

SECTION 2 LIMITATIONS

CESSNA
MODEL 172RG

AIRSPED LIMITATIONS

Airspeed limitations and their operational significance are shown in figure 2-1.

	SPEED	KCAS	KIAS	REMARKS
V _{NE}	Never Exceed Speed	161	164	Do not exceed this speed in any operation.
V _{NO}	Maximum Structural Cruising Speed	142	145	Do not exceed this speed except in smooth air, and then only with caution.
V _A	Maneuvering Speed: 2650 Pounds 2250 Pounds 1850 Pounds	105 96 87	106 98 89	Do not make full or abrupt control movements above this speed.
V _{FE}	Maximum Flap Extended Speed: To 10° Flaps 10° - 30° Flaps	130 101	130 100	Do not exceed these speeds with the given flap settings.
V _{LO}	Maximum Landing Gear Operating Speed	138	140	Do not extend or retract landing gear above this speed.
V _{LE}	Maximum Landing Gear Extended Speed	161	164	Do not exceed this speed with landing gear extended.
	Maximum Window Open Speed	161	164	Do not exceed this speed with windows open.

Figure 2-1. Airspeed Limitations

AIRSPED INDICATOR MARKINGS

Airspeed indicator markings and their color code significance are shown in figure 2-2.

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MARKING	KIAS VALUE OR RANGE	SIGNIFICANCE
White Arc	42 - 100	Full Flap Operating Range. Lower limit is maximum weight V _{SO} in landing configuration. Upper limit is maximum speed permissible with flaps extended.
Green Arc	50 - 145	Normal Operating Range. Lower limit is maximum weight V _S at most forward C.G. with flaps retracted. Upper limit is maximum structural cruising speed.
Yellow Arc	145 - 164	Operations must be conducted with caution and only in smooth air.
Red Line	164	Maximum speed for all operations.

Figure 2-2. Airspeed Indicator Markings

POWER PLANT LIMITATIONS

Engine Manufacturer: Avco Lycoming.
 Engine Model Number: O-360-F1A6.
 Engine Operating Limits for Takeoff and Continuous Operations:
 Maximum Power: 180 BHP rating.
 Maximum Engine Speed: 2700 RPM.
 Maximum Cylinder Head Temperature: 500°F (260°C).
 Maximum Oil Temperature: 245°F (118°C).
 Oil Pressure, Minimum: 25 psi.
 Maximum: 100 psi.
 Fuel Pressure, Minimum: 0.5 psi.
 Maximum: 8.0 psi.
 Propeller Manufacturer: McCauley Accessory Division.
 Propeller Model Number: B2D34C220/80VHA-3.5
 Propeller Diameter, Maximum: 76.5 inches.
 Minimum: 75.5 inches.
 Propeller Blade Angle at 30 Inch Station, Low: 12.0°.
 High: 26.5°.

FUEL QUANTITY DATA (U. S. GALLONS)			
TANKS	TOTAL USABLE FUEL ALL FLIGHT CONDITIONS	TOTAL UNUSABLE FUEL	TOTAL FUEL VOLUME
STANDARD (33 Gal. Each)	62	4	66
REDUCED FUEL (24 Gal. Each)	44	4	48

Figure 7-6. Fuel Quantity Data

NOTE

Unusable fuel is at a minimum due to the design of the fuel system. However, with 1/4 tank or less, prolonged uncoordinated flight such as slips or skids can uncover the fuel tank outlets, causing fuel starvation and engine stoppage. Therefore, with low fuel reserves, do not allow the airplane to remain in uncoordinated flight for periods in excess of 30 seconds.

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.

NOTE

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.

If a fuel tank quantity is completely exhausted in flight, it is recommended that the fuel selector valve be switched back to the BOTH position for the remainder of the flight. This will allow some fuel from the fuller tank to transfer back through the selector valve to the empty tank while in coordinated flight which in turn will prevent fuel starvation when operating in prolonged slips or skids.

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 the first flight of every day and after each refueling, by using the sampler cup provided to drain fuel from the wing tank sumps and selector valve, and by utilizing the fuel strainer drain under an access panel on the right side of the engine cowling. The fuel tanks should be filled after each flight to prevent condensation.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Hydraulic power (see figure 7-7) is supplied by an electrically-driven hydraulic power pack located behind the firewall between the pilot's and copilot's rudder pedals. The power pack's only function is to supply hydraulic power for operation of the retractable landing gear. This is accomplished by applying hydraulic pressure to actuator cylinders which extend or retract the gear. The hydraulic system normally operates at 1000 PSI to 1500 PSI, and is protected by relief valves which prevent high pressure damage to the pump and other components in the system. The electrical portion of the power pack is protected by a 30-amp push-pull type circuit breaker switch, labeled GEAR PUMP, on the left switch and control panel.

