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# **PERFORMANCE - SPECIFICATIONS**

SPEED:	
Maximum at Sea Level	125 KNOTS
Cruise, 75% Power at 8000 Ft	122 KNOTS
CRUISE: Recommended lean mixture with fuel allowance for	r
engine start, taxi, takeoff, climb and 45 minutes	
reserve at 45% power.	
75% Power at 8000 Ft	485 NM
	4.1 HRS
40 Gallons Usable Fuel       Time         75% Power at 8000 Ft       Range	630 NM
50 Gallong Usable Fuel Time	5.3 HRS
Maximum Range at 10,000 Ft Range	575 NM
	5.7 HRS
40 Gallons Usable Fuel Time Maximum Range at 10,000 Ft	750 NM
50 Gallons Usable Fuel Time	
50 Gallons Usable Fuel Time RATE OF CLIMB AT SEA LEVEL	7.4 NRS
RATE OF CLIMB AT SEA LEVEL	770 FPM
SERVICE CEILING	14,200 F <sup>*</sup> I
TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE:	00 F 73 m
Ground Roll	805 FT
Total Distance Over 50-Ft Obstacle	1440 FT
LANDING PERFORMANCE:	
Ground Roll	520 FT
Total Distance Over 50-Ft Obstacle	1250 FT
STALL SPEED (CAS):	
Flaps Up, Power Off	50 KNOTS
Flaps Down, Power Off	44 KNOTS
MAXIMUM WEIGHT	2300 LBS
STANDARD EMPTY WEIGHT:	
Skyhawk	1393 LBS
Skyhawk II	1419 LBS
MAXIMUM USEFUL LOAD:	
Skyhawk	907 LBS
Skyhawk II	881 LBS
BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE	120 LBS
WING LOADING: Pounds/Sq Ft	
POWER LOADING: Pounds/HP	14 4
FUEL CAPACITY: Total	
Standard Tanks	43 GAL
Long Range Tanks	54 GAL
OIL CAPACITY	6 OTS
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ENGINE: Avco Lycoming	O-SEO-HZAD
160 BHP at 2700 RPM	75 TNI
PROPELLER: Fixed Pitch, Diameter	75 IN.

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SKYHAWK
1978 MODEL 172N

Serial No.\_\_\_\_

Registration No.\_\_\_\_\_

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#### SECTION 1 GENERAL



## INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains 9 sections, and includes the material required to be furnished to the pilot by CAR Part 3. It also contains supplemental data supplied by Cessna Aircraft Company.

Section 1 provides basic data and information of general interest. It also contains definitions or explanations of symbols, abbreviations, and terminology commonly used.

# **DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

#### ENGINE

Number of Engines: 1.

Engine Manufacturer: Avco Lycoming.

Engine Model Number: O-320-H2AD.

Engine Type: Normally-aspirated, direct-drive, air-cooled, horizontallyopposed, carburetor equipped, four-cylinder engine with 320 cu. in. displacement.

Horsepower Rating and Engine Speed: 160 rated BHP at 2700 RPM.

#### PROPELLER

Propeller Manufacturer: McCauley Accessory Division. Propeller Model Number: 1C160/DTM7557. Number of Blades: 2. Propeller Diameter, Maximum: 75 inches. Minimum: 74 inches. Propeller Type: Fixed pitch.

## FUEL

Approved Fuel Grades (and Colors): 100LL Grade Aviation Fuel (Blue). 100 (Formerly 100/130) Grade Aviation Fuel (Green).

#### SECTION 1 GENERAL

Fuel Capacity:

Standard Tanks: Total Capacity: 43 gallons. Total Capacity Each Tank: 21.5 gallons. Total Usable: 40 gallons.

Long Range Tanks:

Total Capacity: 54 gallons. Total Capacity Each Tank: 27 gallons. Total Usable: 50 gallons.

#### NOTE

To ensure maximum fuel capacity when refueling, place the fuel selector valve in either LEFT or RIGHT position to prevent cross-feeding.

#### OIL

Oil Grade (Specification):

MIL-L-6082 Aviation Grade Straight Mineral Oil: Use to replenish supply during first 25 hours and at the first 25-hour oil change. Continue to use until a total of 50 hours has accumulated or oil consumption has stabilized.

#### NOTE

The airplane was delivered from the factory with a corrosion preventive aircraft engine oil. This oil should be drained after the first 25 hours of operation.

MIL-L-22851 Ashless Dispersant Oil: This oil **must be used** after first 50 hours or consumption has stabilized.

Recommended Viscosity for Temperature Range;

MIL-L-6082 Aviation Grade Straight Mineral Oil: SAE 50 above 16°C (60°F).
SAE 40 between -1°C (30°F) and 32°C (90°F).
SAE 30 between -18°C (0°F) and 21°C (70°F).
SAE 20 below -12°C (10°F).
MIL-L-22851 Ashless Dispersant Oil: SAE 40 or SAE 50 above 16°C (60°F).
SAE 40 or SAE 50 above 16°C (60°F).
SAE 30 or SAE 40 between -18°C (0°F) and 32°C (90°F).
SAE 30 or SAE 40 between -18°C (0°F) and 21°C (70°F).

#### Oil Capacity:

Sump: 6 Quarts. Total: 7 Quarts (if oil filter installed).

## MAXIMUM CERTIFICATED WEIGHTS

Takeoff, Normal Category: 2300 lbs. Utility Category: 2000 lbs.
Landing, Normal Category: 2300 lbs. Utility Category: 2000 lbs.
Weight in Baggage Compartment, Normal Category: Baggage Area 1 (or passenger on child's seat) - Station 82 to 108: 120 lbs. See note below. Baggage Area 2 - Station 108 to 142: 50 lbs. See note below.

#### NOTE

The maximum combined weight capacity for baggage areas 1 and 2 is 120 lbs.

Weight in Baggage Compartment, Utility Category: In this category, the baggage compartment and rear seat must not be occupied.

#### STANDARD AIRPLANE WEIGHTS

Standard Empty Weight, Skyhawk: 1393 lbs. Skyhawk II: 1419 lbs.

Maximum Useful Load:

	Normal Category	Utility Category
Skyhawk:	907 lbs.	607 lbs.
Skyhawk II:	881 lbs.	5 <b>81</b> lbs.

#### CABIN AND ENTRY DIMENSIONS

Detailed dimensions of the cabin interior and entry door openings are illustrated in Section 6.

#### BAGGAGE SPACE AND ENTRY DIMENSIONS

Dimensions of the baggage area and baggage door opening are illustrated in detail in Section 6.

#### SPECIFIC LOADINGS

Wing Loading: 13.2 lbs./sq. ft. Power Loading: 14.4 lbs./hp.

Standard

Tempera-

ture

# SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

#### GENERAL AIRSPEED TERMINOLOGY AND SYMBOLS

- KCAS **Knots Calibrated Airspeed** is indicated airspeed corrected for position and instrument error and expressed in knots. Knots calibrated airspeed is equal to KTAS in standard atmosphere at sea level.
- KIAS **Knots Indicated Airspeed** is the speed shown on the airspeed indicator and expressed in knots.
- KTAS **Knots True Airspeed** is the airspeed expressed in knots relative to undisturbed air which is KCAS corrected for altitude and temperature.
- V<sub>A</sub> Manuevering Speed is the maximum speed at which you may use abrupt control travel.
- V<sub>FE</sub> Maximum Flap Extended Speed is the highest speed permissible with wing flaps in a prescribed extended position.
- V<sub>NO</sub> Maximum Structural Cruising Speed is the speed that should not be exceeded except in smooth air, then only with caution.
- V<sub>NE</sub> Never Exceed Speed is the speed limit that may not be exceeded at any time.
- V<sub>S</sub> Stalling Speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable.
- V<sub>S<sub>0</sub></sub> Stalling Speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable in the landing configuration at the most forward center of gravity.
- V<sub>X</sub> Best Angle-of-Climb Speed is the speed which results in the greatest gain of altitude in a given horizontal distance.
- V<sub>Y</sub> Best Rate-of-Climb Speed is the speed which results in the N greatest gain in altitude in a given time.

### METEOROLOGICAL TERMINOLOGY

OAT Outside Air Temperature is the free air static temperature.

It is expressed in either degrees Celsius (formerly Centigrade) or degrees Fahrenheit.

Standard Temperature is 15°C at sea level pressure altitude and decreases by 2°C for each 1000 feet of altitude.

Pressure **Pressure Altitude** is the altitude read from an altimeter Altitude when the altimeter's barometric scale has been set to 29.92 inches of mercury (1013 mb).

### ENGINE POWER TERMINOLOGY

внр	Brake Horsepower is the power developed by the engine.
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute is engine speed.
Static RPM	Static RPM is engine speed attained during a full-throttle engine runup when the airplane is on the ground and stationary.

# AIRPLANE PERFORMANCE AND FLIGHT PLANNING TERMINOLOGY

Demonstrated Crosswind Velocity is the velocity of the Demoncrosswind component for which adequate control of the strated airplane during takeoff and landing was actually demon-Crosswind strated during certification tests. The value shown is not Velocity considered to be limiting. Usable Fuel **Usable Fuel** is the fuel available for flight planning. Unusable Fuel is the quantity of fuel that can not be safely Unusable Fuel used in flight. Gallons Per Hour is the amount of fuel (in gallons) GPH consumed per hour. NMPG Nautical Miles Per Gallon is the distance (in nautical miles) which can be expected per gallon of fuel consumed at a specific engine power setting and/or flight configuration. g is acceleration due to gravity.

Maximum

## WEIGHT AND BALANCE TERMINOLOGY

Reference Datum	<b>Reference Datum</b> is an imaginary vertical plane from which all horizontal distances are measured for balance	Landing Weight				
	purposes.					
Station	<b>Station</b> is a location along the airplane fuselage given in terms of the distance from the reference datum.					
Arm	<b>Arm</b> is the horizontal distance from the reference datum to the center of gravity (C.G.) of an item.					
Moment	<b>Moment</b> is the product of the weight of an item multiplied by its arm. (Moment divided by the constant 1000 is used in this handbook to simplify balance calculations by reduc- ing the number of digits.)					
Center of Gravity (C.G.)	<b>Center of Gravity</b> is the point at which an airplane, or equipment, would balance if suspended. Its distance from the reference datum is found by dividing the total moment by the total weight of the airplane.					
C.G. Arm	<b>Center of Gravity Arm</b> is the arm obtained by adding the airplane's individual moments and dividing the sum by the total weight.					
C.G. Limits	<b>Center of Gravity Limits</b> are the extreme center of gravity locations within which the airplane must be operated at a given weight.					
Standard Empty Weight	<b>Standard Empty Weight</b> is the weight of a standard air- plane, including unusable fuel, full operating fluids and full engine oil.					
Basic Empty Weight	<b>Basic Empty Weight</b> is the standard empty weight plus the weight of optional equipment.					
Useful Load	<b>Useful Load</b> is the difference between takeoff weight and the basic empty weight.					
Gross (Loaded) Weight	Gross (Loaded) Weight is the loaded weight of the airplane.					
Maximum Takeoff Weight	Maximum Takeoff Weight is the maximum weight approved for the start of the takeoff run.					

Maximum Landing Weight is the maximum weight approved for the landing touchdown.

**Tare** is the weight of chocks, blocks, stands, etc. used when weighing an airplane, and is included in the scale readings. Tare is deducted from the scale reading to obtain the actual (net) airplane weight.

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# INTRODUCTION

Section 2 includes operating limitations, instrument markings, and basic placards necessary for the safe operation of the airplane, its engine, standard systems and standard equipment. The limitations included in this section have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. When applicable, limitations associated with optional systems or equipment are included in Section 9.

#### NOTE

The airspeeds listed in the Airspeed Limitations chart (figure 2-1) and the Airspeed Indicator Markings chart (figure 2-2) are based on Airspeed Calibration data shown in Section 5 with the normal static source. If the alternate static source is being used, ample margins should be observed to allow for the airspeed calibration variations between the normal and alternate static sources as shown in Section 5.

Your Cessna is certificated under FAA Type Certificate No. 3A12 as Cessna Model No. 172N.

## **AIRSPEED LIMITATIONS**

Airspeed limitations and their operational significance are shown in figure 2-1. Maneuvering speeds shown apply to normal category operations. The utility category maneuvering speed is shown on the operational limitations placard.

	SPEED	KCAS	KIAS	REMARKS
V <sub>NE</sub>	Never Exceed Speed	158	160	Do not exceed this speed in any operation.
V <sub>NO</sub>	Maximum Structural Cruising Speed	126	128	Do not exceed this speed except in smooth air, and then only with caution.
VA	Maneuvering Speed: 2300 Pounds 1950 Pounds 1600 Pounds	96 88 80	97 89 80	Do not make full or abrupt control movements above this speed.
VFE	Maximum Flap Extended Speed	86	85	Do not exceed this speed with flaps down.
	Maximum Window Open Speed	158	160	Do not exceed this speed with windows open.

Figure 2-1. Airspeed Limitations

# AIRSPEED INDICATOR MARKINGS

Airspeed indicator markings and their color code significance are shown in figure 2-2.

MARKING	KIAS VALUE OR RANGE	SIGNIFICANCE
White Arc	41 - 85	Full Flap Operating Range. Lower limit is maximum weight VS <sub>0</sub> in landing configuration. Upper limit is maximum speed permissible with flaps extended.
Green Arc	47 - 128	Normal Operating Range. Lower limit is maximum weight V <sub>S</sub> at most forward C.G. with flaps retracted. Upper limit is maximum structural cruising speed.
Yellow Arc	128 - 160	Operations must be conducted with caution and only in smooth air.
Red Line	160	Maximum speed for all operations.

Figure 2-2. Airspeed Indicator Markings

## POWER PLANT LIMITATIONS

Engine Manufacturer: Avco Lycoming. Engine Model Number: O-320-H2AD. Engine Operating Limits for Takeoff and Continuous Operations: Maximum Power: 160 BHP. Maximum Engine Speed: 2700 RPM.

#### NOTE

The static RPM range at full throttle (carburetor heat off and full rich mixture) is 2280 to 2400 RPM.

Maximum Oil Temperature: 118°C (245°F). Oil Pressure, Minimum: 25 psi. Maximum: 100 psi. Propeller Manufacturer: McCauley Accessory Division. Propeller Model Number: 1C160/DTM7557. Propeller Diameter, Maximum: 75 inches. Minimum: 74 inches.

## **POWER PLANT INSTRUMENT MARKINGS**

Power plant instrument markings and their color code significance are shown in figure 2-3.

	RED LINE	GREEN ARC	YELLOW ARC	RED LINE
INSTRUMENT	MINIMUM LIMIT	NORMAL OPERATING	CAUTION RANGE	MAXIMUM LIMIT
Tachometer		2200 - 2700 RPM		2700 RPM
Oil Temperature	•	100 <sup>0</sup> -245 <sup>0</sup> F		245 <sup>0</sup> F
Oil Pressure	25 psi	60-90 psi		100 psi
Carburetor Air Temperature			-15 <sup>0</sup> to 5 <sup>0</sup> C	

Figure 2-3. Power Plant Instrument Markings

## **WEIGHT LIMITS**

#### NORMAL CATEGORY

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 2300 lbs.

Maximum Landing Weight: 2300 lbs.

Maximum Weight in Baggage Compartment:

Baggage Area 1 (or passenger on child's seat) - Station 82 to 108: 120 lbs. See note below.

Baggage Area 2 - Station 108 to 142: 50 lbs. See note below.

#### NOTE

The maximum combined weight capacity for baggage areas 1 and 2 is 120 lbs.

## UTILITY CATEGORY

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 2000 lbs.

Maximum Landing Weight: 2000 lbs.

Maximum Weight in Baggage Compartment: In the utility category, the baggage compartment and rear seat must be not occupied.

## **CENTER OF GRAVITY LIMITS**

#### NORMAL CATEGORY

Center of Gravity Range:

Forward: 35.0 inches aft of datum at 1950 lbs. or less, with straight line variation to 38.5 inches aft of datum at 2300 lbs. Aft: 47.3 inches aft of datum at all weights.

Reference Datum: Lower portion of front face of firewall.

## UTILITY CATEGORY

Center of Gravity Range:

Forward: 35.0 inches aft of datum at 1950 lbs. or less, with straight line variation to 35.5 inches aft of datum at 2000 lbs.

Aft: 40.5 inches aft of datum at all weights.

Reference Datum: Lower portion of front face of firewall.

## **MANEUVER LIMITS**

### **NORMAL CATEGORY**

This airplane is certificated in both the normal and utility category. The normal category is applicable to aircraft intended for non-aerobatic operations. These include any maneuvers incidental to normal flying, stalls (except whip stalls), lazy eights, chandelles, and turns in which the angle of bank is not more than  $60^{\circ}$ . Aerobatic maneuvers, including spins, are not approved.

### UTILITY CATEGORY

This airplane is not designed for purely aerobatic flight. However, in the acquisition of various certificates such as commercial pilot and flight instructor, certain maneuvers are required by the FAA. All of these maneuvers are permitted in this airplane when operated in the utility category.

In the utility category, the baggage compartment and rear seat must KINDS OF OPERATION LIMITS not be occupied. No aerobatic maneuvers are approved except those listed below:

#### MANEUVER

#### **RECOMMENDED ENTRY SPEED\***

Chandelles .			•														105 knots
Lazy Eights																	105 knots
Steep Turns	•				•	•											95 knots
Spins	•					•	•	•					$\mathbf{S}$	lov	v I	De	celeration
Stalls (Except	V t	Vh	ip	S	tal	$\mathbf{ls}$	)	•		•			$\mathbf{S}$	01	<b>v</b> ]	De	celeration

\*Abrupt use of the controls is prohibited above 97 knots.

Aerobatics that may impose high loads should not be attempted. The important thing to bear in mind in flight maneuvers is that the airplane is clean in aerodynamic design and will build up speed quickly with the nose down. Proper speed control is an essential requirement for execution of any maneuver, and care should always be exercised to avoid excessive speed which in turn can impose excessive loads. In the execution of all 2 Long Range Tanks: 27 U.S. gallons each. maneuvers, avoid abrupt use of controls. Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited.

The airplane is equipped for day VFR and may be equipped for night VFR and/or IFR operations. FAR Part 91 establishes the minimum required instrumentation and equipment for these operations. The reference to types of flight operations on the operating limitations placard s reflects equipment installed at the time of Airworthiness Certificate issuance.

Flight into known icing conditions is prohibited.

## FUEL LIMITATIONS

2 Standard Tanks: 21.5 U.S. gallons each. Total Fuel: 43 U.S. gallons. Usable Fuel (all flight conditions): 40 U.S. gallons. Unusable Fuel: 3 U.S. gallons.

Total Fuel: 54 U.S. gallons.

Usable Fuel (all flight conditions): 50 U.S. gallons. Unusable Fuel: 4 U.S. gallons.

#### NOTE

To ensure maximum fuel capacity when refueling, place the fuel selector valve in either LEFT or RIGHT position to prevent cross-feeding.

