

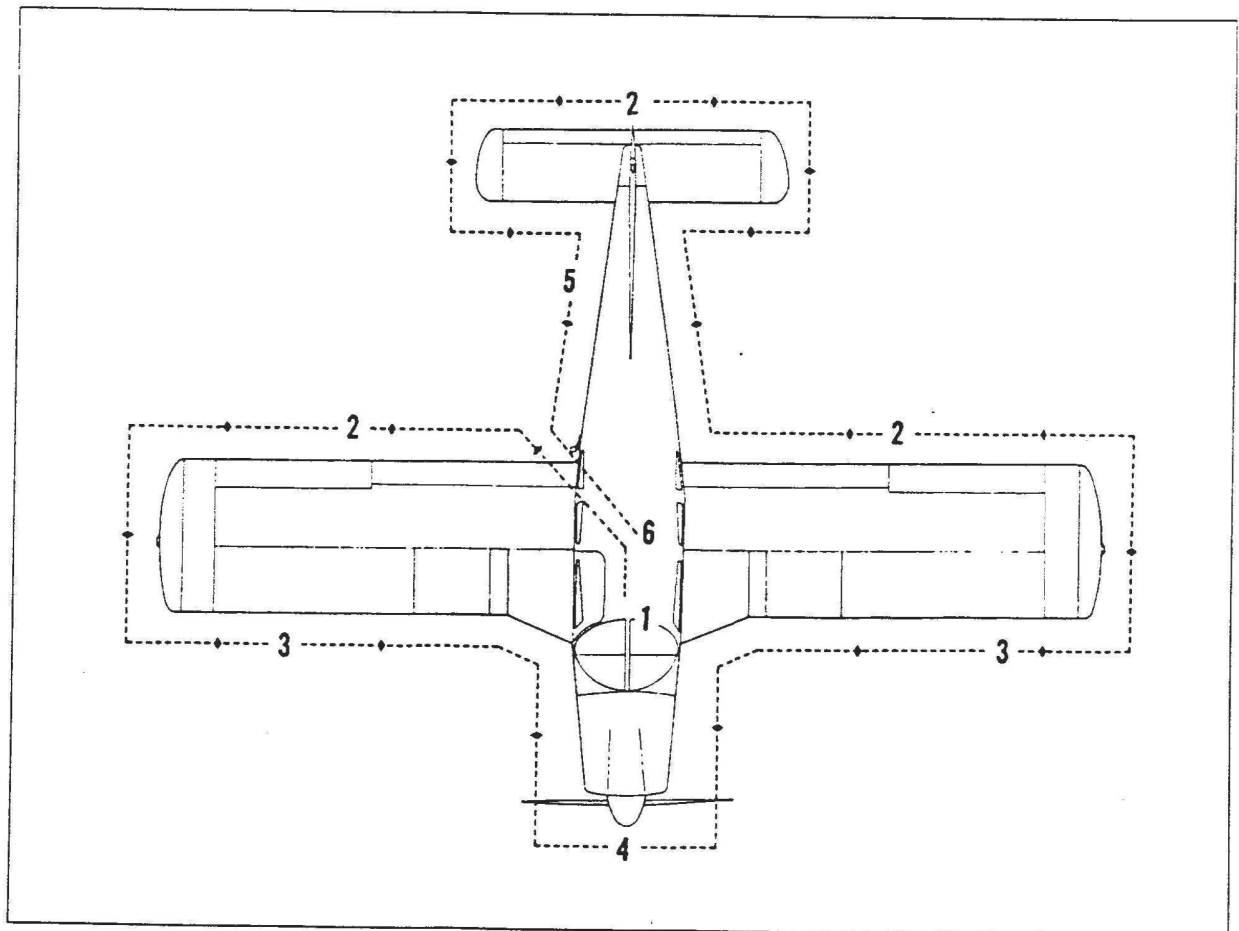
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PREFLIGHT

1.
 - a. Release seat belt securing controls.
 - b. Master switch ON.
 - c. Check fuel quantity indicators.
 - d. Master switch and ignition OFF.
2.
 - a. Check for external damage and operational interference of control surfaces or hinges.
 - b. Insure that wings and control surfaces are free of snow, ice or frost.
3.
 - a. Visually check fuel supply and secure caps.
 - b. Drain fuel tank sumps (two), check for water, sediment and proper fuel.
 - c. Drain fuel system sump (left side of aircraft), check for water, sediment and proper fuel.
 - d. Check that fuel system vents are open.
 - e. Check main landing gear shock struts for proper inflation (approximately 4.50 inches showing).
 - f. Check tires for cuts, wear and proper inflation.
 - g. Check brake blocks and discs for wear and damage.



