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NOVA MENTOR3 XXS

Type designation	NOVA Mentor3 XXS
Type test reference no	DHV GS-01-2030-13
Holder of certification	NOVA Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H.
Manufacturer	NOVA Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H.
Classification	B
Winch towing	Yes
Number of seats min / max	1 / 1
Accelerator	Yes
Trimmers	No

	BEHAVIOUR AT MIN WEIGHT IN FLIGHT (60KG)	BEHAVIOUR AT MAX WEIGHT IN FLIGHT (80KG)
Test pilots	 Gudrun Öchsl	 Beni Stocker
Inflation/take-off	**A**	**A**
Rising behaviour	Smooth, easy and constant rising	Smooth, easy and constant rising
Special take off technique required	No	No
Landing	**A**	**A**
Special landing technique required	No	No
Speeds in straight flight	**A**	**A**
Trim speed more than 30 km/h	Yes	Yes
Speed range using the controls larger than 10 km/h	Yes	Yes
Minimum speed	Less than 25 km/h	Less than 25 km/h
Control movement	**A**	**A**
Symmetric control pressure	Increasing	Increasing
Symmetric control travel	Greater than 55 cm	Greater than 60 cm
Pitch stability exiting accelerated flight	**A**	**A**
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward less than 30°	Dive forward less than 30°
Collapse occurs	No	No
Pitch stability operating controls during accelerated flight	**A**	**A**
Collapse occurs	No	No
Roll stability and damping	**A**	**A**
Oscillations	Reducing	Reducing
Stability in gentle spirals	**A**	**A**
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	Spontaneous exit
Behaviour in a steeply banked turn	**B**	**B**
Sink rate after two turns	More than 14 m/s	More than 14 m/s
Symmetric front collapse	**A**	**A**
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	Rocking back less than 45°
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in less than 3 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 0° to 30°
Change of course	Entering a turn of less than 90°	Entering a turn of less than 90°
Cascade occurs	No	No

Symmetric front collapse in accelerated flight	A	B
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	Rocking back less than 45°
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 30° to 60°
Change of course	Keeping course	Entering a turn of less than 90°
Cascade occurs	No	No

Exiting deep stall (parachutal stall)	A	A
Deep stall achieved	Yes	Yes
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in less than 3 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 0° to 30°
Change of course	Changing course less than 45°	Changing course less than 45°
Cascade occurs	No	No

High angle of attack recovery	A	A
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in less than 3 s
Cascade occurs	No	No

Recovery from a developed full stall	B	B
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 30° to 60°	Dive forward 30° to 60°
Collapse	No collapse	No collapse
Cascade occurs (other than collapses)	No	No
Rocking back	Less than 45°	Less than 45°
Line tension	Most lines tight	Most lines tight

Asymmetric collapse 45-50%	A	A
Change of course until re-inflation	Less than 90°	Less than 90°
Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Spontaneous re-inflation
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Less than 360°
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	No
Twist occurs	No	No
Cascade occurs	No	No

Asymmetric collapse 70-75%	B	B
Change of course until re-inflation	90° to 180°	90° to 180°
Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Spontaneous re-inflation
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Less than 360°
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	No
Twist occurs	No	No
Cascade occurs	No	No

Asymmetric collapse 45-50% in accelerated flight	A	A
Change of course until re-inflation	Less than 90°	Less than 90°
Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Spontaneous re-inflation
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Less than 360°
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	No
Twist occurs	No	No
Cascade occurs	No	No

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Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Spontaneous re-inflation
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Less than 360°
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	No
Twist occurs	No	No
Cascade occurs	No	No

Directional control with a maintained asymmetric collapse	A	A
Able to keep course	Yes	Yes

180° turn away from the collapsed side possible in 10 s	Yes	Yes
Amount of control range between turn and stall or spin	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel
Trim speed spin tendency	**A**	**A**
Spin occurs	No	No
Low speed spin tendency	**A**	**A**
Spin occurs	No	No
Recovery from a developed spin	**A**	**A**
Spin rotation angle after release	Stops spinning in less than 90°	Stops spinning in less than 90°
Cascade occurs	No	No
B-line stall	**A**	**A**
Change of course before release	Changing course less than 45°	Changing course less than 45°
Behaviour before release	Remains stable with straight span	Remains stable with straight span
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in less than 3 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 0° to 30°
Cascade occurs	No	No
Big ears	**A**	**A**
Entry procedure	Standard technique	Standard technique
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	Stable flight
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Spontaneous in less than 3 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 0° to 30°
Big ears in accelerated flight	**B**	**B**
Entry procedure	Standard technique	Standard technique
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	Stable flight
Recovery	Recovery through pilot action in less than a further 3 s	Recovery through pilot action in less than a further 3 s
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Dive forward 0° to 30°
Behaviour immediately after releasing the accelerator while maintaining big ears	Stable flight	Stable flight
Behaviour exiting a steep spiral	**A**	**A**
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	Spontaneous exit
Turn angle to recover normal flight	Less than 720°, spontaneous recovery	Less than 720°, spontaneous recovery
Sink rate when evaluating spiral stability [m/s]	14	14
Alternative means of directional control	**A**	**A**
180° turn achievable in 20 s	Yes	Yes
Stall or spin occurs	No	No

Any other flight procedure and/or configuration described in the user's manual

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