

# SECTION 7

## AIRPLANE & SYSTEMS DESCRIPTION

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## INTRODUCTION

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 the Supplements, Section 9 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 and training 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 attach fittings 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 integral 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 balance weights, 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 and spar with attached hinge brackets and ribs, a center spar, a wrap around skin, 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.

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 cutout for the trim tab. The elevator tip leading edge extensions incorporate balance weights. The elevator trim tab consists of a spar, rib, and upper and lower "V" type corrugated skins.

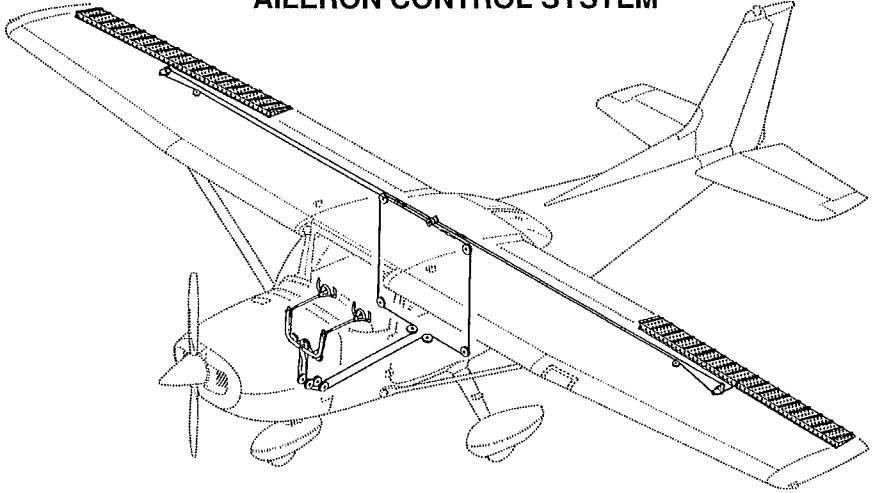
## **FLIGHT CONTROLS**

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

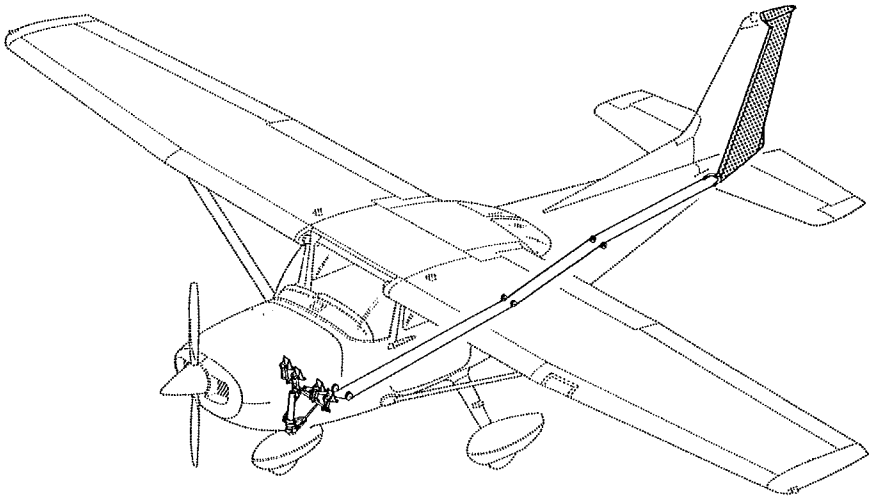
### **TRIM SYSTEM**

A manually operated elevator trim system is provided (Refer to Figure 7-1). Elevator trimming is accomplished through the elevator trim tab by utilizing the vertically mounted trim control wheel in the cockpit. Forward rotation of the trim wheel will trim nose down; conversely, aft rotation will trim nose up.

### AILERON CONTROL SYSTEM



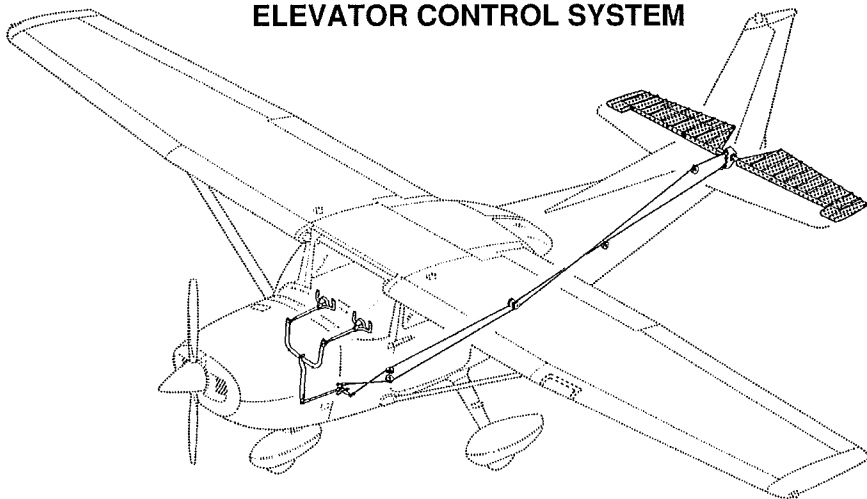
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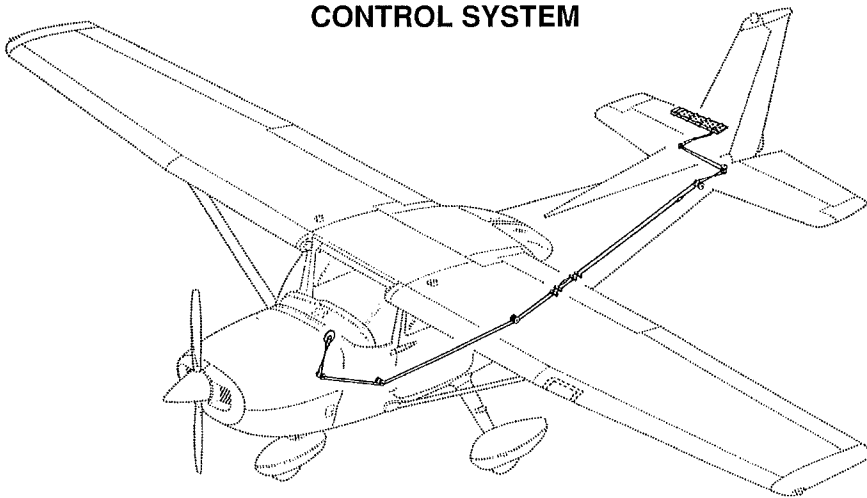
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Figure 7-1. Flight Control and Trim Systems (Sheet 1 of 2)

**ELEVATOR CONTROL SYSTEM**



**ELEVATOR TRIM CONTROL SYSTEM**



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Figure 7-1. Flight Control and Trim Systems (Sheet 2 of 2)

## **INSTRUMENT PANEL**

The instrument panel (Refer to Figure 7-2) is of all-metal construction, and is designed in segments to allow related groups of instruments, switches and controls to be removed without removing the entire panel. For specific details concerning the instruments, switches, circuit breakers, and controls on the instrument panel, refer to related topics in this section.

### **PILOT PANEL LAYOUT**

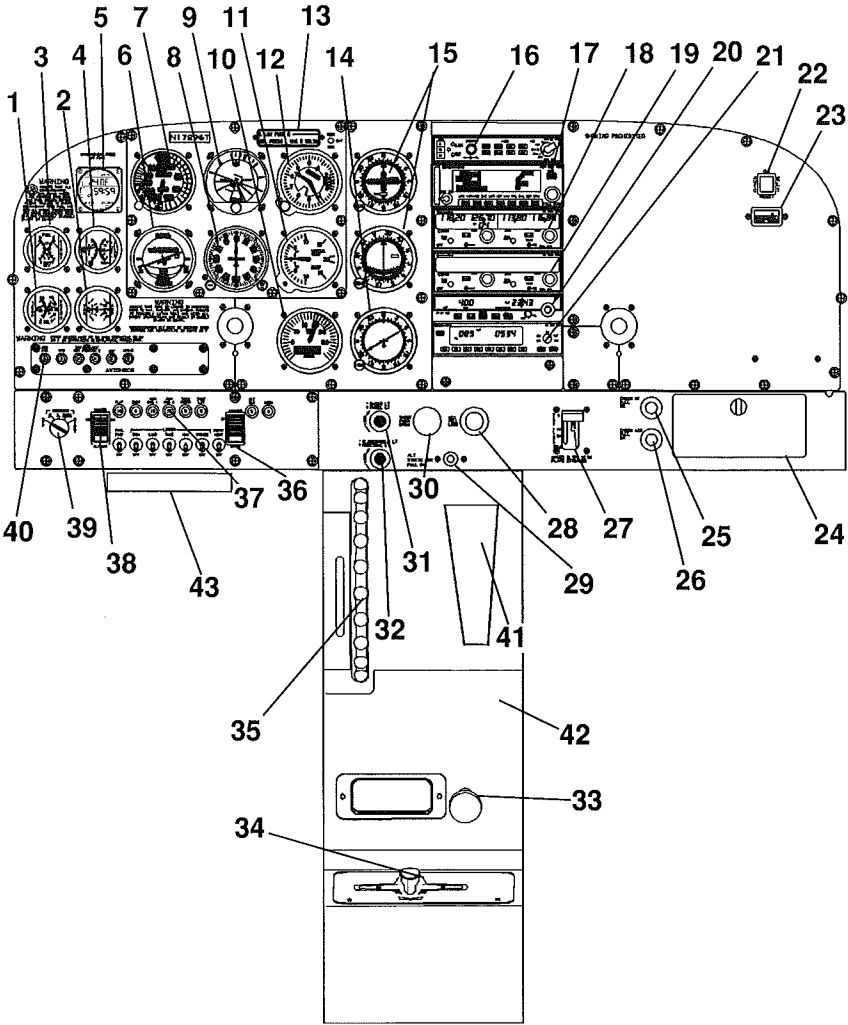
Flight instruments are contained in a single panel located in front of the pilot. These instruments are designed around the basic "T" configuration. The gyros are located immediately in front of the pilot, and arranged vertically over the control column. The airspeed indicator and altimeter are located to the left and right of the gyros, respectively. The remainder of the flight instruments are clustered around the basic "T". An annunciator panel is located above the altimeter and provides caution and warning messages for fuel quantity, oil pressure, low vacuum and low voltage situations.

