7.13 FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel is stored in two twenty-five gallon (24 gallons usable) fuel tanks, giving the airplane a total capacity of fifty U.S. gallons (48 gallons usable). The tanks are secured to the leading edge of each wing with screws and nut plates. This allows removal for service or inspection.

The fuel tank selector control (Figure 7-7) is located on the left side panel forward of the pilot’s seat. The button on the selector cover must be depressed and held while the handle is moved to the OFF position. The button releases automatically when the handle is moved back to the ON position.

An auxiliary electric fuel pump is provided in case of the failure of the engine driven pump. The electric pump should be ON for all takeoffs and landings and when switching tanks. The fuel pump switch is located in the switch panel above the throttle quadrant.

The fuel drains should be opened daily prior to first flight to check for water or sediment. Each tank has an individual drain at the bottom, inboard rear corner.

A fuel strainer, located on the lower left front of the firewall, has a drain which is accessible from outside the nose section. The strainer should also be drained before the first flight of the day. Refer to paragraph 8.21 for the complete fuel draining procedure.
FUEL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-9
Fuel quantity and fuel pressure gauges are mounted in a gauge cluster located on the left side of the instrument panel to the right of the control wheel (refer to Figure 7-15).

An optional engine priming system is available to facilitate starting. The primary pump is located to the immediate left of the throttle quadrant (refer to Figure 7-5).

7.15 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The electrical system includes a 14 volt 60 ampere alternator, voltage regulator, overvoltage relay, battery contactor and a standard 12 volt 25 ampere hour or an optional 12 volt 35 ampere hour battery (Figure 7-11). The battery is mounted in a thermoplastic box located immediately aft of the main spar on the right side of the fuselage below the rear passenger seat. The voltage regulator and overvoltage relay are located on the forward left side of the fuselage behind the instrument panel.

Electrical switches are located on the right center instrument panel, and the circuit breakers are located on the lower right instrument panel. A rheostat switch on the left side of the switch panel controls the optional navigation lights and the radio lights. A similar switch on the right side of the switch panel controls and dims the optional panel lights. The master switch, anti-collision light, landing light and fuel pump are also located on the switch panel and are controlled by rocker type switches. Each circuit breaker on the panel is of the push to reset type and is clearly marked as to its function and amperage. Circuit provisions have been included to handle the addition of communication and navigational equipment (refer to Figure 7-13).

WARNING

Anti-collision lights should not be operated when flying through clouds, fog or haze, since reflected light can produce spatial disorientation. Strobe lights should not be used in close proximity to the ground, such as during taxiing, takeoff or landing.

Standard electrical accessories include a starter, an electric fuel pump, an audible stall warning indicator, fuel gauges, ammeter, and annunciator panel.

The annunciator panel includes alternator and low oil pressure indicator lights. When the optional gyro system is installed, the annunciator panel also includes a low vacuum indicator light. The annunciator panel lights are provided only as a warning to the pilot that a system may not be operating properly, and that he should check and monitor the applicable system gauge to determine when or if any necessary action is required.

The system also provides for such optional electrical accessories as additional lights and gauges, a heated pitot head, and communication and navigational equipment.

The master switch is a split rocker switch. One side of the switch is the battery side ("BAT") and the other is the alternator side ("ALT"). Henceforth, the words "master switch" used in this manual will mean both "BAT" and "ALT" switches and they are to be depressed simultaneously to OFF or ON as directed.
Unlike previous generator systems, the ammeter as installed does not show battery discharge: rather, it indicates the electrical load on the alternator in amperes. With all the electrical equipment off and the master switch on, the ammeter will indicate the charging rate of the battery. As each electrical unit is switched on, the ammeter will indicate the total ampere draw of all the units including the battery. For example, the maximum continuous load for night flight with radios on is about 30 amperes. This 30 ampere value plus approximately 2 amperes for a fully charged battery will appear continuously under these flight conditions. The amount of current shown on the ammeter will tell immediately if the alternator system is operating normally, as the amount of current shown should equal the total amperage drawn by the electrical equipment which is operating.

The overvoltage relay protects the electronics equipment from a momentary overvoltage condition (approximately 16.5 volts and up), or a catastrophic regulator failure. If no output is indicated on the ammeter during flight, reduce the electrical load by turning off all unnecessary electrical equipment. Check both the 5 ampere field breaker and the 60 ampere output breaker and reset if open. If neither circuit breaker is open, turn the "ALT" switch off for 1 second to reset the overvoltage relay. If the ammeter continues to indicate no output, maintain minimum electrical load and terminate the flight as soon as practical.
ALTERNATOR AND STARTER SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-11
7.17 VACUUM SYSTEM*

The vacuum system is designed to operate the air driven gyro instruments. This includes the directional and attitude gyros when installed. The system consists of an engine driven vacuum pump, a vacuum regulator, a filter and the necessary plumbing.

