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1.1 INTRODUCTION

This Pilot's Operating Handbook is designed for maximum utilization as an operating guide for the pilot. It includes the material required to be furnished to the pilot by C.A.R. 3 and FAR Part 21, Subpart J. It also contains supplemental data supplied by the airplane manufacturer.

This handbook is not designed as a substitute for adequate and competent flight instruction, knowledge of current airworthiness directives, applicable federal air regulations or advisory circulars. It is not intended to be a guide for basic flight instruction or a training manual and should not be used for operational purposes unless kept in a current status.

Assurance that the airplane is in an airworthy condition is the responsibility of the owner. The pilot in command is responsible for determining that the airplane is safe for flight. The pilot is also responsible for remaining within the operating limitations as outlined by instrument markings, placards, and this handbook.

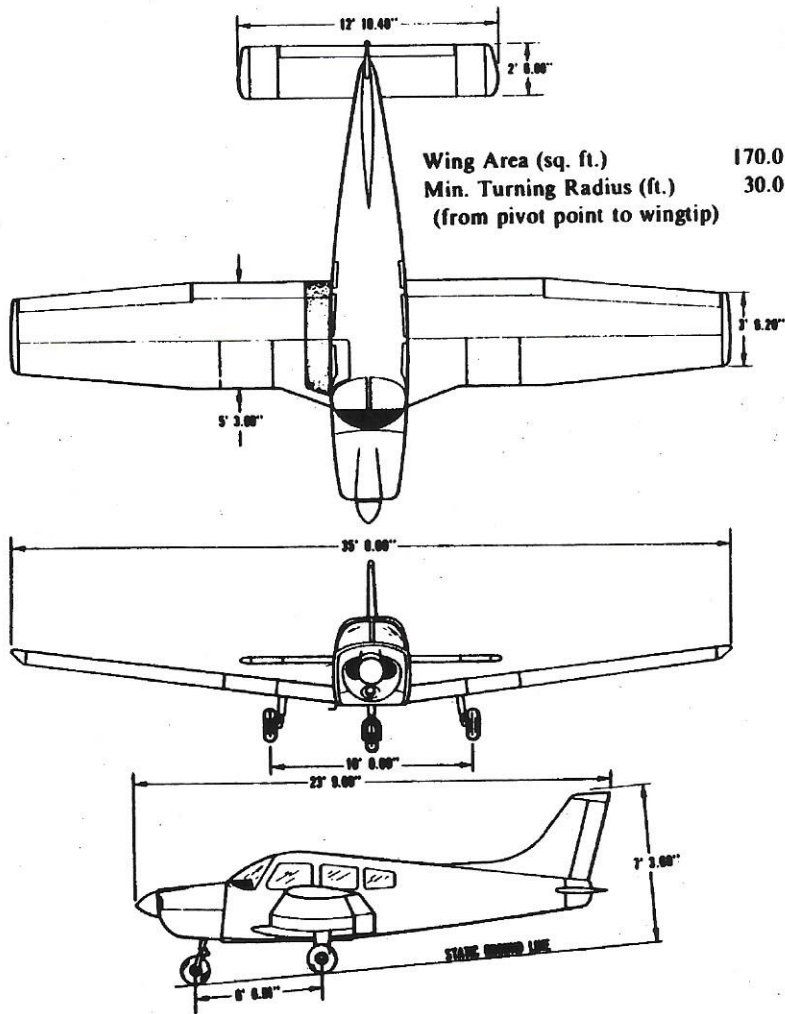
Although the arrangement of this handbook is intended to increase its in-flight capabilities, it should not be used solely as an occasional operating reference. The pilot should study the entire handbook to familiarize himself with the limitations, performance, procedures and operational handling characteristics of the airplane before flight.

The handbook has been divided into numbered (arabic) sections, each provided with a "finger-tip" tab divider for quick reference. The limitations and emergency procedures have been placed ahead of the normal procedures, performance and other sections to provide easier access to information that may be required in flight. The "Emergency Procedures" Section has been furnished with a red tab divider to present an instant reference to the section. Provisions for expansion of the handbook have been made by the deliberate omission of certain paragraph numbers, figure numbers, item numbers and pages noted as being intentionally left blank.