4.
 - a. Check windshield for cleanliness.
 - b. Check propeller and spinner for defects or nicks.
 - c. Check for obvious fuel or oil leaks.
 - d. Check oil level (Insure dipstick is properly seated.)
 - e. Check cowling and inspection covers for security.
 - f. Check nose wheel tire for inflation and wear.
 - g. Check nose gear shock strut for proper inflation (approximately 3.25 inches showing).
 - h. Check for foreign matter in air inlets.
5.
 - a. Stow tow bar and control locks if used.
 - b. Check baggage for storage and security.
 - c. Close and secure the baggage compartment door.
6.
 - a. Upon entering airplane remove seat belt securing control wheel. Check that all primary flight controls operate properly.
 - b. Close and secure cabin door.
 - c. Check that required papers are in order and in the airplane.
 - d. Fasten seat belts and shoulder harness. Check function of inertia reel.

STARTING ENGINE

1. Set parking brake ON.
2. Set the carburetor heat control in the full COLD position.
3. Select the desired tank with fuel selector valve.

STARTING ENGINE WHEN COLD

1. Open throttle approximately 1/4 inch.
2. Turn the master switch ON.
3. Turn the electric fuel pump ON.
4. Move the mixture control to FULL RICH.
5. Engage the starter by rotating magneto switch clockwise and pressing in.
6. When the engine fires, advance throttle to desired setting. If the engine does not fire within five to ten seconds, disengage starter and prime with one to three strokes of the priming pump. Repeat starting procedure.

STARTING ENGINE WHEN HOT

1. Open the throttle approximately 1/2 inch.
2. Turn the master switch ON.
3. Turn the electric fuel pump ON.
4. Put mixture control in FULL RICH.
5. Engage the starter by rotating magneto switch clockwise and pressing in. When the engine fires, move the throttle to desired setting.

STARTING ENGINE WHEN FLOODED

1. Open the throttle full.
2. Turn the master switch ON.
3. Turn the electric fuel pump OFF.
4. Put mixture control in IDLE CUT-OFF.
5. Engage the starter by rotating magneto switch clockwise and pressing in. When the engine fires, advance the mixture control and retard the throttle.

When the engine is firing evenly, advance the throttle to 800 RPM. If oil pressure is not indicated within thirty seconds, stop the engine and determine the trouble. In cold weather it will take a few seconds longer to get an oil pressure indication. If the engine has failed to start, refer to the "Lycoming Operating Handbook, Engine Troubles and Their Remedies."

Starter manufacturers recommend that cranking periods be limited to thirty seconds with a two minute rest between cranking periods. Longer cranking will shorten the life of the starter.

STARTING ENGINE WITH EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE*

An optional feature known as Piper External Power (PEP) allows the operator to use an external battery to crank the engine without having to gain access to the aircraft battery.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Turn aircraft MASTER SWITCH to OFF.
2. Connect RED lead of PEP kit jumper cable to POSITIVE (+) terminal of external 12-volt battery and BLACK lead to NEGATIVE (-) terminal.
3. Insert plug of jumper cable into socket located on aircraft fuselage.
4. Turn aircraft MASTER SWITCH to ON and proceed with NORMAL engine starting technique.
5. After engine has been started, turn MASTER SWITCH to OFF and remove jumper cable plug from aircraft.
6. Turn aircraft MASTER SWITCH to ON and check alternator ammeter for indication of output. DO NOT ATTEMPT FLIGHT IF THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ALTERNATOR OUTPUT.

WARM-UP AND GROUND CHECK

Warm-up the engine at 800 to 1200 RPM for not more than two minutes in warm weather, four minutes in cold weather. Avoid prolonged idling at low RPM as this practice may result in fouled spark plugs. If necessary to hold before takeoff, it is recommended that the engine be idled at 1200 RPM.

The magnetos should be checked at 2000 RPM. The drop on either magneto should not exceed 175 RPM and should be within 50 RPM of the other. Prolonged operation on one magneto should be avoided.

Check vacuum gauge: indicator should read $5'' \pm .1''$ Hg at 2000 RPM.

*Optional equipment

Check both the oil temperature and pressure. The temperature may be low for some time if the engine is being run for the first time of the day, but as long as the pressure is within limits, the engine is ready for takeoff. Release the parking brake prior to taxiing.

Check the annunciator panel lights with the press-to-test button.*

Carburetor heat should also be checked prior to takeoff to be sure that the control is operating properly and to clear any ice which may have formed during taxiing. Avoid prolonged ground operation with carburetor heat ON as the air is unfiltered.