The vacuum pump is a dry type pump. A shear drive protects the pump from damage. If the drive shears, the gyros will become inoperative.

A vacuum gauge, mounted on the far right instrument panel provides a pilot check for the system during operation. A decrease in pressure in a system that remained constant over an extended period may indicate a dirty filter, dirty screens, possibly a sticky vacuum regulator or leak in the system (a low vacuum indicator light is provided in the annunciator panel). Zero pressure would indicate a sheared pump drive, defective pump, possibly a defective gauge or collapsed line. In the event of any gauge variation from the norm, the pilot should have a mechanic check the system to prevent possible damage to the system components or eventual failure of the system.

A vacuum regulator is provided in the system to protect the gyros. The valve is set so the normal vacuum reads 5.0 ± .1 inches of mercury, a setting which provides sufficient vacuum to operate all the gyros at their rated RPM. Higher settings will damage the gyros and with a low setting the gyros will be unreliable. The regulator is located behind the instrument panel. Vacuum pressure, even though set correctly, can read lower at very high altitude (above 12,000 ft), and at low engine RPM (usually on approach or during training maneuvers. This is normal and should not be considered a malfunction.

*Optional equipment
7.19 INSTRUMENT PANEL

The instrument panel (Figure 7-15) is designed to accommodate instruments and avionics equipment for VFR and IFR flights.

The radios and the circuit breakers are located on the upper and lower right panel respectively, and have circuits provided for the addition of optional radio equipment. An engine cluster is located to the right of the pilot control wheel and includes a fuel pressure gauge, a right and left main fuel quantity gauge, an oil temperature gauge and an oil pressure gauge.

Standard instruments on the Warrior panel include a compass, an airspeed indicator, a tachometer, an altimeter, an ammeter, an engine cluster, and an annunciator panel. The compass is mounted on the windshield bow in clear view of the pilot. The annunciator panel is mounted in the upper instrument panel to warn the pilot of a possible malfunction in the alternator, oil pressure, or vacuum systems.

Instrument options available for the panel includes a suction gauge, vertical speed indicator, attitude gyro, directional gyro, clock, tru-speed indicator and a turn and slip indicator or turn coordinator. The attitude gyro and directional gyro are vacuum operated through the use of a vacuum pump installed on the engine, while the turn and slip indicator is electrically operated. The vacuum suction gauge is on the far right of the instrument panel.
INSTRUMENT PANEL

Figure 7-15

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7.21 PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM

The system supplies both pitot and static pressure for the airspeed indicator, altimeter, and the optional vertical speed indicator (Figure 7-17).

Pitot and static pressure are picked up by a pitot head installed on the bottom of the left wing and carried through pitot and static lines within the wing and fuselage to the gauges on the instrument panel.

An alternate static source is available as optional equipment. The control valve is located below the left side of the instrument panel. When the valve is set in the alternate position, the altimeter, vertical speed indicator and airspeed indicator will be using cabin air for static pressure. The storm window and cabin vents must be closed and the cabin heater and defroster must be on during alternate static source operation. The altimeter error is less than 50 feet unless otherwise placarded.

Both the pitot and static lines can be drained through separate drain valves located on the left lower side of the fuselage interior.

A heated pitot head, which alleviates problems with icing and heavy rain, is available as optional equipment. The switch for the heated pitot head is located on the electrical switch panel to the left of the right control wheel.

To prevent bugs and water from entering the pitot and static pressure holes, a cover should be placed over the pitot head. A partially or completely blocked pitot head will give erratic or zero readings on the instruments.

NOTE

During the preflight, check to make sure the pitot cover is removed.
PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM

Figure 7-17

1. ALTIMETER
2. AIRSPEED INDICATOR
3. PITOT HEAT SWITCH
4. VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR
5. PITOT HEAD
6. DRAIN VALVES
7.23 HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEM

Heat for the cabin interior and the defroster system is provided by a shroud attached to the muffler (Figure 7-19). The amount of heat can be regulated with the controls located on the far right side of the instrument panel.

The airflow between front and rear seats can be regulated by the heat diversion controls located on either side of the console atop the heat ducts.

CAUTION

When cabin heat is operated, heat duct surface becomes hot. This could result in burns if arms or legs are placed too close to heat duct outlets or surface.

Fresh air inlets are located in the leading edges of the wings near the fuselage. At each front seat location there is an adjustable fresh air outlet on the side of the cabin near the floor. Rear seat vents are optional. Cabin air is exhausted through an outlet located below the rear seat.

An optional overhead ventilating system with outlets over each seat is also available. An additional option to aid in fresh air circulation is a cabin air blower to force air through the overhead vent system. This blower is operated by a fan switch with four positions - “OFF,” “LOW,” “MED,” and “HIGH.” The switch is located on the right side of the instrument panel with the heater and defroster controls.