To the right of the flight instruments is a sub panel which contains engine tachometer and various navigational heading instruments. To the left of the flight instruments is a sub panel which contains a left/right fuel quantity indicator, an oil temperature/oil pressure indicator, a vacuum gage/ammeter, an EGT/fuel flow indicator, a digital clock/OAT indicator and the avionics circuit breaker panel.

Below the engine and flight instruments are circuit breakers and switches for the airplane systems and equipment. Master, Avionics Master and Ignition Switches are also located in this area of the panel. The parking brake control is positioned below the switch and circuit breaker panel.

### **CENTER PANEL LAYOUT**

The center panel contains various avionics equipment arranged in a vertical rack. This arrangement allows each component to be removed without having to access the backside of the panel. Below the panel are the throttle, mixture, alternate static air and lighting controls.



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Figure 7-2. Instrument Panel (Sheet 1 of 2)

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| 1. Oil Temperature and Oil Pressure Indicator   | 23. Hour Meter                                   |
| 2. Vacuum Gage and Ammeter                      | 24. Glove Box                                    |
| 3. Fuel Quantity Indicator                      | 25. Cabin Heat Control                           |
| 4. EGT/Fuel Flow Indicator                      | 26. Cabin Air Control                            |
| 5. Digital Clock / O.A.T. Indicator             | 27. Flap Switch and Position Indicator           |
| 6. Turn Coordinator                             | 28. Mixture Control                              |
| 7. Airspeed Indicator                           | 29. Alternate Static Air Control                 |
| 8. Directional Gyro                             | 30. Throttle Control                             |
| 9. Attitude Indicator                           | 31. Radio and Panel Dimming Control              |
| 10. Tachometer                                  | 32. Glareshield and Pedestal Dimming Control     |
| 11. Vertical Speed Indicator                    | 33. Fuel Shutoff Valve Control                   |
| 12. Altimeter                                   | 34. Fuel Selector                                |
| 13. Annunciator Panel                           | 35. Elevator Trim Control and Position Indicator |
| 14. ADF Bearing Indicator                       | 36. Avionics Master Switch                       |
| 15. Course Deviation and Glide Slope Indicators | 37. Circuit Breakers and Switch/Breakers         |
| 16. Audio Control Panel                         | 38. Master Switch                                |
| 17. GPS Receiver                                | 39. Ignition Switch                              |
| 18. Nav/Com Radio #1                            | 40. Avionics Circuit Breaker Panel               |
| 19. Nav/Com Radio #2                            | 41. Hand Held Microphone                         |
| 20. ADF Receiver                                | 42. 12 VDC Power Port (Location may vary)        |
| 21. Transponder                                 | 43. Parking Brake                                |
| 22. ELT Remote Test Button                      |  |

Figure 7-2. Instrument Panel (Sheet 2)

## **RH PANEL LAYOUT**

The RH panel contains the hour meter, ELT switch, and room for expansion of indicators and other avionics equipment. Below this sub panel are the glove box, cabin heat and cabin air controls, and wing flap switch.

## **CENTER PEDESTAL LAYOUT**

The center pedestal, located below the center panel, contains the elevator trim control wheel, position indicator, handheld microphone bracket and fuel shutoff valve control. The fuel selector valve handle is located at the base of the pedestal.

## **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.

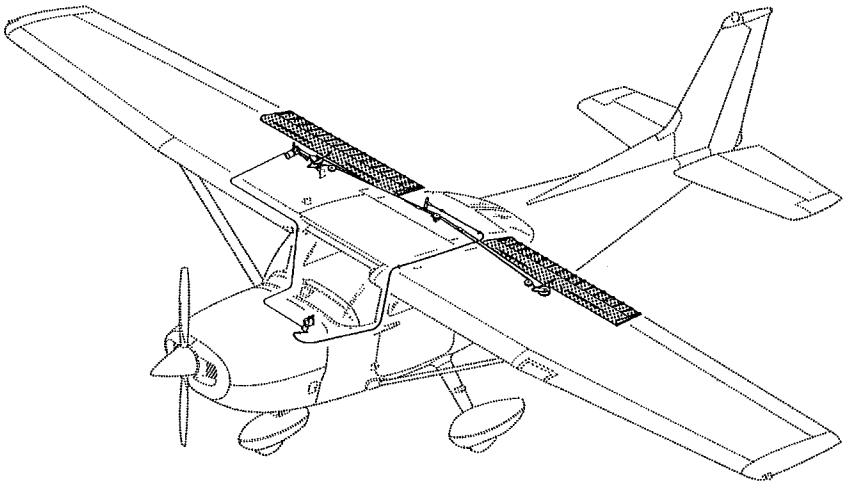
Moving the airplane by hand is most easily accomplished by attaching a tow bar to the nose gear strut. If a tow bar is not available, or pushing is required, use the wing struts as push points. Do not use the vertical or horizontal surfaces to move the airplane. If the airplane is to be towed by vehicle, 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. 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. Care should be exercised to ensure that pressure is exerted only on the bulkhead area and not on skin between the bulkheads. Pressing down on the horizontal stabilizer is not recommended.



## WING FLAP SYSTEM

The single-slot type wing flaps (Refer to Figure 7-3), 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°, 20° and 30° positions. To change flap setting, the flap lever is moved to the right to clear mechanical stops at the 10° and 20° positions. A scale and pointer to the left of the flap switch indicates flap travel in degrees. The wing flap system circuit is protected by a 10-ampere circuit breaker, labeled FLAP, on the left side of the control panel.



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Figure 7-3. Wing Flap System

## LANDING GEAR SYSTEM

The landing gear is of the tricycle type, with a steerable nose wheel and two main wheels. Wheel fairings are optional equipment for both the main and nose wheels. 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.

## BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT

The baggage compartment consists of two areas, one extending from behind the rear passengers seat 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 tiedown straps is provided for securing baggage and is attached by tying the straps to tiedown rings provided in the airplane. For baggage area and door dimensions, refer to Section 6.

## SEATS

The seating arrangement consists of two vertically adjusting crew seats for the pilot and front seat passenger, and a single bench seat with adjustable back for rear seat passengers.

Seats used for the pilot and front seat passenger are adjustable fore and aft, and up and down. Additionally, the angle of the seat back is infinitely adjustable.

Fore and aft adjustment is made using the handle located below the center of the seat frame. To position the seat, lift the handle, slide the seat into position, release the handle and check that the seat is locked in place. To adjust the height of the seat, rotate the large crank under the right hand corner of the seat until a comfortable height is obtained. To adjust the seat back angle, pull up on the release button, located in the center front of seat, just under the seat bottom, position the seat back to the desired angle, and release the button. When the seat is not occupied, the seat back will automatically fold forward whenever the release button is pulled up.

The rear passengers' seat consists of a fixed, one piece seat bottom and a three-position, reclining back. The reclining back is adjusted by a lever located below the center of the seat frame. To adjust the seat back, raise the lever, position the seat back to the desired angle, release the lever and check that the back is locked in place.

Headrests are installed on both the front and rear seats. To adjust the headrest, apply enough pressure to it to raise or lower it to the desired level.

## **INTEGRATED SEAT BELT/SHOULDER HARNESS**

All seat positions are equipped with integrated seat belts/shoulder harness assemblies (Refer to Figure 7-4). The design incorporates an overhead inertia reel for the shoulder portion, and a retractor assembly for the lap portion of the belt. This design allows for complete freedom of movement of the upper torso area while providing restraint in the lap belt area. In the event of a sudden deceleration, reels lock up to provide positive restraint for the user.

In the front seats, the inertia reels are located on the centerline of the upper cabin. In the rear seats, the inertia reels are located outboard of each passenger in the upper cabin.

To use the integrated seat belt/shoulder harness, grasp the link with one hand, and, in a single motion, extend the assembly and insert into the buckle. Positive locking has occurred when a distinctive "snap" sound is heard.

