

SECTION 7

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION
OF THE AIRPLANE AND ITS SYSTEMS

7.1 THE AIRPLANE

The WARRIOR III is a single-engine, fixed gear monoplane of all metal construction with low semi-tapered wings. It has four place seating and a baggage capacity of two hundred pounds.

7.3 AIRFRAME

The primary structure, with the exception of the steel tube engine mount, steel landing gear struts and isolated areas, is of aluminum alloy construction. Lightweight plastics are used extensively in the extremities - the wing tips, the engine cowling, etc. - and in nonstructural components throughout the airplane.

The fuselage is a conventional semi-monocoque structure. On the right side of the airplane is a cabin door for entrance and exit. A baggage door is installed aft of the rear seat.

The wing is of a conventional, semi-tapered design incorporating a laminar flow, NACA 652415, airfoil section. The cantilever wings are attached to each side of the fuselage by insertion of the butt ends of the main spars into a spar box carry-through which is an integral part of the fuselage structure. The spar box carry-through structure, located under the rear seat, provides in effect a continuous main spar. The wings are also attached fore and aft of the main spar by an auxiliary front spar and a rear spar. The rear spar, in addition to taking torque and drag loads, provides a mount for flaps and ailerons. The four-position wing flaps are mechanically controlled by a handle located between the front seats. When fully retracted, the right flap locks into place to provide a step for cabin entry. Each wing contains one fuel tank.

A vertical stabilizer, an all-movable horizontal stabilator, and a rudder make up the empennage. The stabilator incorporates an anti-servo tab which improves longitudinal stability and provides longitudinal trim. This tab moves in the same direction as the stabilator, but with increased travel.

7.5 ENGINE AND PROPELLER

The PA-28-161 is powered by a four cylinder, direct drive, horizontally opposed engine rated at 160 HP at 2700 RPM. It is equipped with a starter, a 60 amp 28 volt alternator, a shielded ignition, two magnetos, vacuum pump drive, a fuel pump, and a wetted polyurethane foam induction air filter.

The engine compartment is accessible for inspection through top-hinged side panels on either side of the engine cowlings. The engine cowlings are cantilever structures attached at the fire wall. The engine mounts are constructed of steel tubing, and dynafocal mounts are provided to reduce vibration.

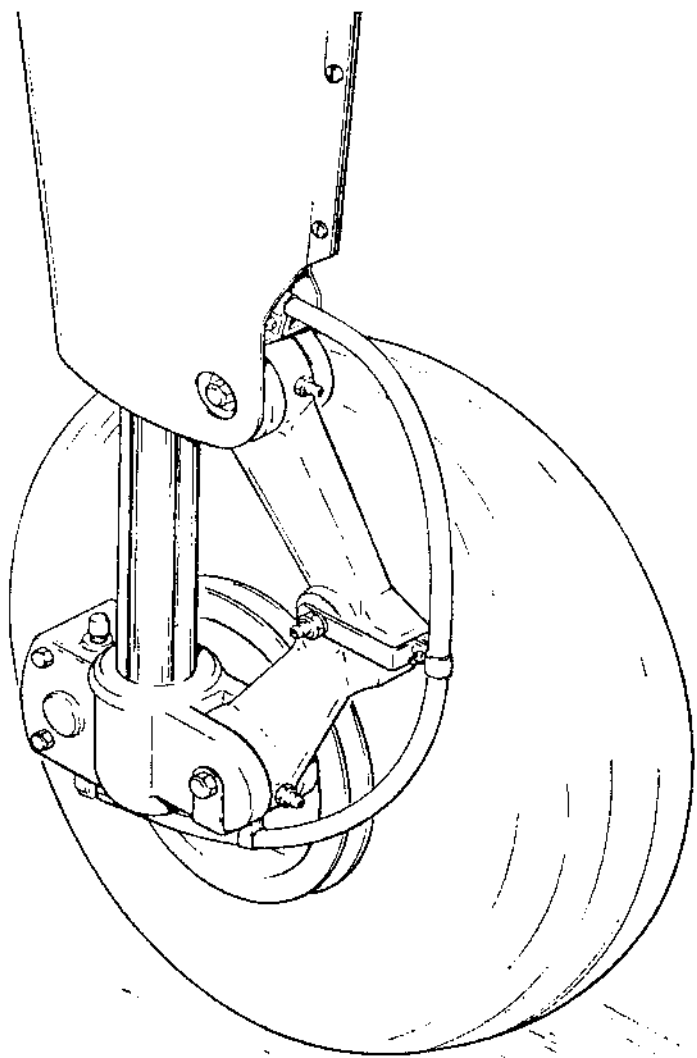
The exhaust system is constructed of stainless steel and incorporates dual mufflers with heater shrouds to supply heated air for the cabin, the defroster system and the carburetor deicing system.