#### NOTE

Takeoff and land with the fuel selector valve handle in the BOTH position.

Approved Fuel Grades (and Colors): 100LL Grade Aviation Fuel (Blue). 100 (Formerly 100/130) Grade Aviation Fuel (Green).

# FLIGHT LOAD FACTOR LIMITS

#### NORMAL CATEGORY

Flight Load Factors (Gross Weight - 2300 lbs.):

*Flaps Up				•		•		•	•		+3.8g, -1.52g
*Flaps Down	•	•		•		•	•		•	•	+3.0g

\*The design load factors are 150% of the above, and in all cases, the structure meets or exceeds design loads.

#### UTILITY CATEGORY

Flight Load Factors (Gross Weight - 2000 lbs.):

*Flaps Up .		•				•		•	•			. +4.4g, -1.76g
*Flaps Down	•	•	•	•	•				•			. +3.0g

\*The design load factors are 150% of the above, and in all cases, the structure meets or exceeds design loads.

# PLACARDS

The following information is displayed in the form of composite  $\ensuremath{\sigma_l}$  individual placards.

1. In full view of the pilot: (The "DAY-NIGHT-VFR-IFR" entry, shown on the example below, will vary as the airplane is equipped.)

This airplane must be operated in compliance with the operating limitations as stated in the form of placards, markings, and manuals.

-MAXIMUMS-

Norn	nal Category	Utility Category
MANEUVERING SPEED (IAS) .	97 knots	97 knots
GROSS WEIGHT	2300 lbs	2000 lbs.
Flaps Up	+3.8, -1.52	+4.4, -1.76
Flaps Down .	+3.0	+3.0

Normal Category - No Acrobatic maneuvers including spins approved.

Utility Category - Baggage compartment and rear seat must not be occupied.

#### ------NO ACROBATIC MANEUVERS APPROVED EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW

Maneuver	Recm. Entry Speed	Maneuver Recm. Entry Speed
Chandelles	· · · · 105 knots	Spins Slow Deceleration
	105 knots	Stalls (except
Steep Turns		whip stalls) Slow Deceleration

Altitude loss in stall recovery -- 180 feet.

Abrupt use of the controls prohibited above 97 knots.

Spin Recovery: opposite rudder - forward elevator - neutralize controls. Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited. Flight into known icing conditions prohibited. This airplane is certified for the following flight operations as of date of original airworthiness certificate:

DAY - NIGHT - VFR - IFR

2. Forward of fuel selector valve:

BOTH TANKS ON FOR TAKEOFF & LANDING

3. On the fuel selector valve (standard tanks):

BOTH - 40 GAL. ALL FLIGHT ATTITUDES LEFT - 20 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY RIGHT - 20 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY OFF

On the fuel selector valve (long range tanks):

BOTH - 50 GAL. ALL FLIGHT ATTITUDES LEFT - 25 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY RIGHT - 25 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY OFF

4. Near fuel tank filler cap (standard tanks):

FUEL 100LL/100 MIN. GRADE AVIATION GASOLINE CAP. 21.5 U.S. GAL.

Near fuel tank filler cap (long range tanks):

FUEL 100LL/100 MIN. GRADE AVIATION GASOLINE CAP. 27 U.S. GAL.

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5. Near flap indicator:

## AVOID SLIPS WITH FLAPS EXTENDED

# SECTION 3 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

6. In baggage compartment:

#### 120 POUNDS MAXIMUM BAGGAGE AND/OR AUXILIARY PASSENGER FORWARD OF BAGGAGE DOOR LATCH

#### 50 POUNDS MAXIMUM BAGGAGE AFT OF BAGGAGE DOOR LATCH

MAXIMUM 120 POUNDS COMBINED

FOR ADDITIONAL LOADING INSTRUCTIONS SEE WEIGHT AND BALANCE DATA

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## INTRODUCTION

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Section 3 provides checklist and amplified procedures for coping with 3-1 emergencies that may occur. Emergencies caused by airplane or engine 3-1 malfunctions are extremely rare if proper preflight inspections and 3-1 maintenance are practiced. Enroute weather emergencies can be minim-3-1 ized or eliminated by careful flight planning and good judgment when 3-1 unexpected weather is encountered. However, should an emergency arise, 3-1 the basic guidelines described in this section should be considered and 3-1 applied as necessary to correct the problem. Emergency procedures 3-1 associated with ELT and other optional systems can be found in Section 9. 3-1

#### 3-1 3-1 AIRSPEEDS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATION

Engine Failure After Takeoff:	
Wing Flaps Up	65 KIAS
Wing Flaps Down	60 KIAS
Maneuvering Speed:	
2300 Lbs	97 KIAS
1950 Lbs	89 KIAS
1600 Lbs	80 KIAS
Maximum Glide:	
2300 Lbs	65 KIAS
Precautionary Landing With Engine Power	$\ldots$
Landing Without Engine Power:	
Wing Flaps Up	65 KIAS
Wing Flaps Down	60 KIAS

## **OPERATIONAL CHECKLISTS**

## ENGINE FAILURES

### **ENGINE FAILURE DURING TAKEOFF RUN**

- 1. Throttle -- IDLE.
- 2. Brakes -- APPLY.
- 3. Wing Flaps -- RETRACT.
- 4. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF.
- 5. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 6. Master Switch -- OFF.

### ENGINE FAILURE IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF

- 1. Airspeed -- 65 KIAS (flaps UP). 60 KIAS (flaps DOWN).
- 2. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF.
- 3. Fuel Selector Valve -- OFF.
- 4. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 5. Wing Flaps -- AS REQUIRED.
- 6. Master Switch -- OFF.

## ENGINE FAILURE DURING FLIGHT

- 1. Airspeed -- 65 KIAS.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- ON.
- 3. Fuel Selector Valve -- BOTH.
- 4. Mixture -- RICH.
- 5. Ignition Switch -- BOTH (or START if propeller is stopped).
- 6. Primer -- IN and LOCKED.

# FORCED LANDINGS

## EMERGENCY LANDING WITHOUT ENGINE POWER

- 1. Airspeed -- 65 KIAS (flaps UP). 60 KIAS (flaps DOWN).
- 2. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF.
- 3. Fuel Selector Valve -- OFF.
- 4. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 5. Wing Flaps -- AS REQUIRED (40° recommended).
- 6. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 7. Doors -- UNLATCH PRIOR TO TOUCHDOWN.
- 8. Touchdown -- SLIGHTLY TAIL LOW.
- 9. Brakes -- APPLY HEAVILY.

## PRECAUTIONARY LANDING WITH ENGINE POWER

- 1. Wing Flaps -- 20°.
- 2. Airspeed -- 60 KIAS.
- 3. Selected Field -- FLY OVER, noting terrain and obstructions, then retract flaps upon reaching a safe altitude and airspeed.
- 4. Avionics Power Switch and Electrical Switches -- OFF.
- 5. Wing Flaps -- 40° (on final approach).
- 6. Airspeed -- 60 KIAS.
- 7. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 8. Doors -- UNLATCH PRIOR TO TOUCHDOWN.

- 9. Touchdown -- SLIGHTLY TAIL LOW.
- 10. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 11. Brakes -- APPLY HEAVILY.

## DITCHING

- 1. Radio -- TRANSMIT MAYDAY on 121.5 MHz, giving location and intentions.
- 2. Heavy Objects (in baggage area) -- SECURE OR JETTISON.
- 3. Approach -- High Winds, Heavy Seas -- INTO THE WIND.
  - Light Winds, Heavy Swells -- PARALLEL TO SWELLS.
- 4. Wing Flaps -- 20° 40°.
- 5. Power -- ESTABLISH 300 FT/MIN DESCENT AT 55 KIAS.

#### NOTE

If no power is available, approach at 65 KIAS with flaps up or at 60 KIAS with 10° flaps.

- 6. Cabin Doors -- UNLATCH.
- 7. Touchdown -- LEVEL ATTITUDE AT ESTABLISHED RATE OF DESCENT.
- 8. Face -- CUSHION at touchdown with folded coat.
- 9. Airplane -- EVACUATE through cabin doors. If necessary, open window and flood cabin to equalize pressure so doors can be opened.
- 10. Life Vests and Raft -- INFLATE.

# FIRES

## DURING START ON GROUND

1. Cranking -- CONTINUE, to get a start which would suck the flames and accumulated fuel through the carburetor and into the engine.

#### If engine starts:

- 2. Power -- 1700 RPM for a few minutes.
- 3. Engine -- SHUTDOWN and inspect for damage.

#### If engine fails to start:

- 4. Throttle -- FULL OPEN.
- 5. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF.

- 6. Cranking -- CONTINUE.
- 7. Fire Extinguisher -- OBTAIN (have ground attendants obtain if  $n_i$  installed).
- 8. Engine -- SECURE.
  - a. Master Switch -- OFF.
  - b. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
  - c. Fuel Selector Valve -- OFF.
- 9. Fire -- EXTINGUISH using fire extinguisher, wool blanket, or dir
- 10. Fire Damage -- INSPECT, repair damage or replace damage components or wiring before conducting another flight.

## **ENGINE FIRE IN FLIGHT**

- 1. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF.
- 2. Fuel Selector Valve -- OFF.
- 3. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 4. Cabin Heat and Air -- OFF (except overhead vents).
- Airspeed -- 100 KIAS (If fire is not extinguished, increase glid WING FIRE speed to find an airspeed which will provide an incombustibl mixture).
   1. Navia
- 6. Forced Landing -- EXECUTE (as described in Emergency Landing Without Engine Power).

## **ELECTRICAL FIRE IN FLIGHT**

- 1. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 2. Avionics Power Switch -- OFF.
- 3. All Other Switches (except ignition switch) -- OFF.
- 4. Vents/Cabin Air/Heat -- CLOSED.
- 5. Fire Extinguisher -- ACTIVATE (if available).

# WARNING

After discharging an extinguisher within a closed cabin, ventilate the cabin.

If fire appears out and electrical power is necessary for continuance  $\sigma$  flight:

- 6. Master Switch -- ON.
- 7. Circuit Breakers -- CHECK for faulty circuit, do not reset.
- 8. Radio Switches -- OFF.
- 9. Avionics Power Switch -- ON.
- 10. Radio/Electrical Switches -- ON one at a time, with delay after each until short circuit is localized.

11. Vents/Cabin Air/Heat -- OPEN when it is ascertained that fire is completely extinguished.

## CABIN FIRE

- 1. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 2. Vents/Cabin Air/Heat -- CLOSED (to avoid drafts).
- 3. Fire Extinguisher -- ACTIVATE (if available).



After discharging an extinguisher within a closed cabin, ventilate the cabin.

- 4. Land the airplane as soon as possible to inspect for damage.
- 1. Navigation Light Switch -- OFF.
- 2. Pitot Heat Switch (if installed) -- OFF.
- 3. Strobe Light Switch (if installed) -- OFF.

## NOTE

Perform a sideslip to keep the flames away from the fuel tank and cabin, and land as soon as possible using flaps only as required for final approach and touchdown.

# ICING

## INADVERTENT ICING ENCOUNTER

- 1. Turn pitot heat switch ON (if installed).
- 2. Turn back or change altitude to obtain an outside air temperature that is less conducive to icing.
- 3. Pull cabin heat control full out and open defroster outlet to obtain maximum windshield defroster airflow. Adjust cabin air control to get maximum defroster heat and airflow.
- 4. Open the throttle to increase engine speed and minimize ice buildup on propeller blades.
- 5. Watch for signs of carburetor air filter ice and apply carburetor

heat as required. An unexplained loss in engine speed could be caused by carburetor ice or air intake filter ice. Lean the mixture for maximum RPM, if carburetor heat is used continuously.

- 6. Plan a landing at the nearest airport. With an extremely rapid ice build-up, select a suitable "off airport" landing site.
- 7. With an ice accumulation of 1/4 inch or more on the wing leading edges, be prepared for significantly higher stall speed.
- 8. Leave wing flaps retracted. With a severe ice build-up on the horizontal tail, the change in wing wake airflow direction caused by wing flap extension could result in a loss of elevator effective-ness.
- 9. Open left window and, if practical, scrape ice from a portion of the windshield for visibility in the landing approach.
- 10. Perform a landing approach using a forward slip, if necessary, for improved visibility.
- 11. Approach at 65 to 75 KIAS depending upon the amount of the accumulation.
- 12. Perform a landing in level attitude.

## STATIC SOURCE BLOCKAGE

(Erroneous Instrument Reading Suspected)

- 1. Alternate Static Source Valve -- PULL ON.
- 2. Airspeed -- Consult appropriate calibration tables in Section 5.

## LANDING WITH A FLAT MAIN TIRE

- 1. Approach -- NORMAL.
- 2. Touchdown -- GOOD TIRE FIRST, hold airplane off flat tire as long as possible.

# ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONS

### OVER-VOLTAGE LIGHT ILLUMINATES

- 1. Avionics Power Switch -- OFF.
- 2. Master Switch -- OFF (both sides).
- 3. Master Switch -- ON.
- 4. Over-Voltage Light -- OFF.
- 5. Avionics Power Switch -- ON.

If over-voltage light illuminates again:

6. Flight -- TERMINATE as soon as possible.

## AMMETER SHOWS DISCHARGE

- 1. Alternator -- OFF.
- 2. Nonessential Radio/Electrical Equipment -- OFF.
- 3. Flight -- TERMINATE as soon as practical.

## AMPLIFIED PROCEDURES

# **ENGINE FAILURE**

If an engine failure occurs during the takeoff run, the most important thing to do is stop the airplane on the remaining runway. Those extra items on the checklist will provide added safety after a failure of this type.

Prompt lowering of the nose to maintain airspeed and establish a glide attitude is the first response to an engine failure after takeoff. In most cases, the landing should be planned straight ahead with only small changes in direction to avoid obstructions. Altitude and airspeed are seldom sufficient to execute a 180° gliding turn necessary to return to the runway. The checklist procedures assume that adequate time exists to secure the fuel and ignition systems prior to touchdown.

After an engine failure in flight, the best glide speed as shown in figure 3-1 should be established as quickly as possible. While gliding toward a suitable landing area, an effort should be made to identify the cause of the failure. If time permits, an engine restart should be attempted as shown in the checklist. If the engine cannot be restarted, a forced landing without power must be completed.





## FORCED LANDINGS

If all attempts to restart the engine fail and a forced landing is imminent, select a suitable field and prepare for the landing as discussed under the Emergency Landing Without Engine Power checklist.

Before attempting an "off airport" landing with engine power available, one should fly over the landing area at a safe but low altitude to inspect the terrain for obstructions and surface conditions, proceeding as discussed under the Precautionary Landing With Engine Power checklist.

Prepare for ditching by securing or jettisoning heavy objects located in the baggage area and collect folded coats for protection of occupants' face at touchdown. Transmit Mayday message on 121.5 MHz giving location and intentions. Avoid a landing flare because of difficulty in judging height over a water surface.

# LANDING WITHOUT ELEVATOR CONTROL

Trim for horizontal flight (with an airspeed of approximately 60 KIAS and flaps set to 20°) by using throttle and elevator trim controls. Then do not change the elevator trim control setting; control the glide angle by adjusting power exclusively.

At flareout, the nose-down moment resulting from power reduction is an adverse factor and the airplane may hit on the nose wheel. Consequently, at flareout, the elevator trim control should be adjusted toward the full nose-up position and the power adjusted so that the airplane will rotate to the horizontal attitude for touchdown. Close the throttle at touchdown.

## FIRES

Although engine fires are extremely rare in flight, the steps of the appropriate checklist should be followed if one is encountered. After completion of this procedure, execute a forced landing. Do not attempt to restart the engine.

The initial indication of an electrical fire is usually the odor of burning insulation. The checklist for this problem should result in elimination of the fire.

## **EMERGENCY OPERATION IN CLOUDS**

## (Vacuum System Failure)

In the event of a vacuum system failure during flight, the directional indicator and attitude indicator will be disabled, and the pilot will have to rely on the turn coordinator if he inadvertently flies into clouds. The following instructions assume that only the electrically-powered turn coordinator is operative, and that the pilot is not completely proficient in instrument flying.

## **EXECUTING A 180° TURN IN CLOUDS**

Upon inadvertently entering the clouds, an immediate plan should be made to turn back as follows:

- 1. Note the compass heading.
- 2. Note the time of the minute hand and observe the position of the sweep second hand on the clock.
- 3. When the sweep second hand indicates the nearest half-minute, initiate a standard rate left turn, holding the turn coordinator symbolic airplane wing opposite the lower left index mark for 60 seconds. Then roll back to level flight by leveling the miniature airplane.
- 4. Check accuracy of the turn by observing the compass heading which should be the reciprocal of the original heading.
- 5. If necessary, adjust heading primarily with skidding motions rather than rolling motions so that the compass will read more accurately.
- 6. Maintain altitude and airspeed by cautious application of elevator control. Avoid overcontrolling by keeping the hands off the control wheel as much as possible and steering only with rudder.

## EMERGENCY DESCENT THROUGH CLOUDS

If conditions preclude reestablishment of VFR flight by a  $180^{\circ}$  turn, a descent through a cloud deck to VFR conditions may be appropriate. If possible, obtain radio clearance for an emergency descent through clouds. To guard against a spiral dive, choose an easterly or westerly heading to minimize compass card swings due to changing bank angles. In addition, keep hands off the control wheel and steer a straight course with rudder control by monitoring the turn coordinator. Occasionally check the compass heading and make minor corrections to hold an approximate course. Before descending into the clouds, set up a stabilized let-down condition as follows:

- 1. Apply full rich mixture.
- 2. Use full carburetor heat.
- 3. Reduce power to set up a 500 to 800 ft/min rate of descent.
- 4. Adjust the elevator trim and rudder trim (if installed) for a stabilized descent at 70-80 KIAS.
- 5. Keep hands off the control wheel.
- 6. Monitor turn coordinator and make corrections by rudder alone
- 7. Check trend of compass card movement and make cautious corrections with rudder to stop the turn.
- 8. Upon breaking out of clouds, resume normal cruising flight.

## **RECOVERY FROM A SPIRAL DIVE**

If a spiral is encountered, proceed as follows:

- 1. Close the throttle.
- 2. Stop the turn by using coordinated aileron and rudder control to align the symbolic airplane in the turn coordinator with the horizon reference line.
- 3. Cautiously apply elevator back pressure to slowly reduce the SPINS airspeed to 80 KIAS.
- 4. Adjust the elevator trim control to maintain an 80 KIAS glide.
- 5. Keep hands off the control wheel, using rudder control to hold a should be used: straight heading. Adjust rudder trim (if installed) to relieve unbalanced rudder force.
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- 6. Apply carburetor heat.
- 7. Clear engine occasionally, but avoid using enough power to disturb the trimmed glide.
- 8. Upon breaking out of clouds, resume normal cruising flight.

# FLIGHT IN ICING CONDITIONS

Flight into icing conditions is prohibited. An inadvertent encounter with these conditions can best be handled using the checklist procedures. The best procedure, of course, is to turn back or change altitude to escape icing conditions.

