75 - 9.42 lbs/ft²)

Ground Transport

The wings may be supported at the spar stubs, root ribs and wing tips. The wingtip-extension with winglet must be de-rigged previously and the detachable short wingtip must be assembled!

NOTE: Do not carry the wings by the protruding ends of control rods!

2.10 Tow Release Couplings

The tow release coupling fitted at the C.G. is model TOST "Europa G 73" (Data Sheet No: 60.230/2). Model TOST "Europa G 72" or "Europa G 88" may be used as replacements.

The release coupling fitted for aero-tow use is model TOST "Bugkupplung E 85" (Data Sheet No: 60.230/1). Tow release couplings of model TOST "Bugkupplung E 75" or "Bugkupplung E 72" may be fitted as replacements.

When replacing tow release couplings, care should be taken to use again bolts of strength grade 12.9.

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3. Rigging Angles and Deflections of Control Surfaces and Flaps

Wing Incidence to horizontal tailplane chord +3.5 °

to fuselage tail boom axis +3 °

to wing chord -3.5 °

Horizontal Tailplane Incidence to fuselage tail boom axis -0.5 °

 $MPE = \underline{M}ess\underline{P}unkt\underline{E}ntfernung$ zur Drehachse = Distance from Measuring Point to Pivot Axis.

	MPE mm (in)	Deflection ± mm (in)	Tolerance mm (in)
Rudder	445 (17.5)	± 215 (8.5) L and R	± 15 (0.6)
Elevator	161 (6.34)	-61 (2.4) up +47 (1.9) down	± 6 (0.24) up ± 6 (0.24) down

To measure the Center Section Flap deflection, stand a wood strip on the floor so as to touch its trailing edge at the inboard end of the flap and clamp it to a trestle to fix it in position. Now center the control column, engage flap setting 3 and mark the neutral position of the flap on the wood strip. This mark shall serve as reference point for measuring the Center Section Flap deflections.

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For measuring the control surface deflections at the wing, the wingtip-extension with winglet must first be exchanged for the detachable short wing tip.

Maximum Permissible Control Surface Play

The maximum permissible tolerance of control surface play may be measured from the same measuring points used for measuring control surface deflections. The cockpit controls should be immobilized for this purpose.

	MPE		Max. permissibl play	
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	mm	(in)	mm	(in)
Rudder	445	(17.5)	5.0	(0.20)
Elevator	161	(6.34)	3.0	(0.12)
Aileron	72	(2.83)	1.5	(0.06)
Center section flap	142	(5.60)	2.5	(0.10)
Flap	151	(5.94)	2.5	(0.10)

The aileron connection to the wingtip extension must be without any play!

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5.1 Introduction

If control surfaces or flaps have been repaired or re-finished, it is essential to check whether their mass (weight) and tailheavy moment are still within the permissible limits. If it is found that these limits are exceeded, contact Messrs. Schleicher direct.

Further, the distribution of the mass (weight) balance over the span of control surfaces or flaps must be maintained. If it is found that repairs alter the local tailheavy moment, the original tailheavy moment must be regained by fitting any additional mass (weight) balance weight in the same location where the moment has been altered due to the repair.

5.2 <u>Table of Control Surface Masses (weight) and</u> <u>Tailheavy Moments</u>

The permissible masses (weight) of control surfaces and flaps, and their tailheavy moments are:

	Mass (v	weight)	Moment	
	kg	(lb)	kgcm	(inlb)
Rudder	7.18-9.23	15.83-20.35	8.48-16.53	7.36-14.35
Elevator & Actuator	2.16-2.76	4.76-6.09	6.86-9.10	5.95-7.90
Aileron	2.11-2.71	4.65-5.98	3.41-4.63	2.96-4.02
Center wing flap	3.88-4.98	8.56-10.98	6.13-8.68	5.32-7.53
Flap	3.61-4.65	7.96-10.25	6.30-8.88	5.47-7.71
Aileron of the wing tip extension	0.14-0.19	0.31-0.42	0.26-0.35	0.23-0.30

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The plastic push rod in the fin forms part of the elevator mass balance. It must not weigh less than 0.29 kg (0.64 lb).