An oil cooler is located on the left rear of the engine mounted to the engine baffling. Engine cooling air, which is picked up in the nose section of the engine cowling and carried through the baffling, is utilized on the left side for the oil cooler. A winterization plate is provided to restrict air during winter operation (refer to Section 8).

Engine air enters on either side of the propeller through openings in a nose cowling and is carried through the engine baffling around the engine and oil cooler. Air for the muffler shroud is also picked up from the nose cowling and carried through a duct to the shroud. Carburetor induction air enters a chin scoop on the lower right cowling and is passed through a wetted polyurethane filter to the carburetor air box. Heated air enters the carburetor air box through a hose connected to the heater shroud.

A fixed pitch propeller is installed as standard equipment. The propeller has a 74-inch diameter with a 60-inch pitch. The pitch is determined at 75% of the diameter. The propeller is made of an aluminum alloy construction.

The pilot should read and follow the procedures recommended in the Lycoming Operator's Manual for this engine in order to obtain maximum engine efficiency and time between engine overhauls.



MAIN WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Figure 7-1

7.7 LANDING GEAR

The fixed-gear PA-28-161 is equipped with a Cleveland 5.00 x 5 wheel on the nose gear and a Cleveland 6.00 x 6 wheel on each main gear (Figure 7-1). Cleveland single disc hydraulic brake assemblies are provided on the main gear. The nose gear has a 5.00 x 5 four-ply tire, while the main wheel assemblies have 6.00 x 6 four-ply tires. At gross weight, the main gear tires require a pressure of 24 psi, and the nose gear tire requires a pressure of 30 psi.

A spring device is incorporated in the rudder pedal torque tube assembly to provide rudder trim. A bungee in the nose gear steering mechanism reduces steering effort and dampens bumps and shocks during taxiing. By using the rudder pedals and the brakes, the nose gear is steerable through a 30 degree arc each side of center. Later aircraft have the bungee removed from the nose gear steering mechanism and are steerable through a 20 degree arc each side of center. A shimmy dampener is also included in the nose gear.

The three struts are of the air-oil type with the normal static load extension being 3.25 inches for the nose gear and 4.50 inches for the main gear.

The brakes are actuated by toe brake pedals which are attached to the rudder pedals or by a hand lever and master cylinder located below and behind the center of the instrument sub panel. Hydraulic cylinders are located above each pedal and adjacent to the hand brake lever. The brake fluid reservoir is installed on the top left front face of the fire wall. The parking brake is incorporated in the master cylinder and is actuated by pulling back on the brake lever and depressing the knob attached to the left side of the handle. To release the parking brake, pull back on the brake lever to disengage the catch mechanism and allow the handle to swing forward (refer to Figure 7-5).