## STATIC SOURCE BLOCKED

If erroneous readings of the static source instruments (airspeed altimeter and rate-of-climb) are suspected, the alternate static source valve should be pulled on, thereby supplying static pressure to these instruments from the cabin. NOTE

In an emergency on airplanes not equipped with an alternate static source, cabin pressure can be supplied to the static pressure instruments by breaking the glass in the face of the rate-of-climb indicator.

With the alternate static source on, adjust indicated airspeed slightly during climb or approach according to the alternate static source airspeed calibration table in Section 5, appropriate to vent/window(s) configuration, causing the airplane to be flown at the normal operating speeds.

Maximum airspeed and altimeter variation from normal is 4 knots and 30 feet over the normal operating range with the window(s) closed. With window(s) open, larger variations occur near stall speed. However, maximum altimeter variation remains within 50 feet of normal.

Should an inadvertent spin occur, the following recovery procedure would be used:

- 1. RETARD THROTTLE TO IDLE POSITION.
- 2. PLACE AILERONS IN NEUTRAL POSITION.
- 3. APPLY AND **HOLD** FULL RUDDER OPPOSITE TO THE DIREC-TION OF ROTATION.
- 4. JUST **AFTER** THE RUDDER REACHES THE STOP, MOVE THE CONTROL WHEEL **BRISKLY** FORWARD FAR ENOUGH TO BREAK THE STALL. Full down elevator may be required at aft center of gravity loadings to assure optimum recoveries.
- 5. HOLD THESE CONTROL INPUTS UNTIL ROTATION STOPS. Premature relaxation of the control inputs may extend the recovery.
- 6. AS ROTATION STOPS, NEUTRALIZE RUDDER, AND MAKE A SMOOTH RECOVERY FROM THE RESULTING DIVE.

#### NOTE

If disorientation precludes a visual determination of the direction of rotation, the symbolic airplane in the turn coordinator may be referred to for this information.

For additional information on spins and spin recovery, see the discussion under SPINS in Normal Procedures (Section 4).

# ROUGH ENGINE OPERATION OR LOSS OF POWER

### CARBURETOR ICING

A gradual loss of RPM and eventual engine roughness may result from the formation of carburetor ice. To clear the ice, apply full throttle and pull the carburetor heat knob full out until the engine runs smoothly; then remove carburetor heat and readjust the throttle. If conditions require the continued use of carburetor heat in cruise flight, use the minimum amount of heat necessary to prevent ice from forming and lean the mixture for smoothest engine operation.

### SPARK PLUG FOULING

A slight engine roughness in flight may be caused by one or more spark plugs becoming fouled by carbon or lead deposits. This may be verified by turning the ignition switch momentarily from BOTH to either L or R position. An obvious power loss in single ignition operation is evidence of spark plug or magneto trouble. Assuming that spark plugs are the more likely cause, lean the mixture to the recommended lean setting for cruising flight. If the problem does not clear up in several minutes, determine if a richer mixture setting will produce smoother operation. If not, proceed to the nearest airport for repairs using the BOTH position of the ignition switch unless extreme roughness dictates the use of a single ignition position.

#### **MAGNETO MALFUNCTION**

A sudden engine roughness or misfiring is usually evidence of magneto problems. Switching from BOTH to either L or R ignition switch position will identify which magneto is malfunctioning. Select different power settings and enrichen the mixture to determine if continued operation on BOTH magnetos is practicable. If not, switch to the good magneto and proceed to the nearest airport for repairs.

#### LOW OIL PRESSURE

If low oil pressure is accompanied by normal oil temperature, there is a possibility the oil pressure gage or relief valve is malfunctioning. A leak in the line to the gage is not necessarily cause for an immediate precautionary landing because an orifice in this line will prevent a sudden loss of oil from the engine sump. However, a landing at the nearest airport would be advisable to inspect the source of trouble.

If a total loss of oil pressure is accompanied by a rise in oil temperature, there is good reason to suspect an angine failure is imminent. Reduce engine power immediately and select a suitable forced landing field. Use only the minimum power required to reach the desired touchdown spot.

# ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONS

Malfunctions in the electrical power supply system can be detected by periodic monitoring of the ammeter and over-voltage warning light; however, the cause of these malfunctions is usually difficult to determine. A broken alternator drive belt or wiring is most likely the cause of alternator failures, although other factors could cause the problem. A damaged or improperly adjusted voltage regulator can also cause malfunctions. Problems of this nature constitute an electrical emergency and should be dealt with immediately. Electrical power malfunctions usually fall into two categories: excessive rate of charge and insufficient rate of charge. The following paragraphs describe the recommended remedy for each situation.

#### **EXCESSIVE RATE OF CHARGE**

After engine starting and heavy electrical usage at low engine speeds (such as extended taxiing) the battery condition will be low enough to accept above normal charging during the initial part of a flight. However, after thirty minutes of cruising flight, the ammeter should be indicating less than two needle widths of charging current. If the charging rate were to remain above this value on a long flight, the battery would overheat and evaporate the electrolyte at an excessive rate. Electronic components in the electrical system could be adversely affected by higher than normal voltage if a faulty voltage regulator is causing the overcharging. To preclude these possibilites, an over-voltage sensor will automatically shut down the alternator and the over-voltage warning light will illuminate if the charge voltage reaches approximately 31.5 volts. Assuming that the malfunction was only momentary, an attempt should be made to reactivate the alternator system. To do this, turn the avionics power switch off, then turn both sides of the master switch off and then on again. If the problem no longer exists, normal alternator charging will resume and the warning light will go off. The avionics power switch should then be turned on. If the light comes on again, a malfunction is confirmed. In this event, the flight should be terminated and/or the current drain on the battery minimized because the battery can supply the electrical system for only a limited period of time. If the emergency occurs at night, power must be conserved for later use of the landing lights and flaps during landing.

## **INSUFFICIENT RATE OF CHARGE**

If the ammeter indicates a continuous discharge rate in flight, the

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alternator is not supplying power to the system and should be shut down since the alternator field circuit may be placing an unnecessary load on the system. All nonessential equipment should be turned off and the flight terminated as soon as practical.

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# INTRODUCTION

Section 4 provides checklist and amplified procedures for the conduct of normal operation. Normal procedures associated with optional systems can be found in Section 9.

# SPEEDS FOR NORMAL OPERATION

Unless otherwise noted, the following speeds are based on a maximum weight of 2300 pounds and may be used for any lesser weight. However, to achieve the performance specified in Section 5 for takeoff distance, the speed appropriate to the particular weight must be used.

Takeoff, Flaps Up: Normal Climb Out	;
Enroute Climb, Flaps Up: 75-85 KIAS	\$
Normal, Sea Level	1
Normal, 10,000 Feet	
Best Rate of Climb, 10,000 Feet	2
Best Angle of Climb Sea Level	
Best Angle of Climb, 10,000 Feet	5
Landing Approach	
Normal Approach Flaps Up	2
Normal Approach Flans 40°	
Short Field Approach, Flaps 40°	5
Balked Landing:	
Maximum Power, Flaps 20°	5
Maximum Recommended Turbulent Air Penetration Speed:	_
9300 Lbg	
1950 Lbs	
1600 Lbs	$\mathbf{S}$
Maximum Demonstrated Crosswind Velocity:	
Takeoff or Landing	$\mathbf{s}$



#### NOTE

Visually check airplane for general condition during walk-around inspection. In cold weather, remove even small accumulations of frost, ice or snow from wing, tail and control surfaces. Also, make sure that control surfaces contain no internal accumulations of ice or debris. Prior to flight, check that pitot heater (if installed) is warm to touch within 30 seconds with battery and pitot heat switches on. If a night flight is planned, check operation of all lights, and make sure a flashlight is available.

#### Figure 4-1. Preflight Inspection

# CHECKLIST PROCEDURES

# PREFLIGHT INSPECTION

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- 1. Control Wheel Lock -- REMOVE.
- 2. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 3. Avionics Power Switch -- OFF.
- 4. Master Switch -- ON.
- 5. Fuel Quantity Indicators -- CHECK QUANTITY.
- 6. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 7. Baggage Door -- CHECK, lock with key if child's seat is to be occupied.

## 2 EMPENNAGE

- 1. Rudder Gust Lock -- REMOVE.
- 2. Tail Tie-Down -- DISCONNECT.
- 3. Control Surfaces -- CHECK freedom of movement and security.

## **(3)** RIGHT WING Trailing Edge

1. Aileron -- CHECK freedom of movement and security.

## (4) RIGHT WING

- 1. Wing Tie-Down -- DISCONNECT.
- 2. Main Wheel Tire -- CHECK for proper inflation.
- 3. Before first flight of the day and after each refueling, use sampler cup and drain small quantity of fuel from fuel tank sump quick-drain valve to check for water, sediment, and proper fuel grade.
- 4. Fuel Quantity -- CHECK VISUALLY for desired level.
- 5. Fuel Filler Cap -- SECURE.

## (5) NOSE

- 1: Engine Oil Level -- CHECK, do not operate with less than four quarts. Fill to six quarts for extended flight.
- 2. Before first flight of the day and after each refueling, pull out strainer drain knob for about four seconds to clear fuel strainer of possible water and sediment. Check strainer drain closed. If water is observed, the fuel system may contain additional water, and further draining of the system at the strainer, fuel tank sumps, and fuel selector valve drain plug will be necessary.

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- 3. Propeller and Spinner -- CHECK for nicks and security.
- 4. Landing Light(s) -- CHECK for condition and cleanliness.
- 5. Carburetor Air Filter -- CHECK for restrictions by dust or other foreign matter.
- 6. Nose Wheel Strut and Tire -- CHECK for proper inflation.
- 7. Nose Tie-Down -- DISCONNECT.
- 8. Static Source Opening (left side of fuselage) -- CHECK for stoppage.

# **6**LEFT WING

- 1. Main Wheel Tire -- CHECK for proper inflation.
- 2. Before first flight of the day and after each refueling, use sampler cup and drain small quantity of fuel from fuel tank sump quickdrain valve to check for water, sediment and proper fuel grade.
- 3. Fuel Quantity -- CHECK VISUALLY for desired level.
- 4. Fuel Filler Cap -- SECURE.

# (7) LEFT WING Leading Edge

- 1. Pitot Tube Cover -- REMOVE and check opening for stoppage.
- 2. Fuel Tank Vent Opening -- CHECK for stoppage.
- 3. Stall Warning Opening -- CHECK for stoppage. To check the system, place a clean handkerchief over the vent opening and apply suction; a sound from the warning horn will confirm system operation.
- 4. Wing Tie-Down -- DISCONNECT.

# (8) LEFT WING Trailing Edge

1. Aileron -- CHECK for freedom of movement and security.

# **BEFORE STARTING ENGINE**

- 1. Preflight Inspection -- COMPLETE.
- 2. Seats, Belts, Shoulder Harnesses -- ADJUST and LOCK.
- 3. Fuel Selector Valve -- BOTH.
- 4. Avionics Power Switch, Autopilot (if installed), Electrical Equipment -- OFF.

## CAUTION

The avionics power switch must be OFF during engine start to prevent possible damage to avionics.

- 5. Brakes -- TEST and SET.
- 6. Circuit Breakers -- CHECK IN.

# **STARTING ENGINE**

- 1. Mixture -- RICH.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- COLD.
- 3. Master Switch -- ON.
- 4. Prime -- AS REQUIRED (2 to 6 strokes; none if engine is warm).
- 5. Throttle -- OPEN 1/8 INCH.
- 6. Propeller Area -- CLEAR.
- 7. Ignition Switch -- START (release when engine starts).
- 8. Oil Pressure -- CHECK.

# **BEFORE TAKEOFF**

- 1. Parking Brake -- SET.
- 2. Cabin Doors and Window(s) -- CLOSED and LOCKED.
- 3. Flight Controls -- FREE and CORRECT.
- 4. Flight Instruments -- SET.
- 5. Fuel Selector Valve -- BOTH.
- 6. Mixture -- RICH (below 3000 feet).
- 7. Elevator Trim and Rudder Trim (if installed) -- TAKEOFF.
- 8. Throttle -- 1700 RPM.
  - a. Magnetos -- CHECK (RPM drop should not exceed 125 RPM on either magneto or 50 RPM differential between magnetos).
  - b. Carburetor Heat -- CHECK (for RPM drop).
  - c. Engine Instruments and Ammeter -- CHECK.
  - d. Suction Gage -- CHECK.
- 9. Avionics Power Switch -- ON.
- 10. Radios -- SET.
- 11. Autopilot (if installed) -- OFF.
- 12. Air Conditioner (if installed) -- OFF.
- 13. Flashing Beacon, Navigation Lights and/or Strobe Lights -- ON as required.
- 14. Throttle Friction Lock -- ADJUST.
- 15. Brakes -- RELEASE.

# TAKEOFF

## NORMAL TAKEOFF

- 1. Wing Flaps -- UP.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- COLD.
- 3. Throttle -- FULL OPEN.
- 4. Elevator Control -- LIFT NOSE WHEEL (at 55 KIAS).
- 5. Climb Speed -- 70-80 KIAS.

### SHORT FIELD TAKEOFF

- 1. Wing Flaps -- UP.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- COLD.
- 3. Brakes -- APPLY.
- 4. Throttle -- FULL OPEN.
- 5. Mixture -- RICH (above 3000 feet, LEAN to obtain maximum RPM).
- 6. Brakes -- RELEASE.
- 7. Elevator Control -- SLIGHTLY TAIL LOW.
- 8. Climb Speed -- 59 KIAS (until all obstacles are cleared).

# **ENROUTE CLIMB**

Airspeed -- 70-85 KIAS.

NOTE

If a maximum performance climb is necessary, use speeds shown in the Rate Of Climb chart in Section 5.

- 2. Throttle -- FULL OPEN.
- 3. Mixture -- RICH (above 3000 feet, LEAN to obtain maximum RPM).

# CRUISE

- 1. Power -- 2200-2700 RPM (no more than 75% is recommended).
- 2. Elevator and Rudder Trim (if installed) -- ADJUST.
- 3. Mixture -- LEAN.

# DESCENT

- 1. Mixture -- ADJUST for smooth operation (full rich for idle power).
- 2. Power -- AS DESIRED.
- 3. Carburetor Heat -- AS REQUIRED (to prevent carburetor icing).

# **BEFORE LANDING**

- 1. Seats, Belts, Harnesses -- SECURE.
- 2. Fuel Selector Valve -- BOTH.
- 3. Mixture -- RICH.
- 4. Carburetor Heat -- ON (apply full heat before closing throttle).
- 5. Autopilot (if installed) -- OFF.
- 6. Air Conditioner (if installed) -- OFF.

# IANDING

## NORMAL LANDING

- 1. Airspeed -- 60-70 KIAS (flaps UP).
- 2. Wing Flaps -- AS DESIRED (below 85 KIAS).
- 3. Airspeed -- 55-65 KIAS (flaps DOWN).
- Touchdown -- MAIN WHEELS FIRST. 4.
- 5. Landing Roll -- LOWER NOSE WHEEL GENTLY.
- 6. Braking -- MINIMUM REQUIRED.

## SHORT FIELD LANDING

- 1. Airspeed -- 60-70 KIAS (flaps UP).
- 2. Wing Flaps -- FULL DOWN (40°).
- 3. Airspeed -- 60 KIAS (until flare).
- 4. Power -- REDUCE to idle after clearing obstacle.
- 5. Touchdown -- MAIN WHEELS FIRST.
- 6. Brakes -- APPLY HEAVILY.
- 7. Wing Flaps -- RETRACT.

## BALKED LANDING

- 1. Throttle -- FULL OPEN.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- COLD.
- 3. Wing Flaps -- 20° (immediately).
- 4. Climb Speed -- 55 KIAS.
- 5. Wing Flaps -- 10° (until obstacles are cleared). RETRACT (after reaching a safe altitude and 60 KIAS).

# AFTER LANDING

- 1. Wing Flaps -- UP.
- 2. Carburetor Heat -- COLD.

# SECURING AIRPLANE

- 1. Parking Brake -- SET.
- 2. Avionics Power Switch, Electrical Equipment, Autopilot (if installed) -- OFF.
- 3. Mixture -- IDLE CUT-OFF (pulled full out).
- 4. Ignition Switch -- OFF.
- 5. Master Switch -- OFF.
- 6. Control Lock -- INSTALL.

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## AMPLIFIED PROCEDURES

## **STARTING ENGINE**

During engine starting, open the throttle approximately 1/8 inch. In warm temperatures, one or two strokes of the primer should be sufficient. In cold weather, up to six strokes of the primer may be necessary. If the engine is warm, no priming will be required. In extremely cold temperatures, it may be necessary to continue priming while cranking the engine.

Weak intermittent firing followed by puffs of black smoke from the exhaust stack indicates overpriming or flooding. Excess fuel can be cleared from the combustion chambers by the following procedure: set the mixture control full lean and the throttle full open; then crank the engine through several revolutions with the starter. Repeat the starting procedure without any additional priming.

If the engine is underprimed (most likely in cold weather with a cold engine) it will not fire at all, and additional priming will be necessary. As soon as the cylinders begin to fire, open the throttle slightly to keep it running.

After starting, if the oil gage does not begin to show pressure within 30 seconds in the summertime and about twice that long in very cold weather, stop engine and investigate. Lack of oil pressure can cause serious engine damage. After starting, avoid the use of carburetor heat unless icing conditions prevail.

#### NOTE

Additional details concerning cold weather starting and operation may be found under COLD WEATHER OPERA-TION paragraphs in this section.

## TAXIING

When taxiing, it is important that speed and use of brakes be held to a minimum and that all controls be utilized (see Taxiing Diagram, figure 4-2) to maintain directional control and balance. Taxiing over loose gravel or cinders should be done at low engine speed to avoid abrasion and stone damage to the propeller tips.

The carburetor heat control knob should be pushed full in during all ground operations unless heat is absolutely necessary. When the knob is Pulled out to the heat position, air entering the engine is not filtered.





NOTE

Strong quartering tail winds require caution. Avoid sudden bursts of the throttle and sharp braking when the airplane is in this attitude. Use the steerable nose wheel and rudder to maintain direction. CESSNA MODEL 172N

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Taxiing over loose gravel or cinders should be done at low engine speed to avoid abrasion and stone damage to the propeller tips.

# **BEFORE TAKEOFF**

### WARM-UP

If the engine accelerates smoothly, the airplane is ready for takeoff. Since the engine is closely cowled for efficient in-flight engine cooling, precautions should be taken to avoid overheating during prolonged engine operation on the ground. Also, long periods of idling may cause fouled spark plugs.

## **MAGNETO CHECK**

The magneto check should be made at 1700 RPM as follows. Move ignition switch first to R position and note RPM. Next move switch back to BOTH to clear the other set of plugs. Then move switch to the L position, note RPM and return the switch to the BOTH position. RPM drop should not exceed 125 RPM on either magneto or show greater than 50 RPM differential between magnetos. If there is a doubt concerning operation of the ignition system, RPM checks at higher engine speeds will usually confirm whether a deficiency exists.

