OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

This section contains a description, operating procedures, and performance data (when applicable) for some of the optional equipment which may be installed in your Cessna. Owner's Manual Supplements are provided to cover operation of other optional equipment systems when installed in your airplane. Contact your Cessna Dealer for a complete list of available optional equipment.

LONG RANGE FUEL TANKS

Special wings with long range fuel tanks are available to replace the standard wings and fuel tanks for greater endurance and range. When these tanks are installed, the total usable fuel for all flight conditions is 48 gallons.

COLD WEATHER EQUIPMENT

WINTERIZATION KIT.

For continuous operation in temperatures consistently below 20°F, the Cessna winterization kit, available from your Cessna Dealer, should be installed to improve engine operation. The kit consists of two baffles which attach to the engine air intakes in the cowling, and insulation for the crankcase breather line. Once installed, the crankcase breather insulation is approved for permanent use in both cold and hot weather.

GROUND SERVICE PLUG RECEPTACLE.

A ground service plug receptacle may be installed to permit use of an external power source for cold weather starting and during lengthy maintenance work on the airplane electrical system (with the exception of electronic equipment).

NOTE

Electrical power for the airplane electrical circuits is provided through a split bus bar having all electronic circuits on one side of the bus and other electrical circuits on the other side of the bus. When an external power source is connected, a contactor automatically opens the circuit to the electronic portion of the split bus bar as a protection against damage to the transistors in the electronic equipment by transient voltages from the power source. Therefore, the external power source can not be used as a source of power when checking electronic components.

Just before connecting an external power source (generator type or battery cart), the master switch should be turned "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 airplane's 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 the master switch "ON" will close the battery contactor.

STATIC PRESSURE ALTERNATE SOURCE VALVE.

A static pressure alternate source valve may be installed in the static system for use when the external static source is malfunctioning.

If erroneous instrument readings are suspected due to water or ice in the static pressure lines, the static pressure alternate source valve should be opened, thereby supplying static pressure from the cabin. Cabin pressures will vary, however, with open cabin ventilators or windows. The most adverse combinations will result in airspeed and altimeter variations of no more than 2 MPH and 15 feet, respectively.

RADIO SELECTOR SWITCHES

RADIO SELECTOR SWITCH OPERATION.

Operation of the radio equipment is normal as covered in the respective radio manuals. When more than one radio is installed, an audio switching system is necessary. The operation of this switching system is described below.

TRANSMITTER SELECTOR SWITCH.

The transmitter selector switch, labeled "TRANS," has two positions. When two transmitters are installed, it is necessary to switch the micro-

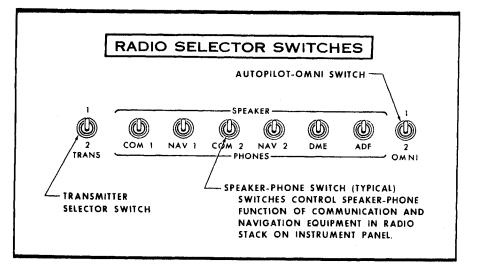


Figure 7-1.

phone to the radio unit the pilot desires to use for transmission. This is accomplished by placing the transmitter selector switch in the position corresponding to the radio unit which is to be used. The up position selects the upper transmitter and the down position selects the lower transmitter.

The installation of Cessna radio equipment provides certain audio back-up capabilities and transmitter selector switch functions that the pilot should be familiar with. When the transmitter selector switch is placed in position 1 or 2, the audio amplifier of the corresponding transceiver is utilized to provide the speaker audio for all radios. If the audio amplifier in the selected transceiver fails, as evidenced by loss of speaker audio for all radios, place the transmitter selector switch in the other transceiver position. Since an audio amplifier is not utilized for headphones, a malfunctioning amplifier will not affect headphone operation.

SPEAKER PHONE SWITCHES.

The speaker-phone switches determine whether the output of the receiver in use is fed to the headphones or through the audio amplifier to the speaker. Place the switch for the desired receiving system either in the up position for speaker operation or in the down position for headphones.

AUTOPILOT-OMNI SWITCH.

When a Nav-O-Matic autopilot is installed with two compatible omni receivers, an autopilot-omni switch is utilized. This switch selects the omni receiver to be used for the omni course sensing function of the autopilot. The up position selects the upper omni receiver in the radio panel stack and the down position selects the lower omni receiver.

BOOM MICROPHONE

A boom microphone may be mounted near the upper left corner of the windshield. Use of the boom microphone allows radio communication without the necessity of releasing any controls to handle the normal hand microphone. The microphone keying switch is a push button located on the left side of the pilot's control wheel.

WING LEVELER

A wing leveler may be installed to augment the lateral stability of the airplane. The system uses the Turn Coordinator for roll and yaw sensing. Vacuum pressure, from the engine-driven vacuum pump, is routed from the Turn Coordinator to cylinder-piston servo units attached to the aileron control system. As the airplane deviates from a wing level attitude, vacuum pressure in the servo units is increased or relieved as needed to actuate the ailerons to oppose the deviations.