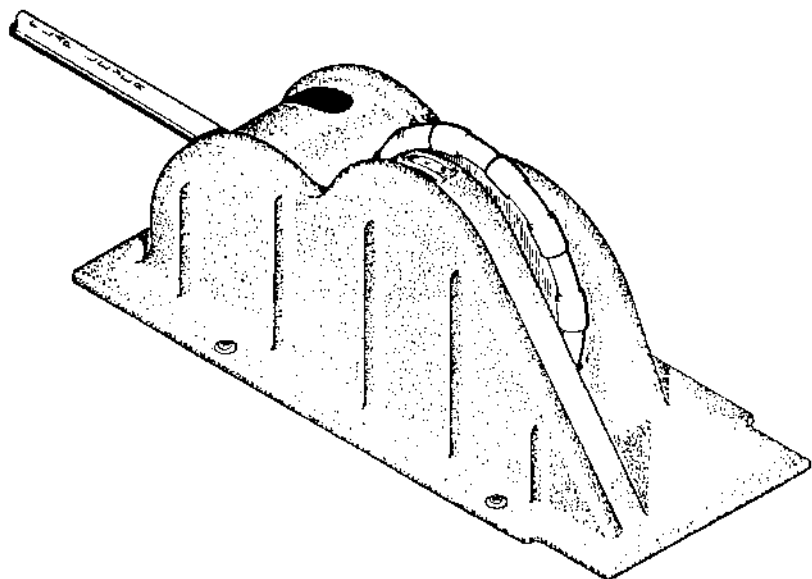
**FLIGHT CONTROL CONSOLE**

Figure 7-3

7.9 FLIGHT CONTROLS

Dual flight controls are provided as standard equipment. The flight controls actuate the control surfaces through a cable system.

The horizontal surface (stabilator) is of the flying tail design with a trim tab mounted on the trailing edge. This tab serves the dual function of providing trim control and pitch control forces. The trim tab is actuated by a trim control wheel located on the control console between the front seats (Figure 7-3). Forward rotation of the wheel gives nose down trim and aft rotation gives nose up trim.

The rudder is conventional in design and incorporates a rudder trim. The trim mechanism is a spring loaded recentering device. The trim control is located on the right side of the pedestal below the throttle quadrant (refer to Figure 7-5). Turning the trim control clockwise gives nose right trim and counterclockwise rotation gives nose left trim.

Manually controlled flaps are provided on the PA-28-161. The flaps are balanced and spring loaded to return to the retracted (up) position. A control handle, which is located between the two front seats on the control console (Figure 7-3), extends the flaps by the use of a control cable. To extend the flaps, the handle is pulled up to the desired flap setting of 10, 25 or 40 degrees. To retract, depress the button on the end of the handle and lower the control. When extending or retracting flaps, there is a pitch change in the airplane. This pitch change can be corrected either by stabilator trim or increased control wheel force. When the flaps are in the retracted (up) position the right flap, provided with an over-center lock mechanism, acts as a step.

NOTE

The right flap will support a load only in the fully retracted (up) position. When the flap is to be used as a step, make sure the flaps are in the retracted (up) position.