An absence of RPM drop may be an indication of faulty grounding of one side of the ignition system or should be cause for suspicion that the magneto timing is set in advance of the setting specified.

## **ALTERNATOR CHECK**

Prior to flights where verification of proper alternator and voltage regulator operation is essential (such as night or instrument flights), a positive verification can be made by loading the electrical system momentarily (3 to 5 seconds) with the landing light or by operating the wing flaps during the engine runup (1700 RPM). The ammeter will remain within a needle width of its initial reading if the alternator and voltage regulator are operating properly.

# TAKEOFF

## POWER CHECK

It is important to check full-throttle engine operation early in the

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takeoff run. Any sign of rough engine operation or sluggish engine acceleration is good cause for discontinuing the takeoff. If this occurs, you are justified in making a thorough full-throttle static runup before another takeoff is attempted. The engine should run smoothly and turn approximately 2280 to 2400 RPM with carburetor heat off and mixture full rich.

#### NOTE

Carburetor heat should not be used during takeoff unless it is absolutely necessary for obtaining smooth engine acceleration.

Full-throttle runups over loose gravel are especially harmful to propeller tips. When takeoffs must be made over a gravel surface, it is very important that the throttle be advanced slowly. This allows the airplane to start rolling before high RPM is developed, and the gravel will be blown back of the propeller rather than pulled into it. When unavoidable small dents appear in the propeller blades, they should be immediately corrected as described in Section 8 under Propeller Care.

Prior to takeoff from fields above 3000 feet elevation, the mixture should be leaned to give maximum RPM in a full-throttle, static runup.

After full throttle is applied, adjust the throttle friction lock clockwise to prevent the throttle from creeping back from a maximum power position. Similar friction lock adjustments should be made as required in other flight conditions to maintain a fixed throttle setting.

## WING FLAP SETTINGS

Normal and short field takeoffs are performed with flaps up. Flap settings greater than 10° are not approved for takeoff.

Use of 10° flaps is reserved for takeoff from soft or rough fields. Use of 10° flaps allows safe use of approximately 5 KIAS lower takeoff speeds than with flaps up. The lower speeds result in shortening takeoff distances up to approximately 10%. However, this advantage is lost if flaps up speeds are used, or in high altitude takeoffs at maximum weight where climb performance would be marginal with 10° flaps. Therefore, use of 10° flaps is not recommended for takeoff over an obstacle at high altitude in hot weather.

# SHORT FIELD TAKEOFF

If an obstruction dictates the use of a steep climb angle, after liftoff accelerate to and climb out at an obstacle clearance speed of 59 KIAS with flaps retracted. This speed provides the best overall climb speed to clear obstacles when taking into account the turbulence often found near ground level. The takeoff performance data provided in Section 5 is based on the flaps up configuration.

If  $10^{\circ}$  of flaps are used on soft or rough fields with obstacles ahead, it is normally preferable to leave them extended rather than retract them in the climb to the obstacle. With  $10^{\circ}$  flaps, use an obstacle clearance speed of 55 KIAS. As soon as the obstacle is cleared, the flaps may be retracted as the airplane accelerates to the normal flaps-up climb-out speed.

#### **CROSSWIND TAKEOFF**

Takeoffs into strong crosswinds normally are performed with the minimum flap setting necessary for the field length, to minimize the drift angle immediately after takeoff. The airplane is accelerated to a speed slightly higher than normal, then pulled off abruptly to prevent possible settling back to the runway while drifting. When clear of the ground, make a coordinated turn into the wind to correct for drift.

## **ENROUTE CLIMB**

Normal climbs are performed with flaps up and full throttle and at speeds 5 to 10 knots higher than best rate-of-climb speeds for the best combination of performance, visibility and engine cooling. The mixture should be full rich below 3000 feet and may be leaned above 3000 feet for smoother operation or to obtain maximum RPM. For maximum rate of climb, use the best rate-of-climb speeds shown in the Rate-of-Climb chart in Section 5. If an obstruction dictates the use of a steep climb angle, the best angle-of-climb speed should be used with flaps up and maximum power. Climbs at speeds lower than the best rate-of-climb speed should be of short duration to improve engine cooling.

## CRUISE

Normal cruising is performed between 55% and 75% power. The engine RPM and corresponding fuel consumption for various altitudes can be determined by using your Cessna Power Computer or the data in Section 5.

#### NOTE

Cruising should be done at 65% to 75% power until a total of 50 hours has accumulated or oil consumption has stabil-

ized. This is to ensure proper seating of the rings and is applicable to new engines, and engines in service following cylinder replacement or top overhaul of one or more cylinders.

The Cruise Performance Table, figure 4-3, illustrates the true airspeed and nautical miles per gallon during cruise for various altitudes and percent powers. This table should be used as a guide, along with the available winds aloft information, to determine the most favorable altitude and power setting for a given trip. The selection of cruise altitude on the basis of the most favorable wind conditions and the use of low power settings are significant factors that should be considered on every trip to reduce fuel consumption.

To achieve the recommended lean mixture fuel consumption figures shown in Section 5, the mixture should be leaned until engine RPM peaks ' and drops 25-50 RPM. At lower powers it may be necessary to enrichen the mixture slightly to obtain smooth operation.

Should it be necessary to cruise at higher than 75% power, the mixture should not be leaned more than is required to provide peak RPM.

Carburetor ice, as evidenced by an unexplained drop in RPM, can be removed by application of full carburetor heat. Upon regaining the original RPM (with heat off), use the minimum amount of heat (by trial and error) to prevent ice from forming. Since the heated air causes a richer mixture, readjust the mixture setting when carburetor heat is to be used continuously in cruise flight.

	75% P(	OWER	65% P	OWER	55% POWER						
ALTITUDE	KTAS	NMPG	KTAS	NMPG	KTAS	NMPG					
Sea Level	114	13.5	107	14.8	100	16.1					
4000 Feet	118	14.0	111	15.3	103	16.6					
8000 Feet	122	14.5	115	15.8	106	17.1					
Standard Conditions Zero Wind											



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The use of full carburetor heat is recommended during flight in heavy rain to avoid the possibility of engine stoppage due to excessive water ingestion or carburetor ice. The mixture setting should be readjusted for smoothest operation. Power changes should be made cautiously, followed by prompt adjustment of the mixture for smoothest operation.



The stall characteristics are conventional and aural warning is provided by a stall warning horn which sounds between 5 and 10 knots above the stall in all configurations.

Power-off stall speeds at maximum weight for both forward and aft C.G. positions are presented in Section 5.

## SPINS

Intentional spins are approved in this airplane within certain restricted loadings. Spins with baggage loadings or occupied rear seat(s) are not approved.

However, before attempting to perform spins several items should be carefully considered to assure a safe flight. No spins should be attempted without first having received dual instruction both in spin entries and spin recoveries from a qualified instructor who is familiar with the spin characteristics of the Cessna 172N.

The cabin should be clean and all loose equipment (including the microphone and rear seat belts) should be stowed or secured. For a solo flight in which spins will be conducted, the copilot's seat belt and shoulder harness should also be secured. The seat belts and shoulder harnesses should be adjusted to provide proper restraint during all anticipated flight conditions. However, care should be taken to ensure that the pilot can easily reach the flight controls and produce maximum control travels.

It is recommended that, where feasible, entries be accomplished at high enough altitude that recoveries are completed 4000 feet or more above ground level. At least 1000 feet of altitude loss should be allowed for a 1turn spin and recovery, while a 6-turn spin and recovery may require somewhat more than twice that amount. For example, the recommended entry altitude for a 6-turn spin would be 6000 feet above ground level. In any case, entries should be planned so that recoveries are completed well above the minimum 1500 feet above ground level required by FAR 91.71. Another reason for using high altitudes for practicing spins is that  $a_{a}$  greater field of view is provided which will assist in maintaining pilot orientation.

The normal entry is made from a power-off stall. As the stall is approached, the elevator control should be smoothly pulled to the full aft position. Just prior to reaching the stall "break", rudder control in the desired direction of the spin rotation should be applied so that full rudder deflection is reached almost simultaneously with reaching full aft elevator. A slightly greater rate of deceleration than for normal stall entries, application of ailerons in the direction of the desired spin, and the use of power at the entry will assure more consistent and positive entries to the spin. As the airplane begins to spin, reduce the power to idle and return the ailerons to neutral. Both elevator and rudder controls should be held full with the spin until the spin recovery is initiated. An inadvertent relaxation of either of these controls could result in the development of a nose-down spiral.

For the purpose of training in spins and spin recoveries, a 1 or 2 turn spin is adequate and should be used. Up to 2 turns, the spin will progress to a fairly rapid rate of rotation and a steep attitude. Application of recovery controls will produce prompt recoveries (within 1/4 turn). During extended spins of two to three turns or more, the spin will tend to change into a spiral, particularly to the right. This will be accompanied by an increase in airspeed and gravity loads on the airplane. If this occurs, recovery should be accomplished quickly by leveling the wings and recovering from the resulting dive.

Regardless of how many turns the spin is held or how it is entered, the following recovery technique should be used:

- 1. VERIFY THAT THROTTLE IS IN IDLE POSITION AND AILER-ONS ARE NEUTRAL.
- 2. APPLY AND **HOLD** FULL RUDDER OPPOSITE TO THE DIRECTION OF ROTATION.
- 3. JUST AFTER THE RUDDER REACHES THE STOP, MOVE THE CONTROL WHEEL BRISKLY FORWARD FAR ENOUGH TO BREAK THE STALL.
- 4. HOLD THESE CONTROL INPUTS UNTIL ROTATION STOPS.
- 5. AS ROTATION STOPS, NEUTRALIZE RUDDER, AND MAKE A SMOOTH RECOVERY FROM THE RESULTING DIVE.

#### NOTE

If disorientation precludes a visual determination of the direction of rotation, the symbolic airplane in the turn coordinator may be referred to for this information. Variations in basic airplane rigging or in weight and balance due to installed equipment or right seat occupancy can cause differences in behavior, particularly in extended spins. These differences are normal and will result in variations in the spin characteristics and in the spiraling tendencies for spins of more than 2 turns. However, the recovery technique should always be used and will result in the most expeditious recovery from any spin.

Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited, since the high speeds which may occur during recovery are potentially damaging to the flap/wing structure.

## LANDING

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### NORMAL LANDING

Normal landing approaches can be made with power-on or power-off with any flap setting desired. Surface winds and air turbulence are usually the primary factors in determining the most comfortable approach speeds. Steep slips should be avoided with flap settings greater than 20° due to a slight tendency for the elevator to oscillate under certain combinations of airspeed, sideslip angle, and center of gravity loadings.

#### NOTE

Carburetor heat should be applied prior to any significant reduction or closing of the throttle.

Actual touchdown should be made with power-off and on the main wheels first to reduce the landing speed and subsequent need for braking the landing roll. The nose wheel is lowered to the runway gently after the speed has diminished to avoid unnecessary nose gear loads. This procedure is especially important in rough or soft field landings.

#### SHORT FIELD LANDING

For a short field landing in smooth air conditions, make an approach at the minimum recommended airspeed with full flaps using enough power to control the glide path. (Slightly higher approach speeds should be used under turbulent air conditions.) After all approach obstacles are cleared, progressively reduce power and maintain the approach speed by lowering the nose of the airplane. Touchdown should be made with power off and on the main wheels first. Immediately after touchdown, lower the nose wheel and apply heavy braking as required. For maximum brake effectiveness, retract the flaps, hold the control wheel full back, and apply maximum brake pressure without sliding the tires.

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Cold weather starting procedures are as follows:

#### With Preheat:

1. With ignition switch OFF and throttle closed, prime the engine four to eight strokes as the propeller is being turned over by hand.

#### NOTE

Use heavy strokes of primer for best atomization of fuel. After priming, push primer all the way in and turn to locked position to avoid possibility of engine drawing fuel through the primer.

- 2. Propeller Area -- CLEAR.
- Avionics Power Switch -- OFF. 3.
- 4. Master Switch -- ON.
- 5. Mixture -- FULL RICH.
- Throttle -- OPEN 1/8 INCH. 6.
- Ignition Switch -- START. 7.
- Release ignition switch to BOTH when engine starts. 8.
- Oil Pressure -- CHECK. 9.

#### Without Preheat:

- 1. Prime the engine six to ten strokes while the propeller is being turned by hand with the throttle closed. Leave the primer charged and ready for a stroke.
- 2. Propeller Area -- CLEAR.
- 3. Avionics Power Switch -- OFF.
- Master Switch -- ON. 4.
- Mixture -- FULL RICH. 5.
- Ignition Switch -- START. 6.
- 7. Pump throttle rapidly to full open twice. Return to 1/8 inch open position.
- 8. Release ignition switch to BOTH when engine starts.
- 9. Continue to prime engine until it is running smoothly, or alternately, pump throttle rapidly over first 1/4 of total travel.
- 10. Oil Pressure -- CHECK.
- 11. Pull carburetor heat knob full on after engine has started. Leave on until engine is running smoothly.
- 12. Primer -- LOCK.

#### NOTE

If the engine does not start during the first few attempts, or if engine firing diminishes in strength, it is probable that the spark plugs have been frosted over. Preheat must be used before another start is attempted.

## **CROSSWIND LANDING**

When landing in a strong crosswind, use the minimum flap setting required for the field length. If flap settings greater than 20° are used in sideslips with full rudder deflection, some elevator oscillation may be felt at normal approach speeds. However, this does not affect control of the airplane. Although the crab or combination method of drift correction may be used, the wing-low method gives the best control. After touchdown, hold a straight course with the steerable nose wheel and occasional braking if necessary.

The maximum allowable crosswind velocity is dependent upon pilot capability as well as aircraft limitations. With average pilot technique, direct crosswinds of 15 knots can be handled with safety.

## BALKED LANDING

In a balked landing (go-around) climb, reduce the flap setting to  $20^{\circ}$ immediately after full power is applied. If obstacles must be cleared during the go-around climb, reduce the wing flap setting to 10° and maintain a safe airspeed until the obstacles are cleared. Above 3000 feet, lean the mixture to obtain maximum RPM. After clearing any obstacles, the flaps may be retracted as the airplane accelerates to the normal flaps-up climb speed.

# COLD WEATHER OPERATION

### STARTING

Prior to starting on cold mornings, it is advisable to pull the propeller through several times by hand to "break loose" or "limber" the oil, thus conserving battery energy.

#### NOTE

When pulling the propeller through by hand, treat it as if the ignition switch is turned on. A loose or broken ground wire on either magneto could cause the engine to fire.

In extremely cold (-18°C and lower) weather, the use of an external preheater and an external power source are recommended whenever possible to obtain positive starting and to reduce wear and abuse to the engine and electrical system. Pre-heat will thaw the oil trapped in the oil cooler, which probably will be congealed prior to starting in extremely cold temperatures. When using an external power source, the position of the master switch is important. Refer to Section 7 under Ground Service Plug Receptacle for operating details.

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CAUTION

Pumping the throttle may cause raw fuel to accumulate in the intake air duct, creating a fire hazard in the event of a backfire. If this occurs, maintain a cranking action to suck flames into the engine. An outside attendant with a fire extinguisher is advised for cold starts without preheat.

During cold weather operations no indication will be apparent on the oil temperature gage prior to takeoff if outside air temperatures are very cold. After a suitable warm-up period (2 to 5 minutes at 1000 RPM), accelerate the engine several times to higher engine RPM. If the engine accelerates smoothly and the oil pressure remains normal and steady, the airplane is ready for takeoff.

### **FLIGHT OPERATIONS**

Takeoff is made normally with carburetor heat off. Avoid excessive leaning in cruise.

Carburetor heat may be used to overcome any occasional engine roughness due to ice.

When operating in temperatures below  $-18^{\circ}$ C, avoid using partial carburetor heat. Partial heat may increase the carburetor air temperature to the 0° to 21°C range, where icing is critical under certain atmospheric conditions.

# HOT WEATHER OPERATION

Refer to the general warm temperature starting information under Starting Engine in this section. Avoid prolonged engine operation on the ground.

# **NOISE ABATEMENT**

Increased emphasis on improving the quality of our environment requires renewed effort on the part of all pilots to minimize the effect of airplane noise on the public.

We, as pilots, can demonstrate our concern for environmental improvement, by application of the following suggested procedures, and thereby tend to build public support for aviation:

- 1. Pilots operating aircraft under VFR over outdoor assemblies of persons, recreational and park areas, and other noise-sensitive areas should make every effort to fly not less than 2000 feet above the surface, weather permitting, even though flight at a lower level may be consistent with the provisions of government regulations.
- 2. During departure from or approach to an airport, climb after takeoff and descent for landing should be made so as to avoid prolonged flight at low altitude near noise-sensitive areas.

#### NOTE

The above recommended procedures do not apply where they would conflict with Air Traffic Control clearances or instructions, or where, in the pilot's judgment, an altitude of less than 2000 feet is necessary for him to adequately exercise his duty to see and avoid other aircraft.

The certificated noise level for the Model 172N at 2300 pounds maximum weight is 73.8 dB(A). No determination has been made by the Federal Aviation Administration that the noise levels of this airplane are or should be acceptable or unacceptable for operation at, into, or out of, any airport.

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# INTRODUCTION

Performance data charts on the following pages are presented so that you may know what to expect from the airplane under various conditions, and also, to facilitate the planning of flights in detail and with reasonable accuracy. The data in the charts has been computed from actual flight tests with the airplane and engine in good condition and using average piloting techniques.

It should be noted that the performance information presented in the range and endurance profile charts allows for 45 minutes reserve fuel based on 45% power. Fuel flow data for cruise is based on the recommended lean mixture setting. Some indeterminate variables such as mixture leaning technique, fuel metering characteristics, engine and propeller condition, and air turbulence may account for variations of 10% or more in range and endurance. Therefore, it is important to utilize all available information to estimate the fuel required for the particular flight.

# **USE OF PERFORMANCE CHARTS**

Performance data is presented in tabular or graphical form to illustrate the effect of different variables. Sufficiently detailed information is provided in the tables so that conservative values can be selected and used to determine the particular performance figure with reasonable accuracy.

