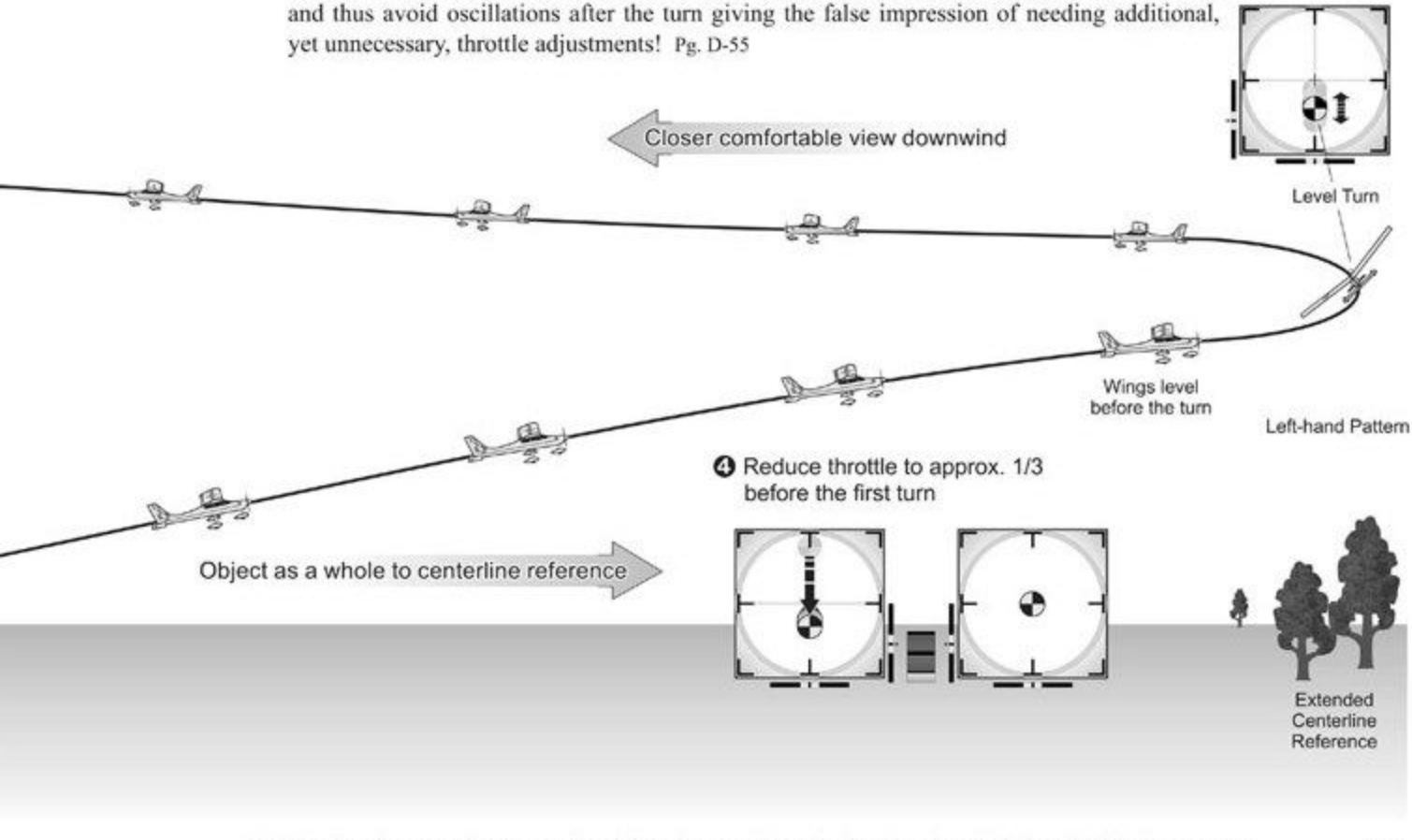
Takeoff: Taming the Plane and Entering the Pattern

If necessary, reposition the airplane as a whole back to the extended centerline when there is altitude to do so. When you reach a safe turning altitude, reduce the throttle below half (tame the plane) before the turn, and be certain to initiate the turn from wings level for best results.

IMPORTANT: Regardless of throttle position, adjust the elevator to keep the first turn level, and thus avoid oscillations after the turn giving the false impression of needing additional, yet unnecessary, throttle adjustments! Pg. D-55



KPTR: Set the stage for a more forgiving first turn by reducing the throttle below half before turning.