

Section V

CARE OF THE AIRPLANE

If your airplane is to retain that new plane performance and dependability, certain inspection and maintenance requirements must be followed. It is wise to follow a planned schedule of lubrication and preventive maintenance based on climatic and flying conditions encountered in your locality.

Keep in touch with your Cessna Dealer and take advantage of his knowledge and experience. He knows your airplane and how to maintain it. He will remind you when lubrications and oil changes are necessary, and about other seasonal and periodic services.

GROUND HANDLING.

The airplane is most easily and safely maneuvered by hand with the tow-bar attached to the nose wheel. When towing with a vehicle, do not exceed the nose gear turning angle of 30° either side of center, or damage to the gear will result. If the airplane is towed or pushed over a rough surface during hangaring, watch that the normal cushioning action of the nose strut does not cause excessive vertical movement of the tail and the resulting contact with low hangar doors or structure. A flat nose wheel tire or deflated strut will also increase tail height.

MOORING YOUR AIRPLANE.

Proper tie-down procedure is your best precaution against damage to your parked airplane by gusty or strong winds. To tie down your airplane securely, proceed as follows:

- (1) Set the parking brake and install the control wheel lock.
- (2) Tie sufficiently strong ropes or chains (700 pounds tensile strength) to wing, tail and nose tie-down rings and secure each rope to a ramp tie-down.

- (3) Install a surface control lock over the fin and rudder.
- (4) Install a pitot tube cover.

WINDSHIELD - WINDOWS.

The plastic windshield and windows should be cleaned with an aircraft windshield cleaner. Apply the cleaner sparingly with soft cloths, and rub with moderate pressure until all dirt, oil scum and bug stains are removed. Allow the cleaner to dry, then wipe it off with soft flannel cloths.

If a windshield cleaner is not available, the plastic can be cleaned with soft cloths moistened with Stoddard solvent to remove oil and grease.

NOTE

Never use gasoline, benzine, alcohol, acetone, carbon tetrachloride, fire extinguisher or anti-ice fluid, lacquer thinner or glass cleaner to clean the plastic. These materials will attack the plastic and may cause it to craze.

Follow by carefully washing with a mild detergent and plenty of water. Rinse thoroughly, then dry with a clean moist chamois. Do not rub the plastic with a dry cloth since this builds up an electrostatic charge which attracts dust. Waxing with a good commercial wax will finish the cleaning job. A thin, even coat of wax, polished out by hand with clean soft flannel cloths, will fill in minor scratches and help prevent further scratching.

Do not use a canvas cover on the windshield unless freezing rain or sleet is anticipated since the cover may scratch the plastic surface.

PAINTED SURFACES.

The painted exterior surfaces of your new Cessna have a durable, long lasting finish and, under normal conditions, require no polishing or buffing. Approximately 15 days are required for the paint to cure completely; in most cases, the curing period will have been completed prior to delivery of the airplane. In the event that polishing or buffing is required within the curing period, it is recommended that the work be done by someone experienced in handling uncured paint. Any Cessna Dealer can accomplish this work.

Generally, the painted surfaces can be kept bright by washing with water and mild soap, followed by a rinse with water and drying with cloths or a chamois. Harsh or abrasive soaps or detergents which cause corrosion or scratches should never be used. Remove stubborn oil and grease with a cloth moistened with Stoddard solvent.

Waxing is unnecessary to keep the painted surfaces bright. However, if desired, the airplane may be waxed with a good automotive wax. A heavier coating of wax on the leading edges of the wings and tail and on the engine nose cap and propeller spinner will help reduce the abrasion encountered in these areas.

When the airplane is parked outside in cold climates and it is necessary to remove ice before flight, care should be taken to protect the painted surfaces during ice removal with chemical liquids. A 50-50 solution of isopropyl alcohol and water will satisfactorily remove ice accumulations without damaging the paint. A solution with more than 50% alcohol is harmful and should be avoided. While applying the de-icing solution, keep it away from the windshield and cabin windows since the alcohol will attack the plastic and may cause it to craze.

ALUMINUM SURFACES.