# SAMPLE PROBLEM

The following sample flight problem utilizes information from the various charts to determine the predicted performance data for a typical flight. The following information is known:

AIRPLANE CONFIGURATION	
Takeoff weight	
Usable fuel	

TAKEOFF CONDITIONS Field pressure altitude Temperature Wind component along runway Field length 2250 Pounds 40 Gallons

1500 Feet 28°C (16°C above standard) 12 Knot Headwind 3500 Feet

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CRUISE CONDITIONS Total distance Pressure altitude Temperature Expected wind enroute

#### LANDING CONDITIONS

Field pressure altitude Temperature Field length

### TAKEOFF

The takeoff distance chart, figure 5-4, should be consulted, keeping in mind that the distances shown are based on the short field technique. Conservative distances can be established by reading the chart at the next higher value of weight, altitude and temperature. For example, in this particular sample problem, the takeoff distance information presented for a weight of 2300 pounds, pressure altitude of 2000 feet and a temperature of 30°C should be used and results in the following:

Ground roll	1075 Feet
Total distance to clear a 50-foot obstacle	1915 Feet

These distances are well within the available takeoff field length. However, a correction for the effect of wind may be made based on Note 3 of the takeoff chart. The correction for a 12 knot headwind is:

$$\frac{12 \text{ Knots}}{9 \text{ Knots}} \times 10\% = 13\%$$
 Decrease

This results in the following distances, corrected for wind:

Ground roll, zero wind	1075
Decrease in ground roll	
(1075 feet × 13%)	140
Corrected ground roll	935 Feet
Total distance to clear a	
50-foot obstacle, zero wind	1915
00-100t Obstacle, 2010 willd	1910

 
 Decrease in total distance (1915 feet × 13%)
 249

 Corrected total distance to clear 50-foot obstacle
 1666 Feet

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460 Nautical Miles

10 Knot Headwind

20°C (16°C above standard)

5500 Feet

2000 Feet

3000 Feet

25°C

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# CRUISE

The cruising altitude should be selected based on a consideration of trip length, winds aloft, and the airplane's performance. A typical cruising altitude and the expected wind enroute have been given for this sample problem. However, the power setting selection for cruise must be determined based on several considerations. These include the cruise performance characteristics presented in figure 5-7, the range profile chart presented in figure 5-8, and the endurance profile chart presented in figure 5-9.

The relationship between power and range is illustrated by the range profile chart. Considerable fuel savings and longer range result when lower power settings are used.

The range profile chart indicates that use of 65% power at 5500 feet yields a predicted range of 523 nautical miles with no wind. The endurance profile chart, figure 5-9, shows a corresponding 4.7 hours.

The range figure of 523 nautical miles is corrected to account for the expected 10 knot headwind at 5500 feet.

Range, zero wind	523
Decrease in range due to wind	
(4.7 hours × 10 knot headwind)	47
Corrected range	$\overline{476}$ Nautical Miles

This indicates that the trip can be made without a fuel stop using approximately 65% power.

The cruise performance chart, figure 5-7, is entered at 6000 feet altitude and 20°C above standard temperature. These values most nearly correspond to the planned altitude and expected temperature conditions. The engine speed chosen is 2500 RPM, which results in the following:

Power	64%
True airspeed	114 Knots
Cruise fuel flow	7.1 GPH

The power computer may be used to determine power and fuel consumption more accurately during the flight.

#### FUEL REQUIRED

The total fuel requirement for the flight may be estimated using the performance information in figures 5-6 and 5-7. For this sample problem, figure 5-6 shows that a climb from 2000 feet to 6000 feet requires 1.3 gallons

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The total estimated fuel required is as follows:

Engine start, taxi, and takeoff	<b>1</b> .1
Climb	1.5
Cruise	30.5
Total fuel required	33.1 Gallons

This will leave a fuel reserve of:

40.0 -<u>33.1</u> 6.9 Gallons

Once the flight is underway, ground speed checks will provide a more accurate basis for estimating the time enroute and the corresponding fuel required to complete the trip with ample reserve.

#### LANDING

A procedure similar to takeoff should be used for estimating the landing distance at the destination airport. Figure 5-10 presents landing distance information for the short field technique. The distances corresponding to 2000 feet and 30°C are as follows:

Ground roll	590 Feet
Total distance to clear a 50-foot obstacle	1370 Feet

A correction for the effect of wind may be made based on Note 2 of the landing chart using the same procedure as outlined for takeoff.

of fuel. The corresponding distance during the climb is 9 nautical miles. These values are for a standard temperature and are sufficiently accurate for most flight planning purposes. However, a further correction for the effect of temperature may be made as noted on the climb chart. The approximate effect of a non-standard temperature is to increase the time, fuel, and distance by 10% for each 10°C above standard temperature, due to the lower rate of climb. In this case, assuming a temperature 16°C above standard, the correction would be:

$$\frac{16^{\circ}C}{10^{\circ}C} \times 10\% = 16\%$$
 Increase

With this factor included, the fuel estimate would be calculated as follows:

Fuel to climb, standard temperature	1.3
Increase due to non-standard temperature	
$(1.3 \times 16\%)$	0.2
Corrected fuel to climb	1.5 Gallons

Using a similar procedure for the distance to climb results in 10 nautical miles.

The resultant cruise distance is:

Total distance	460
Climb distance	<u>-10</u>
Cruise distance	450 Nautical Miles

With an expected 10 knot headwind, the ground speed for cruise is predicted to be:

#### 114 <u>-10</u> 104 Knots

Therefore, the time required for the cruise portion of the trip is:

450 Nautical Miles = 4.3 Hours 104 Knots

The fuel required for cruise is:

4.3 hours × 7.1 gallons/hour = 30.5 Gallons

NORMAL KIAS

ALTERNATE KIAS

# **AIRSPEED CALIBRATION**

# NORMAL STATIC SOURCE

FLAPS UP											
KIAS KCAS	40 49	50 55	60 62	70 70	80 80	90 89	100 99	110 108	120 118	130 128	140 138
FLAPS 10 <sup>0</sup>											
KIAS KCAS	40 49	50 55	60 62	70 71	80 80	85 85		 		• • •	
FLAPS 40 <sup>0</sup>											
KIAS KCAS	40 47	50 54	60 62	70 71	80 81	85 86					

Figure 5-1. Airspeed Calibration (Sheet 1 of 2)

# AIRSPEED CALIBRATION ALTERNATE STATIC SOURCE

# HEATER/VENTS AND WINDOWS CLOSED

FLAPS UP											
NORMAL KIAS ALTERNATE KIAS	40 39	50 51	60 61	70 71	80 82	90 91	100 101	110 111	120 121	130 131	140 141
FLAPS 10 <sup>0</sup>											
NORMAL KIAS ALTERNATE KIAS	40 40	50 51	60 61	70 71	80 81	85 85					
FLAPS 40 <sup>0</sup>											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60 60	70 70	80 79	85 83					
ALTERNATE KIAS	38	50									
ALTERNATE KIAS							IDOW	S CL	DSED		
							IDOW	S CL	OSED		
HEAT							100 99	110 108	120 118	130 128	140 139
HEAT FLAPS UP NORMAL KIAS	ER/V 40	'ENT 50	<b>S OI</b> 60	<b>PEN</b> 70	<b>AND</b> 80	<b>WIN</b> 90	100	110	120	130	-
HEAT FLAPS UP NORMAL KIAS ALTERNATE KIAS	ER/V 40	'ENT 50	<b>S OI</b> 60	<b>PEN</b> 70	<b>AND</b> 80	<b>WIN</b> 90	100	110	120	130	-

# 77 WINDOWS OPEN

80 85

81

60 70

67

50

47 57

40

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FLAPS UP											
NORMAL KIAS	40 26	50 43	60 57	70 70	80 82	90 93	100 103	110 113	120 123	130 133	140 143
ALTERNATE KIAS	20										
FLAPS 10 <sup>0</sup>											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85					
ALTERNATE KIAS	25	43	57	69	80	85					
FLAPS 40 <sup>0</sup>											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85					
ALTERNATE KIAS	25	41	54	67	78	84					

Figure 5-1. Airspeed Calibration (Sheet 2 of 2)

# **TEMPERATURE CONVERSION CHART**



Figure 5-2. Temperature Conversion Chart

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# STALL SPEEDS

CONDITIONS:

Power Off

NOTES:

- 1. Maximum altitude loss during a stall recovery may be as much as 180 feet.
- 2. KIAS values are approximate.

				А	NGLEC	)F BANI	ĸ		
WEIGHT LBS	FLAP DEFLECTION	0	0	3	0 <mark>0</mark>	4	5 <sup>0</sup>	6	0 <sup>0</sup>
		KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS
-	UP	42	50	45	54	50	59	5 <del>9</del>	71
2300	10 <sup>0</sup>	38	47	40	51	45	56	54	66
	40 <sup>0</sup>	36	44	38	47	43	52	51	62

# MOST REARWARD CENTER OF GRAVITY

# MOST FORWARD CENTER OF GRAVITY

				ļ	NGLE (	OF BAN	к		
WEIGH LBS	T FLAP DEFLECTION	C	90	3	0 <sup>0</sup>	4	50	6	0 <sup>0</sup>
		KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS
	UP	47	53	51	57	56	63	66	75
2300	10 <sup>0</sup>	44	51	47	55	52	61	62	72
	40 <sup>0</sup>	41	47	44	51	49	56	58	66

Figure 5-3. Stall Speeds

SHORT FIELD

NOTES: 1. Shor 2. Prior

- Short field technique as specified in Section 4. Prior to takeoff from fields above 3000 feet elevation, the mixture should be leaned to give maximum RPM in a full throttle, static runup.
  - Decrease distances 10% for each 9 knots headwind. For operation with tailwinds up to 10 knots, increase distances by 10% for each 2 knots. For operation on a dry, grass runway, increase distances by 15% of the "ground roll" figure. ы.
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40 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL	TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1700	1865	2055	2265	2510	2795	3125	3515	3990
		GRND ROLL	096	1050	1155	1270	1400	1540	1705	1890	2095
30°C	TOTAL	201	1590	1745	1915	2115	2335	2595	2895	3245	3670
		GRND ROLL	895	980	1075	1185	1300	1435	1585	1755	1945
20 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL	GRND TO CLEAR ROLL 50 FT OBS	1490	1630	1790	1970	2175	2410	2680	3000	3375
		GRND ROLL	835	915	1000	1100	1210	1335	1475	1630	1805
10 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL	TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1390	1525	1670	1835	2025	2240	2485	2770	3110
-		GRND ROLL	775	850	930	1025	1125	1240	1365	1510	1675
0°C	TOTAL	50 20	1300	1420	1555	1710	1880	2075	2305	2565	2870
		GRND	720	790	865	950	1045	1150	1265	1400	1550
PRESS	ALT	FT	S.L.	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000
AKEOFF SPEED	KIAS	AT 50 FT	59								
TAK SP	¥	LIFT OFF	52								
	WEIGH1		2300								

Takeoff Distance (Sheet 1 of 2) Figure 5-4.

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# TAKEOFF DISTANCE 2100 LBS AND 1900 LBS

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# SHORT FIELD

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	40°C	TOTAL	50 FT OBS	1390	1520	1665	1830	2015	2230	2475	2755	3090	111		G171	1330	1455	1595	1755	1940	2145	2385
	4		ROLL	780	850	935	1025	1130	1240	1370	1515	1680	620			745	815	895	985	1085	1195	1320
	30°C	TOTAL TOTAL TOTAL TOTAL	50 FT OBS	1300	1420	1555	1710	1880	2075	2300	2560	2865		1045	1140	1245	1365	1495	1640	1810	2000	2220
	З		ROLL	725	795	870	955	1050	1155	1275	1410	1560		D 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	635	695	760	835	920	1010	1115	1230
VIA GNIOI I	20°C	TOTAL	50 FT OBS	1220	1330	1455	1595	1755	1935	2140	2380	2655	l	686	1070	1170	1275	1400	1535	1690	1865	2065
	2		ROLL	680	740	810	890	980	1075	1185	1310	1450 -		540	590	645	710	780	855	940	1035	1145
РКОРКІАТ	10 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL	TO CLEAN 50 FT OBS	1140	1245	1360	1490	1640	1805	1990	2210	2460		920	1005	1095	1195	1305	1435	1575	1740	1925
FOR AP	-		GRND ROLL	630	600	755	028	010		1100	1215	1345		505	550	605	660	725	795	875	965	1065
REFER TO SHEET 1 FOR APPROPRIALE CONDITIONS AND NOTES.	0°C	TOTAL	TO CLEAR GRND 50 FT OBS ROLL	1070	1165	1 270	1390	1525	1680	1850	2050	2275		865	940	1025	1115	1220	1340	1470	1620	1790
EFER T			GRND ROLL	л В В В				0/1		1020	1130	1245		470	515	292	о 1 1 1					985
<u>۳</u>		ALT		Ū								8000		S								8000
	L.	KIAS	AT 50 FT	E G	2									54								
	TAK		LIFT OFF	C L	2									47	:							
		WEIGHT			2017									1900	-							

Figure 5-4. Takeoff Distance (Sheet 2 of 2)

# RATE OF CLIMB

MAXIMUM

CONDITIONS: Flaps Up Full Throttle

NOTE: Mixture leaned above 3000 feet for maximum RPM.

# TIME, FUEL, AND DISTANCE TO CLIMB

MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB

Flaps Up Full Throttle Standard Temperature

CONDITIONS:

#### NOTES:

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- 1. Add 1.1 gallons of fuel for engine start, taxi and takeoff allowance.
- 2. Mixture leaned above 3000 feet for maximum RPM.
- 3. Increase time, fuel and distance by 10% for each 10<sup>o</sup>C above standard temperature.
- 4. Distances shown are based on zero wind.

WEIGHT LBS	PRESS ALT	CLIMB SPEED		RATE OF C	LIMB - FPM	
	FT	KIAS	-20 <sup>0</sup> C	0ºC	20 <sup>0</sup> C	40 <sup>0</sup> C
2300	S.L. 2000 4000 6000 8000 10,000 12,000	73 72 71 70 69 68 67	875 765 655 545 440 335 230	815 705 600 495 390 285 180	755 650 545 440 335 230	695 590 485 385 280

Figure 5-5. Rate of Climb

WEIGHT	PRESSURE	ТЕМР	CLIMB	RATE OF	F	ROM SEA LE	VEL
LBS	ALTITUDE FT	°C	SPEED KIAS	CLIMB FPM	TIME MIN	FUEL USED GALLONS	DISTANCE NM
2300	S.L.	15	73	770	0	0.0	0
	1000	13	73	725	1	0. <b>3</b>	2
	2000	11	72	675	3	0. <b>6</b>	3
	3000	9	72	630	4	0.9	5
	4000	7	71	580	6	1.2	8
	5000	5	71	53 <b>5</b>	8	1.6	10
	6000	3	70	485	10	1.9	12
	7000	1	69	440	12	2.3	15
	8000	-1	69	390	15	2.7	19
	9000	-3	68	345	17	3.2	22
	10,000	-5	68	295	21	3.7	27
	11,000	-7	67	250	24	4.2	32
	12,000	-9	67	200	29	4.9	38

Figure 5-6. Time, Fuel, and Distance to Climb

**Recommended Lean Mixture** 

CONDITIONS:

2300 Pounds

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# RANGE PROFILE 45 MINUTES RESERVE 40 GALLONS USABLE FUEL

CONDITIONS:

2300 Pounds Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise Standard Temperature Zero Wind

#### NOTES:

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- 1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the distance during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
- 2. Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.



Figure 5-8. Range Profile (Sheet 1 of 2)

		20	°C BELC					20	C ABO	/F
PRESSURE	RPM	STAN	DARD	TEMP		TANDAF		STAN	IDARD	ТЕМР
ALTITUDE FT		% BHP	KTAS	GPH	% BHP	KTAS	GPH	% BHP	KTAS	GPH
2000	2500 2400 2300 2200 2100	72 64 56 50	111 106 101 95	8.0 7.1 6.3 5.8	75 67 60 53 47	116 111 105 100 94	8.4 7.5 6.7 6.1 5.6	71 63 56 50 45	115 110 105 99 93	7.9 7.1 6.3 5.8 5.4
4000	2550 2500 2400 2300 2200 2100	76 68 60 54 48	116 111 105 100 94	8.5 7.6 6.8 6.1 5.6	75 71 64 57 51 46	118 115 110 105 99 93	8.4 8.0 7.1 6.4 5.9 5.5	71 67 60 54 48 44	118 115 109 104 98 92	7.9 7.5 6.7 6.1 5.7 5.3
6000	2600 2500 2400 2300 2200 2100	72 64 57 51 46	116 110 105 99 93	8.1 7.2 6.5 5.9 5.5	75 67 60 54 49 44	120 115 109 104 98 92	8.4 7.6 6.8 6.2 5.7 5.4	71 64 57 52 47 42	120 114 109 103 97 91	7.9 7.1 6.4 5.9 5.5 5.2
8000	2650 2600 2500 2400 2300 2200	76 68 61 55 49	120 115 110 104 98	8.6 7.7 6.9 6.2 5.7	75 71 64 58 52 47	122 120 114 109 103 97	8.4 8.0 7.2 6.5 6.0 5.5	71 67 60 55 50 45	122 119 113 108 102 96	7.9 7.5 6.8 6.2 5.8 5.4
10,000	2650 2600 2500 2400 2300 2200	76 72 65 58 52 47	122 120 114 109 103 97	8.5 8.1 7.3 6.5 6.0 5.6	71 68 61 55 50 45	122 119 114 108 102 96	8.0 7.6 6.8 6.2 5.8 5.4	67 64 58 52 48 44	121 118 112 107 101 95	7.5 7.1 6.5 6.0 5.6 5.3
12,000	2600 2500 2400 2300 2200	68 62 56 50 46	119 114 108 102 96	7.7 6.9 6.3 5.8 5.5	64 58 53 48 44	118 113 107 101 95	7.2 6.5 6.0 5.6 5.4	61 55 51 46 43	117 111 106 100 94	6.8 6.2 5.8 5.5 5.3

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Figure 5-7. Cruise Performance

CONDITIONS:

2300 Pounds

Zero Wind

NOTES:

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Standard Temperature

Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise

distance during climb as shown in figure 5-6.

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# **ENDURANCE PROFILE 45 MINUTES RESERVE 40 GALLONS USABLE FUEL**

CONDITIONS:

2300 Pounds Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise Standard Temperature

#### NOTES:

- 1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the time during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
- Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons. 2.



RANGE PROFILE

**45 MINUTES RESERVE** 

**50 GALLONS USABLE FUEL** 

1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the

Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.

Figure 5-8. Range Profile (Sheet 2 of 2)



Figure 5-9. Endurance Profile (Sheet 1 of 2)

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# **ENDURANCE PROFILE 45 MINUTES RESERVE 50 GALLONS USABLE FUEL**

CONDITIONS: 2300 Pounds Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise Standard Temperature

#### NOTES:

- 1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the time during climb as shown in figure 5-6. 2.
- Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.



Figure 5-9. Endurance Profile (Sheet 2 of 2)

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FIELD SHORT

> Runway Maximum Braking Paved, Level, Dry Zero Wind CONDITIONS: Flaps 40<sup>0</sup> Power Off

NOTES:

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- For operation with tailwinds up to 10 knots, increase distances by 10% Short field technique as specified in Section 4. Decrease distances 10% for each 9 knots headwind. for each 2 knots ć
  - "ground roll" figure. 45% of the runway, increase distances by a dry, grass operation on For

40 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1330	1365	1405	1440	1480	1525	1570	1615	1665
	GRND ROLL	292	585	610	630	655	680	705	730	760
30°C	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1295	1330	1370	1405	1445	1485	1535	1575	1620
	GRND ROLL	545	565	590	610	635	655	685	710	735
20°C	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1265	1300	1335	1370	1410	1450	1490	1535	1580
	GRND ROLL	530	550	570	200	615	635	660	685	710
10 <sup>0</sup> C	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1235	1265	1300	1335	1370	1415	1455	1495	1540
	GRND ROLL	510	530	550	570	590	615	640	660	690
0°C	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	1205	1235	1265	1300	1335	1370	1415	1455	1500
	GRND ROLL	495	510	530	550	570	590	615	640	665
PRESS	ALT FT	S.L.	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	0009	7000	8000
SPEED	50 FT KIAS	60								
	LBS	2300								

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SECTION 6 WEIGHT & BALANCE/ EQUIPMENT LIST

# INTRODUCTION

This section describes the procedure for establishing the basic empty weight and moment of the airplane. Sample forms are provided for reference. Procedures for calculating the weight and moment for various operations are also provided. A comprehensive list of all Cessna equipment available for this airplane is included at the back of this section.

