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Perform the designated flight paths around objects with omni bucket stands. Each flight path includes a sequence of alignments with one or more buckets. While aligned with each bucket, control camera zoom and exposure to capture a SINGLE IMAGE of the inscribed ring and IDENTIFY TARGETS inside each bucket or in view nearby. Identify other objects of interest within the scenario at the same time.

- Score ALIGNMENT POINTS after the trial from images with UNBROKEN RINGS (5 pts) or BROKEN RINGS (1 pt).
- Score ACUITY POINTS by calling out the 5 increasingly small VISUAL ACUITY TARGET GAPS (1 pt each).
- Land CENTERED (5 pts) with the aircraft center inside the designated 60 cm (24 inch) diameter circle, or OFFSET (1 pt) with at least one propeller motor inside the circle.
- Start timer at launch and end after the last task is completed. Trial time limits are typically 5 minutes each (25 minutes to complete all 5 tests) although organizations may set their own trial time limits and passing scores.
- Extreme deviations from the intended flight path, or contact with any object, ends the trial to ensure safety.

## **Open Area Search Scenarios**

Day and Night Trials

## OPEN AREA SEARCH SCENARIO 40 FT 30 FT PILOTS PILOTS

- Teams concurrently fly separate objectives set up at safe distances and/or altitudes apart (with a clearly designated and safe return path).
- Each pilot flies for 15 minutes across 3 different objectives for 5 minutes each. Teams move as necessary to maintain sight lines and communication.
- Scenarios restart with a different rotation of Pilot, Proctor, and VO.

## **Open Vehicle Identification Scenarios**

Day and Night Trials