When determining tailheavy control surface moments, care must be taken that the pivot points are as free from friction as possible. When dismantled from the aircraft, the longer surfaces like flaps or ailerons can warp forwards or backwards as viewed from the trailing edge, due to temperature changes.

This will of course materially distort the results. The suspension points for these components must be chosen so as to minimise this distortion. If, for example, a control surface is warped forwards, the suspension points should be located far enough outwards from the center so as more or less to compensate the spacing to the mass balance weight in the leading edge of the control surface. See also Figs. 5.2-1 and 5.2-2.

6.1 Introduction

This Section describes the procedures for determining the empty mass (weight) and the empty mass (weight) moment of the sailplane. In addition, procedures for determining the Center of Gravity are provided.

A list of equipment fitted will be included in the most recent and currently valid aircraft inspection report.

As the C.G. position is of vital importance for safe flight, the limits laid down must on no account be exceeded.

Comparing both span versions of the ASH 25, the 25-metre version is more critical with regard to the in flight C.G. position! The additional weight of the wingtip extension with winglet is right within the permissible in flight C.G. range and, therefore, does not change this beyond the limits.

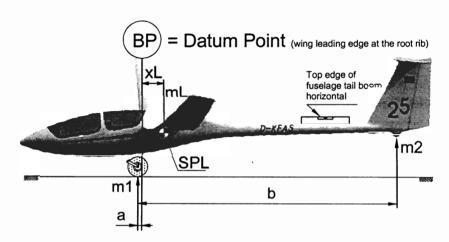
It is especially important after repairs, refinishing and the fitting of additional equipment to ensure that the empty mass (weight) C.G. remains within permissible limits. If this cannot be proved by calculation, the aircraft must be re-weighed.

6.2 Weighing Procedure

The Datum (Reference) Point (German: BezugsPunkt = BP) for weighing and calculating the C.G. is the wing leading edge at the root rib.

For weighing the aircraft is supported so that the top edge of the tail boom is horizontal. The weighing is best done on two scales.

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Formula:

$$x_L = \frac{m_2 * b}{m_L} - a$$
 aft of datum (BP)
 $m_L = m_1 + m_2$

The aircraft must be prepared for weighing as follows:

- 1. Landing gear extended and flaps in flap setting 3
- 2. Flight instruments fitted and canopies closed
- 3. Seat cushions or equivalent in place
- 4. Aircraft log book and Flight Manual in place
- 5. Without trim ballast (battery) in fin, if supplied
- Without removable trim weights in cockpit, if supplied
- 7. Without parachutes
- 8. Oxygen bottles removed
- 9. 25m span without the wing tip extensions fitted

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- 15. The water ballast bags and valves must be checked for leaks and proper operation (see Section 2.6).
- 16. The wing bending frequency should be measured in the 25 m span version and compared with that shown in the currently valid inspection report. For this test the fuselage must be rigidly supported in two supports in order to obtain comparable values. For the positions of these supports, see Fig. 3.0-1!
- 17. Compare equipment and instrumentation with that shown in the aircraft's equipment list.
- 18. After repairs or changes to equipment fitted, the empty mass (weight) and C.G. position should be re-determined by calculation or weighing, and recorded in the Mass and Balance Form.
- 19. Remove rudder and examine rudder cable pulley.
- 20. Check all control surface and flap gaps for correct sealing. It is important that the proper sealing of the gap under the elastic fairing strip is ensured by the Teflon tape. This is especially important at the lower wing surface and the top surface of the tailplane. Air flow through the flap or control surface gap can initiate flutter!
- 21. The elastic fairing strip at the upper and lower wing surface gaps and at the horizontal tailplane top surface must have a good, lightly tensioned seating on the surfaces of controls and flaps. Raised strip edges impair performance. Further details on points 20 and 21 are given in the Appendix of this manual, in Maintenance Instruction A.

