NOTE

When the fuel tanks are 1/4 full or less, prolonged uncoordinated flight such as slips or skids can uncover the fuel tank outlets. Therefore, if operating with one fuel tank dry or if operating on LEFT or RIGHT tank when 1/4 full or less, do not allow the airplane to remain in uncoordinated flight for periods in excess of 30 seconds.

FUEL DRAIN VALVES

The fuel system is equipped with drain valves to provide a means for the examination of fuel in the system for contamination and grade. The system should be examined before each flight and after each refueling, by using the sampler cup provided to drain fuel from each wing tank sump and the fuel strainer sump. If any evidence of fuel contamination is found, it must be eliminated in accordance with the Preflight Inspection checklist and the discussion in Section 8 of this publication. If takeoff weight limitations for the next flight permit, the fuel tanks should be filled after each flight to prevent condensation.

BRAKE SYSTEM

The airplane has a single-disc, hydraulically actuated brake on each main landing gear wheel. Each brake is connected, by a hydraulic line, to a master cylinder attached to each of the pilot's rudder pedals. The brakes are operated by applying pressure to the top of either the left (pilot's) or right (copilot's) set of rudder pedals, which are interconnected. When the airplane is parked, both main wheel brakes may be set by utilizing the parking brake which is operated by a handle under the left side of the instrument panel. To apply the parking brake, set the brakes with the rudder pedals, pull the handle aft, and rotate it 90° down.

For maximum brake life, keep the brake system properly maintained, and minimize brake usage during taxi operations and landings.

Some of the symptoms of impending brake failure are: gradual decrease in braking action after brake application, noisy or dragging brakes, soft or spongy pedals, and excessive travel and weak braking action. If any of these symptoms appear, the brake system is in need of immediate attention. If, during taxi or landing roll, braking action decreases, let up on the pedals and then reapply the brakes with heavy pressure. If the brakes become spongy or pedal travel increases, pumping the pedals should build braking pressure. If one brake becomes weak or fails, use the other brake sparingly while using opposite rudder, as required, to offset the good brake.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The airplane is equipped with a 28-volt, direct current electrical system (Refer to Figure 7-7). The system is powered by a belt-driven, 60-amp alternator and a 24-volt battery, located on the left forward side of the firewall. Power is supplied to most general electrical circuits through a split primary bus bar, with an essential bus wired between the two primaries to provide power for the master switch, annunciator circuits and interior lighting.

Each primary bus bar is also connected to an avionics bus bar via a single avionics master switch. The primary buses are on anytime the master switch is turned on, and are not affected by starter or external power usage. The avionics buses are on when the master switch and avionics master switch are in the ON position.