The clad aluminum surfaces of your Cessna may be washed with clear water to remove dirt; oil and grease may be removed with gasoline, naphtha, carbon tetrachloride or other non-alkaline solvents. Dulled aluminum surfaces may be cleaned effectively with an aircraft aluminum polish.

After cleaning, and periodically thereafter, waxing with a good automotive wax will preserve the bright appearance and retard corrosion. Regular waxing is especially recommended for airplanes operated in salt water areas as a protection against corrosion.

PROPELLER CARE.

Preflight inspection of propeller blades for nicks, and wiping them occasionally with an oily cloth to clean off grass and bug stains will assure long, trouble-free service. Small nicks on the propeller, particularly near the tips and on the leading edges, should be dressed out as soon as possible since these nicks produce stress concentrations, and if

ignored, may result in cracks. Never use an alkaline cleaner on the blades; remove grease and dirt with carbon tetrachloride or Stoddard solvent.

INTERIOR CARE.

To remove dust and loose dirt from the upholstery and carpet, clean the interior regularly with a vacuum cleaner.

Blot up any spilled liquid promptly, with cleansing tissue or rags. Don't pat the spot; press the blotting material firmly and hold it for several seconds. Continue blotting until no more liquid is taken up. Scrape off sticky materials with a dull knife, then spot-clean the area.

Oily spots may be cleaned with household spot removers, used sparingly. Before using any solvent, read the instructions on the container and test it on an obscure place on the fabric to be cleaned. Never saturate the fabric with a volatile solvent; it may damage the padding and backing materials.

Soiled upholstery and carpet may be cleaned with foam-type detergent, used according to the manufacturer's instructions. To minimize wetting the fabric, keep the foam as dry as possible and remove it with a vacuum cleaner.

If your airplane is equipped with leather seating, cleaning of the seats is accomplished using a soft cloth or sponge dipped in mild soap suds. The soap suds, used sparingly, will remove traces of dirt and grease. The soap should be removed with a clean damp cloth.

The plastic trim, headliner, instrument panel and control knobs need only be wiped off with a damp cloth. Oil and grease on the control wheel and control knobs can be removed with a cloth moistened with Stoddard solvent. Volatile solvents, such as mentioned in paragraphs on care of the windshield, must never be used since they soften and craze the plastic.

FLYABLE STORAGE.

Aircraft placed in non-operational storage for a maximum of 30 days or those which receive only intermittent operational use for the first 25

hours are considered in flyable storage status. Every seventh day during these periods, the propeller should be rotated by hand through five revolutions. This action "limbers" the oil and prevents any accumulation of corrosion on engine cylinder walls.

IMPORTANT

For maximum safety, check that the ignition switch is OFF, the throttle is closed, the mixture control is in the idle cut-off position, and the airplane is secured before rotating the propeller by hand. Do not stand within the arc of the propeller blades while turning the propeller.

After 30 days, the aircraft should be flown for 30 minutes or a ground runup should be made just long enough to produce an oil temperature within the lower green arc range. Excessive ground runup should be avoided.

Engine runup also helps to eliminate excessive accumulations of water in the fuel system and other air spaces in the engine. Keep fuel tanks full to minimize condensation in the tanks. Keep the battery fully charged to prevent the electrolyte from freezing in cold weather. If the aircraft is to be stored temporarily, or indefinitely, refer to the Service Manual for proper storage procedures.

INSPECTION SERVICE AND INSPECTION PERIODS.

With your airplane you will receive a Customer Care Program book. Coupons attached to the Program book entitle you to an initial inspection and the first 100-hour inspection at no charge. If you take delivery from your Dealer, he will perform the initial inspection before delivery of the airplane to you. If you pick up the airplane at the factory, plan to take it to your Dealer reasonably soon after you take delivery on it. This will permit him to check it over and to make any minor adjustments that may appear necessary. Also, plan an inspection by your Dealer at 100 hours or 180 days, whichever comes first. This inspection also is performed by your Dealer for you at no charge. While these important inspections will be performed for you by any Cessna Dealer, in most cases you will prefer to have the Dealer from whom you purchased the airplane accomplish this work.

