

Section VII

OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

This section contains a description, operating procedures, and performance data (when applicable) for some of the optional equipment which may be installed in your Cessna. Owner's Manual Supplements are provided to cover operation of other optional equipment systems when installed in your airplane. Contact your Cessna Dealer for a complete list of available optional equipment.

COLD WEATHER EQUIPMENT

WINTERIZATION KIT.

For continuous operation in temperatures consistently below 20°F, the Cessna winterization kit, available from your Cessna Dealer, should be installed to improve engine operation. The kit consists of two baffles which attach to the engine air intakes in the cowl, a restrictive cover plate for the oil cooler air inlet in the right rear vertical engine baffle, and insulation for the crankcase breather line. Once installed, the crankcase breather insulation is approved for permanent use in both cold and hot weather.

GROUND SERVICE PLUG RECEPTACLE.

A ground service plug receptacle may be installed to permit use of an external power source for cold weather starting and during lengthy maintenance work on the airplane electrical system (with the exception of electronic equipment).

NOTE

Electrical power for the airplane electrical circuits is pro-

vided through a split bus bar having all electronic circuits on one side of the bus and other electrical circuits on the other side of the bus. When an external power source is connected, a contactor automatically opens the circuit to the electronic portion of the split bus bar as a protection against damage to the transistors in the electronic equipment by transient voltages from the power source. Therefore, the external power source can not be used as a source of power when checking electronic components.

Just before connecting an external power source (generator type or battery cart), the master switch should be turned on.

The ground service plug receptacle circuit incorporates a polarity reversal protection. Power from the external power source will flow only if the ground service plug is correctly connected to the airplane. If the plug is accidentally connected backwards, no power will flow to the airplane's electrical system, thereby preventing any damage to electrical equipment.

The battery and external power circuits have been designed to completely eliminate the need to "jumper" across the battery contactor to close it for charging a completely "dead" battery. A special fused circuit in the external power system supplies the needed "jumper" across the contacts so that with a "dead" battery and an external power source applied, turning on the master switch will close the battery contactor.

STATIC PRESSURE ALTERNATE SOURCE VALVE.

A static pressure alternate source valve may be installed in the static system for use when the external static source is malfunctioning.

If erroneous instrument readings are suspected due to water or ice in the static pressure lines, the static pressure alternate source valve control knob located below the wing flap switch should be opened, thereby supplying static pressure from the cabin. Cabin pressures will vary, however, with open cabin ventilators or windows. The most adverse combinations will result in airspeed and altimeter variations of no more than 2 MPH and 15 feet, respectively.

RADIO SELECTOR SWITCHES

RADIO SELECTOR SWITCH OPERATION.

Operation of the radio equipment is normal as covered in the respective radio manuals. When more than one radio is installed, an audio switching system is necessary. The operation of this switching system is described below.

TRANSMITTER SELECTOR SWITCH.

The transmitter selector switch, labeled TRANS, has two positions. When two transmitters are installed, it is necessary to switch the microphone to the radio unit the pilot desires to use for transmission. This is accomplished by placing the transmitter selector switch in the position corresponding to the radio unit which is to be used. The up position selects the upper transmitter and the down position selects the lower transmitter.