Proper locking of the lap belt can be verified by ensuring that the belts are allowed to retract into the retractors and the lap belt is snug and low on the waist as worn normally during flight. No more than one additional inch of belt should be able to be pulled out of the retractor once the lap belt is in place on the occupant. If more than one additional inch of belt can be pulled out of the retractor, the occupant is too small for the installed restraint system and the seat should not be occupied until the occupant is properly restrained.

Removal is accomplished by lifting the release mechanism on the buckle or by pressing the release button on the buckle and pulling out and up on the harness. Spring tension on the inertia reel will automatically stow the harness.

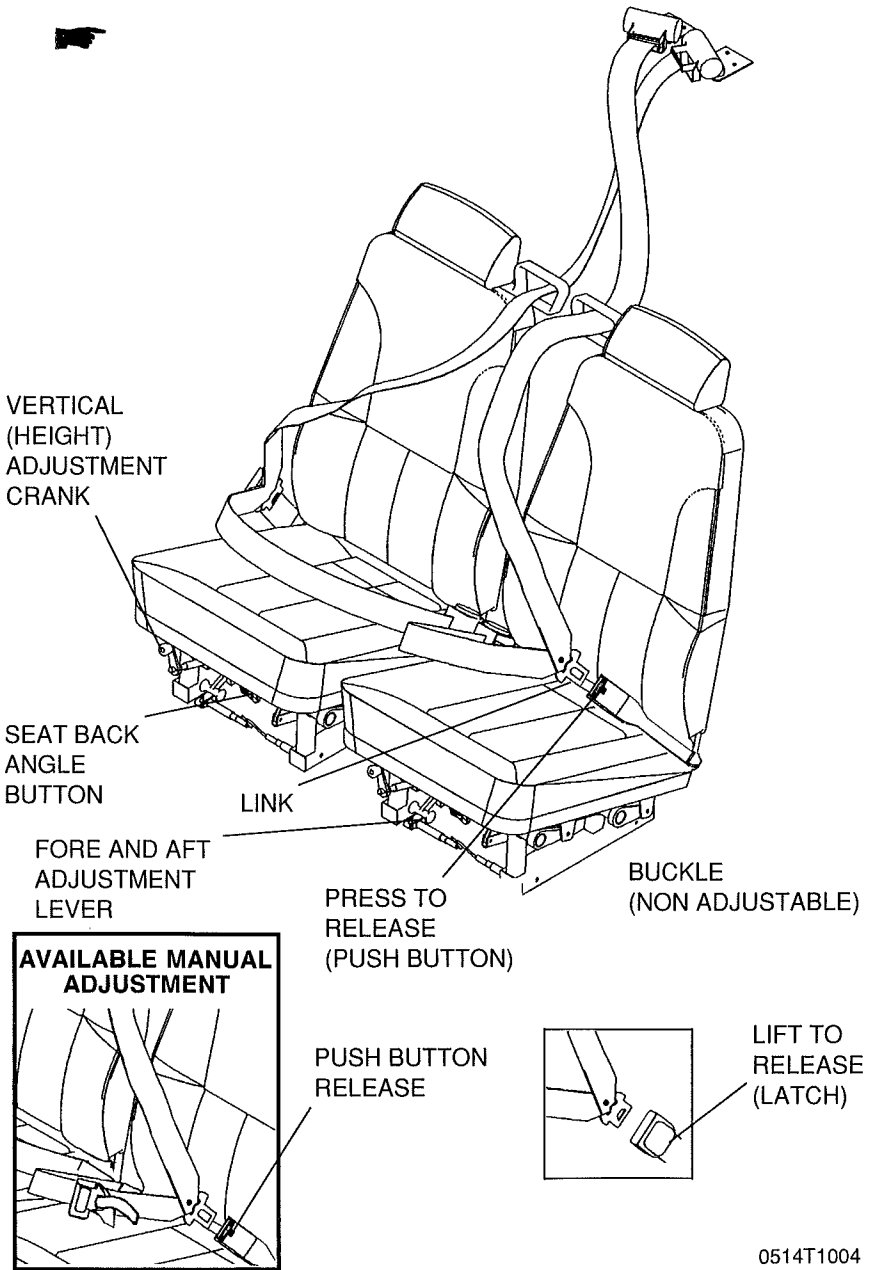


Figure 7-4. Crew Seats, Seat Belts and Shoulder Harnesses

A manually adjustable seat belt/shoulder harness assembly is available for all seats.

To use the manually adjustable seat belt/shoulder harness, fasten and adjust the seat belt/shoulder harness first. Lengthen the seat belt as required by pulling on the release strap on the belt. Snap the connecting link firmly into the buckle, then adjust to length. A properly adjusted harness will permit the occupant to lean forward enough to sit erect, but prevent excessive forward movement and contact with objects during sudden deceleration. Also, the pilot must have the freedom to reach all controls easily.

Disconnecting the manually adjustable seat belt/shoulder harness is accomplished by pushing the button on the buckle to release the connecting link.

## **ENTRANCE DOORS AND CABIN WINDOWS**

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 openable windows in both the left and right doors.

### **NOTE**

The door latch design on this model requires that the outside door handle on the pilot and front passenger doors be extended out whenever the doors are open. When closing the door, do not attempt to push the door handle in until the door is fully shut.

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 KIAS, 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 and right cabin doors are equipped with openable windows which are held in the closed position by a detent equipped latch on the lower edge of the window frame. To open the windows, rotate the latch upward. Each window is equipped with a spring-loaded retaining arm which will help rotate the window outward, and hold it there. If required, either window may be opened at any speed up to 163 KIAS. The 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 aileron and elevator control surfaces to prevent damage to these systems by wind buffeting while the airplane is parked. The lock consists of a shaped steel rod and flag. The flag identifies the control lock and cautions about its removal before starting the 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. Installation of the lock will secure the ailerons in a neutral position and the elevators in a slightly trailing edge down position. Proper installation of the lock will place the 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, fuel injected engine with a wet sump lubrication system. The engine is a Lycoming Model IO-360-L2A and is rated at 160 horsepower at 2400 RPM. Major accessories include a starter and belt driven alternator mounted on the front of the engine, and dual magnetos, dual vacuum pumps, and a full flow oil filter mounted on the rear of the engine accessory case.

### ENGINE CONTROLS

Engine power is controlled by a throttle located on the switch and control panel above the center pedestal. The throttle is open in the full forward position and closed in the full aft position. A friction lock, which is a round knurled knob, 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 adjacent to the throttle control, 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 cutoff 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/oil temperature indicator, tachometer and exhaust gas temperature (EGT) indicator. In addition, the annunciator panel contains a red OIL PRESS annunciator which comes on when the oil pressure is low.

See Section 2, Limitations, for engine operating limitations and instrument markings.

Oil pressure signals are generated from an oil pressure line/transducer combination. An oil pressure line is routed from the upper front of the engine case to the rear engine baffle. At the baffle, the oil pressure line is connected to a transducer. This transducer produces an electrical signal which is translated into a pressure reading by the oil pressure gage located on the LH instrument panel.

In addition, a separate low oil pressure indication is provided through the panel annunciator. This annunciator is wired to a pressure switch located on the rear of the engine accessory case. When oil pressure is below 20 PSI, the switch grounds and completes the annunciator circuit, illuminating the red OIL PRESS light. When pressure exceeds 20 PSI, the ground is removed and the OIL PRESS annunciator goes out.

#### NOTE

The low oil pressure switch is also connected to the hour (Hobbs) meter. When pressure exceeds 20 PSI, a ground is supplied to the hour meter, completing the hour meter circuit.

Oil temperature signals are generated from a resistance-type probe located in the engine accessory case. As oil temperature changes, the probe resistance changes. This resistance is translated into oil temperature readings on the cockpit indicator.

The engine driven mechanical tachometer is located on the instrument panel to the right 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 in the lower section of the dial records elapsed engine time in hours and tenths. Instrument markings include the normal operating range (green arc) from 1900 to 2400 RPM.

The exhaust gas temperature (EGT) indicator is located on the LH instrument panel as part of the EGT/Fuel Flow indicator. Since exhaust gas temperature varies with fuel-air ration (mixture), density altitude, throttle position and RPM, the instrument is a useful aid in adjusting the mixture for best economy or performance. The EGT indicator allows the pilot to lean (reduce the proportion of fuel in the fuel-air mixture) to a known value using the maximum or "peak" exhaust gas temperature as a reference. An index pointer which can be positioned manually is provided for the pilot to mark the location of the peak. **Never lean using EGT when operating at more than 80% power.**



The EGT system uses a thermocouple in the in the engine exhaust (tailpipe) to supply a voltage proportional to exhaust gas temperature. The EGT indicator responds to the voltage developed by the thermocouple. As the mixture is leaned (from full rich), the exhaust gas temperature will increase to a maximum value as the stoichiometric (most chemically efficient) fuel-air ratio is achieved and will decrease if the mixture continues to be leaned.

## **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 80% power as much as practicable until a total of 50 hours has accumulated or oil consumption has stabilized. This will ensure proper seating of the rings.

## **ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM**

The engine utilizes a full pressure, wet sump-type lubrication system with aviation grade oil used as the lubricant. The capacity of the engine sump (located on the bottom of the engine) is eight quarts. 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 full flow oil filter. 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 right, rear engine baffle. Pressure oil from the cooler returns to the accessory housing where it passes through the full flow oil filter. 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 to the sump by gravity flow.

