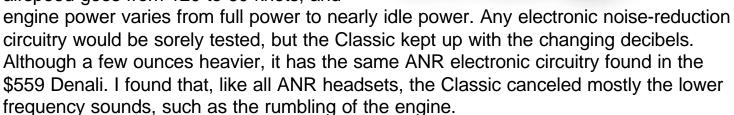
## Flightcom Classic ANR headset

their six, as the fighter pilots like to say. (In case you don't speak fighter pilot, that means be careful of who is behind you.) At \$389, the Flightcom Classic ANR (active noise reduction) headset appears to offer all

the advantages of comparable noise-canceling headsets costing twice as much.

I tested the Classic ANR, so named because of its more traditional design compared to Flightcom's Denali headset, rightside up and upside down. With the aid of another AOPA staff member, I tested the headset through the rapidly changing airstream and engine noise levels experienced in a Cessna Aerobat during a loop. The airspeed goes from 120 to 60 knots, and



The Classic was lighter than my more expensive personal headset and as comfortable, canceled noise just as well, and included features I wish mine had-like the drop-in nine-volt battery. Nine-volt batteries usually require a snap-on connection; with the Classic, just drop the battery into its case against two metal contacts. Close the inline compartment door and the battery is shoved against the contacts. You'll get 20 hours of continuous use from one nine-volt battery, says Flightcom. The battery box has indicators for power-on and low-battery conditions and a stereo/mono selection switch.

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