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7.1. Special Inspection Procedures

After Hard Landings

- 1. Check landing gear mountings at front main bulkhead!
- Check landing gear trailing arms, as well as toggle strut, H and Z struts for distortion!
- 3. Are the rubber buffers in the L/G springing still serviceable?
- 4. Examine spar fork and tongue for white areas!
- 5. Inspect wing mounting drag pins on fuselage !
- 6. Check drag spar tubes and bulkheads in the fuselage!
- 7. Re-establish wing bending frequency and compare with the value shown in the last inspection report! If they differ by more than 5 %, contact Messrs. Schleicher! For correct fuselage support positions see Fig.3.0-1.

After Groundloops

- Inspect fuselage-to-fin junction and tailplane mountings!
- 2. Check wing mounting drag pins on fuselage!
- 3. Inspect drag spar tubes and bulkheads in fuselage!
- 4. Examine horizontal partition in fuselage (between front and rear main bulkhead) !

After Flying with Water Ballast

After de-rigging the aircraft, briefly raise the outboard ends of the wings and check whether water originating from the ballast bags accumulates behind the root ribs.

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8. <u>Lubrication Scheme</u>

Ball Bearings

The grooved ball races used are permanently grease packed and sealed; no further lubrication is required.

The 14 C 6 swivelling rose bearings in the pushrods and the dural bell cranks are pre-greased and protected by felt seals, and these also are maintenance-free over a long period.

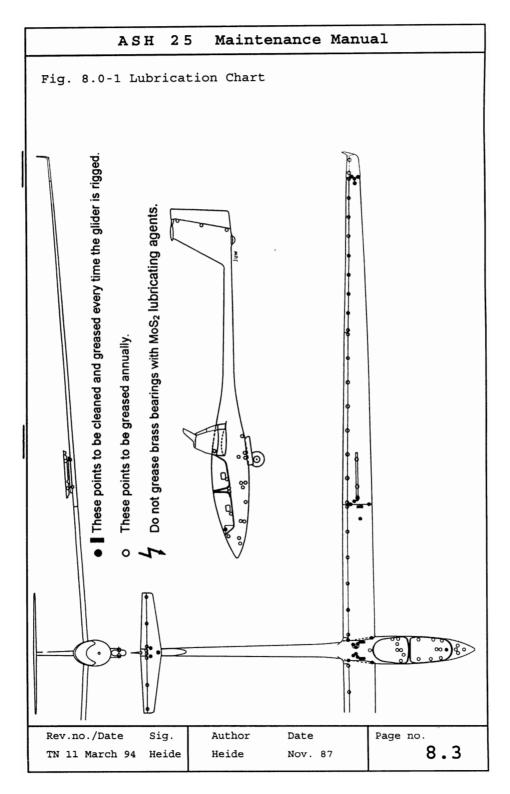
The same applies to the ball bearings of the push rod guides.

The canopy locks, especially the front canopy jettison release, must be kept well greased.

Dirty tow release couplings are best cleaned with compressed air and paintbrush while repeatedly moving their mechanisms; they may then be re-lubricated with aerosol oil or similar.

Greases and oils based on MoS₂ are <u>not</u> suitable for bearings incorporating brass, bronze or copper parts, but are very good for steel/steel bearings and roller bearings.