An oil filler cap/oil dipstick is located at the right rear of the engine. The filler cap/ dipstick is accessible through an access door on the top right side of the engine cowling. The engine should not be operated on less than five quarts of oil. For extended flight, fill to eight quarts (dipstick indication only). For engine oil grade and specifications, refer to Section 8 of this handbook.

## **IGNITION AND STARTER SYSTEM**

Engine ignition is provided by two engine-driven magnetos, 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 closed and the starter, now energized, will crank the engine. When the switch is released, it will automatically return to the BOTH position.

## **AIR INDUCTION SYSTEM**

The engine air induction system receives ram air through an intake on 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 air box. The air box has a spring-loaded alternate air door. If the air induction filter should become blocked, suction created by the engine will open the door and draw unfiltered air from inside the lower cowl area. An open alternate air door will result in an approximate 10% power loss at full throttle. After passing through the air box, induction air enters a fuel/air control unit under the engine, and is then ducted to the engine cylinders through intake manifold tubes.

## **EXHAUST SYSTEM**

Exhaust gas from each cylinder passes through riser assemblies to a muffler and tailpipe. Outside air is pulled in around shrouds which are constructed around the outside of the muffler to form heating chambers which supply heat to the cabin.

## **COOLING SYSTEM**

Ram air for engine cooling enters through two intake openings in the front of the engine cowl. 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 cowl. No manual cowl flap cooling system control is required.

## **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 fuel system (see Figure 7-6) consists of two vented integral fuel tanks (one tank in each wing), a three-position selector valve, auxiliary fuel pump, fuel shutoff valve, fuel strainer, engine driven fuel pump, fuel/air control unit, fuel distribution valve and fuel injection nozzles.

### **WARNING**

**UNUSABLE FUEL LEVELS FOR THIS AIRPLANE WERE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO OPERATE THE AIRPLANE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FUEL LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 2 MAY FURTHER REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FUEL AVAILABLE IN FLIGHT.**

FUEL TANKS	FUEL LEVEL (QUANTITY EACH TANK)	TOTAL FUEL	TOTAL UNUSABLE	TOTAL USABLE ALL FLIGHT CONDITIONS
Two	Full (28.0)	56.0	3.0	53.0

Figure 7-5. Fuel Quantity Data in U.S. Gallons

### FUEL DISTRIBUTION

Fuel flows by gravity from the two wing tanks to a three-position selector valve, labeled BOTH, RIGHT and LEFT and on to the reservoir tank. From the reservoir tank fuel flows through the auxiliary fuel pump, past the fuel shutoff valve, through the fuel strainer to an engine driven fuel pump.

From the engine driven fuel pump, fuel is delivered to the fuel/air control unit, where it is metered and directed to a fuel distribution valve (manifold) which distributes it to each cylinder. Fuel flow into each cylinder is continuous, and flow rate is determined by the amount of air passing through the fuel/air control unit.

Starting at serial number 17281188 and on, and airplanes incorporating MK172-28-01, a fuel return system was added to promote smooth engine operation on the ground during hot weather. The return system carries a metered amount of fuel from the engine fuel-air control unit to the fuel reservoir tank. The increased fuel flow due to the return system, results in lower fuel temperatures at the engine inlet and helps to minimize the amount of fuel vapor generated in the fuel lines during high OAT operations.

## FUEL INDICATING

Fuel quantity is measured by two float type fuel quantity transmitters (one in each tank) and indicated by an electrically operated fuel quantity indicator on the left side of the instrument panel. The gauges are marked in gallons of fuel. An empty tank is indicated by a red line and the number 0. When an indicator shows an empty tank, approximately 1.5 gallons remain in each tank as unusable fuel. The indicators should not be relied upon for accurate readings during skids, slips, or unusual attitudes.

Each fuel tank also incorporates warning circuits which can detect low fuel conditions and erroneous transmitter messages. Anytime fuel in the tank drops below approximately 5 gallons (and remains below this level for more than 60 seconds), the amber LOW FUEL message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds and then remain steady amber. The annunciator cannot be turned off by the pilot. If the left tank is low, the message will read L LOW FUEL. If the right tank is low, the message will read LOW FUEL R. If both tanks are low, the message will read L LOW FUEL R.

In addition to low fuel annunciation, the warning circuitry is designed to report failures with each transmitter caused by shorts, opens or transmitter resistance which increases over time. If the circuitry detects any one of these conditions, the fuel level indicator needle will go to the OFF position (below the 0 mark on the fuel indicator), and the amber annunciator will illuminate. If the left tank transmitter has failed, the message will read L LOW FUEL. If the right tank transmitter has failed, the message will read LOW FUEL R. If both tanks transmitters have failed, the message will read L LOW FUEL R.

Fuel pressure is measured by use of a transducer mounted near the fuel manifold. This transducer produces an electrical signal which is translated for the cockpit-mounted indicator in gallons-per-hour.

## **FUEL VENTING**

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. Both fuel filler caps are also vented.

## **REDUCED TANK CAPACITY**

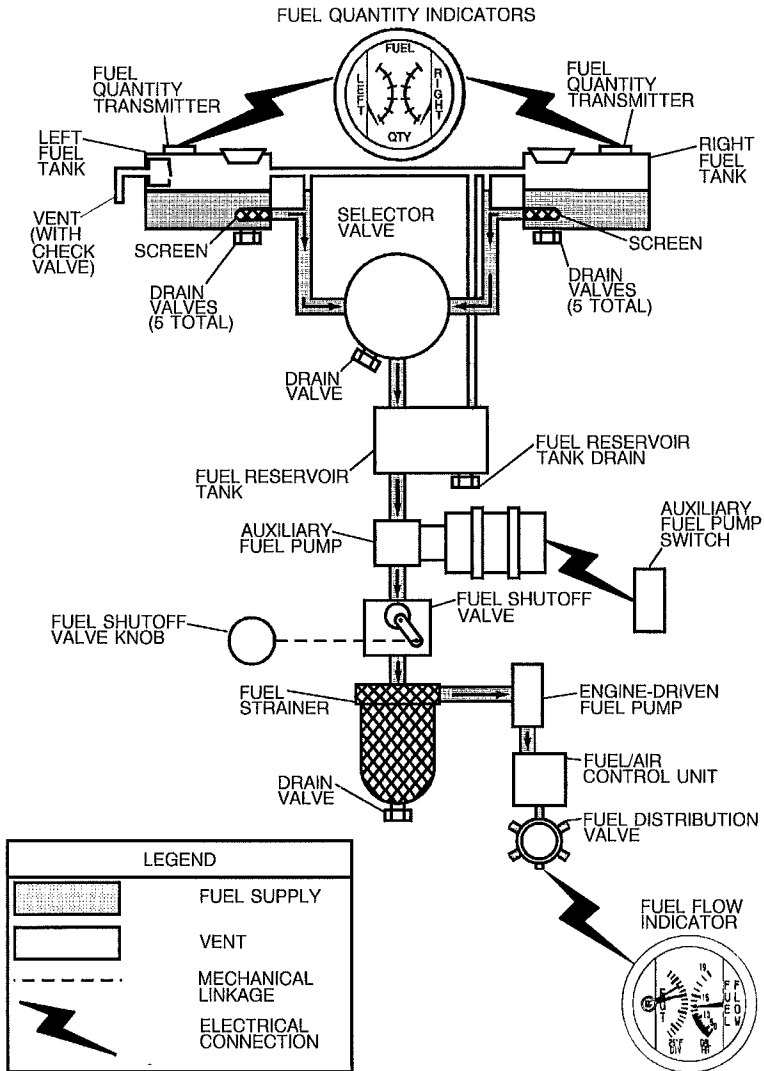
The airplane may be serviced to a reduced capacity to permit heavier cabin loadings. This is accomplished by filling each tank to the bottom edge of the fuel filler tab, thus giving a reduced fuel load of 17.5 gallons usable in each tank.

## **FUEL SELECTOR VALVE**

The fuel selector valve should be in the BOTH position for takeoff, climb, landing, and maneuvers that involve prolonged slips or skids of more than 30 seconds. 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. 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.



