

Section I

OPERATING CHECK LIST

One of the first steps in obtaining the utmost performance, service, and flying enjoyment from your Cessna is to familiarize yourself with your airplane's equipment, systems, and controls. This can best be done by reviewing this equipment while sitting in the airplane. Those items whose function and operation are not obvious are covered in Section II.

Section I lists, in Pilot's Check List form, the steps necessary to operate your airplane efficiently and safely. It is not a check list in its true form as it is considerably longer, but it does cover briefly all of the points that you should know for a typical flight.

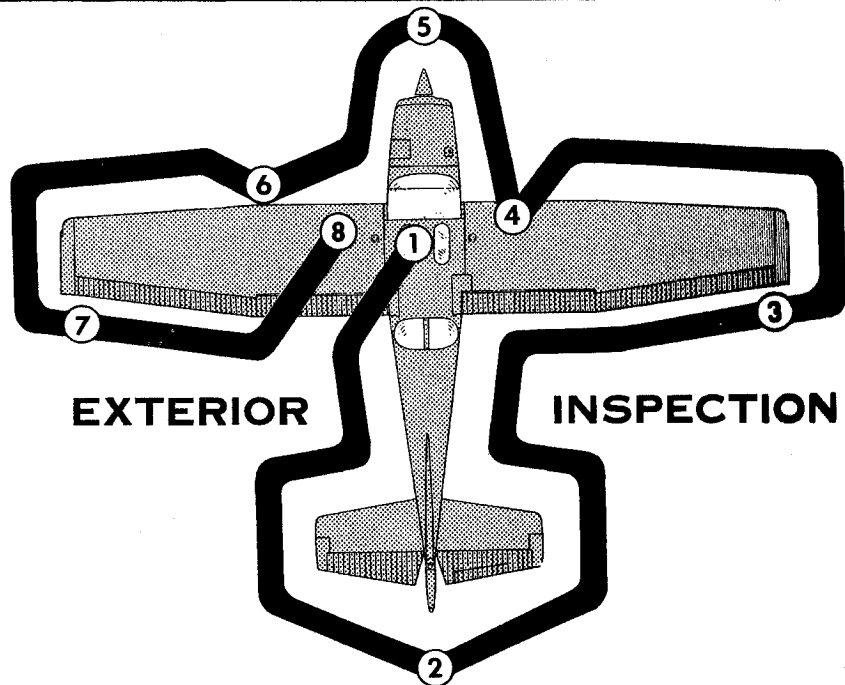
The flight and operational characteristics of your airplane are normal in all respects. There are no "unconventional" characteristics or operations that need to be mastered. All controls respond in the normal way within the entire range of operation. All airspeeds mentioned in Sections I, II and III are indicated airspeeds. Corresponding calibrated airspeed may be obtained from the Airspeed Correction Table in Section VI.

BEFORE ENTERING THE AIRPLANE.

- (1) Make an exterior inspection in accordance with figure 1-1.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE.

- (1) Seats, Seat Belts and Shoulder Harnesses -- Adjust and lock.
- (2) Fuel Selector Valve -- "BOTH."
- (3) Brakes -- Test and set.
- (4) Radios and Electrical Equipment -- "OFF."



NOTE

Visually check aircraft 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. If night flight is planned, check operation of all lights, and make sure a flashlight is available.

- ① a. Remove control wheel lock.
- b. Check ignition switch "OFF."
- c. Turn on master switch and check fuel quantity indicators, then turn master switch "OFF."
- d. Check fuel selector valve handle on "BOTH."
- e. Check baggage door for security. Lock with key if children are to occupy child's seat.

Figure

- ② a. Remove rudder gust lock, if installed.
- b. Disconnect tail tie-down.
- c. Check control surfaces for freedom of movement and security.
- ③ a. Check aileron for freedom of movement and security.
- ④ a. Disconnect wing tie-down.
- b. Check main wheel tire for proper inflation.
- c. Visually check fuel quantity, then check fuel filler cap secure.
- ⑤ a. Check oil level. Do not operate with less than six quarts. Fill to eight quarts for extended flights.
- b. Before first flight of 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, 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.
- c. Check propeller and spinner for nicks and security.
- d. Check landing light for condition and cleanliness.
- e. Check carburetor air filter for restrictions by dust or other foreign matter.
- f. Check nose wheel strut and tire for proper inflation.
- g. Disconnect tie-down rope.
- h. Inspect flight instrument static source opening on side of fuselage for stoppage (left side only).
- ⑥ a. Remove pitot tube cover, if installed, and check pitot tube opening for stoppage.
- b. Check fuel tank vent opening for stoppage.
- c. Check stall warning vent opening for stoppage.
- ⑦ a. Check aileron for freedom of movement and security.
- ⑧ a. Disconnect wing tie-down.
- b. Check main wheel tire for proper inflation.
- c. Visually check fuel quantity, then check fuel filler cap secure.

