

SECTION 2 LIMITATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Section 2 includes operating limitations, instrument markings, and basic placards necessary for the safe operation of the airplane, its engine, standard systems and standard equipment. The limitations included in this section have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. When applicable, limitations associated with optional systems or equipment are included in Section 9.

NOTE

The airspeeds listed in the Airspeed Limitations chart (figure 2-1) and the Airspeed Indicator Markings chart (figure 2-2) are based on Airspeed Calibration data shown in Section 5 with the normal static source. If the alternate static source is being used, ample margins should be observed to allow for the airspeed calibration variations between the normal and alternate static sources as shown in Section 5.

Your Cessna is certificated under FAA Type Certificate No. 3A12 as Cessna Model No. 172N.

AIRSPEED LIMITATIONS

Airspeed limitations and their operational significance are shown in figure 2-1. Maneuvering speeds shown apply to normal category operations. The utility category maneuvering speed is shown on the operational limitations placard.

	SPEED	KCAS	KIAS	REMARKS
V _{NE}	Never Exceed Speed	158	160	Do not exceed this speed in any operation.
V _{NO}	Maximum Structural Cruising Speed	126	128	Do not exceed this speed except in smooth air, and then only with caution.
V _A	Maneuvering Speed: 2300 Pounds 1950 Pounds 1600 Pounds	96 88 80	97 89 80	Do not make full or abrupt control movements above this speed.
V _{FE}	Maximum Flap Extended Speed	86	85	Do not exceed this speed with flaps down.
	Maximum Window Open Speed	158	160	Do not exceed this speed with windows open.

Figure 2-1. Airspeed Limitations

AIRSPEED INDICATOR MARKINGS

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

MARKING	KIAS VALUE OR RANGE	SIGNIFICANCE
White Arc	41 - 85	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	47 - 128	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	128 - 160	Operations must be conducted with caution and only in smooth air.
Red Line	160	Maximum speed for all operations.

Figure 2-2. Airspeed Indicator Markings

POWER PLANT LIMITATIONS

Engine Manufacturer: Avco Lycoming.

Engine Model Number: O-320-H2AD.

Engine Operating Limits for Takeoff and Continuous Operations:

Maximum Power: 160 BHP.

Maximum Engine Speed: 2700 RPM.

NOTE

The static RPM range at full throttle (carburetor heat off and full rich mixture) is 2280 to 2400 RPM.

Maximum Oil Temperature: 118°C (245°F).

Oil Pressure, Minimum: 25 psi.

Maximum: 100 psi.

Propeller Manufacturer: McCauley Accessory Division.

Propeller Model Number: 1C160/DTM7557.

Propeller Diameter, Maximum: 75 inches.

Minimum: 74 inches.

POWER PLANT INSTRUMENT MARKINGS

Power plant instrument markings and their color code significance are shown in figure 2-3.

INSTRUMENT	RED LINE	GREEN ARC	YELLOW ARC	RED LINE
	MINIMUM LIMIT	NORMAL OPERATING	CAUTION RANGE	MAXIMUM LIMIT
Tachometer	- - -	2200 - 2700 RPM	- - -	2700 RPM
Oil Temperature	- - -	100°-245°F	- - -	245°F
Oil Pressure	25 psi	60-90 psi	- - -	100 psi
Carburetor Air Temperature	- - -	- - -	-15° to 5°C	- - -

Figure 2-3. Power Plant Instrument Markings

WEIGHT LIMITS

NORMAL CATEGORY

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 2300 lbs.
Maximum Landing Weight: 2300 lbs.
Maximum Weight in Baggage Compartment:
Baggage Area 1 (or passenger on child's seat) - Station 82 to 108: 120 lbs. See note below.
Baggage Area 2 - Station 108 to 142: 50 lbs. See note below.

NOTE

The maximum combined weight capacity for baggage areas 1 and 2 is 120 lbs.

UTILITY CATEGORY

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 2000 lbs.
Maximum Landing Weight: 2000 lbs.
Maximum Weight in Baggage Compartment: In the utility category, the baggage compartment and rear seat must be not occupied.

CENTER OF GRAVITY LIMITS

NORMAL CATEGORY

Center of Gravity Range:
Forward: 35.0 inches aft of datum at 1950 lbs. or less, with straight line variation to 38.5 inches aft of datum at 2300 lbs.
Aft: 47.3 inches aft of datum at all weights.
Reference Datum: Lower portion of front face of firewall.

UTILITY CATEGORY

Center of Gravity Range:
Forward: 35.0 inches aft of datum at 1950 lbs. or less, with straight line variation to 35.5 inches aft of datum at 2000 lbs.
Aft: 40.5 inches aft of datum at all weights.
Reference Datum: Lower portion of front face of firewall.

MANEUVER LIMITS

NORMAL CATEGORY

This airplane is certificated in both the normal and utility category. The normal category is applicable to aircraft intended for non-aerobatic operations. These include any maneuvers incidental to normal flying, stalls (except whip stalls), lazy eights, chandelles, and turns in which the angle of bank is not more than 60°. Aerobatic maneuvers, including spins, are not approved.

