

# The Standard Overhead Join

Note: A lefthand 1000-foot circuit pattern is depicted



**CROSSWIND LEG**  
Watch for existing circuit traffic and adjust your path to sequence safely.

Watch for aircraft taking off, as they could pose a hazard.

Position to cross within the upwind threshold at circuit height

Begin letdown on dead side.

If unable to ascertain runway in use continue circling overhead. When circuit direction is ascertained call "Overhead, joining for runway..." (All turns must then be in the circuit direction.)

Call downwind

Live Side

Dead Side

FINAL

**DOWNWIND LEG**

Into-wind threshold

**BASE LEG**

Extended centreline

Make appropriate radio calls on base leg and final as required.

Correct circuit procedures assist you to see and be seen, thus reducing the risk of collision. An overhead join will always be preferable, especially if the aerodrome is unfamiliar.

Maintain 1000ft above circuit height and observe windsock and traffic. Keep aerodrome suitable distance on the left of the aircraft.

First radio call should be made 5-10 miles from the aerodrome and joining checks completed.

**JOINING PHASES**

- █ Joining
- █ Circuit letdown
- █ Circuit
- █ Departure