

Midland Gliding Club

Covid-19

Recommended Cleaning and Sanitisation Regimes for Pilots and Ground Crew.

Cleaning and Sanitisation.

To limit the chance of spreading infection and to protect Club staff and members, all surfaces which are touched by different people need to be cleaned regularly with appropriate products.

During each flying session, members will be responsible for cleaning aircraft, winches, vehicles and the various pieces of equipment involved in the operation.

The recommended cleaning materials and products will be made available at 'cleaning stations' in various locations. These should be used only in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.

Please note that at present, the supply of many of these products is limited so please avoid excessive use or waste. DO NOT remove cleaning materials or products from the 'cleaning stations'.

Hand sanitiser will also be provided at all cleaning stations.

PLEASE follow the cleaning regimes shown below carefully.

Use of Cleaning materials and products.

Products and materials must only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

CoSHH information and safety data sheets can be made available on request. For further information, e-mail secretary@midlandgliding.club.

Items and areas should be cleaned by a "surface wipe" using anti-viral wipes or anti-viral spray and a cloth. When using anti-viral spray, spray the liquid onto the cloth and then wipe the item to be cleaned. DO NOT spray the item and then wipe.

Used cloths or wipes MUST be disposed of in the receptacle provided.

(Note: Please keep in mind that at present, there are shortages of many of the cleaning products required for these tasks. Whilst it is important to ensure that you clean all items thoroughly, please avoid excessive use or waste wherever possible).

In the Hangar

Wherever possible one member should have sole responsibility for:

- Disconnecting and taking down the electric fence;
- Opening and closing the hangar door;
- Operating light switches;
- Operating hoist controls;
- Handling the lifting jack and trolleys.

PLEASE ensure that all of the above, together with any other items used, are cleaned as described above.

Gliders

When the daily inspection is carried out and at each change of pilot, the following areas should be cleaned as described above:

- canopy latches & frame,
- flight controls & cable release,
- seat & pedal adjustment mechanisms,
- any areas of the panel handled or in contact with occupants clothing,
- air vents & DV panel scoop,
- battery connection & all electrical switches.

The person(s) carrying out Daily Inspections should use disposable gloves. Gloves should be changed before moving onto another aircraft.

Note: The person holding the control surfaces during positive control checks is handling areas not normally touched and so may not need to change gloves between aircraft unless they have handled a high use surface between aircraft.

Wing tips, wing leading edges (where handled), nose cone & tail handles used for ground handling should be cleaned before any change of personnel handling the aircraft even when gloves have been worn.

Parachutes

At each change of pilot and at the end of the flying day, the following parts should be cleaned, as described above:

- Buckles;
- Catches;
- D ring;
- Bag zip/ handles

Retrieve Winches

At the end of each driver's session and at the end of the flying day, the following areas and items should be cleaned, as described above:

- Battery charger lead & mains socket switch
- Master electrical switch
- Bonnet & drum cover catches/handles
- Ignition switch, control levers & buttons
- Radio facia & mic
- Seat
- Parking brake lever
- Hitch lock
- Electrical connection socket for cage mounted signal lamp
- Windsack & pole
- Wedges
- All equipment in the tray area including, aircraft seat backs, ballast weights, weak links
Tiedown kit, tools, cone & distance cord, gas filling nozzle & logbook cover
- Safety cage – all areas subject to handling including, electrical connecting plug & lamp adjustment mechanism

Airfield Vehicles

At the end of each driver's session and at the end of the flying day, the following items and areas **MUST** be cleaned as described above:

- Battery charger lead & main socket switch
- Exterior & interior door handles
- Steering wheel, hand brake & gear leavers
- Driver seat & trim in contact with drivers clothing
- Radio fascia & mic
- Tailgate catches
- Gas filling nozzle