

Ballasted Polar:

with the well known equation for lift:

$$mg = \frac{1}{2} \rho S V^2 C_a \quad (1)$$

and

$$o = m_b / m \quad (2)$$

o = ballast overload

m_b = ballasted mass

m = unballasted mass as from reference polar

we solve eq. (1) for V

$$V = \sqrt{m g / \frac{1}{2} \rho S C_a}$$

as we can consider everything except mass m as constant in the above expression we can conclude:

$$V_b / V = \sqrt{m_b / m} \quad (2)$$

or

$$V = V_b / \sqrt{o} \quad (3)$$

with the second order approximation for sink:

$$\text{Sink}(V) = a_0 + a_1 V + a_2 V^2 \quad (4)$$

and (3) in (4), we get for the ballasted sink:

$$\text{Sink}_b(V_b) = a_0 + a_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{o}} V_b + a_2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{o}} V_b \right)^2$$

or simplified for direct coefficient modulation:

$$\text{Sink}_b(V_b) = a_0 + (a_1 / \sqrt{o}) V_b + (a_2 / o) V_b^2$$

A quick check of the new formula using polar of Nimbus 2 might explain my creepy suspicions flying bit too slow with my watered glider:

FB	S2F (old formula)	S2F (new formula)
30	125	125
35	133	135
40	140	144
45	147	153
50	153	162