Operation of the engine driven fuel pump should be checked while taxiing or during pretake-off engine run up by switching off the electric fuel pump and observing fuel pressure. The electric fuel pump should be on during takeoff to prevent loss of power should the engine driven pump fail. The engine is warm enough for takeoff when the throttle can be opened without the engine faltering. For air conditioner ground check refer to page 7-8.

TAKEOFF

Just before takeoff the following items should be checked:

1. Fuel on proper tank
2. Electric fuel pump - on
3. Engine gauges - checked
4. Flaps - set
5. Carburetor heat - off
6. Mixture - set
7. Seat backs - erect
8. Safety Belts/harness - fastened
9. Empty seats - seat belts snugly fastened
10. Trim tab - set
11. Controls - free
12. Door - latched
13. Air conditioner - off

The takeoff technique is conventional for the Cherokee. The tab should be set slightly aft of neutral, with the exact setting determined by the loading of the aircraft. Allow the airplane to accelerate to 50 to 60 MPH, then ease back on the wheel enough to let the airplane fly itself from the ground. Premature raising of the nose or raising it to an excessive angle will result in a delayed takeoff. After takeoff let the aircraft accelerate to the desired climb speed by lowering the nose slightly.

Takeoffs are normally made with flaps up. However, for short field takeoffs, and for takeoffs under difficult conditions such as deep grass or on a soft surface, distances can be reduced appreciably by lowering flaps to 25°.

CLIMB

The best rate of climb at gross weight will be obtained at 85 MPH. The best angle of climb may be obtained at 74 MPH. At lighter than gross weight these speeds are reduced somewhat. For climbing en route a speed of 100 MPH is recommended. This will produce better forward speed and increased visibility over the nose during the climb. The air conditioner may be turned on after all obstacles have been cleared.

*Serial nos. 7505001 and up

STALLS

All controls are effective at speeds down through the stalling speed, and stalls are gentle and easily controlled.

The stall speed chart is at gross weight. Stall speeds at lower weights will be correspondingly less.

STALL SPEED TABLE

Angle of Bank	Flaps 40°	Flaps Retracted
0°	61 MPH	68 MPH
20°	63 MPH	70 MPH
40°	70 MPH	78 MPH
60°	86 MPH	96 MPH
Power Off—Gross Weight 2450 Lbs.		

CRUISING

The cruising speed is determined by many factors, including power setting, altitude, temperature, loading and equipment installed on the airplane.

The normal cruising power is 75% of the rated horsepower of the engine. True airspeeds, which may be obtained at various altitudes and power settings, can be determined from the charts in Performance Charts Section.

Use of the mixture control in cruising flight reduces fuel consumption significantly, especially at higher altitudes. The mixture should be leaned during cruising operation above 5000 feet altitude and at pilot's discretion at lower altitudes when 75% power or less is being used. If any doubt exists as to the amount of power being used, the mixture should be in the FULL RICH position for all operations under 5000 feet.

To lean the mixture, pull the mixture control until the engine becomes rough, indicating that the lean mixture limit has been reached in the leaner cylinders. Then enrich the mixture by pushing the control towards the instrument panel until engine operation becomes smooth.

If the airplane is equipped with the optional exhaust gas temperature (EGT) gauge, a more accurate means of leaning is available to the pilot. For this procedure, refer to the AVCO Lycoming Operator's Manual.

In order to keep the airplane in best lateral trim during cruising flight, the fuel should be used alternately from each tank. It is recommended that one tank be used for one hour after takeoff, then the other tank be used for two hours; then return to the first tank, which will have approximately one and one half hours of fuel remaining if the tanks were full at takeoff. The second tank will contain approximately one half hour of fuel. Do not run tanks completely dry in flight.

ROUGH AIR OPERATION

In keeping with good operating practice used in all aircraft, it is recommended that when turbulent air is encountered or expected the airspeed be reduced to maneuvering speed to reduce the structural loads caused by gusts and to allow for inadvertent speed build-ups which may occur as a result of the turbulence or distractions caused by the conditions.

APPROACH AND LANDING

Before landing check list:

1. Fuel on proper tank
2. Mixture - rich
3. Electric fuel pump on
4. Seat backs - erect
5. Flaps - set (115 MPH)
6. Safety Belts/harness - fastened
7. Air conditioner - off

The airplane should be trimmed to an approach speed of about 85 MPH with flaps up. The flaps can be lowered at speeds up to 115 MPH, if desired, and the approach speed reduced 3 MPH for each additional notch of flaps. Carburetor heat should not be applied unless there is an indication of carburetor icing, since the use of carburetor heat causes a reduction in power which may be critical in case of a go-around. Full throttle operation with carburetor heat on is likely to cause detonation.

