

FAAST FRAT FAQs

General:

Question: I don't carry a computer with me but I do have a mobile device. Why don't you offer the *FAAST FRAT* as an APP?

Answer: We are seeking funding to produce APP versions of the *FAAST FRAT*. We hope to be able to release APP versions sometime in 2016. In the meantime, the numbers spreadsheet will work on mobile devices that have the latest version of Apple Numbers installed. *FAAST FRAT* is not compatible with Microsoft Excel for MAC.

Question: I downloaded your *FAAST FRAT* APP on my mobile device but it doesn't work. What do I do now?

Answer: The *FAAST FRATs* are automated spreadsheets – not APPS. Please see the answer to the question above for more details.

Question: There are many more conditions that could be considered before Flight. Why are these conditions not addressed in your FRAT?

Answer: No FRAT can address all of the conditions and circumstances that could affect the safe outcome of every flight. We address 20 conditions for VFR Pilots (22 for IFR Pilots) that are common to every flight. You should also assess all conditions not covered by the FRAT that apply to your flights.

Question: I can't find a *reset button* on the spreadsheets. How do I reset statement risk values?

Answer: The condition statement buttons toggle on and off so just click the button to indicate whether or not the condition for your flight. That way you only have to address conditions that change between flights.

Microsoft Excel:

Question: I can download and open the *FAAST FRAT* Excel file but nothing happens when I click on the boxes next to each condition statement. How can I get it to work?

Answer: The automated spread sheet was created in Microsoft Excel Version Ver. 14.0.6129.5000. The automation will not function properly with previous versions of Excel and the spreadsheet may display fields of ##### instead of click boxes. Upgrading to the latest version of Excel should fix the problem.

Question: I have Microsoft Office on my Apple computer but the *FAAST FRAT* opens as “read only” and it doesn’t work.

Answer: You can open the Excel spreadsheet on Apple computers with Microsoft Excel software installed, but the automated features of the spreadsheet will not work. Future versions of MS Office for MAC may address this problem.

Apple Numbers:

Question: I don’t have Numbers on my computer. Why don’t you offer a MS Excel version for Apple computers?

Answer: You can open the Excel spreadsheet on Apple computers with Microsoft Excel for MAC software installed but the automated features of the spreadsheet will not work and the file will open as read only. Future versions of MS Office for MAC may address this problem but for now, *FAAST FRAT* is not compatible with Microsoft Excel for MAC.

Question: I have Numbers 9 on my computer but the *FAAST FRAT* for MAC won’t open.

Answer: *FAAST FRAT* for MAC only works with the latest version of Numbers (Ver. 3.5.3).

Question: When I click on the *FAAST FRAT* for Apple Numbers I have to open two documents in order to see a URL for the spreadsheet. When I click on that URL – nothing happens. Why don't you just link directly to the Numbers file?

Answer: Good question, and there are two parts to the answer. The FAASafety.gov website is designed to work with Microsoft files and cannot host Apple files directly. That's why we have to direct you to a different location to download the file.

Depending on which browser you're using; clicking on the URL may not take you directly to the location but if you cut and paste the URL into your browser you should be taken to the file.