The hydraulic power pack is turned on by a pressure switch on the power pack when the landing gear lever is placed in either the GEAR UP or GEAR DOWN position. When the lever is placed in the GEAR UP or GEAR DOWN position, it mechanically rotates a selector valve which applies hydraulic pressure in the direction selected. As soon as the landing gear reaches the selected position, a series of electrical switches will illuminate one of two indicator lights on the instrument panel to show gear position and completion of the cycle. After indicator light illumination, (GEAR DOWN cycle only), hydraulic pressure will continue to build until the power pack pressure switch turns the power pack off.

The hydraulic system includes an emergency hand pump to permit manual extension of the landing gear in the event of hydraulic power pack failure. The hand pump is located on the cabin floor between the front seats.

During normal operations, the landing gear should require from 5 to 7 seconds to fully extend or retract. For malfunctions of the hydraulic and landing gear systems, refer to Section 3 of this handbook.

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

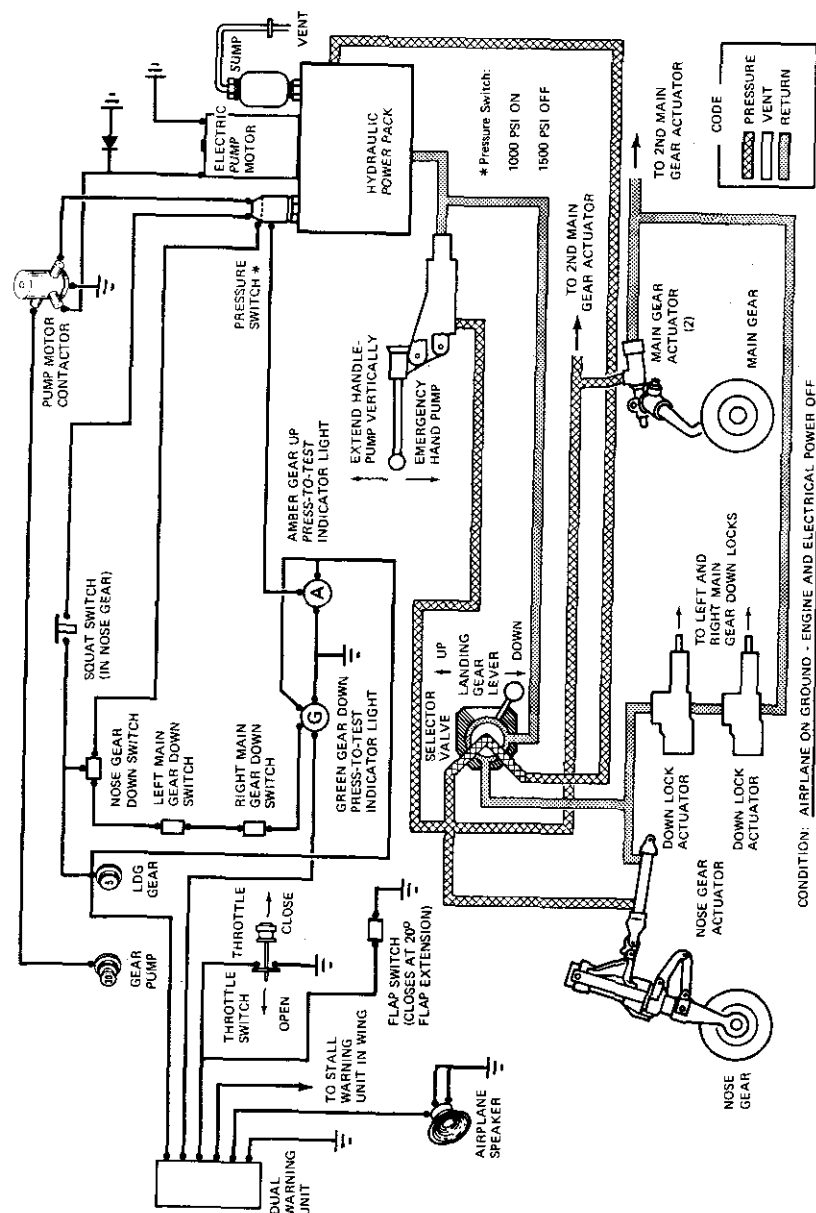


Figure 7-7. Hydraulic System

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 below the left side of the switch and control 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 re-apply 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 (see figure 7-8). The system uses a battery, located aft of the rear cabin wall, as the source of electrical energy and a belt-driven 60-amp alternator to maintain the battery's state of charge. Power is supplied to most general electrical and all avionics circuits through the primary bus bar and the avionics bus bar, which are interconnected by an avionics power switch. The primary bus bar is on anytime the master switch is turned on, and is not affected by starter or external power usage. Both bus bars are on anytime the master and avionics power switches are on.

CAUTION

Prior to turning the master switch on or off, starting the engine, or applying an external power source, the avionics power switch, labeled AVN PWR, should be turned off to prevent any harmful transient voltage from damaging the avionics equipment.

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

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.

WING FLAP SYSTEM