Federal Aviation Regulations require that all airplanes have a periodic (annual) inspection as prescribed by the administrator, and performed by a person designated by the administrator. In addition, 100-hour periodic inspections made by an "appropriately-rated mechanic" are required if the airplane is flown for hire. The Cessna Aircraft Company recommends the 100-hour periodic inspection for your airplane. The procedure for this 100-hour inspection has been carefully worked out by the factory and is followed by the Cessna Dealer Organization. The complete familiarity of the Cessna Dealer Organization with Cessna equipment and with factory-approved procedures provides the highest type of service possible at lower cost.

AIRCRAFT FILE.

There are miscellaneous data, information and licenses that are a part of the aircraft file. The following is a check list for that file. In addition, a periodic check should be made of the latest Federal Aviation Regulations to ensure that all data requirements are met.

A. To be displayed in the aircraft at all times:

- (1) Aircraft Airworthiness Certificate (FAA Form 8100-2).
- (2) Aircraft Registration Certificate (FAA Form 8050-3).
- (3) Aircraft Radio Station License, if transmitter installed (FCC Form 556).

B. To be carried in the aircraft at all times:

- (1) Weight and Balance, and associated papers (latest copy of the Repair and Alteration Form, FAA Form 337, if applicable).
- (2) Aircraft Equipment List.

C. To be made available upon request:

- (1) Aircraft Log Book.
- (2) Engine Log Book.

NOTE

Cessna recommends that these items, plus the Owner's Manual, Power Computer, Pilot's Check List, and Customer Care Program book and Customer Care Card, be carried in the aircraft at all times.

Most of the items listed are required by the United States Federal Aviation Regulations. Since the regulations of other nations may require other documents and data, owners of exported aircraft should check with their own aviation officials to determine their individual requirements.

MAA PLATE/FINISH AND TRIM PLATE.

Information concerning the Type Certificate Number (TC), Production Certificate Number (PC), Model Number and Serial Number of your particular aircraft can be found on the MAA (Manufacturers Aircraft Association) plate located on the lower part of the left forward door post.

A Finish and Trim plate contains a code describing the interior color scheme and exterior paint combination of the aircraft. The code may be used in conjunction with an applicable Parts Catalog if finish and trim information is needed. This plate is located just above the MAA plate on the left forward door post.

LUBRICATION AND SERVICING PROCEDURES

Specific servicing information is provided here for items requiring daily attention. A Servicing Intervals Check List is included to inform the pilot when to have other items checked and serviced.

DAILY

FUEL TANK FILLERS:

Service after each flight with 80/87 minimum grade fuel. The capacity of each tank is 21 gallons. When optional long range tanks are installed, the capacity of each tank is 26 gallons. (To ensure maximum fuel capacity when refueling, place the fuel selector valve in either LEFT or RIGHT position to prevent cross-feeding).

FUEL STRAINER:

Before the first flight of the day and after each refueling, pull out fuel strainer drain knob for about four seconds, to clear fuel strainer of possible water and sediment. Release drain knob, then check that strainer drain is closed after draining. If water is observed, there is a possibility that the fuel tank sumps contain water. Thus, the fuel tank sump drain plugs and fuel selector valve drain plug should be removed to check for the presence of water.

OIL DIPSTICK:

Check oil level before each flight. Do not operate on less than 6 quarts. To minimize loss of oil through breather, fill to 7 quart level for normal flights of less than 3 hours. For extended flight, fill to 8 quarts. If optional oil filter is installed, one additional quart is required when the filter element is changed.

OIL FILLER:

When preflight check shows low oil level, service with aviation grade engine oil; SAE 50 above 60°F, SAE 10W30 or SAE 30 at temperatures from 0° to 70°F, and SAE 10W30 or SAE 20 at temperatures below 10°F. (Multi-viscosity oil with a range of SAE 10W30 is recommended for improved starting and lubrication during warm-up in cold weather.) Detergent or dispersant oil, conforming to Specification No. MIL-L-22851, must be used. Your Cessna Dealer can supply approved brands of oil.

NOTE

Your Cessna was delivered from the factory with a corrosion preventive aircraft engine oil. If oil must be added during the first 25 hours, use only aviation grade straight mineral oil (non-detergent) conforming to Specification No. MIL-L-6082.