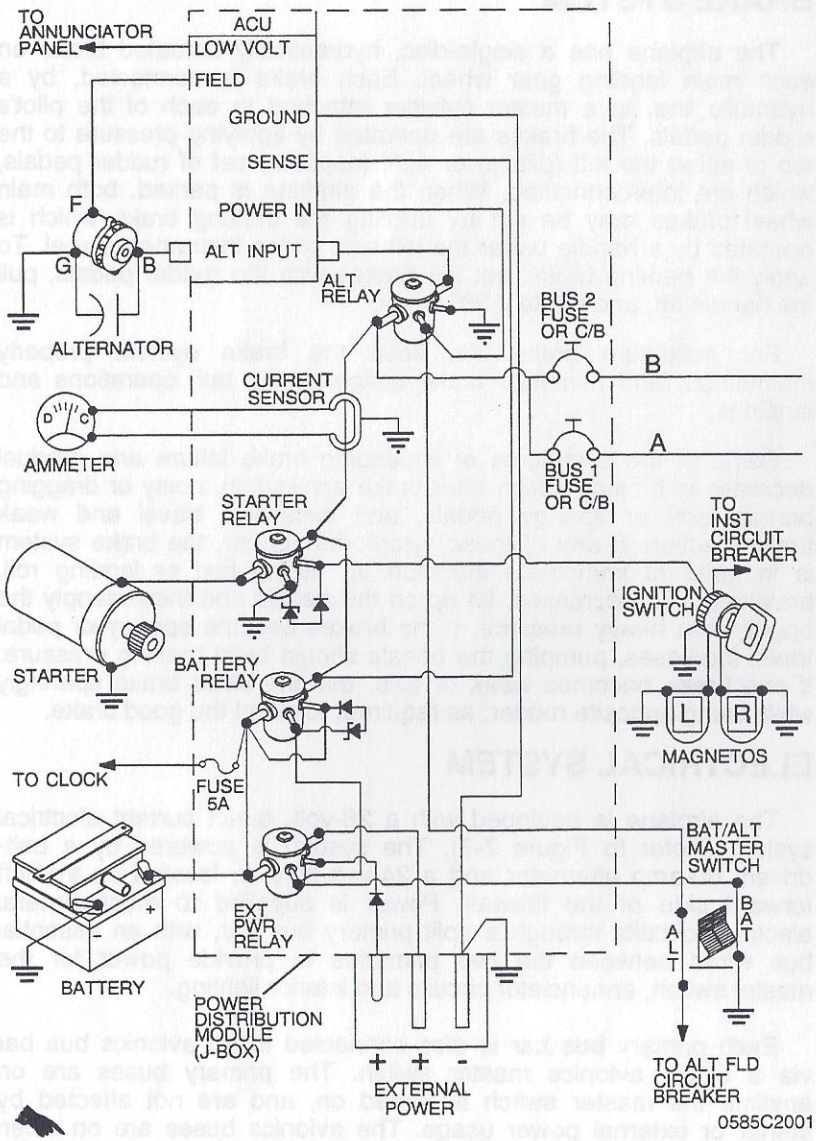

Figure 7-7. Electrical Schematic (Serials 17280001 thru 17280983)
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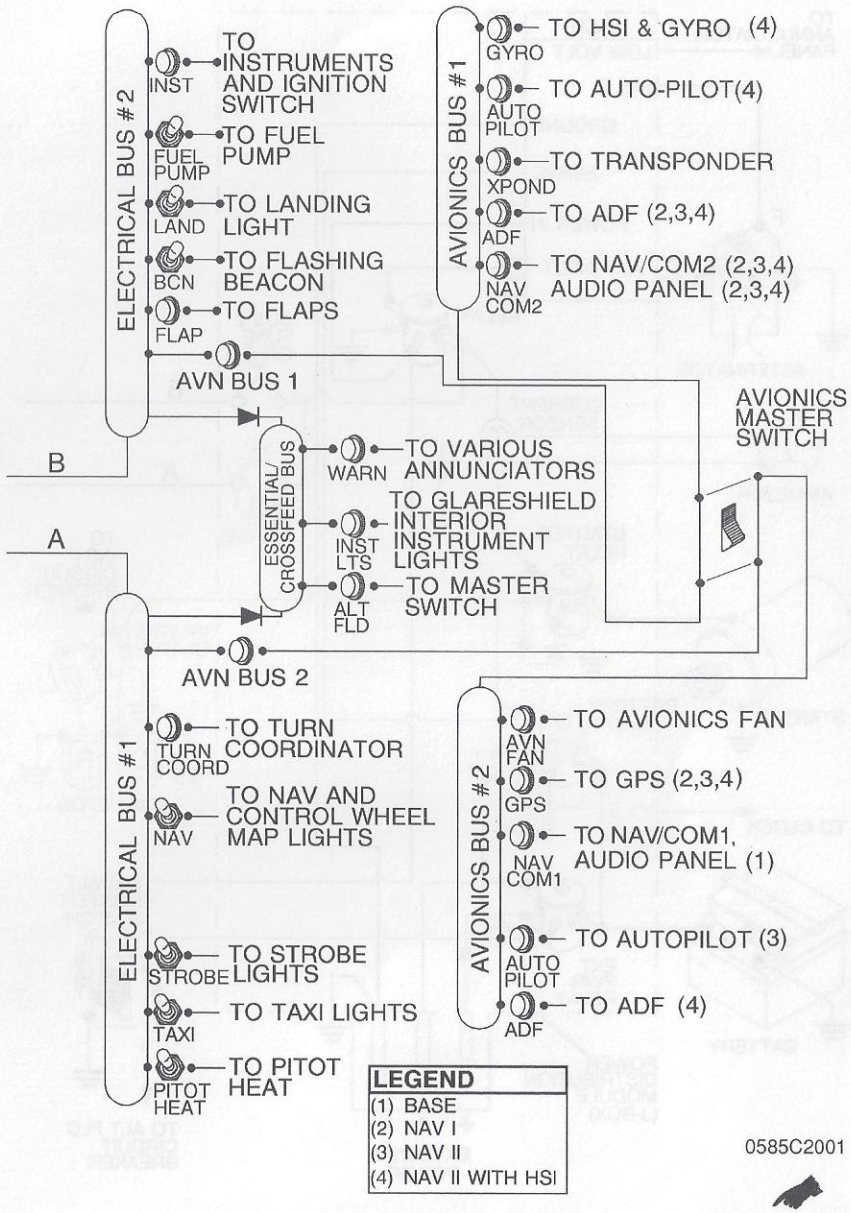

