

Section IV

OPERATING LIMITATIONS

OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Your Cessna exceeds the requirements of airworthiness as set forth by the United States Government, and is certificated under FAA Type Certificate No. 3A12 as Cessna Model No. 172M.

The airplane may be equipped for day, night, VFR, or IFR operation. Your Cessna Dealer will be happy to assist you in selecting equipment best suited to your needs.

Your airplane must be operated in accordance with all FAA-approved markings and placards in the airplane. If there is any information in this section which contradicts the FAA-approved markings and placards, it is to be disregarded.

MANEUVERS - NORMAL CATEGORY.

This airplane is certificated in both the normal and utility category. The normal category is applicable to airplanes intended for non-aerobatic operations. These include any maneuvers incidental to normal flying, stalls (except whip stalls) and turns in which the angle of bank is not more than 60°. In connection with the foregoing, the following gross weight and flight load factors apply:

Gross Weight	2300 lbs
Flight Load Factor	
*Flaps Up	+3.8 -1.52
*Flaps Down	+3.0

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

MANEUVERS - UTILITY CATEGORY.

This airplane is not designed for purely aerobatic flight. However, in the acquisition of various certificates such as commercial pilot, instrument 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 connection with the utility category, the following gross weight and flight load factors apply, with maximum entry speeds for maneuvers as shown:

Gross Weight	2000 lbs	
Flight Load Factor		
Flaps Up	+4.4	-1.76
Flaps Down	+3.0	

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

<u>MANEUVER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED ENTRY SPEED*</u>
Chandelles	120 mph (104 knots)
Lazy Eights	120 mph (104 knots)
Steep Turns	112 mph (97 knots)
Spins	Slow Deceleration
Stalls (Except Whip Stalls).	Slow Deceleration

*Abrupt use of the controls is prohibited above 112 MPH.

Aerobatics that may impose high loads should not be attempted. The important thing to bear in mind in flight maneuvers is that the aircraft 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 maneuvers, avoid abrupt use of controls. Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited.

AIRSPEED LIMITATIONS (CAS).

The following is a list of the certificated calibrated airspeed (CAS) limitations for the aircraft.

Never Exceed Speed (glide or dive, smooth air)	182 MPH
Maximum Structural Cruising Speed	145 MPH
Maximum Speed, Flaps Extended	100 MPH
*Maneuvering Speed	112 MPH

*The maximum speed at which you may use abrupt control travel.

AIRSPEED INDICATOR MARKINGS.

The following is a list of the certificated calibrated airspeed markings (CAS) for the aircraft.

Never Exceed (glide or dive, smooth air)	182 MPH (red line)
Caution Range	145-182 MPH (yellow arc)
Normal Operating Range	61-145 MPH (green arc)
Flap Operating Range	54-100 MPH (white arc)

ENGINE OPERATION LIMITATIONS.

Power and Speed	150 BHP at 2700 RPM
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ENGINE INSTRUMENT MARKINGS.

OIL TEMPERATURE GAGE.	
Normal Operating Range	Green Arc
Maximum Allowable	245°F (red line)

OIL PRESSURE GAGE.	
Minimum Idling	25 psi (red line)
Normal Operating Range	60-90 psi (green arc)
Maximum	100 psi (red line)

FUEL QUANTITY INDICATORS.

Empty (2.0 gallons unusable each tank) E (red line)

TACHOMETER.

Normal Operating Range:

At sea level 2200-2500 RPM (inner green arc)

At 5000 feet 2200-2600 RPM (middle green arc)

At 10,000 feet 2200-2700 RPM (outer green arc)

Maximum Allowable 2700 RPM (red line)

CARBURETOR AIR TEMPERATURE GAGE (OPT).

Icing Range -15° to 5°C (yellow arc)

WEIGHT AND BALANCE.

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

Take the licensed empty weight and moment from the Weight and Balance and Installed Equipment Data sheet (or changes noted on FAA Form 337) carried in your airplane, and write them down in the column titled YOUR AIRPLANE on the Sample Loading Problem.

NOTE

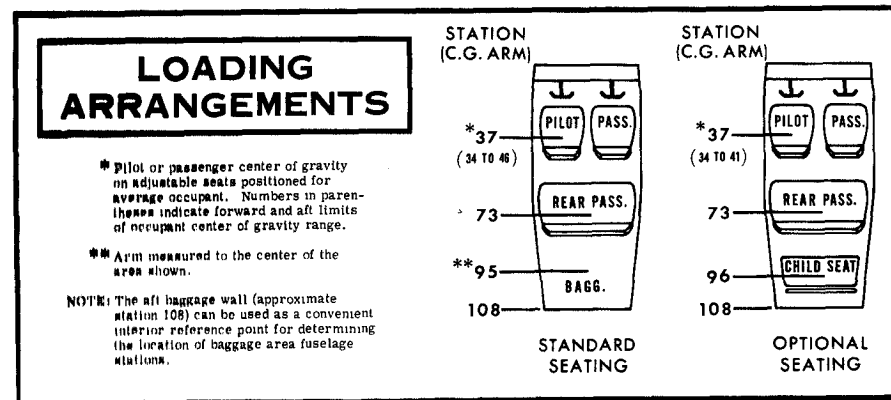
The Weight and Balance and Installed Equipment Data sheet is included in the aircraft file. In addition to the licensed empty weight and moment noted on this sheet, the c.g. arm (fuselage station) is also shown, but need not be used on the Sample Loading Problem. The moment shown on the sheet must be 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 is based on seats positioned for average occupants and baggage loaded in the center of the baggage area. For other than average loading situations, the Sample Loading Problem lists fuselage stations for these items to indicate their forward and aft c.g. range limitation (seat travel or 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.



SAMPLE LOADING PROBLEM	SAMPLE AIRPLANE		YOUR AIRPLANE	
	Weight (lbs.)	Moment (lb. -ins. /1000)	Weight (lbs.)	Moment (lb. -ins. /1000)
1. Licensed Empty Weight (Sample Airplane)	1364	51.7		
2. Oil (8 qts. - The weight of full oil may be used for all calculations)	15	-0.2	15	-0.2
3. Fuel (Standard - 38 Gal at 6#/Gal)	228	10.9		
Fuel (Long Range - 48 Gal at 6#/Gal)				
4. Pilot and Front Passenger (Station 34 to 46)	340	12.6		
5. Rear Passengers	340	24.8		
6. Baggage (or Passenger on Child's Seat) (Station 82 to 108)	13	1.2		
7. TOTAL WEIGHT AND MOMENT	2300	101.0		

8. Locate this point (2300 at 101.0) on the center of gravity moment envelope, and since this point falls within the envelope, the loading is acceptable.