The amount of flap used during landings and the speed of the aircraft at contact with the runway should be varied according to the landing surface and conditions of wind and airplane loading. It is generally good practice to contact the ground at the minimum possible safe speed consistent with existing conditions.

Normally, the best technique for short and slow landings is to use full flap and enough power to maintain the desired airspeed and approach flight path. Reduce the airspeed during flareout and contact the ground close to stalling speed. After ground contact hold the nose wheel off as long as possible. As the airplane slows down, drop the nose and apply brakes. There will be less chance of skidding the tires if the flaps are retracted before applying the brakes. Braking is most effective when back pressure is applied to the control wheel, putting most of the airplane weight on the main wheels. In high wind conditions, particularly in strong crosswinds, it may be desirable to approach the ground at higher than normal speeds with partial or no flaps.

STOPPING ENGINE

At the pilot's discretion, the flaps should be raised and the electric fuel pump turned off. After parking, the air conditioner and radios should be turned off and the engine stopped by pulling the mixture control to idle cut-off. The throttle should be left full aft to avoid engine vibration while stopping. Then the magneto and master switches should be turned off and the parking brake set.

AIRSPEED DATA

All airspeeds quoted in this manual are calibrated unless otherwise noted. Calibrated airspeed is indicated airspeed corrected for instrument and position errors. The following table gives the correlation between indicated airspeed and calibrated airspeed if zero instrument error is assumed. This calibration is valid only when flown at maximum gross weight in level flight.

AIRSPEED CORRECTION TABLE

Flaps 0°											
IAS-MPH	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160
CAS -MPH	68	76	84	92	101	110	119	128	137	147	156
Flaps 40°											
IAS -MPH	60	70	80	90	100	110	120				
CAS - MPH	66	74	82	90	99	109	118				

ENGINE POWER LOSS

The most common cause of engine power loss is mismanagement of the fuel. Therefore, the first step to take after engine power loss is to move the fuel selector valve to the tank not being used. This will often keep the engine running even if there is no apparent reason for the engine to stop on the tank being used.

If changing to another tank does not restore the engine:

1. Check fuel pressure and turn on electric fuel pump if off.
2. Push mixture control to full "RICH."
3. Check ignition switch. Turn to best operating magneto - left, right, or both.

MOORING

The Cherokee should be moved on the ground with the aid of the nose wheel tow bar provided with each plane and secured in the baggage compartment. Tie down ropes may be secured to rings provided under each wing and to the tail skid. The aileron and stabilator controls should be secured by looping the seat belt through the control wheel and pulling it snug. The rudder is held in position by its connections to the nose wheel steering and normally does not have to be secured. The flaps are locked when in the full up position and should be left retracted.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE

It is the responsibility of the owner and pilot to determine that the airplane remains within the allowable weight vs. center of gravity envelope while in flight. For weight and balance data see the Airplane Flight Manual and Weight and Balance form supplied with each airplane.

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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. (On aircraft manufactured prior to mid-1975, this plate is retained by three steel Phillips head screws. On aircraft manufactured from mid-1975 and on, 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 labeled "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.