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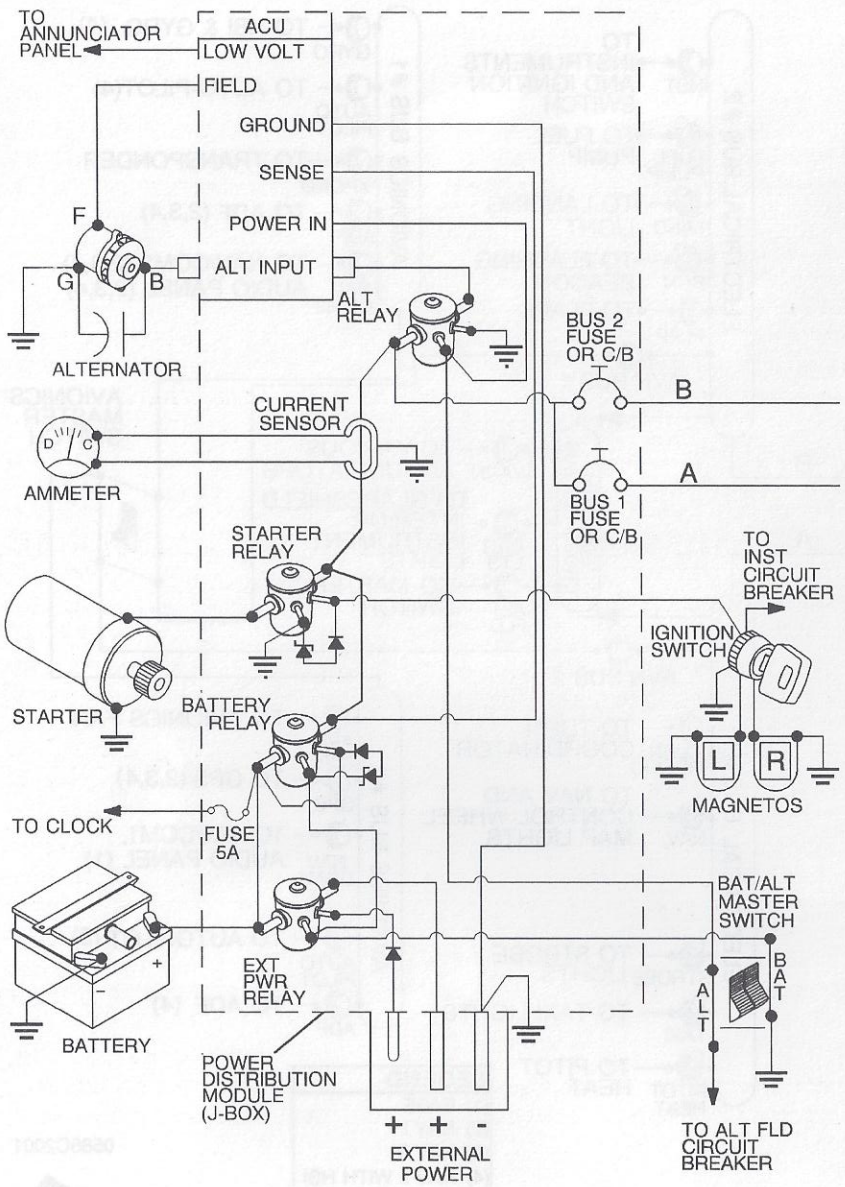

