

TOTAL FUEL KNOWLEDGE

Of course, having and using fuel totalizer can help immensely on fuel questions—provided, you give it accurate information. Pushing the “Full” button (or your totalizer’s equivalent) out of habit may put you on the path to doubt if you didn’t actually witness the fill-up or didn’t fill the tanks as you told the totalizer.

Realizing the mistake later may not require a mandatory landing—but only if you can confirm the fuel amount added and know you’ll use less on the flight; keep that receipt in your pocket and you can confirm the amount. Then check the fuel consumed since engine start to confirm the second. Any conflict, question of doubt at this point warrants a precautionary landing at the earliest available airport.

Don’t have a totalizer? Can’t affirm the amount? Have any other unanswered question? Don’t fool around; put ‘er down ASAP, no question.