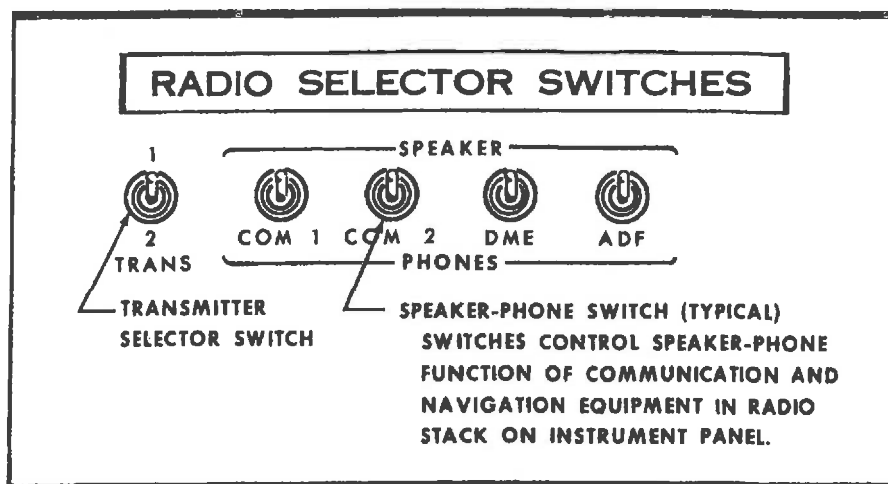


Figure 7-1.

The installation of Cessna radio equipment provides certain audio back-up capabilities and transmitter selector switch functions that the pilot should be familiar with. When the transmitter selector switch is placed in position 1 or 2, the audio amplifier of the corresponding transceiver is utilized to provide the speaker audio for all radios. If the audio amplifier in the selected transceiver fails, as evidenced by loss of speaker audio for all radios, place the transmitter selector switch in the other transceiver position. Since an audio amplifier is not utilized for headphones, a malfunctioning amplifier will not affect headphone operation.

SPEAKER PHONE SWITCHES.

The speaker-phone switches determine whether the output of the receiver in use is fed to the headphones or through the audio amplifier to the speaker. Place the switch for the desired receiving system either in the up position for speaker operation or in the down position for headphones.

MICROPHONE-HEADSET

A microphone-headset combination is offered as optional equipment. Using the microphone-headset and a microphone keying switch on the left side of the pilot's control wheel, the pilot can conduct radio communications without interrupting other control operations to handle a hand-held microphone. Also, passengers need not listen to all communications. The microphone and headset jacks are located near the lower left corner of the instrument panel.

TRUE AIRSPEED INDICATOR

A true airspeed indicator is available to replace the standard airspeed indicator in your airplane. The true airspeed indicator has a calibrated rotatable ring which works in conjunction with the airspeed indicator dial in a manner similar to the operation of a flight computer.

TO OBTAIN TRUE AIRSPEED, rotate ring until pressure altitude is aligned with outside air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Then read true airspeed on rotatable ring opposite airspeed needle.

NOTE

Pressure altitude should not be confused with indicated altitude. To obtain pressure altitude, set barometric scale on altimeter to "29.92" and read pressure altitude on altimeter. Be sure to return altimeter barometric scale to original barometric setting after pressure altitude has been obtained.

CARBURETOR AIR TEMPERATURE GAGE

A carburetor air temperature gage may be installed in the aircraft to help detect carburetor icing conditions. The gage is marked with a yellow arc between -15° and $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$. The yellow arc indicates the carburetor temperature range where carburetor icing can occur; a placard on the gage reads **KEEP NEEDLE OUT OF YELLOW ARC DURING POSSIBLE ICING CONDITIONS**.

Visible moisture or high humidity can cause carburetor ice formation, especially in idle or low power conditions. Under cruising conditions, the formation of ice is usually slow, providing time to detect the loss of RPM caused by the ice. Carburetor icing during take-off is rare since the full-open throttle condition is less susceptible to ice obstruction.

If the carburetor air temperature gage needle moves into the yellow arc during potential carburetor icing conditions, or there is an unexplained drop in RPM, apply full carburetor heat. Upon regaining the original RPM (with heat off), determine by trial and error the minimum amount of carburetor heat required for ice-free operation.

NOTE

Carburetor heat should not be applied during take-off unless absolutely necessary to obtain smooth engine acceleration (usually in sub-zero temperatures).

OIL QUICK-DRAIN VALVE

An oil quick-drain valve is optionally offered to replace the drain plug in the oil sump drain port. The valve provides a quicker and cleaner method of draining engine oil. To drain the oil with this valve installed, slip a hose over the end of the valve, route the hose to a suitable container, then push upward on the end of the valve until it snaps into the open position. Spring clips will hold the valve open. After draining, use a screwdriver or suitable tool to snap the valve into the extended (closed) position and remove the drain hose.