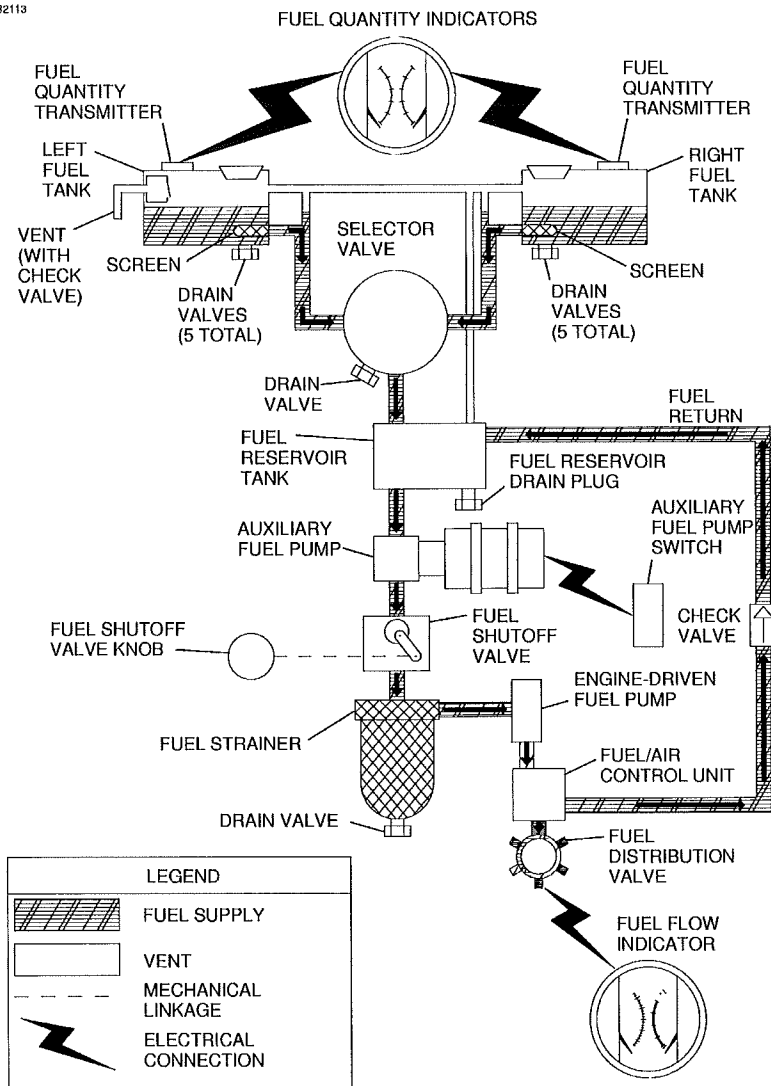
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Figure 7-6. Fuel System Schematic  
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Figure 7-6. Fuel System Schematic  
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17281188 and On  
And airplanes incorporating MK172-28-01.

### **NOTE**

When the fuel tanks are 1/4 full or less, prolonged uncoordinated flight such as slips or skids can uncover the fuel tank outlets. Therefore, if operating with one fuel tank dry or if operating on LEFT or RIGHT tank when 1/4 full or less, do not allow the airplane to remain in uncoordinated flight for periods in excess of 30 seconds.

### **FUEL DRAIN VALVES**

The fuel system is equipped with drain valves to provide a means for the examination of fuel in the system for contamination and grade. The system should be examined before each flight and after each refueling, by using the sampler cup provided to drain fuel from each wing tank sump and the fuel strainer sump. If any evidence of fuel contamination is found, it must be eliminated in accordance with the Preflight Inspection checklist and the discussion in Section 8 of this publication. If takeoff weight limitations for the next flight permit, 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 reapply 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**

The airplane is equipped with a 28-volt, direct current electrical system (Refer to Figure 7-7). The system is powered by a belt-driven, 60-amp alternator and a 24-volt battery, located on the left forward side of the firewall. Power is supplied to most general electrical circuits through a split primary bus bar, with an essential bus wired between the two primaries to provide power for the master switch, annunciator circuits and interior lighting.

Each primary bus bar is also connected to an avionics bus bar via a single avionics master switch. The primary buses are on anytime the master switch is turned on, and are not affected by starter or external power usage. The avionics buses are on when the master switch and avionics master switch are in the ON position.



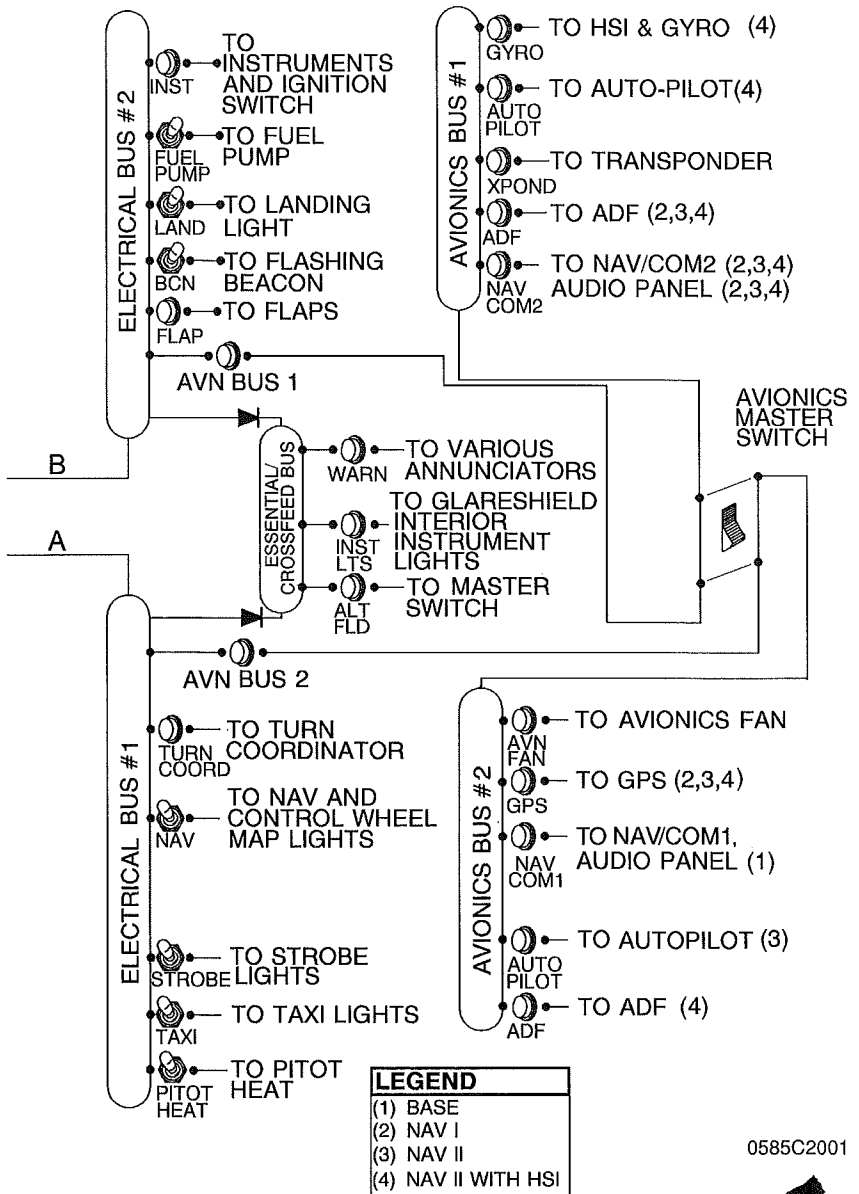


Figure 7-7. Electrical Schematic (Serials 17280001 thru 17280983)  
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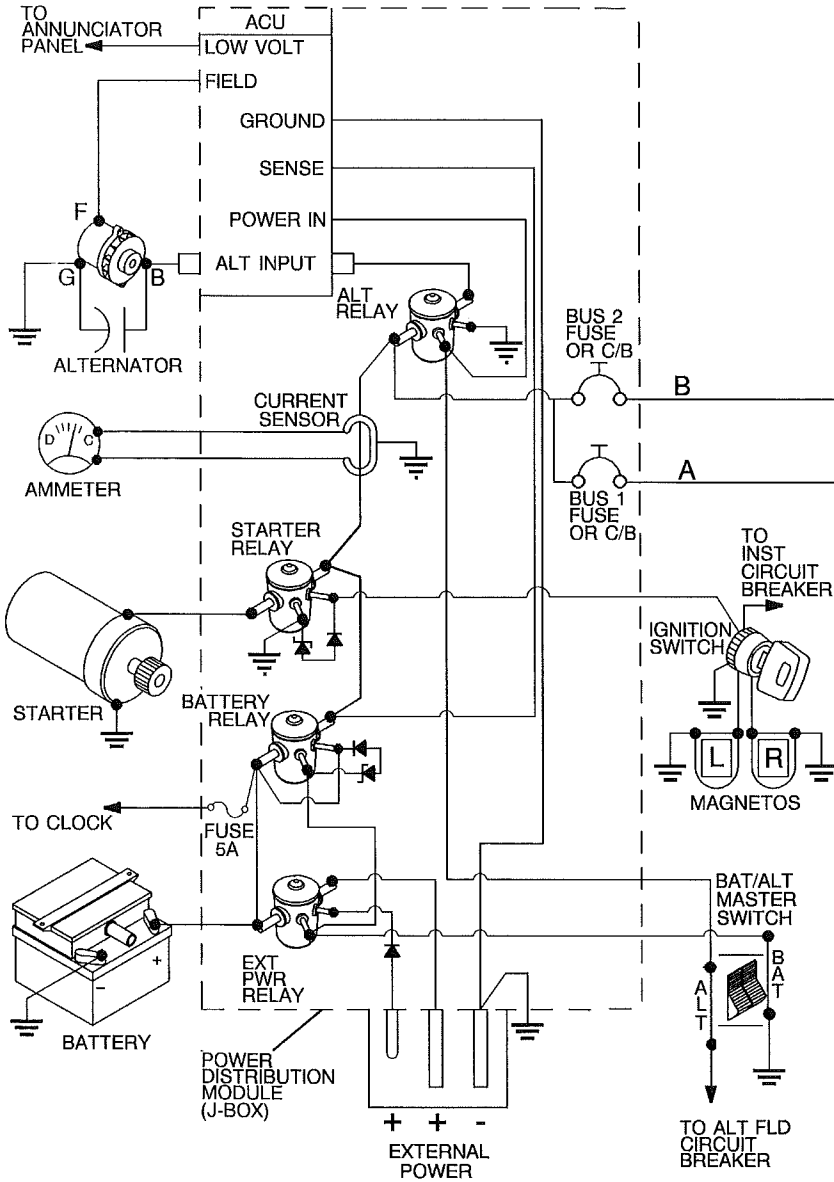