A separately mounted push-pull control knob, labeled 'WING LVLR,'' is provided on the left side of the instrument panel to turn the system on and off. A "ROLL TRIM" control knob on the Turn Coordinator is used for manual roll trim control to compensate for asymmetrical loading of fuel and passengers, and to optimize system performance in climb, cruise and let-down.

OPERATING CHECK LIST

TAKE-OFF.

(1) "WING LVLR" Control Knob -- Check in off position (full in).

CLIMB.

- (1) Adjust elevator trim for climb.
- (2) "WING LVLR" Control Knob -- Pull control knob "ON."
- (3) "ROLL TRIM" Control Knob -- Adjust for wings level attitude.

CRUISE.

- (1) Adjust power and elevator trim for level flight.
- (2) "ROLL TRIM" Control Knob -- Adjust as desired.

DESCENT.

- (1) Adjust power and elevator trim for desired speed and rate of descent.
- (2) "ROLL TRIM" Control Knob -- Adjust as desired.

LANDING.

(1) Before landing, push "WING LVLR" control knob full in to the off position.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If a malfunction should occur, the system is easily overpowered with pressure on the control wheel. The system should then be turned off. In the event of partial or complete vacuum failure, the wing leveler will automatically become inoperative. However, the Turn Coordinator used with the wing leveler system will not be affected by loss of vacuum since it is designed with a "back-up" system enabling it to operate from either vacuum or electrical power in the event of failure of one of these sources.

OPERATING NOTES

(1) The wing leveler system may be overpowered at any time without damage or wear. However, for extended periods of maneuvering it may be desirable to turn the system off.

(2) It is recommended that the system not be engaged during take-off and landing. Although the system can be easily overpowered, servo forces could significantly alter the manual "feel" of the aileron control, especially should a malfunction occur.

TRUE AIRSPEED INDICATOR

A true airspeed indicator is available to replace the standard airspeed indicator in your airplane. The true airspeed indicator has a calibrated rotatable ring which works in conjunction with the airspeed indicator dial in a manner similar to the operation of a flight computer.

TO OBTAIN TRUE AIRSPEED, rotate ring until pressure altitude is aligned with outside air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Then read true airspeed on rotatable ring opposite airspeed needle.

NOTE

Pressure altitude should not be confused with indicated altitude. To obtain pressure altitude, set barometric scale on altimeter to "29.92" and read pressure altitude on altimeter. Be sure to return altimeter barometric scale to original barometric setting after pressure altitude has been obtained.

FUEL TANK QUICK-DRAIN VALVE KIT

Two fuel tank quick-drain valves and a fuel sampler cup are available us a kit to facilitate daily draining and inspection of fuel in the main tanks for the presence of water and sediment. The valves replace existing fuel tank drain plugs located at the lower inboard area of the wing. The fuel sampler cup, which may be stowed in the map compartment, is used to drain the valves. The sampler cup has a probe in the center of the cup. When the probe is inserted into the hole in the bottom of the drain valve and pushed upward, fuel flows into the cup to facilitate visual inspection of the fuel. As the cup is removed, the drain valve seats, stopping the flow of fuel.

OIL QUICK-DRAIN VALVE

An oil quick-drain valve is optionally offered to replace the drain plug in the oil sump drain port. The valve provides a quicker and cleaner method of draining engine oil. To drain the oil with this valve installed, slip a hose over the end of the valve, route the hose to a suitable container, then 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 screwdriver or suitable tool to snap the valve into the extended (closed) position and remove the drain hose.

CARBURETOR AIR TEMPERATURE GAGE

A carburetor air temperature gage may be installed in the airplane to help detect carburetor icing conditions. The gage is marked with a yellow arc between -15° and +5°C. The yellow arc indicates the carburetor temperature range where carburetor icing can occur; a placard on the gage reads "KEEP NEEDLE OUT OF YELLOW ARC DURING POSSIBLE ICING CONDITIONS."

Visible moisture or high humidity can cause carburetor ice formation, especially in idle or low power conditions. Under cruising conditions, the formation of ice is usually slow, providing time to detect the loss of RPM caused by the ice. Carburetor icing during take-off is rare since the full-open throttle condition is less susceptible to ice obstruction.

If the carburetor air temperature gage needle moves into the yellow arc during potential carburetor icing conditions, or there is an unexplained drop in RPM, apply full carburetor heat. Upon regaining the original RPM (with heat off), determine by trial and error the minimum amount of carburetor heat required for ice-free operation.

NOTE

Carburetor heat should not be applied during take-off unless absolutely necessary to obtain smooth engine acceleration (usually in sub-zero temperatures).

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