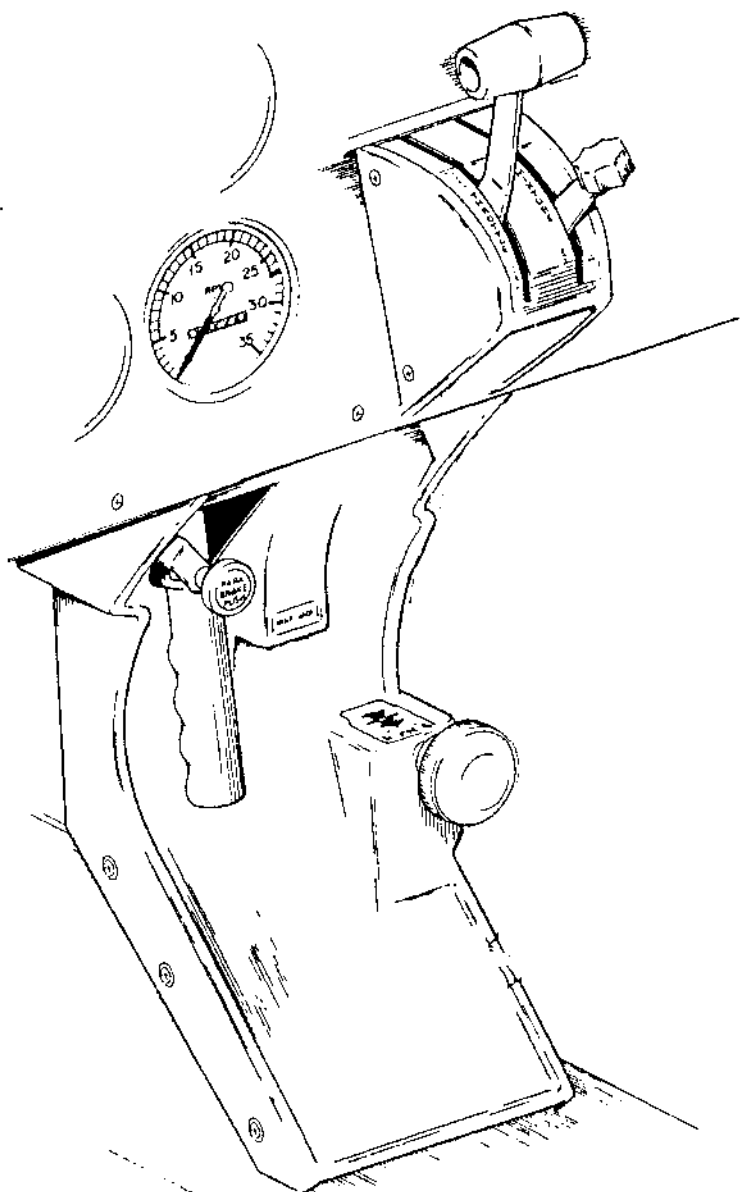
7.11 ENGINE CONTROLS

Engine controls consist of a throttle control and a mixture control lever. These controls are located on the control quadrant on the lower center of the instrument panel (Figure 7-5) where they are accessible to both the pilot and the copilot. The controls utilize teflon-lined control cables to reduce friction and binding.

The throttle lever is used to adjust engine RPM. The mixture control lever is used to adjust the air to fuel ratio. The engine is shut down by the placing of the mixture lever in the full lean position. For information on the leaning procedure, see the Avco-Lycoming Operator's Manual.

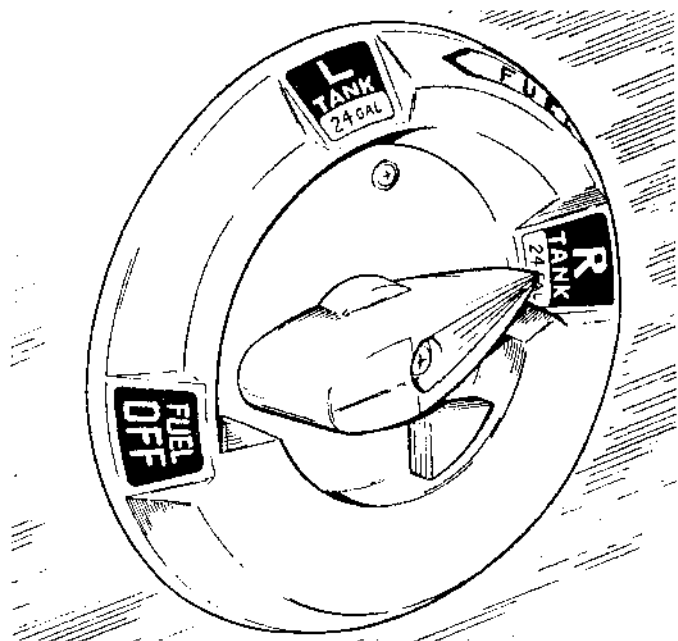
The friction adjustment lever on the right side of the control quadrant may be adjusted to increase or decrease the friction holding the throttle and mixture controls or to lock the controls in a selected position.

The carburetor heat control lever is located to the right of the control quadrant on the instrument panel. The control is placarded with two positions: ON (down), OFF (up).