Figure 7-7A. Electrical Schematic (Serials 17280984 and On)(Sheet 1 of 2)

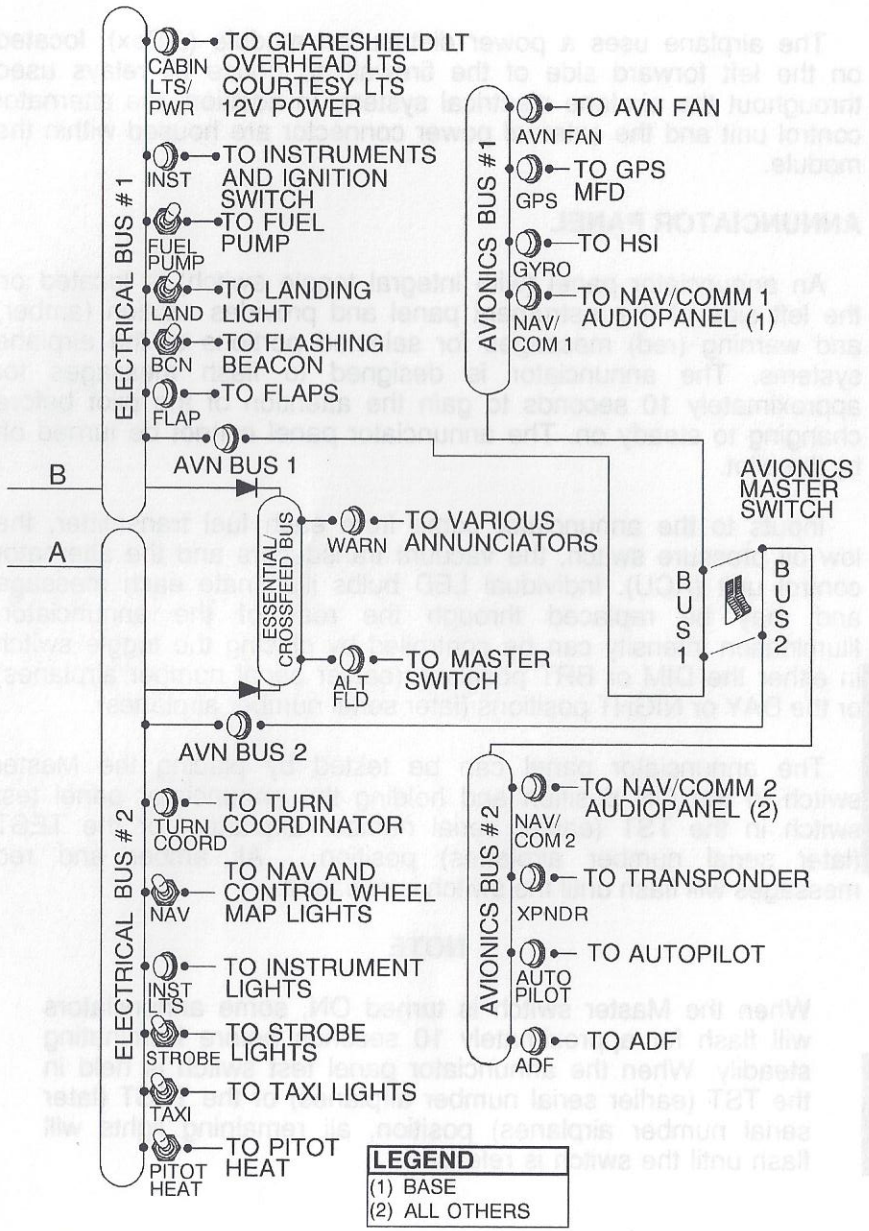

Figure 7-7A. Electrical Schematic (Serials 17280984 and On) (Sheet 1 of 2)

The airplane uses a power distribution module (J-Box), located on the left forward side of the firewall, to house all relays used throughout the airplane electrical system. In addition, the alternator control unit and the external power connector are housed within the module.