UTILITY CATEGORY

This airplane is not designed for purely aerobatic flight. However, in the acquisition of various certificates such as commercial pilot and flight instructor, certain maneuvers are required by the FAA. All of these maneuvers are permitted in this airplane when operated in the utility category.

In the utility category, the baggage compartment and rear seat must not be occupied. No aerobatic maneuvers are approved except those listed below:

MANEUVER	RECOMMENDED ENTRY SPEED*
Chandelles	105 knots
Lazy Eights	105 knots
Steep Turns	95 knots
Spins	Slow Deceleration
Stalls (Except Whip Stalls)	Slow Deceleration

*Abrupt use of the controls is prohibited above 97 knots.

Aerobatics that may impose high loads should not be attempted. The important thing to bear in mind in flight maneuvers is that the airplane is clean in aerodynamic design and will build up speed quickly with the nose down. Proper speed control is an essential requirement for execution of any maneuver, and care should always be exercised to avoid excessive speed which in turn can impose excessive loads. In the execution of all maneuvers, avoid abrupt use of controls. Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited.

FLIGHT LOAD FACTOR LIMITS

NORMAL CATEGORY

Flight Load Factors (Gross Weight - 2300 lbs.):
*Flaps Up +3.8g, -1.52g
*Flaps Down +3.0g

*The design load factors are 150% of the above, and in all cases, the structure meets or exceeds design loads.

UTILITY CATEGORY

Flight Load Factors (Gross Weight - 2000 lbs.):
*Flaps Up +4.4g, -1.76g
*Flaps Down +3.0g

*The design load factors are 150% of the above, and in all cases, the structure meets or exceeds design loads.

KINDS OF OPERATION LIMITS

The airplane is equipped for day VFR and may be equipped for night VFR and/or IFR operations. FAR Part 91 establishes the minimum required instrumentation and equipment for these operations. The reference to types of flight operations on the operating limitations placard reflects equipment installed at the time of Airworthiness Certificate issuance.

Flight into known icing conditions is prohibited.

FUEL LIMITATIONS

2 Standard Tanks: 21.5 U.S. gallons each.
Total Fuel: 43 U.S. gallons.
Usable Fuel (all flight conditions): 40 U.S. gallons.
Unusable Fuel: 3 U.S. gallons.
2 Long Range Tanks: 27 U.S. gallons each.
Total Fuel: 54 U.S. gallons.
Usable Fuel (all flight conditions): 50 U.S. gallons.
Unusable Fuel: 4 U.S. gallons.

NOTE

To ensure maximum fuel capacity when refueling, place the fuel selector valve in either LEFT or RIGHT position to prevent cross-feeding.

NOTE

Takeoff and land with the fuel selector valve handle in the BOTH position.

Approved Fuel Grades (and Colors):
100LL Grade Aviation Fuel (Blue).
100 (Formerly 100/130) Grade Aviation Fuel (Green).

PLACARDS

The following information is displayed in the form of composite or individual placards.

- 1. In full view of the pilot: (The "DAY-NIGHT-VFR-IFR" entry shown on the example below, will vary as the airplane is equipped.)

—————MAXIMUMS—————

	Normal Category	Utility Category
MANEUVERING SPEED (IAS)	97 knots	97 knots
GROSS WEIGHT	2300 lbs.	2000 lbs.
FLIGHT LOAD FACTOR		
Flaps Up	+3.8, -1.52	+4.4, -1.76
Flaps Down	+3.0	+3.0

Normal Category - No Acrobatic maneuvers including spins approved.

Utility Category - Baggage compartment and rear seat must not be occupied.

—————NO ACROBATIC MANEUVERS APPROVED —————
EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW

Maneuver	Recm. Entry Speed	Maneuver	Recm. Entry Speed
Chandelles	105 knots	Spins	Slow Deceleration
Lazy Eights	105 knots	Stalls (except	
Steep Turns	95 knots	whip stalls)	Slow Deceleration

Altitude loss in stall recovery -- 180 feet.

Abrupt use of the controls prohibited above 97 knots.

Spin Recovery: opposite rudder - forward elevator - neutralize controls. Intentional spins with flaps extended are prohibited. Flight into known icing conditions prohibited. This airplane is certified for the following flight operations as of date of original airworthiness certificate:

DAY - NIGHT - VFR - IFR

- 2. Forward of fuel selector valve:

BOTH TANKS ON FOR
TAKEOFF & LANDING

- 3. On the fuel selector valve (standard tanks):

BOTH - 40 GAL. ALL FLIGHT ATTITUDES
LEFT - 20 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY
RIGHT - 20 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY
OFF

On the fuel selector valve (long range tanks):

BOTH - 50 GAL. ALL FLIGHT ATTITUDES
LEFT - 25 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY
RIGHT - 25 GAL. LEVEL FLIGHT ONLY
OFF

- 4. Near fuel tank filler cap (standard tanks):

FUEL
100LL/100 MIN. GRADE AVIATION GASOLINE
CAP. 21.5 U.S. GAL.

Near fuel tank filler cap (long range tanks):

FUEL
100LL/100 MIN. GRADE AVIATION GASOLINE
CAP. 27 U.S. GAL.