CONTROL QUADRANT AND CONSOLE

Figure 7-5



FUEL SELECTOR

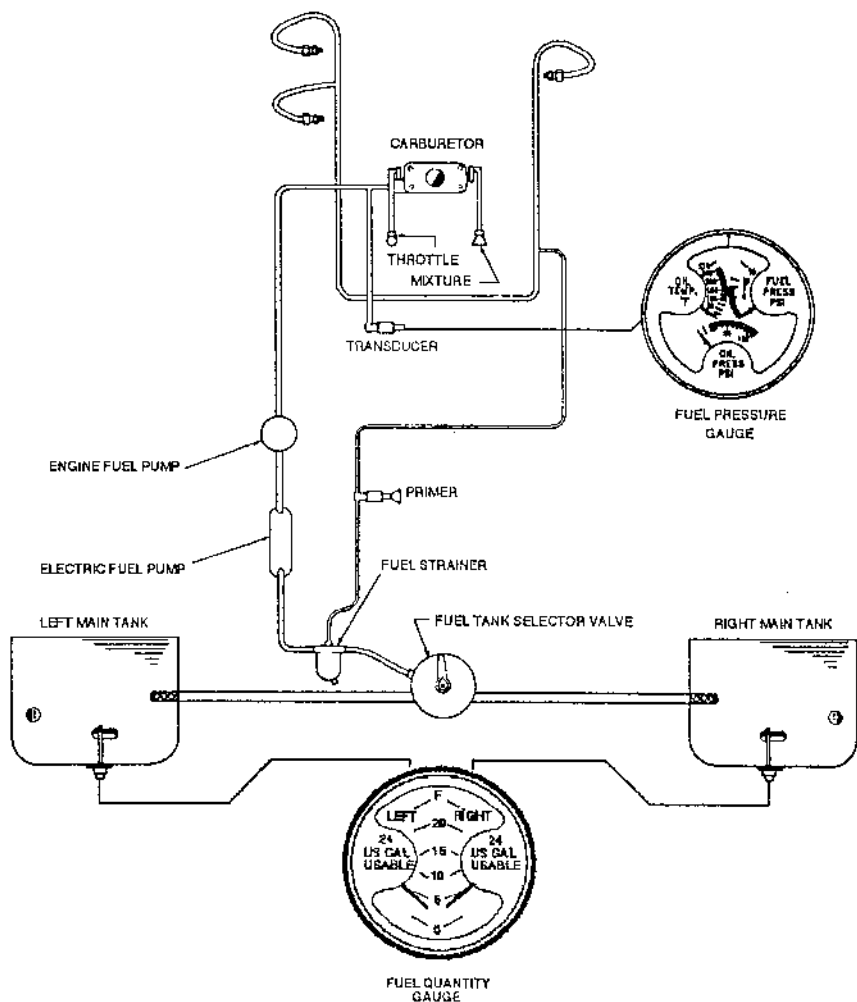
Figure 7-7

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

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.

Fuel quantity and fuel pressure gauges are combined in a single gauge located on the center of the instrument panel just above the engine tachometer (refer to Figure 7-15).

An electric engine priming system is available to facilitate starting. Pressing the momentary primer switch on, automatically activates the electric fuel pump and opens a solenoid valve, which then supplies fuel to the fuel primer lines.

7.15 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The electrical system includes a 28-volt, 60-amp alternator; a 24-volt battery; a voltage regulator 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). Three rheostat switches located on the pilots lower instrument panel controls and dims the switch, panel and avionics lights.

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

The annunciator panel includes alternator inop., and oil pressure indicator lights. The annunciator panel also includes a vacuum inop. light, low volts and starter engage indicator lights. 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.

Electrical accessories include navigation lights, wing tip recognition lights, wing tip strobe lights, landing light, instrument lighting, and cabin dome light. Circuits will handle the addition of communications and navigational equipment.