It should be noted that specific information regarding the weight, arm, moment and installed equipment list for this airplane can only be found in the appropriate weight and balance records carried in the airplane.

# AIRPLANE WEIGHING PROCEDURES

- 1. Preparation:
  - a. Inflate tires to recommended operating pressures.
  - b. Remove the fuel tank sump quick-drain fittings and fuel selector valve drain plug to drain all fuel.
  - c. Remove oil sump drain plug to drain all oil.
  - d. Move sliding seats to the most forward position.
  - e. Raise flaps to the fully retracted position.
  - f. Place all control surfaces in neutral position.
- 2. Leveling:
  - a. Place scales under each wheel (minimum scale capacity, 500 pounds nose, 1000 pounds each main).
  - b. Deflate the nose tire and/or lower or raise the nose strut to properly center the bubble in the level (see figure 6-1).
- 3. Weighing:
  - a. With the airplane level and brakes released, record the weight shown on each scale. Deduct the tare, if any, from each reading.
- 4. Measuring:
  - a. Obtain measurement A by measuring horizontally (along the airplane center line) from a line stretched between the main wheel centers to a plumb bob dropped from the firewall.
  - b. Obtain measurement B by measuring horizontally and parallel to the airplane center line, from center of nose wheel axle, left side, to a plumb bob dropped from the line between the main wheel centers. Repeat on right side and average the measurements.
- 5. Using weights from item 3 and measurements from item 4, the



Scale Position	Scale Reading	Tare	Symbol	Net Weight
Left Wheel			L	
Right Wheel			R	
Nose Wheel			N	······································
Sum of Net Weights (As V	Veighed)		w	

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 $X = ARM = (A) - (N) \times (B) ; X = ($ w

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ltem	Moment/100 Weight (Lbs.) X C.G. Arm (In.) = (LbsIn.)
Airplane Weight (From Item 5, page 6-3)	
Add Oil: No Oil Filter (6 Qts at 7.5 Lbs/Gal)	-14.0
With Oil Filter (7 Qts at 7.5 Lbs/Gal)	-14.0
Add Unusable Fuel: Std. Tanks (3 Gal at 6 Lbs/Gal)	46.0
∟.R. Tanks (4 Gal at 6 Lbs/Gal)	46.0
Equipment Changes	
Airplane Basic Empty Weight	

Figure 6-1. Sample Airplane Weighing

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RECORD

BALANCE

AND

SAMPLE WEIGHT

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	ASIC	THE	Moment /1000								
BER	IING B	ЕМРТҮ WEIGHT		 	 		 	 	 		
PAGE NUMBER	RUNN	ЕМРТ	Wt. ( <i>Ib.</i> )								
PAG		-	Moment /1000								
		REMOVED (-)	Arm (In.)								
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SERIAL NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	OF ARTICLE OR MODIFICATION								
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airplane weight and C.G. can be determined.

6. Basic Empty Weight may be determined by completing figure 6-1.

# WEIGHT AND BALANCE

The following information will enable you to operate your Cessna within the prescribed weight and center of gravity limitations. To figure weight and balance, use the Sample Problem, Loading Graph, and Center of Gravity Moment Envelope as follows:

Take the basic empty weight and moment from appropriate weight and balance records carried in your airplane, and enter them in the column titled YOUR AIRPLANE on the Sample Loading Problem.

#### NOTE

In addition to the basic empty weight and moment noted on these records, the C.G. arm (fuselage station) is also shown, but need not be used on the Sample Loading Problem. The moment which is shown must be divided by 1000 and this value used as the moment/1000 on the loading problem.

Use the Loading Graph to determine the moment/1000 for each additional item to be carried; then list these on the loading problem.

#### NOTE

Loading Graph information for the pilot, passengers and baggage is based on seats positioned for average occupants and baggage loaded in the center of the baggage areas as shown on the Loading Arrangements diagram. For loadings which may differ from these, the Sample Loading Problem lists fuselage stations for these items to indicate their forward and aft C.G. range limitations (seat travel and baggage area limitation). Additional moment calculations, based on the actual weight and C.G. arm (fuselage station) of the item being loaded, must be made if the position of the load is different from that shown on the Loading Graph.

Total the weights and moments/1000 and plot these values on the Center of Gravity Moment Envelope to determine whether the point falls within the envelope, and if the loading is acceptable.



Figure 6-3. Loading Arrangements



#### **SECTION 6** WEIGHT & BALANCE/ EQUIPMENT LIST



DOOR OPENING DIMENSIONS

	WIDTH (TOP)	WIDTH (BOTTOM)	HEIGHT (FRONT)	
CABIN DOOR	32''	37''	40''	41''
BAGGAGE DOOR	15¼''	15¼''	22''	21''



# CABIN WIDTH MEASUREMENTS



Figure 6-4. Internal Cabin Dimensions

	SAMPLE	SAMPLE	SAMPLE AIRPLANE	YOUR AI	YOUR AIRPLANE
	LOADING PROBLEM	Weight (Ibs.)	Moment (Ibins. /1000)	Weight (lbs.)	Moment (Ib ins. /1000)
÷	Basic Empty Weight (Use the data pertaining to your airplane as it is presently equipped. Includes unusable fuel and full oil)	1454	57.6		
5	Usable Fuel (At 6 Lbs./Gal.) Standard Tanks (40 Gal. Maximum)	240	11.5		
	Long Range Tanks (50 Gal. Maximum)				
ц	Pilot and Front Passenger (Station 34 to 46)	340	12.6		
4	Rear Passengers	170	12.4		
ъ.	* Baggage Area 1 or Passenger on Child's Seat (Station 82 to 108) 120 Lbs, Max.	96	9.1		
Ö	* Baggage Area 2 (Station 108 to 142) 50 Lbs. $M_{\rm GX}$				
7.	TOTAL WEIGHT AND MOMENT	2300	103.2		
ώ	Locate this point (2300 at 103.2) on the Center of Gravity Moment Envelope, and since this point falls within the envelope, the loading is acceptable.	ment Envelope eptable.			
	NOTE				
	$^{m k}$ The maximum allowable combined weight capacity for baggage areas 1 and 2 is 120 lbs.	reas 1 and 2 is	120 lbs.		



LOADED AIRPLANE MOMENT/1000 (POUND-INCHES)

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The following equipment list is a comprehensive list of all Cessna equipment available for this airplane. A separate equipment list of items installed in your specific airplane is provided in your aircraft file. The following list and the specific list for your airplane have a similar order of listing.

This equipment list provides the following information:

An **item number** gives the identification number for the item. Each number is prefixed with a letter which identifies the **descriptive** grouping (example: A. Powerplant & Accessories) under which it is listed. Suffix letters identify the equipment as a required item, a standard item or an optional item. Suffix letters are as follows:

- -R = required items of equipment for FAA certification
- -S = standard equipment items
- -O = optional equipment items replacing required or standard items
- -A = optional equipment items which are in addition to required or standard items

A reference drawing column provides the drawing number for the item.

#### NOTE

If additional equipment is to be installed, it must be done in accordance with the reference drawing, accessory kit instructions, or a separate FAA approval.

Columns showing **weight (in pounds)** and **arm (in inches)** provide the weight and center of gravity location for the equipment.

#### NOTE

Unless otherwise indicated, true values (not net change values) for the weight and arm are shown. Positive arms are distances aft of the airplane datum; negative arms are distances forward of the datum.

#### NOTE

Asterisks (\*) after the item weight and arm indicate complete assembly installations. Some major components of the assembly are listed on the lines immediately following. The summation of these major components does not necessarily equal the complete assembly installation.



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# INTRODUCTION

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This section provides description and operation of the airplane and its systems. Some equipment described herein is optional and may not be installed in the airplane. Refer to Section 9, Supplements, for details of other optional systems and equipment.

# AIRFRAME

The airplane is an all-metal, four-place, high-wing, single-engine airplane equipped with tricycle landing gear, and is designed for general utility purposes.

The construction of the fuselage is a conventional formed sheet metal bulkhead, stringer, and skin design referred to as semimonocoque. Major items of structure are the front and rear carry-through spars to which the wings are attached, a bulkhead and forgings for main landing gear attachment at the base of the rear door posts, and a bulkhead with attaching plates at the base of the forward door posts for the lower attachment of the wing struts. Four engine mount stringers are also attached to the forward door posts and extend forward to the firewall.

The externally braced wings, containing the fuel tanks, are constructed of a front and rear spar with formed sheet metal ribs, doublers, and stringers. The entire structure is covered with aluminum skin. The front spars are equipped with wing-to-fuselage and wing-to-strut attach fittings. The aft spars are equipped with wing-to-fuselage attach fittings, and are partial-span spars. Conventional hinged ailerons and single-slot type flaps are attached to the trailing edge of the wings. The ailerons are constructed of a forward spar containing a balance weight, formed sheet metal ribs and "V" type corrugated aluminum skin joined together at the trailing edge. The flaps are constructed basically the same as the ailerons, with the exception of the balance weights and the addition of a formed sheet metal leading edge section.

The empennage (tail assembly) consists of a conventional vertical stabilizer, rudder, horizontal stabilizer, and elevator. The vertical stabilizer consists of a spar, formed sheet metal ribs and reinforcements, a wraparound skin panel, formed leading edge skin and a dorsal. The rudder is constructed of a formed leading edge skin containing hinge halves, a center wrap-around skin panel, ribs, an aft wrap-around skin panel which is joined at the trailing edge of the rudder by a filler strip, and a ground adjustable trim tab at the base of the trailing edge. The top of the rudder incorporates a leading edge extension which contains a balance weight.

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Map Compartment

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The horizontal stabilizer is constructed of a forward and aft spar, ribs and stiffeners, center, left, and right wrap-around skin panels, and formed leading edge skins. The horizontal stabilizer also contains the elevator trim tab actuator. Construction of the elevator consists of formed leading edge skins, a forward spar, aft channel, ribs, torque tube and bellcrank, left upper and lower "V" type corrugated skins, and right upper and lower "V" type corrugated skins incorporating a trailing edge cut-out for the trim tab. The elevator trim tab consists of a spar, rib, and upper and lower "V" type corrugated skins. The leading edge of both left and right elevator tips incorporate extensions which contain balance weights.

# **FLIGHT CONTROLS**

The airplane's flight control system (see figure 7-1) consists of conventional aileron, rudder, and elevator control surfaces. The control surfaces are manually operated through mechanical linkage using a control wheel for the ailerons and elevator, and rudder/brake pedals for the rudder.

Extensions are available for the rudder/brake pedals. They consist of a rudder pedal face, two spacers and two spring clips. To install an extension, place the clip on the bottom of the extension under the bottom of the rudder pedal and snap the top clip over the top of the rudder pedal. Check that the extension is firmly in place. To remove the extensions, reverse the above procedures.

# TRIM SYSTEM

A manually-operated elevator trim system is provided; a rudder trim system may also be installed (see figure 7-1). Elevator trimming is accomplished through the elevator trim tab by utilizing the vertically mounted trim control wheel. Forward rotation of the trim wheel will trim nose-down; conversely, aft rotation will trim nose-up. Rudder trimming is accomplished through a bungee connected to the rudder control system and a trim lever, mounted on the control pedestal. Rudder trimming is accomplished by lifting the trim lever up to clear a detent, then moving it either left or right to the desired trim position. Moving the trim lever to the right will trim the airplane nose-right; conversely, moving the lever to the left will trim the airplane nose-left.

# **INSTRUMENT PANEL**

The instrument panel (see figure 7-2) is designed around the basic "T" configuration. The gyros are located immediately in front of the pilot, and arranged vertically over the control column. The airspeed indicator and

altimeter are located to the left and right of the gyros, respectively. The remainder of the flight instruments are located around the basic "T". Engine instruments and fuel quantity indicators are near the left edge of the panel. Avionics equipment is stacked approximately on the centerline of the panel, with the right side of the panel containing space for additional instruments and avionics equipment. A subpanel under the primary instrument panel contains the primer, master and ignition switches, avionics power switch, circuit breakers, and electrical switches on the left side, with the engine controls, light intensity controls, and alternate static air control in the center, over the control pedestal. The right side of the subpanel contains the wing flap switch lever and position indicator, cabin heat and vent controls, cigar lighter, and map compartment. A pedestal, installed below the subpanel, contains the elevator trim control wheel and position indicator, and provides a bracket for the microphone. A rudder trim control lever may be installed below the trim wheel and microphone bracket, and the fuel selector valve handle is located at the base of the pedestal. A parking brake handle is mounted below the subpanel in front of the pilot.

For details concerning the instruments, switches, circuit breakers, and controls on this panel, refer in this section to the description of the systems to which these items are related.

# **GROUND CONTROL**

Effective ground control while taxiing is accomplished through nose wheel steering by using the rudder pedals; left rudder pedal to steer left and right rudder pedal to steer right. When a rudder pedal is depressed, a spring-loaded steering bungee (which is connected to the nose gear and to the rudder bars) will turn the nose wheel through an arc of approximately 10° each side of center. By applying either left or right brake, the degree of turn may be increased up to 30° each side of center.

Moving the airplane by hand is most easily accomplished by attaching a tow bar to the nose gear strut. If a tow bar is not available, or pushing is required, use the wing struts as push points. Do not use the vertical or horizontal surfaces to move the airplane. If the airplane is to be towed by vehicle, never turn the nose wheel more than 30° either side of center or structural damage to the nose gear could result.

The minimum turning radius of the airplane, using differential braking and nose wheel steering during taxi, is approximately 27 feet 5 and 1/2 inches. To obtain a minimum radius turn during ground handling, the airplane may be rotated around either main landing gear by pressing down on a tailcone bulkhead just forward of the horizontal stabilizer to raise the nose wheel off the ground.

# **BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT**

The baggage compartment consists of two areas, one extending from the back of the rear passenger seats to the aft cabin bulkhead, and an additional area aft of the bulkhead. Access to both baggage areas is gained through a lockable baggage door on the left side of the airplane, or from within the airplane cabin. A baggage net with eight tie-down straps is provided for securing baggage and is attached by tying the straps to tiedown rings provided in the airplane. When loading the airplane, children should not be placed or permitted in the baggage compartment, unless a child's seat is installed, and any material that might be hazardous to the airplane or occupants should not be placed anywhere in the airplane. For baggage area and door dimensions, refer to Section 6.

# SEATS

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The seating arrangement consists of two separate adjustable seats for the pilot and front passenger, a split-backed fixed seat in the rear, and a child's seat (if installed) aft of the rear seats. The pilot's and front passenger's seats are available in two different designs: four-way and sixway adjustable.

Four-way seats may be moved forward or aft, and the seat back angle changed. To position either seat, lift the tubular handle under the center of the seat, slide the seat into position, release the handle, and check that the seat is locked in place. The seat back is spring-loaded to the vertical position. To adjust its position, lift the lever under the right front corner of the seat, reposition the back, release the lever, and check that the back is locked in place. The seat backs will also fold full forward.

The six-way seats may be moved forward or aft, adjusted for height, and the seat back angle is infinitely adjustable. Position the seat by lifting the tubular handle, under the center of the seat bottom, and slide the seat into position; then release the lever and check that the seat is locked in place. Raise or lower the seat by rotating a large crank under the right corner of the left seat and the left corner of the right seat. Seat back angle is adjustable by rotating a small crank under the left corner of the left seat and the right corner of the right seat. The seat bottom angle will change as the seat back angle changes, providing proper support. The seat backs will also fold full forward.

The rear passenger's seats consist of a fixed one-piece seat bottom with individually adjustable seat backs. Two adjustment levers, under the left and right corners of the seat bottom, are used to adjust the angle of the respective seat backs. To adjust either seat back, lift the adjustment lever

Figure 7-3. Wing Flap System

# WING FLAP SYSTEM

The wing flaps are of the single-slot type (see figure 7-3), and are extended or retracted by positioning the wing flap switch lever on the instrument panel to the desired flap deflection position. The switch lever is moved up or down in a slotted panel that provides mechanical stops at the  $10^{\circ}$  and  $20^{\circ}$  positions. For flap settings greater than  $10^{\circ}$ , move the switch lever to the right to clear the stop and position it as desired. A scale and pointer on the left side of the switch lever indicates flap travel in degrees. The wing flap system circuit is protected by a 15-ampere circuit breaker, labeled FLAP, on the left side of the instrument panel.

# LANDING GEAR SYSTEM

The landing gear is of the tricycle type with a steerable nose wheel, two main wheels, and wheel fairings. Shock absorption is provided by the tubular spring-steel main landing gear struts and the air/oil nose gear shock strut. Each main gear wheel is equipped with a hydraulically actuated disc-type brake on the inboard side of each wheel, and an aerodynamic fairing over each brake.

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and reposition the back. The seat backs are spring-loaded to the vertical position.

A child's seat may be installed aft of the rear passenger seats, and is held in place by two brackets mounted on the floorboard. The seat is designed to swing upward into a stowed position against the aft cabin bulkhead when not in use. To stow the seat, rotate the seat bottom up and aft as far as it will go. When not in use, the seat should be stowed.

Headrests are available for any of the seat configurations except the child's seat. To adjust the headrest, apply enough pressure to it to raise or lower it to the desired level. The headrest may be removed at any time by raising it until it disengages from the top of the seat back.

# SEAT BELTS AND SHOULDER HARNESSES

All seat positions are equipped with seat belts (see figure 7-4). The pilot's and front passenger's seats are also equipped with separate shoulder harnesses; shoulder harnesses are available for the rear seat positions. Integrated seat belt/shoulder harnesses with inertia reels can be furnished for the pilot's and front passenger's seat positions if desired.

# SEAT BELTS

All of the seat belts are attached to fittings on the floorboard. The buckle half is inboard of each seat and the link half is outboard of each seat.

To use the seat belts for the front seats, position the seat as desired, and then lengthen the link half of the belt as needed by grasping the sides of the link and pulling against the belt. Insert and lock the belt link into the buckle. Tighten the belt to a snug fit. Seat belts for the rear seats and the child's seat (if installed) are used in the same manner as the belts for the front seats. To release the seat belts, grasp the top of the buckle opposite the link and pull outward.