Figure 7-7A. Electrical Schematic  
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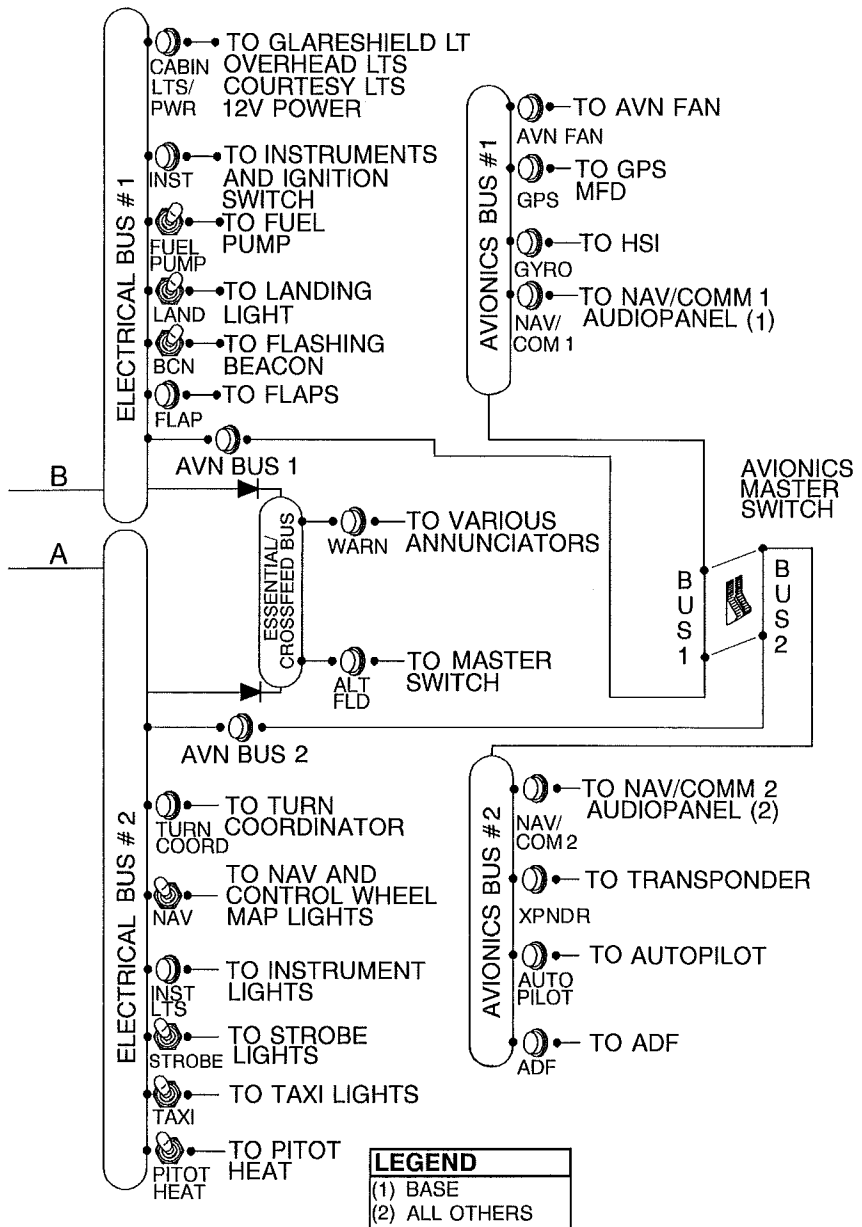


Figure 7-7A. Electrical Schematic (Serials 17280984 and On)  
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The airplane uses a power distribution module (J-Box), located on the left forward side of the firewall, to house all relays used throughout the airplane electrical system. In addition, the alternator control unit and the external power connector are housed within the module.

## **ANNUNCIATOR PANEL**

An annunciator panel (with integral toggle switch) is located on the left side of the instrument panel and provides caution (amber) and warning (red) messages for selected portions of the airplane systems. The annunciator is designed to flash messages for approximately 10 seconds to gain the attention of the pilot before changing to steady on. The annunciator panel cannot be turned off by the pilot.

Inputs to the annunciator come from each fuel transmitter, the low oil pressure switch, the vacuum transducers and the alternator control unit (ACU). Individual LED bulbs illuminate each message and may be replaced through the rear of the annunciator. Illumination intensity can be controlled by placing the toggle switch in either the DIM or BRT positions (earlier serial number airplanes) or the DAY or NIGHT positions (later serial number airplanes).

The annunciator panel can be tested by placing the Master switch in the ON position and holding the annunciator panel test switch in the TST (earlier serial number airplanes) or the TEST (later serial number airplanes) position. All amber and red messages will flash until the switch is released.

### **NOTE**

When the Master switch is turned ON, some annunciators will flash for approximately 10 seconds before illuminating steadily. When the annunciator panel test switch is held in the TST (earlier serial number airplanes) or the TEST (later serial number airplanes) position, all remaining lights will flash until the switch is released.



## MASTER SWITCH

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.

### CAUTION

**PRIOR TO TURNING THE MASTER SWITCH ON OR OFF, STARTING THE ENGINE OR APPLYING AN EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE, THE AVIONICS MASTER SWITCH SHOULD BE TURNED OFF TO PREVENT ANY HARMFUL TRANSIENT VOLTAGE FROM DAMAGING THE AVIONICS EQUIPMENT.**

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 master 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 MASTER SWITCH

Electrical power for each Avionics Bus is supplied from a primary Electrical Bus. For airplane serial numbers 17280001 through 17280983, except for certain non-U.S. certified airplanes, both Avionics Buses are controlled by a single-section rocker-type Avionics Master switch. At serial number 17280984 and on, a two-section or "split" rocker-type Avionics Master switch controls power to each Avionics Bus independently. Placing the rocker in the up (ON) position provides power to the Avionics Bus. Placing the rocker in the down (OFF) position removes power from the Avionics Bus. The Avionics Master switch is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel.

### NOTE

For airplane serial numbers 17280001 through 17280983, aircraft certified outside the United States can have a two-section or "split" Avionics Master switch. The two-section Avionics Master switch enables independent operation of Avionics Bus 1 and Avionics Bus 2.

With the Avionics Master rocker in the OFF position, no electrical power is provided to the avionics, even when the Master switch or the individual avionics component equipment switches are in their ON positions. The Avionics Master switch (both sides, if two-section) should be placed in the OFF position before switching the Master switch ON or OFF, starting the engine, or applying an external power source.

Each avionics bus also incorporates a separate circuit breaker installed between the primary bus and the avionics master switch. In the event of an electrical malfunction, this breaker will trip and take the effected avionics bus off-line.

## AMMETER

The ammeter/vacuum gage is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel. It indicates the amount 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.

## **LOW VOLTAGE ANNUNCIATION**

The low voltage warning annunciator is incorporated in the annunciator panel and activates when voltage falls below 24.5 volts. If low voltage is detected, the red annunciation VOLTS will flash for approximately 10 seconds before illuminating steadily. The pilot cannot turn off the annunciator.

In the event an overvoltage condition occurs, the alternator control unit automatically opens the ALT FLD circuit breaker, removing alternator field current and shutting off the alternator. The battery will then supply system current as shown by a discharge rate on the ammeter. Under these conditions, depending on electrical system load, the low voltage warning annunciator will illuminate when system voltage drops below normal. The alternator control unit may be reset by resetting the circuit breaker. If the low voltage warning annunciator extinguishes, normal alternator charging has resumed; however, if the annunciator illuminates again, a malfunction has occurred, and the flight should be terminated as soon as practical.

### **NOTE**

Illumination of the low voltage annunciator and ammeter discharge indications may occur during low RPM conditions with an electrical load on the system, such as during a low RPM taxi. Under these conditions, the light will go out at higher RPM.

## **CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND FUSES**

All circuit breakers inside the airplane are of the "push to reset" or "switch/breaker" type. The power distribution module (J-Box) uses either "push to reset" circuit breakers or spade type (automotive style) fuses. One glass type fuse is also used to provide power to the clock.

On aircraft using spade type fuses in the power distribution module (J-Box), a spare fuse is also included. If the spare fuse is used, a replacement spare should be obtained and reinstalled before the next flight.

## EXTERNAL POWER RECEPTACLE

An external power receptacle is integral to the power distribution module and allows the use of an external electrical power source for cold weather starting, and during lengthy maintenance work on electrical and avionics equipment. The receptacle is located on the left side of the engine cowling, just forward of the firewall and midway up the side. Access to the receptacle is gained by removing the cover plate (earlier serial number airplanes) or opening the hinged access door (later serial number airplanes).

The power distribution module (J-Box) incorporates a circuit which will close the battery contactor when external power is applied through the ground service plug receptacle with the master switch turned on. This feature is intended as a servicing aid when battery power is too low to close the contactor, and should not be used to avoid performing proper maintenance procedures on a low battery.