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THREE VIEW  
Figure 1-1

### 1.3 ENGINES

(a) Number of Engines	1
(b) Engine Manufacturer	Lycoming
(c) Engine Model Number	O-360-A4M or O-360-A4A
(d) Takeoff Power - 5 Minute Limit (BHP)	180
(e) Takeoff Engine Speed - 5 Minute Limit (RPM)	2700
(f) Maximum Continuous Power (BHP)	178
(g) Maximum Continuous Engine Speed (RPM)	2650
(h) Bore (inches)	5.125
(i) Stroke (inches)	4.375
(j) Displacement (cubic inches)	361.0
(k) Compression Ratio	8.5:1
(l) Engine Type	Four Cylinder, Direct Drive, Horizontally Opposed, Air Cooled

### 1.5 PROPELLERS

(a) Number of Propellers	1
(b) Propeller Manufacturer	Sensenich
(c) Model	76EM8S5-0-62
(d) Number of Blades	2
(e) Propeller Diameter (inches)	
(1) Maximum	76
(2) Minimum	76
(f) Propeller Type	Fixed Pitch

### 1.7 FUEL

#### AVGAS ONLY

(a) Fuel Capacity (U.S. gal.) (total)	50
(b) Usable Fuel (U.S. gal.) (total)	48
(c) Fuel	
(1) Minimum Octane	100 Green or 100LL Blue Aviation Grade
(2) Alternate Fuel	Refer to latest issue of Lycoming Instruction No. 1070.

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**1.9 OIL**

- (a) Oil Capacity (U.S. quarts) 8
- (b) Oil Specification Refer to latest issue  
of Lycoming Service  
Instruction 1014.

- (c) Oil Viscosity per Average Ambient  
Temp. for Starting

	Single	Multi
(1) Above 60°F	S.A.E. 50	S.A.E. 40 or 50
(2) 30°F to 90°F	S.A.E. 40	S.A.E. 40
(3) 0°F to 70°F	S.A.E. 30	S.A.E. 40 or 20W-30
(4) Below 10°F	S.A.E. 20	S.A.E. 20W-30

**1.11 MAXIMUM WEIGHTS**

	Normal	Utility
(a) Maximum Ramp Weight (lbs.)	2558	2138
(b) Maximum Takeoff Weight (lbs.)	2550	2130
(c) Maximum Landing Weight (lbs.)	2550	2130
(d) Maximum Weights in Baggage Compartment (lbs.)	200	0

**1.13 STANDARD AIRPLANE WEIGHTS**

Refer to Figure 6-5 for the Standard Empty Weight and the Useful Load.

**1.15 BAGGAGE SPACE**

(a) Compartment Volume (cubic feet)	24
(b) Entry Width (inches)	22
(c) Entry Height (inches)	20

**1.17 SPECIFIC LOADINGS**

(a) Wing Loading (lbs. per sq. ft.)	15.0
(b) Power Loading (lbs. per hp)	14.2

### 1.19 SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

The following definitions are of symbols, abbreviations and terminology used throughout the handbook and those which may be of added operational significance to the pilot.

#### (a) General Airspeed Terminology and Symbols

CAS	Calibrated Airspeed means the indicated speed of an aircraft, corrected for position and instrument error. Calibrated airspeed is equal to true airspeed in standard atmosphere at sea level.
KCAS	Calibrated Airspeed expressed in "Knots."
GS	Ground Speed is the speed of an airplane relative to the ground.
IAS	Indicated Airspeed is the speed of an aircraft as shown on the airspeed indicator when corrected for instrument error. IAS values published in this handbook assume zero instrument error.
KIAS	Indicated Airspeed expressed in "Knots."
TAS	True Airspeed is the airspeed of an airplane relative to undisturbed air which is the CAS corrected for altitude, temperature and compressibility.
V <sub>A</sub>	Maneuvering Speed is the maximum speed at which application of full available aerodynamic control will not overstress the airplane.
V <sub>FE</sub>	Maximum Flap Extended Speed is the highest speed permissible with wing flaps in a prescribed extended position.