The single-slot type wing flaps (see figure 7-3) are extended or retracted by positioning the wing flap switch lever on the right side of the switch and control 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° and 20° positions. For flap settings greater than 10°, move the switch lever to the right to clear the stop and position it as desired. A scale and pointer on the left side of the switch lever indicates flap travel in degrees. The wing flap system circuit is protected by a 15-amp push-to-reset circuit breaker, labeled FLAP, on the left side of the switch and control panel.

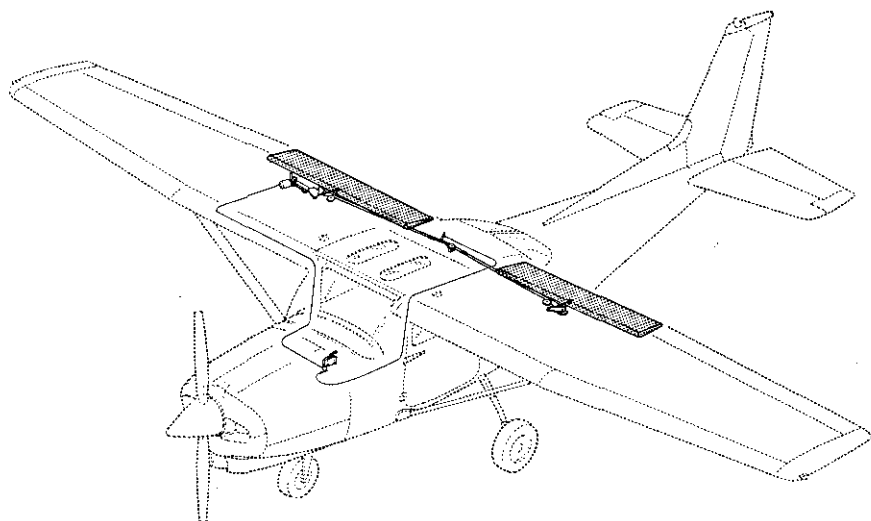


Figure 7-3. Wing Flap System

A gear warning interconnect switch is incorporated in the flap system, and sounds a warning horn when the flaps are extended beyond 20° with the landing gear retracted.

LANDING GEAR SYSTEM

The landing gear is a retractable, tricycle type with a steerable nose wheel and two main 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 single-disc brake on the inboard side of each wheel.

The landing gear extension, retraction, and main gear down lock release operation is accomplished by hydraulic actuators powered by an electrically-driven hydraulic power pack (see figure 7-7). The power pack is located aft of the firewall between the pilot's and copilot's rudder pedals. The hydraulic system fluid level may be checked by utilizing the dipstick/filler cap located on the top left side of the power pack adjacent to the motor mounting flange. The system should be checked at 25-hour intervals. If the fluid level is at or below the ADD line on the dipstick, hydraulic fluid (MIL-H-5606) should be added to bring the level to the top of the dipstick/filler cap opening. A normal operating pressure of 1000 PSI to 1500 PSI is automatically maintained in the landing gear system, and is sufficient to provide a positive up pressure on the landing gear. The nose gear and main gear incorporate positive mechanical down locks. Also, the nose gear has mechanically-actuated wheel well doors. The doors open when the nose gear extends, and close when it retracts.

Power pack operation is started and stopped by a pressure switch, and hydraulic pressure is directed by the landing gear lever. Two position indicator lights are provided to show landing gear position. The landing gear system is also equipped with a nose gear safety (squat) switch, an emergency extension hand pump, and a gear-up warning system.