ANNUNCIATOR PANEL

An annunciator panel (with integral toggle switch) is located on the left side of the instrument panel and provides caution (amber) and warning (red) messages for selected portions of the airplane systems. The annunciator is designed to flash messages for approximately 10 seconds to gain the attention of the pilot before changing to steady on. The annunciator panel cannot be turned off by the pilot.

Inputs to the annunciator come from each fuel transmitter, the low oil pressure switch, the vacuum transducers and the alternator control unit (ACU). Individual LED bulbs illuminate each message and may be replaced through the rear of the annunciator. Illumination intensity can be controlled by placing the toggle switch in either the DIM or BRT positions (earlier serial number airplanes) or the DAY or NIGHT positions (later serial number airplanes).

The annunciator panel can be tested by placing the Master switch in the ON position and holding the annunciator panel test switch in the TST (earlier serial number airplanes) or the TEST (later serial number airplanes) position. All amber and red messages will flash until the switch is released.

NOTE

When the Master switch is turned ON, some annunciators will flash for approximately 10 seconds before illuminating steadily. When the annunciator panel test switch is held in the TST (earlier serial number airplanes) or the TEST (later serial number airplanes) position, all remaining lights will flash until the switch is released.

MASTER SWITCH

The master switch is a split rocker type switch labeled MASTER, and is ON in the up position and OFF in the down position. The right half of the switch, labeled BAT, controls all electrical power to the airplane. The left half, labeled ALT, controls the alternator.

⚠ CAUTION

PRIOR TO TURNING THE MASTER SWITCH ON OR OFF, STARTING THE ENGINE OR APPLYING AN EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE, THE AVIONICS MASTER SWITCH SHOULD BE TURNED OFF TO PREVENT ANY HARMFUL TRANSIENT VOLTAGE FROM DAMAGING THE AVIONICS EQUIPMENT.

Normally, both sides of the master switch should be used simultaneously; however, the BAT side of the switch could be turned on separately to check equipment while on the ground. To check or use avionics equipment or radios while on the ground, the avionics master switch must also be turned on. The ALT side of the switch, when placed in the OFF position, removes the alternator from the electrical system. With this switch in the OFF position, the entire electrical load is placed on the battery. Continued operation with the alternator switch in the OFF position will reduce battery power low enough to open the battery contactor, remove power from the alternator field, and prevent alternator restart.

AVIONICS MASTER SWITCH

Electrical power for each Avionics Bus is supplied from a primary Electrical Bus. For airplane serial numbers 17280001 through 17280983, except for certain non-U.S. certified airplanes, both Avionics Buses are controlled by a single-section rocker-type Avionics Master switch. At serial number 17280984 and on, a two-section or "split" rocker-type Avionics Master switch controls power to each Avionics Bus independently. Placing the rocker in the up (ON) position provides power to the Avionics Bus. Placing the rocker in the down (OFF) position removes power from the Avionics Bus. The Avionics Master switch is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel.

NOTE

For airplane serial numbers 17280001 through 17280983, aircraft certified outside the United States can have a two-section or "split" Avionics Master switch. The two-section Avionics Master switch enables independent operation of Avionics Bus 1 and Avionics Bus 2.

With the Avionics Master rocker in the OFF position, no electrical power is provided to the avionics, even when the Master switch or the individual avionics component equipment switches are in their ON positions. The Avionics Master switch (both sides, if two-section) should be placed in the OFF position before switching the Master switch ON or OFF, starting the engine, or applying an external power source.

Each avionics bus also incorporates a separate circuit breaker installed between the primary bus and the avionics master switch. In the event of an electrical malfunction, this breaker will trip and take the effected avionics bus off-line.

AMMETER

The ammeter/vacuum gage is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel. It indicates the amount of current, in amperes, from the alternator to the battery or from the battery to the airplane electrical system. When the engine is operating and the master switch is turned on, the ammeter indicates the charging rate applied to the battery. In the event the alternator is not functioning or the electrical load exceeds the output of the alternator, the ammeter indicates the battery discharge rate.