VNE/MNE	Never Exceed Speed or Mach Number is the speed limit that may not be exceeded at any time.
VNO	Maximum Structural Cruising Speed is the speed that should not be exceeded except in smooth air and then only with caution.
Vs	Stalling Speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable.
VSO	Stalling Speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable in the landing configuration.
Vx	Best Angle-of-Climb Speed is the airspeed which delivers the greatest gain of altitude in the shortest possible horizontal distance.
Vy	Best Rate-of-Climb Speed is the airspeed which delivers the greatest gain in altitude in the shortest possible time.

(b) Meteorological Terminology

ISA	International Standard Atmosphere in which: The air is a dry perfect gas; The temperature at sea level is 15° Celsius (59° Fahrenheit); The pressure at sea level is 29.92 inches Hg (1013.2 mb); The temperature gradient from sea level to the altitude at which the temperature is -56.5°C (-69.7°F) is -0.00198C (-0.003564°F) per foot and zero above that altitude.
OAT	Outside Air Temperature is the free air static temperature, obtained either from inflight temperature indications or ground meteorological sources, adjusted for instrument error and compressibility effects.

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Indicated  
Pressure Altitude      The number actually read from an altimeter when the barometric subscale has been set to 29.92 inches of mercury (1013.2 millibars).

Pressure Altitude      Altitude measured from standard sea-level pressure (29.92 in. Hg) by a pressure or barometric altimeter. It is the indicated pressure altitude corrected for position and instrument error. In this handbook, altimeter instrument errors are assumed to be zero.

Station Pressure      Actual atmospheric pressure at field elevation.

Wind      The wind velocities recorded as variables on the charts of this handbook are to be understood as the headwind or tailwind components of the reported winds.

(c) Power Terminology

Takeoff Power      Maximum power permissible for takeoff.

Maximum  
Continuous  
Power      Maximum power permissible continuously during flight.

(d) Engine Instruments

EGT Gauge      Exhaust Gas Temperature Gauge

(e) Airplane Performance and Flight Planning Terminology

Climb Gradient	The demonstrated ratio of the change in height during a portion of a climb, to the horizontal distance traversed in the same time interval.
Demonstrated Crosswind Velocity (Demo. X-Wind)	The demonstrated crosswind velocity is the velocity of the crosswind component for which adequate control of the airplane during takeoff and landing was actually demonstrated during certification tests.
Accelerate-Stop Distance	The distance required to accelerate an airplane to a specified speed and, assuming failure of an engine at the instant that speed is attained, to bring the airplane to a stop.
Route Segment	A part of a route. Each end of that part is identified by: (1) a geographical location; or (2) a point at which a definite radio fix can be established.

(f) Weight and Balance Terminology

Reference Datum	An imaginary vertical plane from which all horizontal distances are measured for balance purposes.
Station	A location along the airplane fuselage usually given in terms of distance from the reference datum.
Arm	The horizontal distance from the reference datum to the center of gravity (C.G.) of an item.

Moment	The product of the weight of an item multiplied by its arm. (Moment divided by a constant is used to simplify balance calculations by reducing the number of digits.)
Center of Gravity (C.G.)	The point at which an airplane would balance if suspended. Its distance from the reference datum is found by dividing the total moment by the total weight of the airplane.
C.G. Arm	The arm obtained by adding the airplane's individual moments and dividing the sum by the total weight.
C.G. Limits	The extreme center of gravity locations within which the airplane must be operated at a given weight.
Usable Fuel	Fuel available for flight planning.
Unusable Fuel	Fuel remaining after a runout test has been completed in accordance with governmental regulations.
Standard Empty Weight	Weight of a standard airplane including unusable fuel, full operating fluids and full oil.
Basic Empty Weight	Standard empty weight plus optional equipment.
Payload	Weight of occupants, cargo and baggage.
Useful Load	Difference between takeoff weight, or ramp weight is applicable, and basic empty weight.
Maximum Ramp Weight	Maximum weight approved for ground maneuver. (It includes weight of start, taxi and run up fuel.)

Maximum  
Takeoff Weight

Maximum weight approved for the start of  
the takeoff run.

Maximum  
Landing Weight

Maximum weight approved for the landing  
touchdown.

Maximum Zero  
Fuel Weight

Maximum weight exclusive of usable fuel.

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