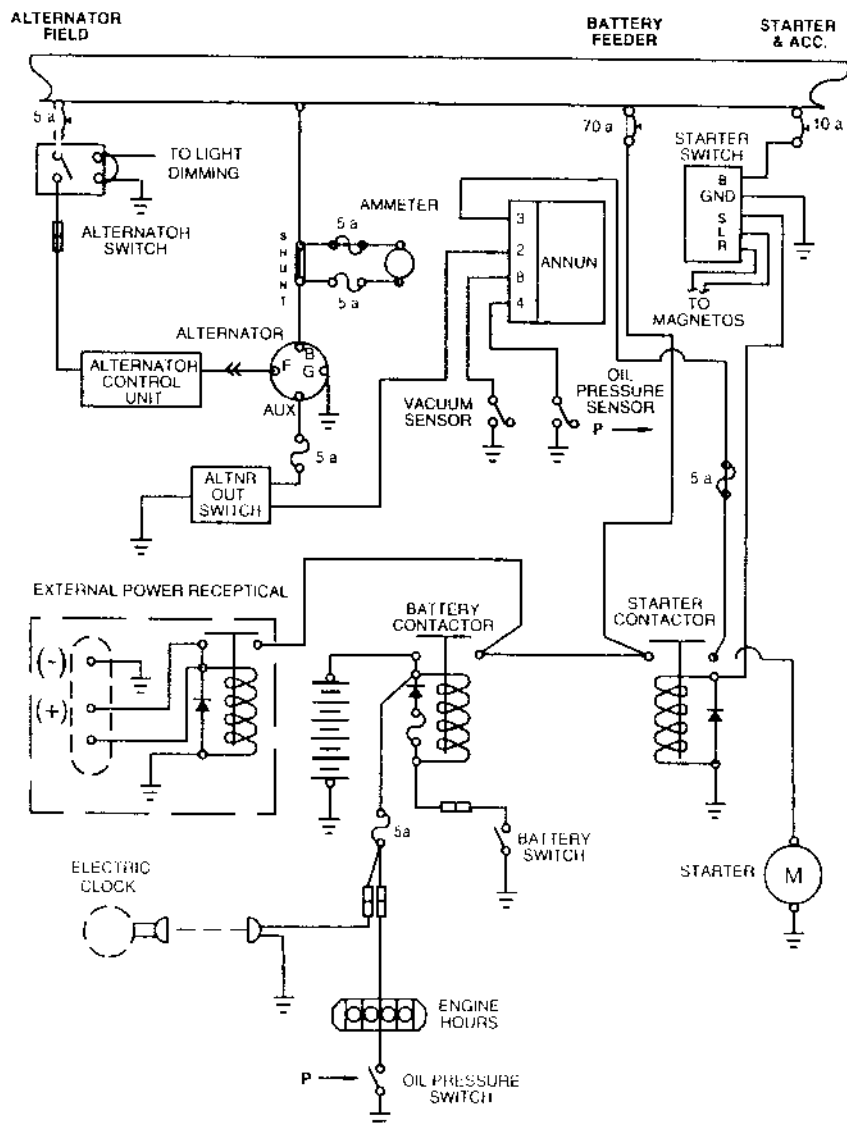
A flood light, mounted in the overhead panel, provides instrument and cockpit lighting for night flying. The light is controlled by a rheostat switch located adjacent to the light. A map light window in the lens is actuated by an adjacent switch.

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 amperage drawn by the electrical equipment which is operating.

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



ALTERNATOR AND STARTER SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-11

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 5.2 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 artificial horizon and directional gyro are vacuum operated and are located in the center of the left hand instrument panel. The vacuum gauge is located on the upper left hand instrument panel. The turn indicator on the left side is electrically operated.

The radios are located in the center section of the panel, and the circuit breakers are in the lower right corner of the panel.

Standard instruments include a compass, an airspeed indicator, a tachometer, altimeter, ammeter, engine cluster gauge, fuel quantity gauge, and an annunciator panel. The compass is mounted on the windshield bow in clear view of the pilot.

1. CLOCK (ELECTRIC) (OPTIONAL)	17. CABIN AIR CONTROL
2. AIRSPEED INDICATOR	WINDSHIELD DEFROST AND HEAT
3. ALTITUDE GYRO	18. CIRCUIT BREAKER PANEL
4. ALTIMETER	19. CARB. HEAT
5. DAY/NIGHT SWITCH	20. SWITCH PANEL
6. ANNUNCIATOR PANEL	21. ENGINE GAUGE, OIL TEMP
7. COMPASS (MAGNETIC)	OIL AND FUEL PRESSURE, .
7a. COMPASS CORRECTION CARD	22. VOR/LOC NAVIGATION INDICATOR
8. COMM / NAV RADIO	23. VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR
9. TRANSPONDER	24. LIGHT CONTROL AND DIMMING
10. AMMETER (DIGITAL)	SWITCH, INST.PANEL, & RADIOS
11. HOUR METER	25. MAGNETO & START SWITCH
12. TACHOMETER (RPM)	26. MICROPHONE JACKS
13. FUEL QUANTITY	27. ELT CONTROL
14. DIRECTIONAL GYRO	28. INTERCOM CONTROL
15. TURN & BANK	29. ENGINE PRIMER (ELECTRIC)
16. VACUUM GAUGE	

TYPICAL INSTRUMENT PANEL

Figure 7-15 (cont)

7.21 PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM

The system supplies both pitot and static pressure for the airspeed indicator, altimeter, and 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 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.

A pitot heat inop/off annunciator is provided with the heated pitot head option. The annunciator will be on anytime the pitot heat is turned off or is drawing insufficient current to adequately heat the pitot head.

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.