### NOTE

- If no avionics equipment is to be used or serviced, the avionics master switch should be in the OFF position. If maintenance is required on the avionics equipment, use a regulated external power source to prevent damage to the avionics equipment by transient voltage. Do not crank or start the engine with the avionics master switch in the ON position.
- Before connecting an external power source (generator type or battery cart), the avionics master switch and the master switch should be turned off.

## **LIGHTING SYSTEMS**

### **EXTERIOR LIGHTING**

Exterior lighting consists of navigation lights on the wing tips and top of the rudder, a dual landing/taxi light configuration located in the left wing leading edge, a flashing beacon mounted on top of the vertical fin, and a strobe light on each wing tip. In addition, two courtesy lights are recessed into the lower surface of each wing and provide illumination for each cabin door area.

The exterior courtesy lights (and the rear cabin dome light) are turned on by pressing the rear cabin light switch. Pressing the rear cabin light switch again will extinguish the three lights. The remaining exterior lights are operated by breaker/switches located on the lower left instrument panel. To activate these lights, place switch in the UP position. To deactivate light, place in the DOWN position.

### **NOTE**

The strobes and 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.

### **INTERIOR LIGHTING**

Interior lighting is controlled by a combination of flood lighting, glareshield lighting, pedestal lighting, panel lighting, radio lighting and pilot control wheel lighting.

Flood lighting is accomplished using two lights in the front and a single dome light in the rear. All flood lights are contained in the overhead console, and are turned on and off with push type switches located near each light. The two front lights are individually rotatable, providing directional lighting for the pilot and front passenger. The rear dome light is a fixed position light and provides for general illumination in the rear cabin area.

Glareshield lighting is provided by either a fluorescent light or a series of LED lights recessed into the lower surface of the glareshield. This light is controlled by rotating the GLARESHIELD LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

Pedestal lighting consists of a single, hooded light located above the fuel selector. This light is controlled by rotating the PEDESTAL LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

Panel lighting is accomplished using individual lights mounted in each instrument and gauge. These lights are wired in parallel and are controlled by the PANEL LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

Pilot control wheel lighting is accomplished by use of a rheostat and light assembly, located underneath the pilot control wheel. The light provides downward illumination from the bottom of the control wheel to the pilot's lap area. To operate the light, first turn on the NAV light switch, then adjust the map light intensity with the knurled rheostat knob. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

In addition to the RADIO LT dimmer, lighting intensity for the avionics displays and the NAV indicators (pilot's panel) is controlled by the annunciator panel test switch. When the switch is in the BRT position (earlier serial number airplanes) or the DAY position (later serial number airplanes), this lighting may be off regardless of the RADIO LT dimmer position.

Regardless of the light system in question, 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, and there is no obvious indication of a short circuit (smoke or odor), turn off the light switch of the affected light, reset the breaker, and turn the switch on again. If the breaker opens again, do not reset it.

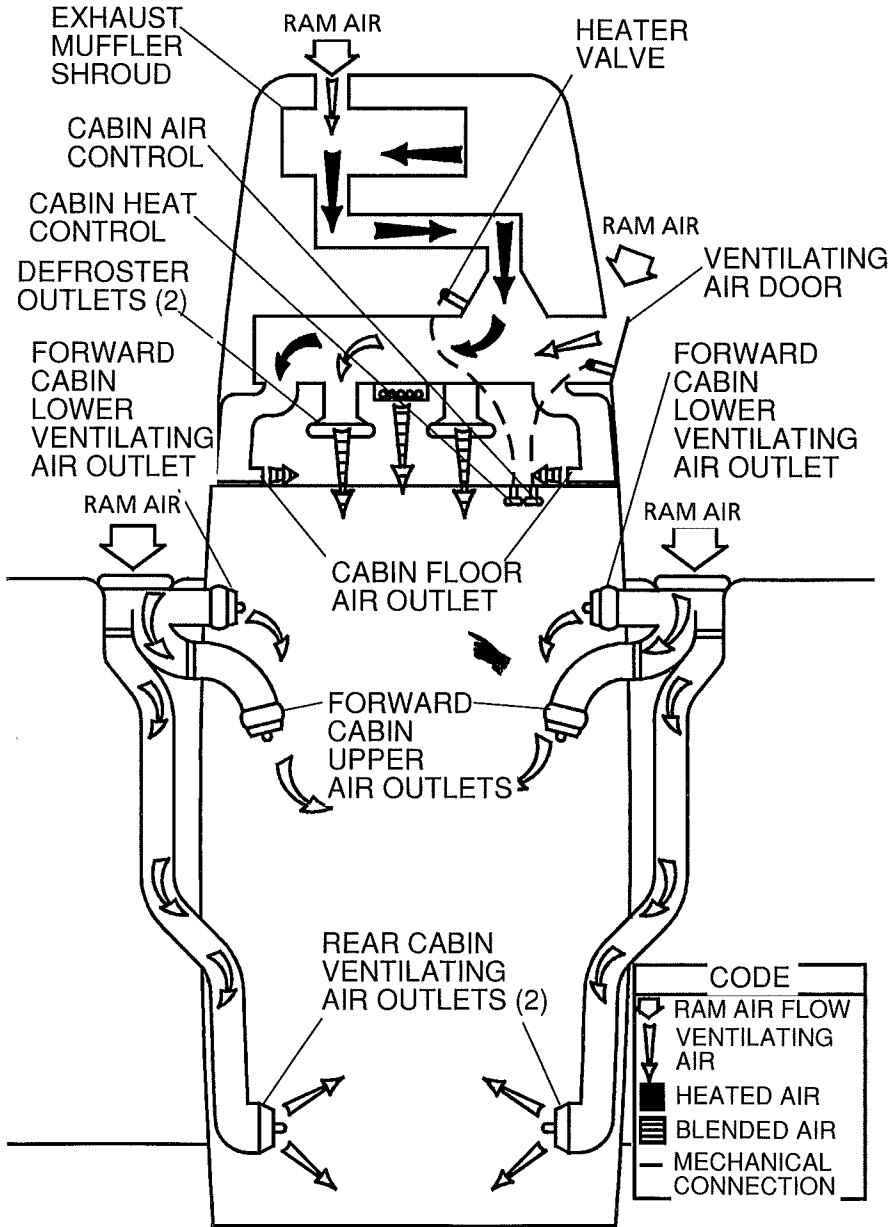
## **CABIN HEATING, VENTILATING AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM**

The temperature and volume of airflow into the cabin can be regulated by manipulation of the push-pull CABIN HT and CABIN AIR controls (Refer to Figure 7-8). Both controls are the double-button locking type and permit intermediate settings.

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.

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 just aft of the rudder pedals at floor level. Windshield defrost air is also supplied by two ducts leading from the cabin manifold to defroster outlets near the lower edge of the windshield. Two knobs control sliding valves in either defroster outlet to 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. There are additional ventilators located in various positions in the cockpit.



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



## **PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS**

The pitot-static system supplies ram air pressure to the airspeed indicator and static pressure to the airspeed indicator, vertical speed indicator and altimeter. The system is composed of a 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 5-amp switch/breaker labeled PITOT HEAT, and associated wiring. The switch/breaker is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel. 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.

A static pressure alternate source valve is installed below 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 heater/vents and windows. Refer to Section 5 for the effect of varying cabin pressures on airspeed readings.

## **AIRSPPEED INDICATOR**

The airspeed indicator is calibrated in knots. It incorporates a true airspeed window which allows true airspeed to be read off the face of the dial. In addition, the indicator incorporates a window at the twelve o'clock position. The window displays true airspeed, and the window at the twelve o'clock position displays pressure altitude overlaid with a temperature scale.

Limitation and range markings (in KIAS) include the white arc (33 to 85 knots), green arc (44 to 129 knots), yellow arc (129 to 163 knots), and a red line (163 knots).

To find true airspeed, first determine pressure altitude and outside air temperature. Using this data, rotate the lower left knob until pressure altitude aligns with outside air temperature in the twelve o'clock window. True airspeed (corrected for pressure and temperature) can now be read in the lower window.