LANDING GEAR LEVER

The landing gear lever is located on the switch and control panel to the right of the electrical switches. The lever has two positions, labeled GEAR UP and GEAR DOWN, which give a mechanical indication of the gear position selected. From either position, the lever must be pulled out to clear a detent before it can be repositioned; operation of the landing gear system will not begin until the lever has been repositioned. After the lever

has been repositioned, it directs hydraulic pressure within the system to actuate the gear to the selected position.

LANDING GEAR POSITION INDICATOR LIGHTS

Two position indicator lights, adjacent to the landing gear control lever, indicate that the gear is either up or down and locked. Both the gear-up (amber) and gear-down (green) lights are the press-to-test type, incorporating dimming shutters for night operation. If an indicator light bulb should burn out, it can be replaced in flight with the bulb from the remaining indicator light.

LANDING GEAR OPERATION

To retract or extend the landing gear, pull out on the gear lever and move it to the desired position. After the lever is positioned, the power pack will create pressure in the system and actuate the landing gear to the selected position. During a normal cycle, the gear retracts fully or extends and locks, limit switches close (GEAR DOWN cycle only), and the indicator light comes on (amber for up and green for down) indicating completion of the cycle. After indicator light illumination, during a GEAR DOWN cycle, the power pack will continue to run until the fluid pressure reaches 1500 PSI, opens the pressure switch, and turns the power pack off. Whenever fluid pressure in the system drops below 1000 PSI, the pressure switch will close and start power pack operation, except when the nose gear safety (squat) switch is open.

The safety (squat) switch, actuated by the nose gear, electrically prevents inadvertent retraction whenever the nose gear strut is compressed by the weight of the airplane. When the nose gear is lifted off the runway during takeoff, the squat switch will close, which may cause the power pack to operate for 1 to 2 seconds and return system pressure to 1500 PSI in the event pressure has dropped below 1000 PSI. A "pull-off" type circuit breaker is also provided in the system as a maintenance safety feature. With the circuit breaker pulled out, landing gear operation by the gear pump motor is prevented. After maintenance is completed, and prior to flight, the circuit breaker should be pushed back in.

EMERGENCY HAND PUMP

A hand-operated hydraulic pump, located between the front seats, is provided for manual extension of the landing gear in the event of a hydraulic system failure. The landing gear cannot be retracted with the hand pump. To utilize the pump, extend the handle forward, and pump vertically. For complete emergency procedures, refer to Section 3.

LANDING GEAR WARNING SYSTEM

The airplane is equipped with a landing gear warning system designed to help prevent the pilot from inadvertently making a wheels-up landing. The system consists of a throttle actuated switch which is electrically connected to a dual warning unit. The warning unit is connected to the airplane speaker.

When the throttle is retarded below approximately 12 inches of manifold pressure at low altitude (master switch on), the throttle linkage will actuate a switch which is electrically connected to the gear warning portion of a dual warning unit. If the landing gear is retracted (or not down and locked), an intermittent tone will be heard on the airplane speaker. An interconnect switch in the wing flap system also sounds the horn when the wing flaps are extended beyond 20° with the landing gear retracted.

BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT

The baggage compartment consists of the area from the back of the rear passenger seats to the aft cabin bulkhead. A baggage shelf, above the wheel well, extends aft from the aft cabin bulkhead. Access to the baggage compartment and the shelf is gained through a lockable baggage door on the left side of the airplane, or from within the airplane cabin. A baggage net with six tie-down straps is provided for securing baggage, and is attached by tying the straps to tie-down rings provided in the airplane. For further information on baggage tie-down, refer to Section 6. When loading the airplane, children should not be placed or permitted in the baggage compartment, and any material that may be hazardous to the airplane or occupants should not be placed anywhere in the airplane. For baggage area and door dimensions, refer to Section 6.

SEATS

The seating arrangement consists of two individually adjustable four-way or six-way seats for the pilot and front seat passenger, and a split-backed fixed seat for the rear seat passengers.

The four-way seats may be moved forward or aft, and the seat back angle adjusted to any comfortable angle. To position either seat, lift the tubular handle under the center of the seat, slide the seat into position, release the handle, and check that the seat is locked in place. The seat back angle is controlled by a cylinder lock release button which is spring-loaded to the locked position. The release button is located on the right side,