LOW VOLTAGE ANNUNCIATION

The low voltage warning annunciator is incorporated in the annunciator panel and activates when voltage falls below 24.5 volts. If low voltage is detected, the red annunciation VOLTS will flash for approximately 10 seconds before illuminating steadily. The pilot cannot turn off the annunciator.

In the event an overvoltage condition occurs, the alternator control unit automatically opens the ALT FLD circuit breaker, removing alternator field current and shutting off the alternator. The battery will then supply system current as shown by a discharge rate on the ammeter. Under these conditions, depending on electrical system load, the low voltage warning annunciator will illuminate when system voltage drops below normal. The alternator control unit may be reset by resetting the circuit breaker. If the low voltage warning annunciator extinguishes, normal alternator charging has resumed; however, if the annunciator illuminates again, a malfunction has occurred, and the flight should be terminated as soon as practical.

NOTE

Illumination of the low voltage annunciator and ammeter discharge indications may occur during low RPM conditions with an electrical load on the system, such as during a low RPM taxi. Under these conditions, the light will go out at higher RPM.

CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND FUSES

All circuit breakers inside the airplane are of the "push to reset" or "switch/breaker" type. The power distribution module (J-Box) uses either "push to reset" circuit breakers or spade type (automotive style) fuses. One glass type fuse is also used to provide power to the clock.

On aircraft using spade type fuses in the power distribution module (J-Box), a spare fuse is also included. If the spare fuse is used, a replacement spare should be obtained and reinstalled before the next flight.

EXTERNAL POWER RECEPTACLE

An external power receptacle is integral to the power distribution module and allows the use of an external electrical power source for cold weather starting, and during lengthy maintenance work on electrical and avionics equipment. The receptacle is located on the left side of the engine cowling, just forward of the firewall and midway up the side. Access to the receptacle is gained by removing the cover plate (earlier serial number airplanes) or opening the hinged access door (later serial number airplanes).

The power distribution module (J-Box) incorporates a circuit which will close the battery contactor when external power is applied through the ground service plug receptacle with the master switch turned on. This feature is intended as a servicing aid when battery power is too low to close the contactor, and should not be used to avoid performing proper maintenance procedures on a low battery.

NOTE

- If no avionics equipment is to be used or serviced, the avionics master switch should be in the OFF position. If maintenance is required on the avionics equipment, use a regulated external power source to prevent damage to the avionics equipment by transient voltage. Do not crank or start the engine with the avionics master switch in the ON position.

- Before connecting an external power source (generator type or battery cart), the avionics master switch and the master switch should be turned off.

LIGHTING SYSTEMS

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Exterior lighting consists of navigation lights on the wing tips and top of the rudder, a dual landing/taxi light configuration located in the left wing leading edge, a flashing beacon mounted on top of the vertical fin, and a strobe light on each wing tip. In addition, two courtesy lights are recessed into the lower surface of each wing and provide illumination for each cabin door area.

The exterior courtesy lights (and the rear cabin dome light) are turned on by pressing the rear cabin light switch. Pressing the rear cabin light switch again will extinguish the three lights. The remaining exterior lights are operated by breaker/switches located on the lower left instrument panel. To activate these lights, place switch in the UP position. To deactivate light, place in the DOWN position.

NOTE

The strobes and flashing beacon should not be used when flying through clouds or overcast; the flashing light reflected from water droplets or particles in the atmosphere, particularly at night, can produce vertigo and loss of orientation.

INTERIOR LIGHTING

Interior lighting is controlled by a combination of flood lighting, glareshield lighting, pedestal lighting, panel lighting, radio lighting and pilot control wheel lighting.

Flood lighting is accomplished using two lights in the front and a single dome light in the rear. All flood lights are contained in the overhead console, and are turned on and off with push type switches located near each light. The two front lights are individually rotatable, providing directional lighting for the pilot and front passenger. The rear dome light is a fixed position light and provides for general illumination in the rear cabin area.

Glareshield lighting is provided by either a fluorescent light or a series of LED lights recessed into the lower surface of the glareshield. This light is controlled by rotating the GLARESHIELD LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decrease light intensity.