## **VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR**

The vertical speed 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**

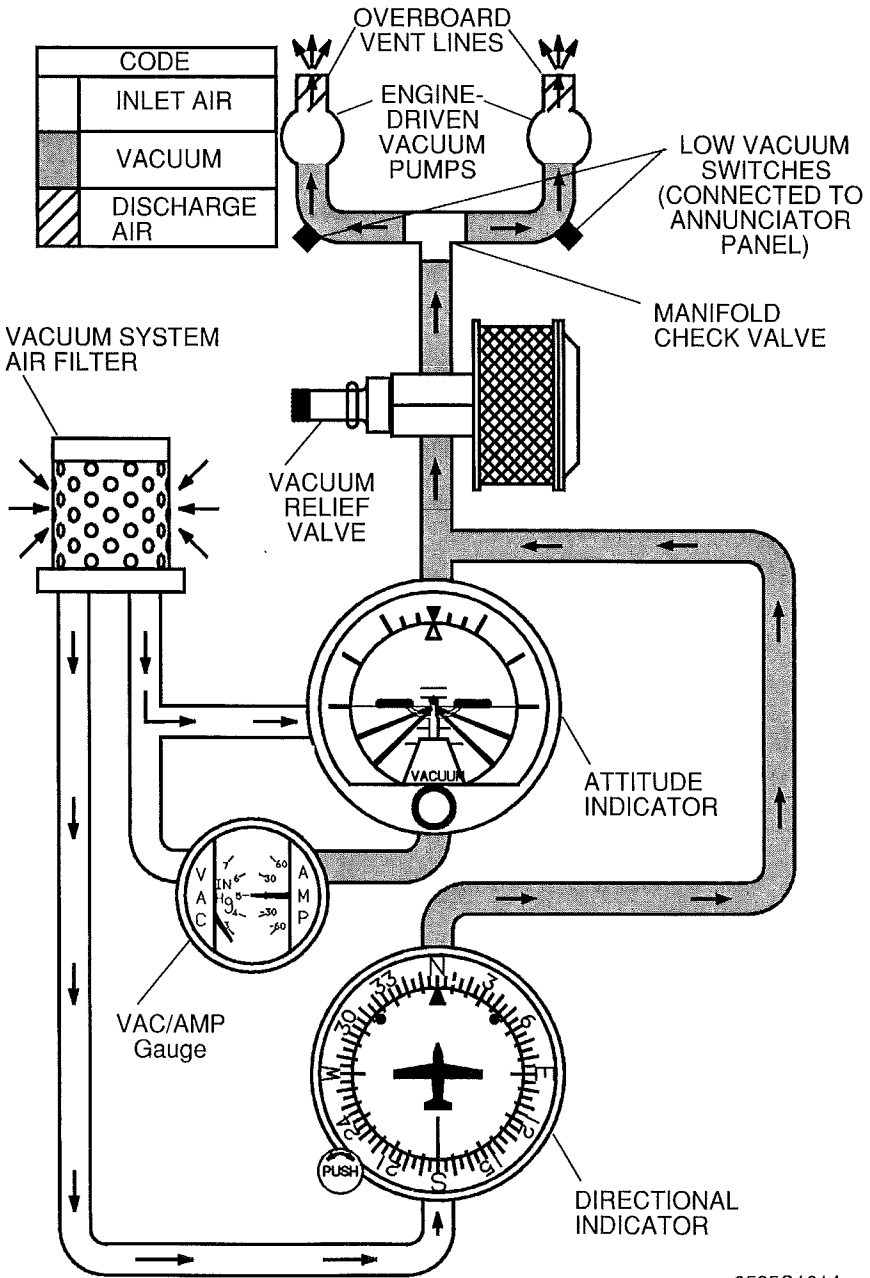
The vacuum system (Refer to Figure 7-9) provides suction necessary to operate the attitude indicator and the directional indicator. The system consists of two engine-driven vacuum pumps, two pressure switches for measuring vacuum available through each pump, a vacuum relief valve, a vacuum system air filter, vacuum operated instruments, a suction gauge, low vacuum warning on the annunciator, and a manifold with check valves to allow for normal vacuum system operation if one of the vacuum pumps should fail.

### **ATTITUDE INDICATOR**

The attitude indicator is a vacuum air-driven gyro that 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°, 20°, 30°, 60°, and 90° either side of the center mark. Pitch and roll attitudes are presented by a miniature airplane superimposed over a symbolic horizon area divided into two sections by a white horizon bar. The upper "blue sky" area and the lower "ground" area have pitch reference lines useful for pitch attitude control. A knob at the bottom of the instrument is provided for in-flight adjustment of the symbolic airplane to the horizon bar for a more accurate flight attitude indication.

### **DIRECTIONAL INDICATOR**

The directional indicator is a vacuum air-driven gyro that 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 with the magnetic compass just prior to takeoff, and readjusted as required throughout the flight. A knob on the lower left edge of the instrument is used to adjust the compass card to correct for precession. A knob on the lower right edge of the instrument is used to move the heading bug.



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Figure 7-9. Vacuum System

## **VACUUM GAGE**

The vacuum gage is part of the ammeter/vacuum gage, located on the lower left corner of the instrument panel. It is calibrated in inches of mercury and indicates vacuum air available for operation of the attitude and directional indicators. The desired vacuum range is 4.5 to 5.5 inches of mercury. Normally, a vacuum reading out of this range may indicate a system malfunction or improper adjustment, and in this case, the attitude and directional (heading) indicators should not be considered reliable. However, due to lower atmospheric pressures at higher altitudes, the vacuum gage may indicate as low as 4.0 in. Hg. at 20,000 feet and still be adequate for normal system operation.

## **LOW VACUUM ANNUNCIATION**

Each engine-driven vacuum pump is plumbed to a common manifold, located forward of the firewall. From the tee, a single line runs into the cabin to operate the various vacuum system instruments. This tee contains check valves to prevent back flow into a pump if it fails. Transducers are located just upstream of the tee and measure vacuum output of each pump.

If output of the left pump falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber L VAC message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on. If output of the right pump falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber VAC R message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on. If output of both pumps falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber L VAC R message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on.

## **CLOCK / O.A.T. INDICATOR**

An integrated clock / O.A.T. / voltmeter is installed in the upper left side of the instrument panel as standard equipment. For a complete description and operating instructions, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

## **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 near the 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.

## **STANDARD AVIONICS**

Standard avionics for the Model 172R airplanes include the following equipment:

KX-155A	Nav/Com Radio with KI 208 or KI 209A Indicator Head
KT-76C	Transponder
KMA-26	Audio Panel
3000-11	Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)

For complete operating instructions on the standard and optional avionics systems, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

## **AVIONICS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT**

Avionics operations are supported by the avionics cooling fan, microphone and headset installations and static discharge wicks.

### **AVIONICS COOLING FAN**

An avionics cooling fan is installed on the left side of the interior firewall. The system utilizes a single electric fan and associated ductwork to force-cool the center stack radios.

Power to the electric fan is supplied through the AVN FAN circuit breaker. The fan operates whenever the Master and Avionics Master switches are both ON.

### **MICROPHONE AND HEADSET INSTALLATIONS**

Standard equipment for the airplane includes a handheld microphone, an overhead speaker, two remote-keyed microphone switches on the control wheels, and provisions for boom mic/headsets at each pilot and passenger station.

The hand-held microphone contains an integral push-to-talk switch. This microphone is plugged into the center pedestal and is accessible to both the pilot and front passenger. Depressing the push-to-talk switch allows audio transmission on the Com radios.

The overhead speaker is located in the center overhead console. Volume and output for this speaker is controlled through the audio panel.

Each control wheel contains a miniature push-to-talk switch. This switch allows the pilot or front passenger to transmit on the Com radios using remote mics.

Each station of the airplane is wired for aviation-style headsets. Mic and headphone jacks are located on each respective arm rest and allow for communications between passengers and pilot. The system is wired so that microphones are all voice-activated. Additional wiring provisions inside the audio panel ensure that only the pilot or front passenger can transmit through the com radios.

### **NOTE**

To ensure audibility and clarity when transmitting with the handheld microphone, always hold it as closely as possible to the lips, then key the microphone and speak directly into it. Avoid covering opening on back side of microphone for optimum noise canceling.

### **STATIC DISCHARGERS**

Static wicks (static dischargers) are installed at various points throughout the airframe to reduce interference from precipitation static. Under some severe static conditions, loss of radio signals is possible 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.

Static dischargers lose their effectiveness with age, and therefore, should be checked periodically (at least at every annual inspection) by qualified avionics technicians, etc.



## **CABIN FEATURES**

### **EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT)**

A remote switch/annunciator is installed on the top center location of the copilot's instrument panel for control of the ELT from the flight crew station. The annunciator, which is in the center of the rocker switch, illuminates when the ELT transmitter is transmitting. The ELT emits an omni-directional signal on the international distress frequencies of 121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz. General aviation and commercial aircraft, the FAA and CAP monitor 121.5 MHz, and 243.0 MHz is monitored by the military. For a basic overview of the ELT, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

### **CABIN FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

A portable Halon 1211 (Bromochlorodifluoromethane) fire extinguisher is standard and is installed on the floorboard near the pilot's seat where it would be accessible in case of fire. The extinguisher has an Underwriters Laboratories classification of 5B:C. If installed, the extinguisher should be checked prior to each flight to ensure that its bottle pressure, as indicated by the gauge on the bottle, is within the green arc (approximately 125 psi) and the operating lever lock pin is securely in place.

To operate the fire extinguisher:

1. Loosen retaining clamp(s) and remove extinguisher from bracket.
2. Hold extinguisher upright, pull operating ring pin, and press lever while directing the discharge at the base of the fire at the near edge. Progress toward the back of the fire by moving the nozzle rapidly with a side to side sweeping motion.

 **WARNING**

**VENTILATE THE CABIN PROMPTLY AFTER SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE TO REDUCE THE GASES PRODUCED BY THERMAL DECOMPOSITION.**

3. Anticipate approximately eight seconds of discharge duration.

Fire extinguishers should be recharged by a qualified fire extinguisher agency after each use. Such agencies are listed under "Fire Extinguisher" in the telephone directory. After recharging, secure the extinguisher to its mounting bracket; do not allow it to lie loose on shelves or seats.