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). Each tank is equipped with a filler neck indicator tab to aid in determining fuel remaining when the tanks are not full. Usable capacity to the bottom of the indicator tab is 17 gallons. 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.
FUEL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC
Figure 7-9

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The fuel drains should be opened daily prior to first flight to check for water or sediment and proper fuel. Each tank has an individual drain at the bottom, inboard rear corner. A fuel strainer, located on the lower left front of the fire wall, 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 Section 8 for the complete fuel draining procedure.

Optional locking fuel caps are available for all fillers. A single key will fit fuel caps, cabin door and baggage door compartments.

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 primer 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-amp alternator; a 12-volt battery; a voltage regulator; an overvoltage relay and a master switch relay (Figure 7-11). The battery is in a box, mounted on the forward right face of the fire wall. The 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 (refer to Figure 7-15), and the circuit breakers are located on the lower right instrument panel (refer to Figure 7-13). A rheostat switch on the left side of the switch panel controls the navigational lights and the radio lights. The similar switch on the right side controls and dims the panel lights.

Standard electrical accessories include a starter, electric fuel pump, stall warning indicator, cigar lighter, fuel gauge, ammeter, and annunciator panel.

CAUTION

Do not use cigar lighter receptacles as power sources for any devices other than the cigar lighters supplied with the airplane. Any other device plugged into these receptacles may be damaged.
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.

Optional electrical accessories include navigation lights, wing tip recognition lights, anti-collision light, landing light, instrument lighting, and cabin dome light. Circuits will handle the addition of communications and navigational equipment.

An optional light, mounted in the overhead panel, provides instrument and cockpit lighting for night flying. The light is controlled by a rheostat switch located adjacent to the light. A map light window in the lens is actuated by an adjacent switch.

**WARNING**

Anti-collision lights should not be operating when flying through cloud, fog or haze, since the 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.

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 average 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 ampereage drawn by the electrical equipment which is operating.

For abnormal and/or emergency operation and procedures, see Section 3.

An optional wing tip/recognition light system consists of 2 lights (one in each wing tip) and is operated by a split landing light/recognition light rocker type switch mounted on the switch panel.
ALTERNATOR AND STARTER SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-11

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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

*Optional equipment
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 4.8 to 5.1 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.
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 optional radio master switch is located near the top of the instrument panel between the radio stacks. It controls the power to all radios through the aircraft master switch. An emergency bus switch is also provided to supply auxiliary power to the avionics bus in event of a radio master switch circuit failure. The emergency bus switch is located behind the lower right shin guard, left of the circuit breaker panel. 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 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.
TYPICAL 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. ALTERNATE STATIC SOURCE

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HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEM
Figure 7-19
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 on models without air conditioning 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.
Shoulder harnesses with inertia reels are provided for each front seat occupant and, depending on the model year, are provided as standard or optional equipment for the occupants of the rear seats. A check of the inertia reel mechanism can be made by pulling sharply on the strap and checking that the reel will lock in place under sudden stress. This locking feature prevents the strap from extending and holds the occupant in place. Under normal movement the strap will extend and retract as required. Shoulder harnesses should be routinely worn during takeoff, landing and whenever an inflight emergency situation occurs.

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. To keep the finish attractive, economy size spray cans of touch-up paint are available from Piper Dealers.

An optional polyurethane 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, forward of the wing. 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 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 meets the requirements of FAR 91.52.

A battery replacement date is marked on the transmitter 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.

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 the tests must be made at any other time, the tests should be coordinated with the nearest FAA tower or flight service station.

*Optional equipment
NARCO ELT 10 OPERATION

On the ELT unit itself is a three position switch placarded ON, OFF and ARM. The ARM position sets the ELT so that it will transmit after impact and will continue to transmit until its battery is drained. The ARM position is selected when the ELT is installed in the airplane, and it should remain in that position.

To use the ELT as a portable unit in an emergency, remove the cover and unlatch the unit from its mounting base. The antenna cable is disconnected by a left quarter-turn of the knurled nut and a pull. A sharp tug on the two small wires will break them loose. Deploy the self-contained antenna by pulling the plastic tab marked PULL FULLY TO EXTEND ANTENNA. Move the switch to ON to activate the transmitter.