Pedestal lighting consists of a single, hooded light located above the fuel selector.This light is controlled by rotating the PEDESTAL LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

Panel lighting is accomplished using individual lights mounted in each instrument and gauge. These lights are wired in parallel and are controlled by the PANEL LT dimmer, located below the nav indicators. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

Pilot control wheel lighting is accomplished by use of a rheostat and light assembly, located underneath the pilot control wheel. The light provides downward illumination from the bottom of the control wheel to the pilot's lap area. To operate the light, first turn on the NAV light switch, then adjust the map light intensity with the knurled rheostat knob. Rotating the dimmer clockwise increases light intensity, and rotating the dimmer counterclockwise decreases light intensity.

In addition to the RADIO LT dimmer, lighting intensity for the avionics displays and the NAV indicators (pilot's panel) is controlled by the annunciator panel test switch. When the switch is in the BRT position (earlier serial number airplanes) or the DAY position (later serial number airplanes), this lighting may be off regardless of the RADIO LT dimmer position.

Regardless of the light system in question, the most probable cause of a light failure is a burned out bulb. However, in the event any of the lighting systems fail to illuminate when turned on, check the appropriate circuit breaker. If the circuit breaker has opened, and there is no obvious indication of a short circuit (smoke or odor), turn off the light switch of the affected light, reset the breaker, and turn the switch on again. If the breaker opens again, do not reset it.

CABIN HEATING, VENTILATING AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM

The temperature and volume of airflow into the cabin can be regulated by manipulation of the push-pull CABIN HT and CABIN AIR controls (Refer to Figure 7-8). Both controls are the double-button locking type and permit intermediate settings.

For cabin ventilation, pull the CABIN AIR knob out. To raise the air temperature, pull the CABIN HT knob out approximately 1/4 to 1/2 inch for a small amount of cabin heat. Additional heat is available by pulling the knob out farther; maximum heat is available with the CABIN HT knob pulled out and the CABIN AIR knob pushed full in. When no heat is desired in the cabin, the CABIN HT knob is pushed full in.

Front cabin heat and ventilating air is supplied by outlet holes spaced across a cabin manifold just forward of the pilot's and copilot's feet. Rear cabin heat and air is supplied by two ducts from the manifold, one extending down each side of the cabin to an outlet just aft of the rudder pedals at floor level. Windshield defrost air is also supplied by two ducts leading from the cabin manifold to defroster outlets near the lower edge of the windshield. Two knobs control sliding valves in either defroster outlet to permit regulation of defroster airflow.

Separate adjustable ventilators supply additional air; one near each upper corner of the windshield supplies air for the pilot and copilot, and two ventilators are available for the rear cabin area to supply air to the rear seat passengers. There are additional ventilators located in various positions in the cockpit.