# SHOULDER HARNESSES

Each front seat shoulder harness (see figure 7-4) is attached to a rear doorpost above the window line and is stowed behind a stowage sheath above the cabin door. To stow the harness, fold it and place it behind the sheath. The rear seat shoulder harnesses are attached adjacent to the lower corners of the rear window. Each rear seat harness is stowed behind a



Figure 7-4. Seat Belts and Shoulder Harnesses

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# **ENTRANCE DOORS AND CABIN WINDOWS**

To use a front or rear seat shoulder harness fasten and adjust the seat belt first. Lengthen the harness as required by pulling on the connecting link on the end of the harness and the narrow release strap. Snap the connecting link firmly onto the retaining stud on the seat belt link half. Then adjust to length. A properly adjusted harness will permit the occupant to lean forward enough to sit completely erect, but prevent excessive forward movement and contact with objects during sudden deceleration. Also, the pilot will want the freedom to reach all controls

Removing the shoulder harness is accomplished by pulling upward on the narrow release strap, and removing the harness connecting link from the stud on the seat belt link. In an emergency, the shoulder harness may be removed by releasing the seat belt first, and allowing the harness, still attached to the link half of the seat belt, to drop to the side of the seat.

stowage sheath above an aft side window. No harness is available for the

# INTEGRATED SEAT BELT/SHOULDER HARNESSES WITH INERTIA REELS

Integrated seat belt/shoulder harnesses with inertia reels are available for the pilot and front seat passenger. The seat belt/shoulder harnesses extend from inertia reels located in the cabin ceiling to attach points inboard of the two front seats. A separate seat belt half and buckle is located outboard of the seats. Inertia reels allow complete freedom of body movement. However, in the event of a sudden deceleration, they will lock automatically to protect the occupants.

#### NOTE

The inertia reels are located for maximum shoulder harness comfort and safe retention of the seat occupants. This location requires that the shoulder harnesses cross near the top so that the right hand inertia reel serves the pilot and the left hand reel serves the front passenger. When fastening the harness, check to ensure the proper harness is being used.

To use the seat belt/shoulder harness, position the adjustable metal link on the harness just below shoulder level, pull the link and harness downward, and insert the link into the seat belt buckle. Adjust belt tension across the lap by pulling upward on the shoulder harness. Removal is accomplished by releasing the seat belt buckle, which will allow the inertia reel to pull the harness inboard of the seat. Entry to, and exit from the airplane is accomplished through either of two entry doors, one on each side of the cabin at the front seat positions (refer to Section 6 for cabin and cabin door dimensions). The doors incorporate a recessed exterior door handle, a conventional interior door handle, a key-operated door lock (left door only), a door stop mechanism, and an openable window in the left door. An openable right door window is also available.

To open the doors from outside the airplane, utilize the recessed door handle near the aft edge of either door by grasping the forward edge of the handle and pulling outboard. To close or open the doors from inside the airplane, use the combination door handle and arm rest. The inside door handle has three positions and a placard at its base which reads OPEN, CLOSE, and LOCK. The handle is spring-loaded to the CLOSE (up) position. When the door has been pulled shut and latched, lock it by rotating the door handle forward to the LOCK position (flush with the arm rest). When the handle is rotated to the LOCK position, an over-center action will hold it in that position. Both cabin doors should be locked prior to flight, and should not be opened intentionally during flight.

#### NOTE

Accidental opening of a cabin door in flight due to improper closing does not constitute a need to land the airplane. The best procedure is to set up the airplane in a trimmed condition at approximately 75 knots, momentarily shove the door outward slightly, and forcefully close and lock the door.

Exit from the airplane is accomplished by rotating the door handle from the LOCK position, past the CLOSE position, aft to the OPEN position and pushing the door open. To lock the airplane, lock the right cabin door with the inside handle, close the left cabin door, and using the ignition key, lock the door.

The left cabin door is equipped with an openable window which is held in the closed position by a detent equipped latch on the lower edge of the window frame. To open the window, rotate the latch upward. The window is equipped with a spring-loaded retaining arm which will help rotate the window outward, and hold it there. An openable window is also available for the right door, and functions in the same manner as the left window. If required, either window may be opened at any speed up to 160 knots. The cabin top windows (if installed), rear side windows, and rear windows are of the fixed type and cannot be opened.

# CONTROL LOCKS

A control lock is provided to lock the ailerons and elevator control surfaces in a neutral position and prevent damage to these systems by wind buffeting while the airplane is parked. The lock consists of a shaped steel rod with a red metal flag attached to it. The flag is labeled CONTROL LOCK, REMOVE BEFORE STARTING ENGINE. To install the control lock, align the hole in the top of the pilot's control wheel shaft with the hole in the top of the shaft collar on the instrument panel and insert the rod into the aligned holes. Proper installation of the lock will place the red flag over the ignition switch. In areas where high or gusty winds occur, a control surface lock should be installed over the vertical stabilizer and rudder. The control lock and any other type of locking device should be removed prior to starting the engine.

# ENGINE

The airplane is powered by a horizontally-opposed, four-cylinder, overhead-valve, air-cooled, carbureted engine with a wet sump oil system. The engine is a Lycoming Model O-320-H2AD and is rated at 160 horsepower at 2700 RPM. Major accessories include a starter and belt-driven alternator mounted on the front of the engine, and dual magnetos and a vacuum pump which are mounted on an accessory drive pad on the rear of the engine. Provisions are also made for a full flow oil filter.

# **ENGINE CONTROLS**

Engine power is controlled by a throttle located on the lower center portion of the instrument panel. The throttle operates in a conventional manner; in the full forward position, the throttle is open, and in the full aft position, it is closed. A friction lock, which is a round knurled disk, is located at the base of the throttle and is operated by rotating the lock clockwise to increase friction or counterclockwise to decrease it.

The mixture control, mounted above the right corner of the control pedestal, is a red knob with raised points around the circumference and is equipped with a lock button in the end of the knob. The rich position is full forward, and full aft is the idle cut-off position. For small adjustments, the control may be moved forward by rotating the knob clockwise, and aft by rotating the knob counterclockwise. For rapid or large adjustments, the knob may be moved forward or aft by depressing the lock button in the end of the control, and then positioning the control as desired.

# **ENGINE INSTRUMENTS**

Engine operation is monitored by the following instruments: oil pressure gage, oil temperature gage, and a tachometer. A carburetor air temperature gage is also available.

The oil pressure gage, located on the left side of the instrument panel, is operated by oil pressure. A direct pressure oil line from the engine delivers oil at engine operating pressure to the oil pressure gage. Gage markings indicate that minimum idling pressure is 25 PSI (red line), the normal operating range is 60 to 90 PSI (green arc), and maximum pressure is 100 PSI (red line).

Oil temperature is indicated by a gage adjacent to the oil pressure gage. The gage is operated by an electrical-resistance type temperature sensor which receives power from the airplane electrical system. Oil temperature limitations are the normal operating range (green arc) which is  $38^{\circ}$ C ( $100^{\circ}$ F) to  $118^{\circ}$ C ( $245^{\circ}$ F), and the maximum (red line) which is  $118^{\circ}$ C ( $245^{\circ}$ F).

The engine-driven mechanical tachometer is located near the lower portion of the instrument panel to the left of the pilot's control wheel. The instrument is calibrated in increments of 100 RPM and indicates both engine and propeller speed. An hour meter below the center of the tachometer dial records elapsed engine time in hours and tenths. Instrument markings include a normal operating range (green arc) of 2200 to 2700 RPM, and a maximum (red line) of 2700 RPM.

A carburetor air temperature gage may be installed on the right side of the instrument panel to help detect carburetor icing conditions. The gage is marked in 5° increments from -30°C to +30°C, and has a yellow arc between -15°C and +5°C which indicates the temperature range most conducive to icing in the carburetor. A placard on the lower half of the gage face reads KEEP NEEDLE OUT OF YELLOW ARC DURING POSSIBLE CARBURE-TOR ICING CONDITIONS.

# **NEW ENGINE BREAK-IN AND OPERATION**

The engine underwent a run-in at the factory and is ready for the full range of use. It is, however, suggested that cruising be accomplished at 65% to 75% power until a total of 50 hours has accumulated or oil consumption has stabilized. This will ensure proper seating of the rings.

The airplane is delivered from the factory with corrosion preventive oil in the engine. If, during the first 25 hours, oil must be added, use only aviation grade straight mineral oil conforming to Specification No. MIL-L-6082.

# ENGINE OIL SYSTEM

Oil for engine lubrication is supplied from a sump on the bottom of the engine. The capacity of the engine sump is six quarts (one additional quart is required if a full flow oil filter is installed). Oil is drawn from the sump through an oil suction strainer screen into the engine-driven oil pump. From the pump, oil is routed to a bypass valve. If the oil is cold, the bypass valve allows the oil to bypass the oil cooler and go directly from the pump to the oil pressure screen (full flow oil filter if installed). If the oil is hot, the bypass valve routes the oil out of the accessory housing and into a flexible hose leading to the oil cooler on the lower right side of the firewall. Pressure oil from the cooler returns to the accessory housing where it passes through the pressure strainer screen (full flow oil filter, if installed). The filter oil then enters a pressure relief valve which regulates engine oil pressure by allowing excessive oil to return to the sump while the balance of the oil is circulated to various engine parts for lubrication. Residual oil is returned sump by gravity flow.

An oil filler cap/oil dipstick is located at the rear of the engine near the center. The filler cap/dipstick is accessible through an access door in the engine cowling. The engine should not be operated on less than four quarts of oil. To minimize loss of oil through the breather, fill to five quarts for normal flights of less than three hours. For extended flight, fill to six quarts (dipstick indication only). For engine oil grade and specifications, refer to Section 8 of this handbook.

An oil quick-drain valve is available to replace the drain plug on the bottom of the oil sump, and provides quicker, cleaner draining of the engine oil. To drain the oil with this valve, slip a hose over the end of the valve and push upward on the end of the valve until it snaps into the open position. Spring clips will hold the valve open. After draining, use a suitable tool to snap the valve into the extended (closed) position and remove the drain hose.

# **IGNITION-STARTER SYSTEM**

Engine ignition is provided by an engine-driven dual magneto, and two spark plugs in each cylinder. The right magneto fires the lower right and upper left spark plugs, and the left magneto fires the lower left and upper right spark plugs. Normal operation is conducted with both magnetos due to the more complete burning of the fuel-air mixture with dual ignition.

Ignition and starter operation is controlled by a rotary type switch located on the left switch and control panel. The switch is labeled clockwise, OFF, R, L, BOTH, and START. The engine should be operated on both magnetos (BOTH position) except for magneto checks. The R and L positions are for checking purposes and emergency use only. When the switch is rotated to the spring-loaded START position, (with the master switch in the ON position), the starter contactor is energized and the starter will crank the engine. When the switch is released, it will automatically return to the BOTH position.

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The engine air induction system receives ram air through an intake in the lower front portion of the engine cowling. The intake is covered by an air filter which removes dust and other foreign matter from the induction air. Airflow passing through the filter enters an airbox. After passing through the airbox, induction air enters the inlet in the carburetor which is under the engine, and is then ducted to the engine cylinders through intake manifold tubes. In the event carburetor ice is encountered or the intake filter becomes blocked, alternate heated air can be obtained from a shroud around an exhaust riser through a duct to a valve, in the airbox, operated by the carburetor heat control on the instrument panel. Heated air from the shroud is obtained from an unfiltered outside source. Use of full carburetor heat at full throttle will result in a loss of approximately 100 to 225 RPM.

# **EXHAUST SYSTEM**

Exhaust gas from each cylinder passes through riser assemblies to a muffler and tailpipe. The muffler is constructed with a shroud around the outside which forms a heating chamber for cabin heater air.

# CARBURETOR AND PRIMING SYSTEM

The engine is equipped with an up-draft, float-type, fixed jet carburetor mounted on the bottom of the engine. The carburetor is equipped with an enclosed accelerator pump, simplified fuel passages to prevent vapor locking, an idle cut-off mechanism, and a manual mixture control. Fuel is delivered to the carburetor by gravity flow frcm the fuel system. In the carburetor, fuel is atomized, proportionally mixed with intake air, and delivered to the cylinders through intake manifold tubes. The proportion of atomized fuel to air is controlled, within limits, by the mixture control on the instrument panel.

For easy starting in cold weather, the engine is equipped with a manual primer. The primer is actually a small pump which draws fuel from the fuel strainer when the plunger is pulled out, and injects it into the cylinder intake ports when the plunger is pushed back in. The plunger knob, on the instrument panel, is equipped with a lock and, after being Pushed full in, must be rotated either left or right until the knob cannot be Pulled out.

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# **COOLING SYSTEM**

Ram air for engine cooling enters through two intake openings in the front of the engine cowling. The cooling air is directed around the cylinders and other areas of the engine by baffling, and is then exhausted through an opening at the bottom aft edge of the cowling. No manual cooling system control is provided.

A winterization kit is available and consists of two baffles which attach to the air intakes in the cowling nose cap, a restrictive cover plate for the oil cooler air inlet in the right rear vertical engine baffle, insulation for the crankcase breather line, and a placard to be installed on the instrument panel. This equipment should be installed for operations in temperatures consistently below  $-7^{\circ}C(20^{\circ}F)$ . Once installed, the crankcase breather insulation is approved for permanent use in both hot and cold weather.

# PROPELLER

The airplane is equipped with a two-bladed, fixed-pitch, one-piece forged aluminum alloy propeller which is anodized to retard corrosion. The propeller is 75 inches in diameter.

# **FUEL SYSTEM**

The airplane may be equipped with either a standard fuel system or long range system (see figure 7-6). Both systems consist of two vented fuel tanks (one in each wing), a four-position selector valve, fuel strainer, manual primer, and carburetor. Refer to figure 7-5 for fuel quantity data for both systems.

FUEL QUANTITY DATA (U. S. GALLONS)											
TANKS	TOTAL USABLE FUEL ALL FLIGHT CONDITIONS	TOTAL UNUSABLE FUEL	TOTAL FUEL VOLUME								
STANDARD (21.5 Gal. Each)	40	3	43								
LONG RANGE (27 Gal. Each)	50	4	54								

Figure 7-5. Fuel Quantity Data



Figure 7-6. Fuel System (Standard and Long Range)

Fuel flows by gravity from the two wing tanks to a four-position selector valve, labeled BOTH, RIGHT, LEFT, and OFF. With the selector valve in either the BOTH, LEFT, or RIGHT position, fuel flows through a strainer to the carburetor. From the carburetor, mixed fuel and air flows to the cylinders through intake manifold tubes. The manual primer draws its fuel from the fuel strainer and injects it into the cylinder intake ports.

Fuel system venting is essential to system operation. Blockage of the system will result in decreasing fuel flow and eventual engine stoppage. Venting is accomplished by an interconnecting line from the right fuel tank to the left tank. The left fuel tank is vented overboard through a vent line, equipped with a check valve, which protrudes from the bottom surface of the left wing near the wing strut. The right fuel tank filler cap is also vented.

Fuel quantity is measured by two float-type fuel quantity transmitters (one in each tank) and indicated by two electrically-operated fuel quantity indicators on the left side of the instrument panel. An empty tank is indicated by a red line and the letter E. When an indicator shows an empty tank, approximately 1.5 gallons remain in a standard tank, and 2 gallons remain in a long range tank as unusuable fuel. The indicators cannot be relied upon for accurate readings during skids, slips, or unusual attitudes.

The fuel selector valve should be in the BOTH position for takeoff, climb, landing, and maneuvers that involve prolonged slips or skids. Operation from either LEFT or RIGHT tank is reserved for cruising flight.

#### NOTE

When the fuel selector valve handle is in the BOTH position in cruising flight, unequal fuel flow from each tank may occur if the wings are not maintained exactly level. Resulting wing heaviness can be alleviated gradually by turning the selector valve handle to the tank in the "heavy" wing.

# NOTE

It is not practical to measure the time required to consume all of the fuel in one tank, and, after switching to the opposite tank, expect an equal duration from the remaining fuel. The airspace in both fuel tanks is interconnected by a vent line and, therefore, some sloshing of fuel between tanks can be expected when the tanks are nearly full and the wings are not level.

The fuel system is equipped with drain valves to provide a means for

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the examination of fuel in the system for contamination and grade. The system should be examined before the first flight of every day and after each refueling, by using the sampler cup provided to drain fuel from the wing tank sumps, and by utilizing the fuel strainer drain under an access panel on the right side of the engine cowling. The fuel tanks should be filled after each flight to prevent condensation.

# **BRAKE SYSTEM**

The airplane has a single-disc, hydraulically-actuated brake on each main landing gear wheel. Each brake is connected, by a hydraulic line, to a master cylinder attached to each of the pilot's rudder pedals. The brakes are operated by applying pressure to the top of either the left (pilot's) or right (copilot's) set of rudder pedals, which are interconnected. When the airplane is parked, both main wheel brakes may be set by utilizing the parking brake which is operated by a handle under the left side of the instrument panel. To apply the parking brake, set the brakes with the rudder pedals, pull the handle aft, and rotate it 90° down.

For maximum brake life, keep the brake system properly maintained, and minimize brake usage during taxi operations and landings.

Some of the symptoms of impending brake failure are: gradual decrease in braking action after brake application, noisy or dragging brakes, soft or spongy pedals, and excessive travel and weak braking action. If any of these symptoms appear, the brake system is in need of immediate attention. If, during taxi or landing roll, braking action decreases, let up on the pedals and then re-apply the brakes with heavy pressure. If the brakes become spongy or pedal travel increases, pumping the pedals should build braking pressure. If one brake becomes weak or fails, use the other brake sparingly while using opposite rudder, as required, to offset the good brake.

# **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

Electrical energy (see figure 7-7) is supplied by a 28-volt, directcurrent system powered by an engine-driven, 60-amp alternator and a 24volt, 14-amp hour battery (or 17-amp hour battery, if installed) located on the left side of the firewall. Power is supplied to most general electrical and all avionics circuits through the primary bus bar and the avionics bus bar, which are interconnected by an avionics power switch. The primary bus is







on anytime the master switch is turned on, and is not affected by starter or external power usage. Both bus bars are on anytime the master and avionics power switches are turned on.

# CAUTION

Prior to turning the master switch on or off, starting the engine or applying an external power source, the avionics power switch, labeled AVIONICS POWER, should be turned off to prevent any harmful transient voltage from damaging the avionics equipment.

# MASTER SWITCH

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The master switch is a split-rocker type switch labeled MASTER, and is ON in the up position and off in the down position. The right half of the switch, labeled BAT, controls all electrical power to the airplane. The left half, labeled ALT, controls the alternator.

Normally, both sides of the master switch should be used simultaneously; however, the BAT side of the switch could be turned on separately to check equipment while on the ground. To check or use avionics equipment or radios while on the ground, the avionics power switch must also be turned on. The ALT side of the switch, when placed in the off position, removes the alternator from the electrical system. With this switch in the off position, the entire electrical load is placed on the battery. Continued operation with the alternator switch in the off position will reduce battery power low enough to open the battery contactor, remove power from the alternator field, and prevent alternator restart.