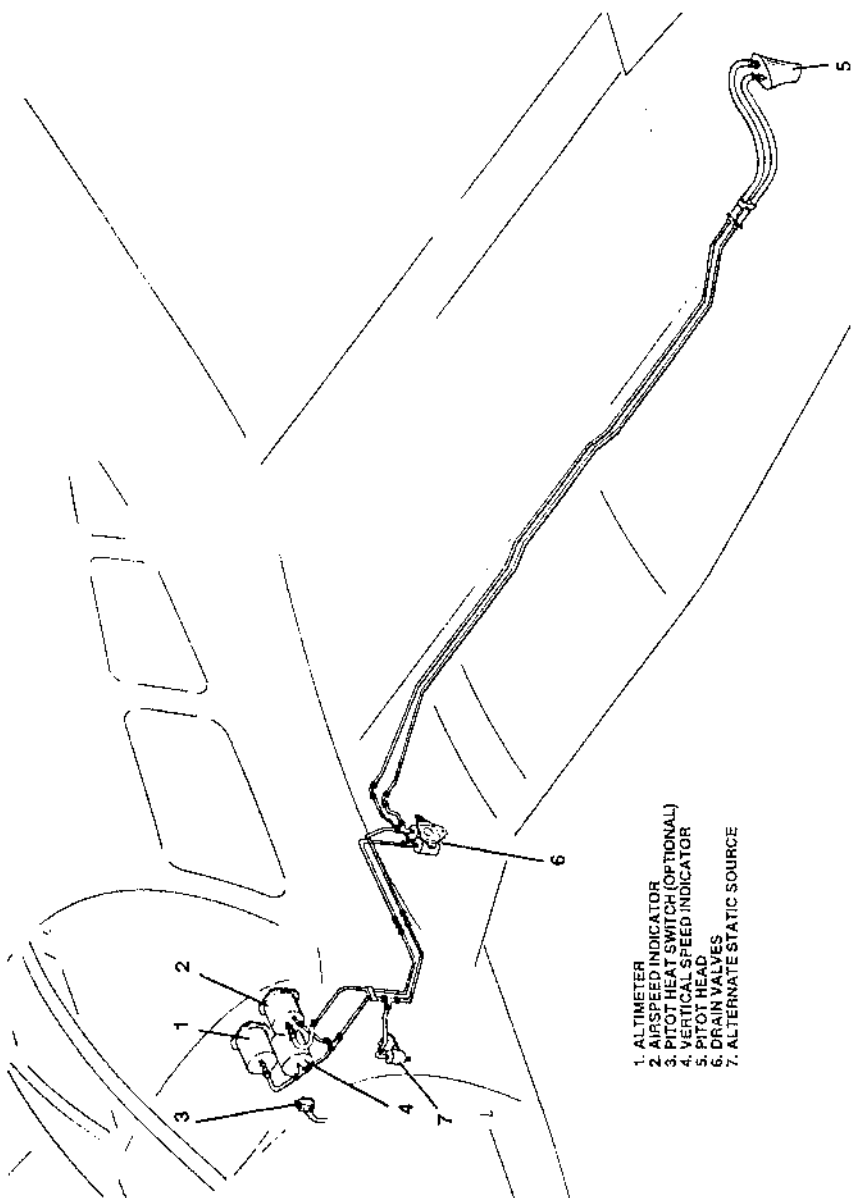
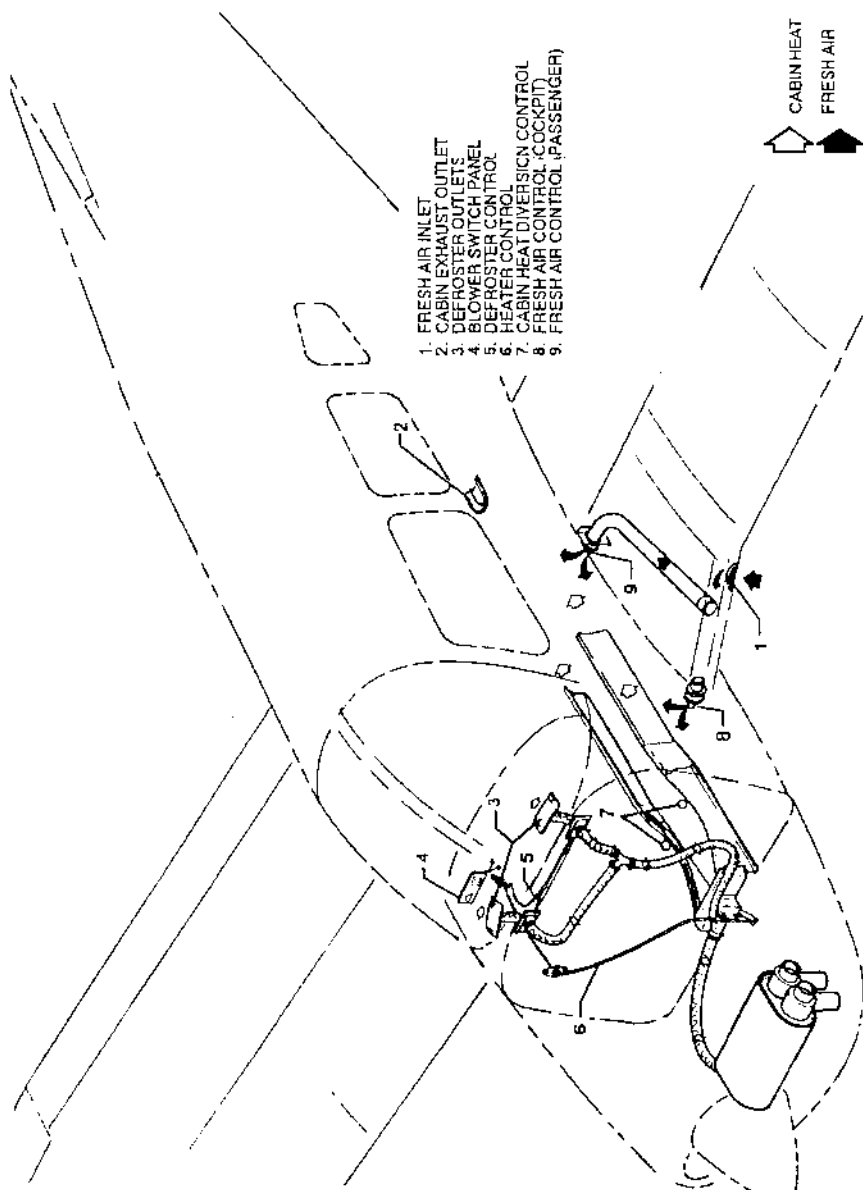
**PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM**

