Diamond DA40 XLS (GFC700, A.C.)

Initial

Check performance:
Weather and Density Altitude
Weight and Balance
Flight Plan — File as req.
Papers (AROW, VOR) — Check
Fire Extinguisher — Check
Remove and stow:
Control lock

Pitot cover Cowl plugs

Tie-downs
Chocks

G1000 SD Cards — Check Master — On

Flaps — Set to T/O, then LDG Pedals — Adjust

Hobbs & Tach — Check vs. log Lights — Test int., ext. Pitot Heat — Test for IFR

Fuel Gauges — Check level Master — Off

Exterior

Check quantity and quality:
Fuel — Sump and measure
Oil — Check (4-8 qt, ideal 6 qt)
Check for damage and debris:
Intakes/Caps/Drains/Vents
Propeller and Spinner
Exhaust
Canopy
Stall Orifice
Surfaces and Controls
Pitot and Static Ports
Gear/Tires/Brakes
Antennas

Interior

Final walk around — Complete

Passengers:
Briefing — Complete
Headsets — Connect
Seatbelts — On
ELT — Set to ARM
Circuit Breakers — Check
Front Canopy — Close
Rear Door — Close
Fuel — Set to fullest tank
Brakes — Check

Pre-Engine Start

Electrical — Check all off
Propeller — Set to high RPM
Mixture — Set to idle cutoff
Master — On
Flaps — Up
Transponder — Select VFR
MFD — Select "Engine" Page
Fuel Totalizer — Set
Prop — Clear

Engine Start

If engine is cold...
Throttle — Open halfway
Fuel Pump — On
Mixture — Set to rich for 3-5s
Throttle — Open slightly

If engine is hot...
Throttle — Open slightly

Fuel Pump — On Mixture — Set to rich for 3s

Ignition — Turn to start Mixture — Set to rich Throttle — Set to 1000 RPM

Oil Pressure — Check Voltage — Check Annunciators — Check

Fuel Pump — Off

Avionics Master — On

Mixture — Lean for ground ops

Pre-Taxi / Taxi

Intercom — Test w/ passengers
Radio — Test at un-towered field
Autopilot — Test
Position + Taxi Light — On
ATIS / AWOS — Listen and note
Altimeters — Set and check
Clearance — Request as req.
Transponder — Set code
Radio — Set departure freq.

Radio — Ready to taxi
Mixture — Richen slightly for taxi
Brakes — Test
Check instruments:

Check instruments:

Altimeters — Correct

HSI and Compass — Correct

Airspeeds — Zero

Run-up

Brakes - Set Trim - Set to T/O Flight Controls - Free & Correct Alt. Induction Air — Test. Close Alt. Static Air - Test. Close Annunciations — None exc. Pitot Fuel Tank — Switch Fuel Pump — On Mixture - Set to best power Throttle - Set to 2000 RPM Propeller - Cycle 3 times: RPM Decrease Manifold Pressure Increase Oil Pressure Decrease Ignition — Test L & R Magnetos Alternator Load — Check Fuel/Oil Pressure - Check Oil Temperature — Check Throttle - Test Idle Throttle Friction — Check/Set

Pre-takeoff

VOR Check — Current for IFR FMS Flight Plan — Activated CDI Nav Source — Set as req. Transponder — Check code Front Canopy — Locked Rear Door — Locked Air Conditioning — Off as req. Radio — Ready for departure

Turn over for in-flight checklists



Securing

Transponder — Set to VFR
Throttle — Set to 1000 RPM
Hobbs/Tach & Fuel — Note
Lights — Off
Avionics Master — Off
Ignition — Check ground as req.
Mixture — Lean to cutoff
Ignition — Off
Pilot Pedals — Adjust for lock
Master — Off
Control Lock, Covers — Install

Tie-downs — Install

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Takeoff

Time — Note
Landing + Strobe Light — On
Flaps — Set to T/O
Fuel Pump — On
Pitot Heat — On
Mixture — Set as req. for alt.
Throttle — Set to full
RPM — Check ≤2700 RPM
Oil Pressure — Check
Brakes — Release
Rotate at 60 KIAS
Initial climb at 67 KIAS

Climb

Fuel Pump - Off >1,000' AGL

Flaps — Up at safe altitude

Continue climb at 67+ KIAS

Cruise climb at 75-85 KIAS
Landing + Taxi Light — Off
Mixture — Lean as req. for alt.
Oil Temperature — Check
CHT — Check
Fuel Pump — On >10,000' MSL

Cruise

Propeller — Set to 2450 RPM Fuel Pump — Off once stable Mixture — Lean for alt. Fuel Tank — Switch as req.

Descent

Fuel Tank — Set to fullest tank
Fuel Pump — Off <10,000' MSL
Mixture — Set richer as req.
ATIS / AWOS — Listen and note
Altimeters — Set for destination
Radio — Call as req.

Constant Airspeed

AS — Maintain ≈130 KIAS VS — Maintain ≈500 fpm Propeller — Set to 2200 RPM Throttle — Set to 15" or as req.

Low Airspeed (Steep)

AS — Maintain ≈80 KIAS VS — Maintain ≈500 fpm Propeller — Set to 1800 RPM Throttle — Set to 10" or as req

High Airspeed (Shallow)

AS — Maintain <178 KIAS
VS — Maintain as req.
Propeller — Set to 2450 RPM
Throttle — Set to full or as req.

Pre-landing

Seatbelts - On

Landing + Taxi Light — On
Fuel Pump — On
Mixture — Set for alt.
Flaps — Set to T/O at 108 KIAS
Flaps — Set to LDG at 91 KIAS
Air Conditioning — Off as reg.

Landing

Approach at 73 KIAS Land at 60-65 KIAS

Go Around

Mixture — Set richer as req. Propeller — Set to high RPM Throttle — Set to full Flaps — Set to T/O Initial climb at 67 KIAS Flaps — Up at safe altitude

After Landing

Flaps — Up
Pitot Heat — Off
Fuel Pump — Off
Landing + Strobe Light — Off
Mixture — Lean for ground ops
Trim — Set to T/O
Air Conditioning — On as req.

Ground Speed (kt)

		65	70	75	80	85	90
Rate (ft/NM)	200	217	233	250	267	283	300
	250	271	292	313	333	354	375
	300	325	350	375	400	425	450
	350	379	408	438	467	496	525
	400	433	467	500	533	567	600
	450	488	525	563	600	638	675
	500	542	583	625	667	708	750
	550	596	642	688	733	779	825
	600	650	700	750	800	850	900
	650	704	758	813	867	921	975
	700	758	817	875	933	992	1050
	750	813	875	938	1000	1063	1125
	800	867	933	1000	1067	1133	1200

V-Speeds (KIAS)								
VR	59	T/O flaps						
Vx/V _Y	67	T/O flaps						
Vs	53	no flaps						
Vs ₀	52	LDG flaps						
VA	111							
Vno	129							
VNE	178							
VFE	91	T/O flaps						
VFE	108	LDG flaps						