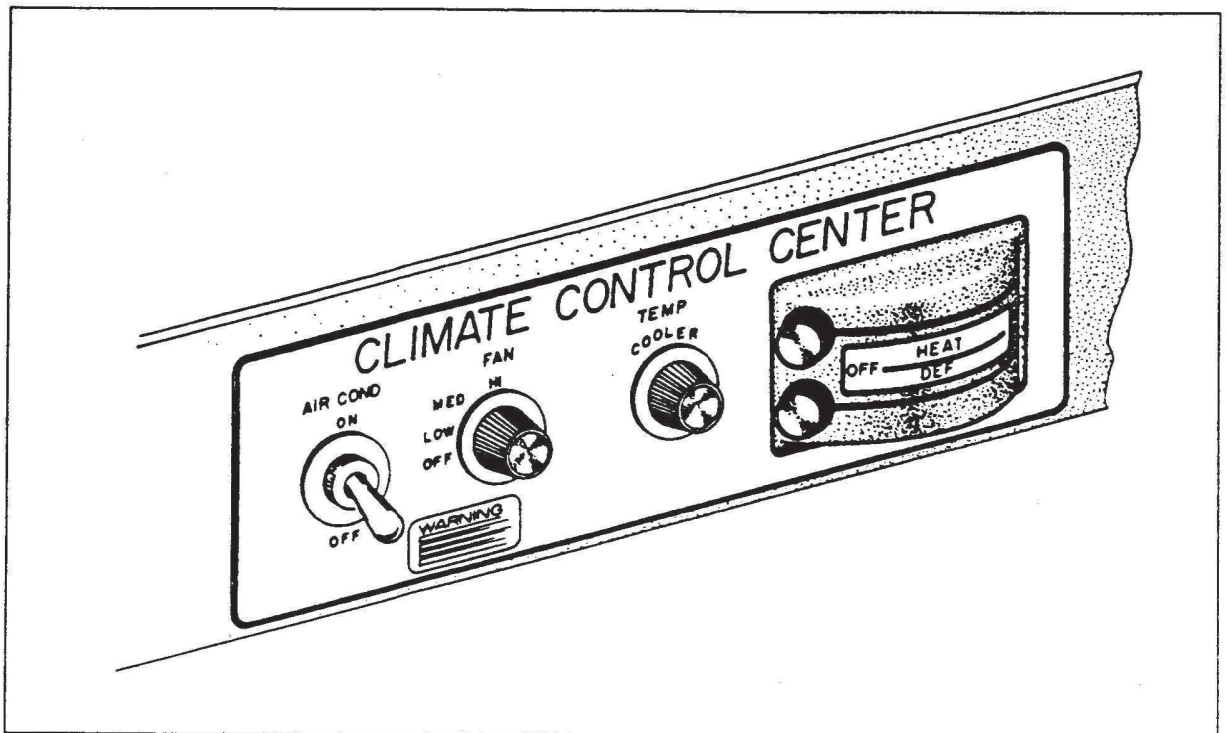
NOTE

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

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," "ARM," "OFF RESET." If the pilot's remote switch has been placed in the "ON" position for any reason, the "OFF RESET" position must be selected for one second before the switch is placed in the "ARM" position.

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.

*Optional equipment



Air Conditioner Controls

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.

AIR CONDITIONING*

To operate the air conditioning system either on the ground or in flight:

1. Start the engine (ground operation).
2. Turn the air conditioning Master Switch to "ON."
3. Turn "TEMP" control to desired temperature. Clockwise rotation increases cooling.
4. Select desired "FAN" position, "LOW," "MED" or "HIGH."

*Optional equipment

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AIR CONDITIONER OPERATIONAL CHECK PROCEDURE

Prior to takeoff the air conditioner should be checked for proper operation as follows:

1. Check aircraft Master Switch ON.
2. Select desired "FAN" position, "LOW," "MED" or "HIGH."
3. Turn the air conditioner control switch to "ON." The "Air Cond. Door Open" warning light will turn on, thereby indicating proper air conditioner condenser door actuation.
4. Turn the air conditioner control switch to "OFF." The "Air Cond. Door Open" warning light will go out, thereby indicating the air conditioner condenser door is in the up position.
5. If the "Air Cond. Door Open" light does not respond as specified above, an air conditioner system or indicator bulb malfunction is indicated, and further investigation should be conducted prior to flight.

The above operational check may be performed during flight if an inflight failure is suspected.

AIR CONDITIONER EFFECTS ON AIRPLANE PERFORMANCE

Operation of the air conditioner will cause slight decreases in the cruise speed and range of the Cherokee 180. Power from the engine is required to run the compressor, and the condenser door, when extended, causes a slight increase in drag. When the air conditioner is turned off there is normally no measurable difference in climb, cruise or range performance of the airplane.

NOTE

To insure maximum climb performance the air conditioner must be turned off manually before takeoff to disengage the compressor and retract the condenser door. Also the air conditioner must be turned off manually before the landing approach in preparation for a possible go-around.

Although the cruise speed and range are only slightly affected by the air conditioner operation, these changes should be considered in preflight planning. To be conservative, the following figures assume that the compressor is operating continuously while the airplane is airborne. This will be the case only in extremely hot weather.

1. The decrease in true airspeed is approximately 5 mph at all power settings.
2. The decrease in range may be as much as 37 statute miles for the 50 gal. capacity.

NOTE

To read power from the Power vs. Density Altitude Chart in this manual, add 50 rpm to the value observed on the tachometer when the air conditioner is operating.

The climb performance of Cherokee 180 is not compromised measurably with the air conditioner operating since the compressor is declutched and the condenser door is retracted, both automatically, when a full throttle position is selected. When the full throttle position is not used or in the event of a malfunction which would cause the compressor to operate and the condenser door to be extended, a decrease in rate of climb of as much as 100 fpm can be expected. Should a malfunction occur which prevents condenser door retraction when the compressor is turned off, a decrease in rate of climb of as much as 50 fpm can be expected.