Figure 7-17



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. Cabin air is exhausted through an outlet located below the rear seat.

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 are vertically adjustable.

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.

7.33 PIPER EXTERNAL POWER

A external power receptacle is accessible through a receptacle cover door located on the right rear side of the fuselage, aft 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 door of the receptacle should be followed before using the external power. For instructions 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.

ARTEX 110-4 ELT OPERATION

On the ELT unit itself is a two position switch placarded ON and OFF. The OFF 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.

A pilots remote switch, placarded ON and ARM is located on the left hand side of the pilot's instrument panel to allow the transmitter to be armed or turned on from inside the cabin. The switch is normally in ARM position. Moving the switch to ON will activate the transmitter. A warning light located above the remote switch will alert you when ever the ELT is activated.

Should the ELT be activated inadvertently it can be reset by either positioning the remote switch to the ON then immediately relocating it to the ARM position, or by setting the switch on the ELT to ON and then back to OFF.

In the event the transmitter is activated by an impact, it can be turned off by moving the ELT switch OFF. Normal operation can then be restored by resetting the switch to ARM. It may also be turned off and reset by positioning the remote switch to the ON and then immediately to the ARM position.

The transmitter can be activated manually at any time by placing either the remote switch or the ELT switch to the ON position.

NOTE:

Three sweeps of the emergency tone and an illuminated warning light indicates a normally functioning unit. The warning light must illuminate during the first 3 second test period. If it does not illuminate, a problem is indicated such as a "G" switch failure.

The ELT should be checked during postflight to make certain the unit has not been activated. Check by selecting 121.50 MHz on an operating receiver. If a downward sweeping audio tone is heard the ELT may have been activated. Set the remote switch to ON. If there is no change in the volume of the signal, your airplane's ELT is probably transmitting. Setting the remote switch back to OFF will automatically reset the ELT and should stop the signal being received on 121.50 MHz.