# **AVIONICS POWER SWITCH**

Electrical power from the airplane primary bus to the avionics bus (see figure 7-7) is controlled by a toggle-type circuit breaker-switch labeled AVIONICS POWER. The switch is located on the left side of the switch and control panel and is on in the up position and off in the down position. With the switch in the off position, no electrical power will be applied to the avionics equipment, regardless of the position of the master switch or the individual equipment switches. The avionics power switch also functions as a circuit breaker. If an electrical malfunction should occur and cause the circuit breaker to open, electrical power to the avionics equipment will be interrupted and the switch toggle will automatically move to the off position. If this occurs, allow the circuit breaker approximately two minutes to cool before placing the toggle in the on position again. If the circuit breaker opens again, do not reset it. The avionics power switch should be placed in the off position prior to turning the master switch on or off, starting the engine, or applying an external power source, and may be utilized in place of the individual avionics equipment switches.

# AMMETER

The ammeter indicates the flow of current, in amperes, from the alternator to the battery or from the battery to the airplane electrical system. When the engine is operating and the master switch is turned on, the ammeter indicates the charging rate applied to the battery. In the event the alternator is not functioning or the electrical load exceeds the output of the alternator, the ammeter indicates the battery discharge rate.

# **OVER-VOLTAGE SENSOR AND WARNING LIGHT**

The airplane is equipped with an automatic over-voltage protection system consisting of an over-voltage sensor behind the instrument panel and a red warning light, labeled HIGH VOLTAGE, adjacent to the ammeter.

In the event an over-voltage condition occurs, the over-voltage sensor automatically removes alternator field current and shuts down the alternator. The red warning light will then turn on, indicating to the pilot that the alternator is not operating and the battery is supplying all electrical power.

The over-voltage sensor may be reset by turning off the avionics power switch and then turning the master switch off and back on again. If the warning light does not illuminate, normal alternator charging has resumed; however, if the light does illuminate again, a malfunction has occurred, and the flight should be terminated as soon as practical. In either case, the avionics power switch may be turned on again if required.

The warning light may be tested by momentarily turning off the ALT portion of the master switch and leaving the BAT portion turned on.

# **CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND FUSES**

Most of the electrical circuits in the airplane are protected by "push-toreset" circuit breakers mounted on the lower left side of the instrument panel. In addition to the individual circuit breakers, a toggle-type circuit breaker-switch, labeled AVIONICS POWER, on the left switch and control panel also protects the avionics systems. The cigar lighter is protected by a manually-reset type circuit breaker on the back of the lighter, and a fuse behind the instrument panel. The control wheel map light (if installed) is protected by the NAV LT circuit breaker and a fuse behind the instrument panel. Electrical circuits which are not protected by circuit breakers are the battery contactor closing (external power) circuit, clock circuit, and CESSNA MODEL 172N

flight hour recorder circuit. These circuits are protected by fuses mounted adjacent to the battery.

# **GROUND SERVICE PLUG RECEPTACLE**

A ground service plug receptacle may be installed to permit the use of an external power source (generator type or battery cart) for cold weather starting and during lengthy maintenance work on the airplane electrical system. The receptacle is located under a cover plate, on the lower left side of the cowling.

#### NOTE

If no avionics equipment is to be used or worked on, the avionics power switch should be turned off. If maintenance is required on the avionics equipment, it is advisable to utilize a battery cart external power source to prevent damage to the avionics equipment by transient voltage. Do not crank or start the engine with the avionics power switch turned on.

Just before connecting an external power source (generator type or battery cart), the avionics power switch should be turned off, and the master switch on.

The ground service plug receptacle circuit incorporates a polarity reversal protection. Power from the external power source will flow only if the ground service plug is correctly connected to the airplane. If the plug is accidentally connected backwards, no power will flow to the electrical system, thereby preventing any damage to electrical equipment.

The battery and external power circuits have been designed to completely eliminate the need to "jumper" across the battery contactor to close it for charging a completely "dead" battery. A special fused circuit in the external power system supplies the needed "jumper" across the contacts so that with a "dead" battery and an external power source applied, turning on the master switch will close the battery contactor.

# LIGHTING SYSTEMS

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Conventional navigation lights are located on the wing tips and top of

the rudder. A single landing light or dual landing/taxi lights are installed in the cowl nose cap, and a flashing beacon is mounted on top of the vertical fin. Additional lighting is available and includes a strobe light on each wing tip and two courtesy lights, one under each wing, just outboard of the cabin door. The courtesy lights are operated by the dome light switch on the overhead console. All exterior lights, except the courtesy lights, are controlled by rocker type switches on the left switch and control panel. The switches are ON in the up position and OFF in the down position.

The flashing beacon should not be used when flying through clouds or overcast; the flashing light reflected from water droplets or particles in the atmosphere, particularly at night, can produce vertigo and loss of orientation.

The high intensity strobe lights will enhance anti-collision protection. However, the lights should be turned off when taxiing in the vicinity of other aircraft, or during night flight through clouds, fog or haze.

# **INTERIOR LIGHTING**

Instrument and control panel lighting is provided by flood lighting, integral lighting, and post lighting (if installed). Two concentric rheostat control knobs below the engine controls, labeled PANEL LT and RADIO LT, control intensity of the instrument and control panel lighting. A slidetype switch (if installed) on the overhead console, labeled PANEL LIGHTS, is used to select flood lighting in the FLOOD position, post lighting in the POST position, or a combination of post and flood lighting in the BOTH position.

Instrument and control panel flood lighting consists of a single red flood light in the forward part of the overhead console. To use the flood lighting, rotate the PANEL LT rheostat control knob clockwise to the desired intensity.

The instrument panel may be equipped with post lights which are mounted at the edge of each instrument or control and provide direct lighting. The lights are operated by placing the PANEL LIGHTS selector switch in the POST position and adjusting light intensity with the PANEL LT rheostat control knob. By placing the PANEL LIGHTS selector switch in the BOTH position, the post lights can be used in combination with the standard flood lighting.

The engine instrument cluster (if post lighting is installed), radio equipment, and magnetic compass have integral lighting and operate independently of post or flood lighting. Light intensity of the engine instrument cluster and radio lighting is controlled by the RADIO LT

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rheostat control knob. The integral compass light intensity is controlled by the PANEL LT rheostat control knob.

A cabin dome light, in the aft part of the overhead console, is operated by a switch near the light. To turn the light on, move the switch to the right.

A control wheel map light is available and is mounted on the bottom of the pilot's control wheel. The light illuminates the lower portion of the cabin just forward of the pilot and is helpful when checking maps and other flight data during night operations. To operate the light, first turn on the NAV LT switch; then adjust the map light's intensity with the knurled disk type rheostat control located at the bottom of the control wheel.

A doorpost map light is available, and is located on the left forward doorpost. It contains both red and white bulbs and may be positioned to illuminate any area desired by the pilot. The light is controlled by a switch, below the light, which is labeled RED, OFF, and WHITE. Placing the switch in the top position will provide a red light. In the bottom position, standard white lighting is provided. In the center position, the map light is turned off. Light intensity is controlled by the PANEL LT rheostat control knob.

The most probable cause of a light failure is a burned out bulb; however, in the event any of the lighting systems fail to illuminate when turned on, check the appropriate circuit breaker. If the circuit breaker has opened (white button popped out), and there is no obvious indication of a short circuit (smoke or odor), turn off the light switch of the affected lights, reset the breaker, and turn the switch on again. If the breaker opens again, do not reset it.

# CABIN HEATING, VENTILATING AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM

The temperature and volume of airflow into the cabin can be regulated to any degree desired by manipulation of the push-pull CABIN HT and CABIN AIR control knobs (see figure 7-8).

For cabin ventilation, pull the CABIN AIR knob out. To raise the air temperature, pull the CABIN HT knob out approximately 1/4 to 1/2 inch for a small amount of cabin heat. Additional heat is available by pulling the knob out farther; maximum heat is available with the CABIN HT knob pulled out and the CABIN AIR knob pushed full in. When no heat is desired in the cabin, the CABIN HT knob is pushed full in.

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Front cabin heat and ventilating air is supplied by outlet holes spaced across a cabin manifold just forward of the pilot's and copilot's feet. Rear cabin heat and air is supplied by two ducts from the manifold, one extending down each side of the cabin to an outlet at the front doorpost at floor level. Windshield defrost air is also supplied by a duct leading from the cabin manifold. Two knobs control sliding valves in the defroster outlet and permit regulation of defroster airflow.

Separate adjustable ventilators supply additional air; one near each upper corner of the windshield supplies air for the pilot and copilot, and two ventilators are available for the rear cabin area to supply air to the rear seat passengers. The airplane may also be equipped with an air conditioning system. For operating instructions and details concerning this system, refer to Section 9, Supplements.

# **PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS**

The pitot-static system supplies ram air pressure to the airspeed indicator and static pressure to the airspeed indicator, rate-of-climb indicator and altimeter. The system is composed of either an unheated or heated pitot tube mounted on the lower surface of the left wing, an external static port on the lower left side of the forward fuselage, and the associated plumbing necessary to connect the instruments to the sources.

The heated pitot system consists of a heating element in the pitot tube, a rocker-type switch labeled PITOT HT on the lower left side of the instrument panel, a 5-amp circuit breaker on the switch and control panel, and associated wiring. When the pitot heat switch is turned on, the element in the pitot tube is heated electrically to maintain proper operation in possible icing conditions. Pitot heat should be used only as required.

A static pressure alternate source valve may be installed adjacent to the throttle, and can be used if the external static source is malfunctioning. This valve supplies static pressure from inside the cabin instead of the external static port.

If erroneous instrument readings are suspected due to water or ice in the pressure line going to the standard external static pressure source, the alternate static source valve should be pulled on.

Pressures within the cabin will vary with open cabin ventilators and windows. Refer to Section 5 for the effect of varying cabin pressures on airspeed and altimeter readings.



Figure 7-8. Cabin Heating, Ventilating, and Defrosting System

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# AIRSPEED INDICATOR

The airspeed indicator is calibrated in knots and miles per hour. Limitation and range markings include the white arc (41 to 85 knots), green arc (47 to 128 knots), yellow arc (128 to 160 knots), and a red line (160 knots).

If a true airspeed indicator is installed, it is equipped with a rotatable ring which works in conjunction with the airspeed indicator dial in a manner similar to the operation of a flight computer. To operate the indicator, first rotate the ring until **pressure** altitude is aligned with outside air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Pressure altitude should not be confused with indicated altitude. To obtain pressure altitude, momentarily set the barometric scale on the altimeter to 29.92 and read pressure altitude on the altimeter. Be sure to return the altimeter barometric scale to the original barometric setting after pressure altitude has been obtained. Having set the ring to correct for altitude and temperature, read the true airspeed shown on the rotatable ring by the indicator pointer. For best accuracy, the indicated airspeed should be corrected to calibrated airspeed by referring to the Airspeed Calibration chart in Section 5. Knowing the calibrated airspeed, read true airspeed on the ring opposite the calibrated airspeed.

# **RATE-OF-CLIMB INDICATOR**

The rate-of-climb indicator depicts airplane rate of climb or descent in feet per minute. The pointer is actuated by atmospheric pressure changes resulting from changes of altitude as supplied by the static source.

# ALTIMETER

Airplane altitude is depicted by a barometric type altimeter. A knob near the lower left portion of the indicator provides adjustment of the instrument's barometric scale to the current altimeter setting.

# **VACUUM SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS**

An engine-driven vacuum system (see figure 7-9) provides the suction necessary to operate the attitude indicator and directional indicator. The system consists of a vacuum pump mounted on the engine, a vacuum relief valve and vacuum system air filter on the aft side of the firewall below the instrument panel, and instruments (including a suction gage) on the left side of the instrument panel.





Figure 7-9. Vacuum System

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# ATTITUDE INDICATOR

The attitude indicator gives a visual indication of flight attitude. Bank attitude is presented by a pointer at the top of the indicator relative to the bank scale which has index marks at  $10^{\circ}$ ,  $20^{\circ}$ ,  $30^{\circ}$ ,  $60^{\circ}$ , and  $90^{\circ}$  either side of the center mark. Pitch and roll attitudes are presented by a miniature airplane in relation to the horizon bar. A knob at the bottom of the instrument is provided for in-flight adjustment of the miniature airplane to the horizon bar for a more accurate flight attitude indication.

# DIRECTIONAL INDICATOR

A directional indicator displays airplane heading on a compass card in relation to a fixed simulated airplane image and index. The indicator will precess slightly over a period of time. Therefore, the compass card should be set in accordance with the magnetic compass just prior to takeoff, and occasionally re-adjusted on extended flights. A knob on the lower left edge of the instrument is used to adjust the compass card to correct for precession.

## SUCTION GAGE

The suction gage, located on the left side of the instrument panel, is calibrated in inches of mercury and indicates suction available for operation of the attitude and directional indicators. The desired suction range is 4.6 to 5.4 inches of mercury. A suction reading below this range may indicate a system malfunction or improper adjustment, and in this case, the indicators should not be considered reliable.

# STALL WARNING SYSTEM

The airplane is equipped with a pneumatic-type stall warning system consisting of an inlet in the leading edge of the left wing, an air-operated horn nearthe upper left corner of the windshield, and associated plumbing. As the airplane approaches a stall, the low pressure on the upper surface of the wings moves forward around the leading edge of the wings. This low pressure creates a differential pressure in the stall warning system which draws air through the warning horn, resulting in an audible warning at 5 to 10 knots above stall in all flight conditions.

The stall warning system should be checked during the preflight inspection by placing a clean handkerchief over the vent opening and applying suction. A sound from the warning horn will confirm that the system is operative. The airplane may, at the owner's discretion, be equipped with various types of avionics support equipment such as an audio control panel, microphone-headset, and static dischargers. The following paragraphs discuss these items.

# **AUDIO CONTROL PANEL**

Operation of radio equipment is covered in Section 9 of this handbook. When one or more radios are installed, a transmitter/audio switching system is provided (see figure 7-10). The operation of this switching system is described in the following paragraphs.

# TRANSMITTER SELECTOR SWITCH

A rotary type transmitter selector switch, labeled XMTR SEL, is provided to connect the microphone to the transmitter the pilot desires to use. To select a transmitter, rotate the switch to the number corresponding to that transmitter. The numbers 1, 2 and 3 above the switch correspond to the top, second and third transceivers in the avionics stack.

The audio amplifier in the NAV/COM radio is required for speaker and transmitter operation. The amplifier is automatically selected, along with the transmitter, by the transmitter selector switch. As an example, if the number 1 transmitter is selected, the audio amplifier in the associated NAV/COM receiver is also selected, and functions as the amplifier for ALL speaker audio. In the event the audio amplifier in use fails, as evidenced by loss of all speaker audio and transmitting capability of the selected transmitter, select another transmitter. This should re-establish speaker audio and transmitter operation. Since headset audio is not affected by audio amplifier operation, the pilot should be aware that, while utilizing a headset, the only indication of audio amplifier failure is loss of the selected transmitter. This can be verified by switching to the speaker function.

# AUTOMATIC AUDIO SELECTOR SWITCH

A toggle switch, labeled AUTO, can be used to automatically match the appropriate NAV/COM receiver audio to the transmitter being selected. To utilize this automatic feature, leave all NAV/COM receiver switches in the OFF (center) position, and place the AUTO selector switch in either the SPEAKER or PHONE position, as desired. Once the AUTO selector switch is positioned, the pilot may then select any transmitter and its associated NAV/COM receiver audio simultaneously with the transmitter selector

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#### AUTOMATIC AUDIO SELECTION



As illustrated, the number 1 transmitter is selected, the AUTO selector switch is in the SPEAKER position, and the NAV/COM 1, 2 and 3 and ADF 1 and 2 audio selector switches are in the OFF position. With the switches set as shown, the pilot will transmit on the number 1 transmitter and hear the number 1 NAV/COM receiver through the airplane speaker.

#### INDIVIDUAL AUDIO SELECTION



As illustrated, the number 1 transmitter is selected, the AUTO selector switch is in the OFF position, the number 1 NAV/COM receiver is in the PHONE position, and the number 1 ADF is in the SPEAKER position. With the switches set as shown, the pilot will transmit on the number 1 transmitter and hear the number 1 NAV/COM receiver on a headset; while the passengers are listening to the ADF audio through the airplane speaker. If another audio selector switch is placed in either the PHONE or SPEAKER position, it will be heard simultaneously with either the number 1 NAV/COM or number 1 ADF respectively.



switch. If automatic audio selection is not desired, the AUTO selector switch should be placed in the OFF (center) position.

#### NOTE

Cessna radios are equipped with sidetone capability (monitoring of the operator's own voice transmission). Sidetone will be heard on either the airplane speaker or a headset as selected with the AUTO selector switch. sidetone may be eliminated by placing the AUTO selector switch in the OFF position, and utilizing the individual radio selector switches.

# AUDIO SELECTOR SWITCHES

The audio selector switches, labeled NAV/COM 1, 2 and 3 and ADF 1 and 2, allow the pilot to initially pre-tune all NAV/COM and ADF receivers, and then individually select and listen to any receiver or combination of receivers. To listen to a specific receiver, first check that the AUTO selector switch is in the OFF (center) position, then place the audio selector switch corresponding to that receiver in either the SPEAK-ER (up) or PHONE (down) position. To turn off the audio of the selected receiver, place that switch in the OFF (center) position. If desired, the audio selector switches can be positioned to permit the pilot to listen to one receiver on a headset while the passengers listen to another receiver on the airplane speaker.

The ADF 1 and 2 switches may be used anytime ADF audio is desired. If the pilot wants only ADF audio, for station identification or other reasons, the AUTO selector switch (if in use) and all other audio selector switches should be in the OFF position. If simultaneous ADF and NAV/COM audio is acceptable to the pilot, no change in the existing switch positions is required. Place the ADF 1 or 2 switch in either the SPEAKER or PHONE position and adjust radio volume as desired.

#### NOTE

If the NAV/COM audio selector switch corresponding to the selected transmitter is in the PHONE position with the AUTO selector switch in the SPEAKER position, all audio selector switches placed in the PHONE position will automatically be connected to both the airplane speaker and any headsets in use.

# MICROPHONE-HEADSET

The microphone-headset combination consists of the microphone and headset combined in a single unit and a microphone keying switch located on the left side of the pilot's control wheel. The microphone-headset permits the pilot to conduct radio communications without interrupting other control operations to handle a hand-held microphone. Also, passengers need not listen to all communications. The microphone and headset jacks are located near the lower left corner of the instrument panel.

# STATIC DISCHARGERS

If frequent IFR flights are planned, installation of wick-type static dischargers is recommended to improve radio communications during flight through dust or various forms of precipitation (rain, snow or ice crystals). Under these conditions, the build-up and discharge of static electricity from the trailing edges of the wings, rudder, elevator, propeller tips and radio antennas can result in loss of usable radio signals on all communications and navigation radio equipment. Usually the ADF is first to be affected and VHF communication equipment is the last to be affected.

Installation of static dischargers reduces interference from precipitation static, but it is possible to encounter severe precipitation static conditions which might cause the loss of radio signals, even with static dischargers installed. Whenever possible, avoid known severe precipitation areas to prevent loss of dependable radio signals. If avoidance is impractical, minimize airspeed and anticipate temporary loss of radio signals while in these areas.