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Brad,

This addresses three questions about intentional spins.

**In what airplane can I do them?**

Basically, if spins are not prohibited in the operating limitations, as expressed in placards, a POH, or a Flight Manual, they're legal to perform in that airplane.

**Where can I do them?**

91.303 spells out where you may not do aerobatics. Although the note at the end of 91.303 would appear to include spins as aerobatic maneuvers, the attached legal interpretation separates spins from aerobatics. So, there doesn't appear to be a prohibition against spins in particular classes of airspace.

**Am I required to wear a parachute?**

91.307(c) requires the wearing of a parachute when exceeding 60 degrees of bank or +/- 30 degrees of pitch. However, 91.307 (d)(2)(i) excepts "Spins and other flight maneuvers required by the regulations for any certificate or rating when given by— (i) A certificated flight instructor; or ..."

Then, AC 61-67C (attached, see page 14) clarifies that you don't have to be seeking a certificate or rating to be receiving this spin instruction from a CFI. The AC, in the next paragraph, also clarifies that you may perform these maneuvers solo without wearing a parachute.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
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