7.25 CABIN FEATURES

For ease of entry and exit and for pilot-passenger comfort, the front seats are adjustable fore and aft. The right front seat tilts forward to allow easy entry to the rear seats. The cabin interior includes a pilot storm window, ash trays and armrests on each front seat, two map pockets and pockets on the backs of the front seats.

The front seats can be equipped with optional headrests and optional vertical adjustment.

Seat belts are standard equipment for both front and rear seats. The shoulder straps controlled by inertia reels are standard equipment on the front seats and are offered as an option for the rear seats. The shoulder strap is routed over the shoulder adjacent to the window and attached to the seat belt in the general area of the occupants’ inboard hip.

A check of the inertia reel mechanism is made by pulling sharply on the strap. The reel should lock in place under this test and prevent the strap from extending. For normal body movements, the strap will extend or retract as required.
7.27 BAGGAGE AREA

A 24 cubic foot baggage area, located behind the rear seat, is accessible from the cabin or loaded through a large 20 x 22 inch outside baggage door on the right side of the fuselage. Maximum capacity is 200 pounds. Tie-down straps are available and they should be used at all times.

NOTE

It is the pilot’s responsibility to be sure when the baggage is loaded that the aircraft C.G. falls within the allowable C.G. range. (See Weight and Balance Section.)

7.29 STALL WARNING

An approaching stall is indicated by an audible alarm located behind the instrument panel. The indicator activates at between five and ten knots above stall speed.

7.31 FINISH

All exterior surfaces are primed with etching primer and finished with acrylic lacquer available in a variety of colors and combinations. An optional polyurethane enamel finish is available.
7.33 PIPER EXTERNAL POWER*

An optional starting installation known as Piper External Power (PEP) is accessible through a receptacle located on the right side of the fuselage aft of the baggage door. An external battery can be connected to the socket, thus allowing the operator to crank the engine without having to gain access to the airplane's battery. Instructions on a placard located on the cover of the receptacle should be followed before using the external power. For instructions on the use of the PEP see; STARTING WITH EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE in Section 4 - Normal Operating Procedures.

7.35 EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER*

The Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) when installed, is located in the aft portion of the fuselage just below the stabilator leading edge and is accessible through a plate on the right side of the fuselage. This plate is attached with three slotted-head nylon screws for ease of removal; these screws may be readily removed with a variety of common items such as a dime, a key, a knife blade, etc. If there are no tools available in an emergency the screw heads may be broken off by any means. The ELT is an emergency locator transmitter which meets the requirements of FAR 91.52. The unit operates on a self-contained battery.

A battery replacement date is marked on the transmitter label. To comply with FAA regulations the battery must be replaced on or before this date. The battery must also be replaced if the transmitter has been used in an emergency situation or if the accumulated test time exceeds one hour, or if the unit has been inadvertently activated for an undetermined time period.

On the unit itself is a three position selector switch placarded “OFF,” “ARM” and “ON.” The “ARM” position is provided to set the unit to the automatic position so that it will transmit only after impact and will continue to transmit until the battery is drained to depletion or until the switch is manually moved to the “OFF” position. The “ARM” position is selected when the transmitter is installed at the factory and the switch should remain in that position whenever the unit is installed in the airplane. The “ON” position is provided so the unit can be used as a portable transmitter or in the event the automatic feature was not triggered by impact or to periodically test the function of the transmitter.

Select the “OFF” position when changing the battery, when rearming the unit if it has been activated for any reason, or to discontinue transmission.

NOTE

If the switch has been placed in the “ON” position for any reason, the “OFF” position has to be selected before selecting “ARM.” If “ARM” is selected directly from the “ON” position, the unit will continue to transmit in the “ARM” position.

*Optional equipment
A pilot's remote switch, located on the left side panel, is provided to allow the transmitter to be controlled from inside the cabin. The pilot's remote switch is placarded "ON, AUTO/ARM and OFF/RESET." The switch is normally left in the "AUTO/ARM" position. To turn the transmitter off, move the switch momentarily to the "OFF/RESET" position. The aircraft master switch must be "ON" to turn the transmitter "OFF." To actuate the transmitter for tests or other reasons, move the switch upward to the "ON" position and leave it in that position as long as transmission is desired.

The unit is equipped with a portable antenna to allow the locator to be removed from the airplane in case of an emergency and used as a portable signal transmitter.

The locator should be checked during the ground check to make certain the unit has not been accidentally activated. Check by tuning a radio receiver to 121.5 MHz. If there is an oscillating sound, the locator may have been activated and should be turned off immediately. Reset to the "ARM" position and check again to insure against outside interference.

NOTE

If for any reason a test transmission is necessary, the test transmission should be conducted only in the first five minutes of any hour and limited to three audio sweeps. If tests must be made at any other time, the tests should be coordinated with the nearest FAA tower or flight service station.