In the event the transmitter is activated by an impact, it can only be turned off by moving the switch on the ELT unit to OFF. Normal operation can then be restored by pressing the small clear plastic reset button located on the top of the front face of the ELT and then moving the switch to ARM.

A pilot’s remote switch located on the left side panel is provided to allow the transmitter to be turned on from inside the cabin. The pilot’s remote switch is placarded ON and ARMED. The switch is normally in the ARMED position. Moving the switch to ON will activate the transmitter. Moving the switch back to the ARMED position will turn off the transmitter only if the impact switch has not been activated.

The ELT should be checked to make certain the unit has not been activated during the ground check. Check by selecting 121.50 MHz on an operating receiver. If there is an oscillating chirping sound, the ELT may have been activated and should be turned off immediately. This requires removal of the access cover and moving the switch to OFF, then press the reset button and return the switch to ARM. Recheck with the receiver to ascertain that the transmitter is silent.
7.37 AIR CONDITIONING

The air conditioning system is a recirculating air system. The major items include evaporator, condenser, compressor, blower, switches and temperature controls.

The evaporator is located behind the left rear side of the baggage compartment. This cools the air that is used for air conditioning.

The condenser is mounted on a retractable scoop located on the bottom of the fuselage and to the rear of the baggage compartment area. The scoop extends when the air conditioner is ON and retracts to a flush position when the system is OFF.

The compressor is mounted on the forward right underside of the engine. It has an electric clutch which automatically engages or disengages the compressor to the belt drive system of the compressor.

An electrical blower is mounted on the aft side of the rear cabin panel. Air from the baggage area is drawn through the evaporator by the blower and distributed through an overhead duct to individual outlets located adjacent to each occupant.

The switches and temperature control are located on the lower right side of the instrument panel in the climate control center panel. The temperature control regulates the desired temperature of the cabin. Turn the control clockwise for increased cooling, counterclockwise for decreased cooling.

Located inboard of the temperature control is the fan speed switch and the air conditioning ON-OFF switch. The fan can be operated independently of the air conditioning. However, it must be on for air conditioner operation. Turning either switch off will disengage the compressor clutch and retract the condenser door. Cooling air should be felt within one minute after the air conditioner is turned on.

NOTE

If the system is not operating in 5 minutes, turn the system OFF until the fault is corrected.

*Optional equipment
The FAN switch allows operation of the fan with the air conditioner turned OFF to aid cabin air circulation if desired. A LOW, MED or HIGH flow of air can be selected to the air conditioner outlets located in the overhead duct. The outlets can be adjusted or turned off by each occupant to regulate individual cooling effect.

The DOOR OPEN indicator light is located to the left of the radio stack in front of the pilot. The light illuminates whenever the condenser door is open and remains on until the door is closed.

A circuit breaker located on the circuit breaker panel protects the air conditioning electrical system.

Whenever the throttle is in the full throttle position, it actuates a micro switch which disengages the compressor and retracts the scoop. This is done to obtain maximum power and maximum rate of climb. The fan continues to operate and the air will remain cool for approximately one minute. When the throttle is retarded approximately 1/4 inch, the clutch will engage and the scoop will extend, again supplying cool, dry air.

7.39 CARBURETOR ICE DETECTION SYSTEM*

A carburetor ice detection system is available as optional equipment.

The system consists of a control box mounted on the instrument panel, a probe sensor mounted in the carburetor and a red warning light to indicate the presence of ice in the carburetor. If ice is present apply full carburetor heat. Refer to Carburetor Icing, Section 3, Emergency Procedures. To adjust the system for critical ice detection, first turn on the airplanes master switch and then turn on the ice detection unit. Turn the sensitivity knob fully counterclockwise causing the carb. ice light to come on. Now rotate the sensitivity knob back (clockwise) until the ice light just goes out. This establishes the critical setting.

**WARNING**

This instrument is approved as optional equipment only and Flight Operations should not be predicated on its use.

*Optional equipment

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