SERVICING INTERVALS CHECK LIST

FIRST 25 HOURS

ENGINE OIL SUMP, OIL COOLER AND OIL FILTER -- After first 25 hours of operation, drain engine oil sump and oil cooler and clean both the oil suction strainer and oil pressure screen. If an optional oil filter is installed, change filter element at this time. Refill sump with straight mineral oil (non-detergent) and use until a total of 50 hours have accumulated or oil consumption has stabilized, then change to detergent oil.

EACH 50 HOURS

BATTERY -- Check and service. Check oftener (at least every 30 days) if operating in hot weather.

ENGINE OIL SUMP, OIL COOLER AND OIL FILTER -- On aircraft not equipped with an optional oil filter, drain the engine oil sump and oil cooler and clean both the oil suction strainer and oil pressure screen. On the aircraft which have an optional oil filter, the oil change interval may be extended to 100-hour intervals providing the oil filter element is changed at 50-hour intervals. Change engine oil at least every four months even though less than the recommended hours have accumulated. Reduce intervals for prolonged operation in dusty areas, cold climates, or when short flights and long idle periods result in sludging conditions.

CARBURETOR AIR FILTER -- Clean or replace. Under extremely dusty conditions, daily maintenance of the filter is recommended.

NOSE GEAR TORQUE LINKS -- Lubricate. When operating under dusty conditions, more frequent lubrication is recommended.

EACH 100 HOURS

SPARK PLUGS -- Clean, test and regap.

BRAKE MASTER CYLINDERS -- Check and fill.

SHIMMY DAMPENER -- Check and fill.

FUEL STRAINER -- Disassemble and clean.

FUEL TANK SUMP DRAINS -- Drain water and sediment.

FUEL SELECTOR VALVE DRAIN PLUG -- Drain water and sediment.

SUCTION RELIEF VALVE INLET SCREEN (OPT) -- Clean.

SERVICING INTERVALS CHECK LIST

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EACH 500 HOURS

VACUUM SYSTEM AIR FILTER (OPT) -- Replace filter element. Replace sooner if suction gage reading drops to 4.6 in. Hg.

WHEEL BEARINGS -- Lubricate at first 100 hours and at 500 hours thereafter. Reduce lubrication interval to 100 hours when operating in dusty or seacoast areas, during periods of extensive taxiing, or when numerous take-offs and landings are made.

AS REQUIRED

NOSE GEAR SHOCK STRUT -- Fill with hydraulic fluid and inflate with air to 45 psi.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE AND TEST REGULATIONS

Servicing intervals of items in the preceding check list are recommended by The Cessna Aircraft Company. Government regulations may require that additional items be inspected, serviced or tested at specific intervals for various types of flight operations. For these regulations, owners should check with aviation officials in the country where the aircraft is being operated.

OWNER FOLLOW-UP SYSTEM

Your Cessna Dealer has an owner follow-up system to notify you when he receives information that applies to your Cessna. In addition, if you wish, you may choose to receive similar notification, in the form of Service Letters, directly from the Cessna Customer Services Department. A subscription form is supplied in your Customer Care Program book for your use, should you choose to request this service. Your Cessna Dealer will be glad to supply you with details concerning these follow-up programs, and stands ready through his Service Department to supply you with fast, efficient, low cost service.

PUBLICATIONS

Various publications and flight operation aids are furnished in the aircraft when delivered from the factory. These items are listed below.

- OWNER'S MANUALS FOR YOUR AIRCRAFT ELECTRONICS AND AUTOPILOT
- POWER COMPUTER
- SALES AND SERVICE DEALER DIRECTORY

The following additional publications, plus many other supplies that are applicable to your aircraft, are available from your Cessna Dealer.

- SERVICE MANUALS AND PARTS CATALOGS FOR YOUR AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND ACCESSORIES ELECTRONICS AND AUTOPILOT

Your Cessna Dealer has a current catalog of all available Customer Services Supplies, many of which he keeps on hand. If supplies are not in stock, your Cessna Dealer will be happy to order for you.