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Segelflugzeugbau A. Schleicher GmbH & Co. Poppenhausen Model: ASH 25 Serial-No .: DATA and LOADING PLACARD Empty Mass (Weight): Max. Mass (Weight): 750 kg 1654 lbs Min. Front Seat Load Solo: kg lbs Max. Front Seat Load: lbs kg Max. Rear Seat Load: kg lbs Max. Total Combined Seat Load: kg lbs MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEEDS: 130 km/h 70 kts Winch Launch W/L: Aerotow A/T: 180 km/h 97 kts Operating Landing Gear: 180 km/h 97 kts Maneuvering Speed: 180 km/h Weak Link for A/T and W/L 750 to 900 daN 1685 to 2023 lbs 3,4 bis 3,6 bar (48 to 51 psi) Tire Pressure Main Wheel: 2,4 bis 2,6 bar (34 to 37 psi) Tail Wheel:

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Baggage compartment load (33 lbs)

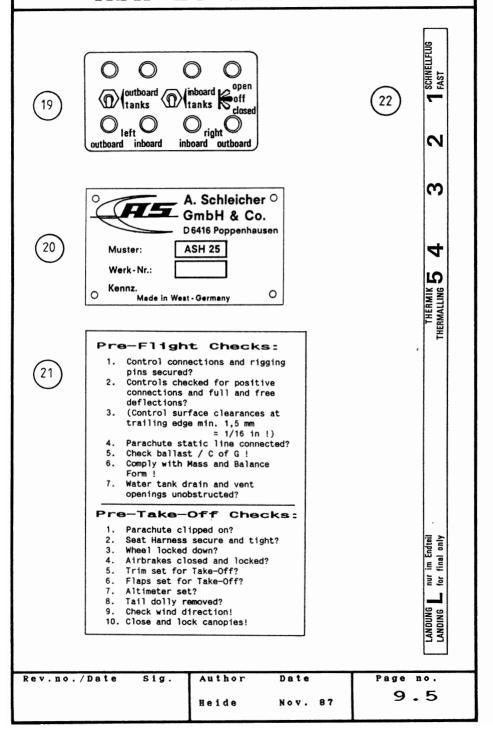
FILL CUTBOARD TANKS FIRST

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These two placards are located on the inboard wing panels behind the water ballast filler openings

FILL OUTBOARD TANKS FIRST

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Dittel	FSG 70	10.911/81	-	-
Dittel	FSG 71 M	10.911/81	-	-
Becker	AR 2008/25	10.911/48	-	-
Becker	AR 2009/25	10.911/48	-	-
Becker	AR 3201			
	AR 3201-1			
	AR 3201-3	10.911/76	-	-
	NAV 3301	10.922/78	-	-
Avionic				
Dittel	ATR 720 A			
	ATR 720 B			
	ATR 720 C	10.911/70	-	-

12.4 Special Tools

Supplied with the aircraft are:

- a) Special Allen Key for rigging tailplane.
- b) Airbrake actuating rod (for locking airbrake paddles during transport).
- c) T-handle for operating wing/wing rigging pin.

Special tool not supplied:

d) Caliper Face Spanner - e.g: Gedore No.44/7" (for water ballast valves).

12.3 Supply Sources for Special Tools

Special tools under a) to c) can be obtained from Messrs. Schleicher only.

The caliper face spanner d) is available from all good tool shops, but can also be obtained from Messrs. Schleicher.

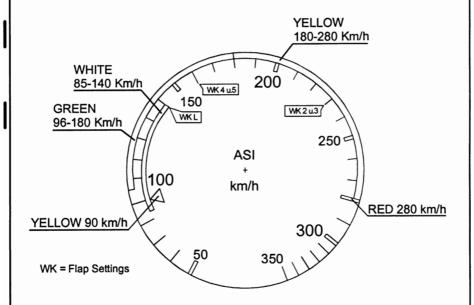
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12.4 <u>List of Maintenance Documents for Fitted</u> Equipment

a) Operating Manual for the Tow Release Coupling, Series: Safety Tow Release "Europa G 72" and Safety Tow Release "Europa G 73", issue January 1989, LBA approved.

For above tow release couplings: manufacturer TOST Flugzeuggerätebau Munich.

12.5 Air Speed Indicator Markings



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