STARTING THE ENGINE.

- (1) Mixture -- Rich.
- (2) Carburetor Heat -- Cold.
- (3) Primer -- 2 - 6 strokes as required (none if engine is warm).
Close and lock primer.
- (4) Throttle -- Open 1/8".
- (5) Master Switch -- "ON."
- (6) Propeller Area -- Clear.
- (7) Ignition Switch -- "START" (release when engine starts).
- (8) Oil Pressure -- Check.

BEFORE TAKE-OFF.

- (1) Parking Brake -- Set.
- (2) Flight Controls -- Check for free and correct movement.
- (3) Fuel Selector Valve -- "BOTH."
- (4) Elevator Trim -- "TAKE-OFF" setting.
- (5) Throttle Setting -- 1700 RPM.
- (6) Engine Instruments and Ammeter -- Check.
- (7) Suction Gage -- Check (4.6 to 5.4 inches of mercury).
- (8) Magnetos -- Check (RPM drop should not exceed 125 RPM on either magneto or 50 RPM differential between magnetos).
- (9) Carburetor Heat -- Check operation.
- (10) Flight Instruments and Radios -- Set.
- (11) Optional Autopilot or Wing Leveler -- Off.
- (12) Cabin Doors and Window -- Closed and locked.

TAKE-OFF.

NORMAL TAKE-OFF.

- (1) Wing Flaps -- 0°.
- (2) Carburetor Heat -- Cold.
- (3) Power -- Full throttle.
- (4) Elevator Control -- Lift nose wheel at 60 MPH.
- (5) Climb Speed -- 75 to 85 MPH.

MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE TAKE-OFF.

- (1) Wing Flaps -- 0°.

- (2) Carburetor Heat -- Cold.
- (3) Brakes -- Apply.
- (4) Power -- Full throttle.
- (5) Brakes -- Release.
- (6) Airplane Attitude -- Slightly tail low.
- (7) Climb Speed -- 68 MPH until all obstacles are cleared.

CLIMB.

- (1) Airspeed -- 80 to 90 MPH.

NOTE

If a maximum performance climb is necessary, use speeds shown in the Maximum Rate-Of-Climb Data chart in Section VI.

- (2) Power -- Full throttle.
- (3) Mixture -- Full rich (mixture may be leaned above 3000 feet).

CRUISING.

- (1) Power -- 2200 to 2700 RPM.

NOTE

Maximum cruise RPM varies with altitude. For details, refer to Section IV.

- (2) Trim Tab -- Adjust.
- (3) Mixture -- Lean for maximum RPM.

LET-DOWN.

- (1) Mixture -- Rich.
- (2) Power -- As desired.
- (3) Carburetor Heat -- As required to prevent carburetor icing.

BEFORE LANDING.

- (1) Fuel Selector Valve -- "BOTH."
- (2) Mixture -- Rich.
- (3) Carburetor Heat -- Apply full heat before closing throttle.
- (4) Wing Flaps -- As desired.
- (5) Airspeed -- 70 to 80 MPH (flaps up), 65 to 75 MPH (flaps down).

BALKED LANDING (GO-AROUND).

- (1) Power -- Full throttle.
- (2) Carburetor Heat -- Cold.
- (3) Wing Flaps -- Retract to 20°.
- (4) Upon reaching an airspeed of approximately 65 MPH, **retract** flaps slowly.

NORMAL LANDING.

- (1) Touchdown -- Main wheels first.
- (2) Landing Roll -- Lower nose wheel gently.
- (3) Braking -- Minimum required.

AFTER LANDING.

- (1) Wing Flaps -- Up.
- (2) Carburetor Heat -- Cold.

SECURING AIRCRAFT.

- (1) Parking Brake -- Set.
- (2) Radios and Electrical Equipment -- "OFF."
- (3) Mixture -- Idle cut-off (pulled full out).
- (4) Ignition and Master Switch -- "OFF."
- (5) Control Lock -- Installed.