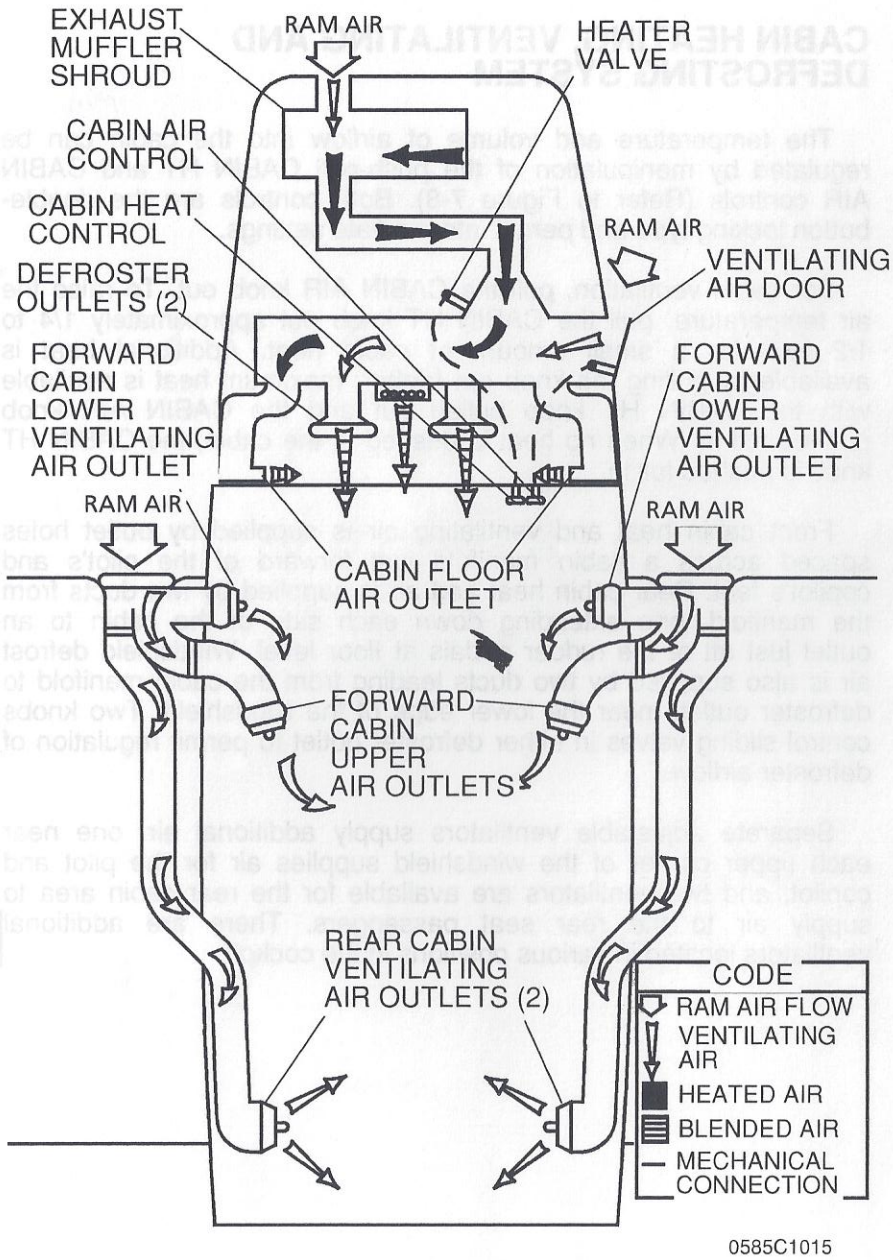

Figure 7-8. Cabin Heating, Ventilating and Defrosting System.

PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS

The pitot-static system supplies ram air pressure to the airspeed indicator and static pressure to the airspeed indicator, vertical speed indicator and altimeter. The system is composed of a heated pitot tube mounted on the lower surface of the left wing, an external static port on the lower left side of the forward fuselage, and the associated plumbing necessary to connect the instruments to the sources.

The heated pitot system consists of a heating element in the pitot tube, a 5-amp switch/breaker labeled PITOT HEAT, and associated wiring. The switch/breaker is located on the lower left side of the instrument panel. When the pitot heat switch is turned on, the element in the pitot tube is heated electrically to maintain proper operation in possible icing conditions.

A static pressure alternate source valve is installed below the throttle, and can be used if the external static source is malfunctioning. This valve supplies static pressure from inside the cabin instead of the external static port.

If erroneous instrument readings are suspected due to water or ice in the pressure line going to the standard external static pressure source, the alternate static source valve should be pulled on.

Pressures within the cabin will vary with open heater/vents and windows. Refer to Section 5 for the effect of varying cabin pressures on airspeed readings.

AIRSPEED INDICATOR

The airspeed indicator is calibrated in knots. It incorporates a true airspeed window which allows true airspeed to be read off the face of the dial. In addition, the indicator incorporates a window at the twelve o'clock position. The window displays true airspeed, and the window at the twelve o'clock position displays pressure altitude overlayed with a temperature scale.

Limitation and range markings (in KIAS) include the white arc (33 to 85 knots), green arc (44 to 129 knots), yellow arc (129 to 163 knots), and a red line (163 knots).

To find true airspeed, first determine pressure altitude and outside air temperature. Using this data, rotate the lower left knob until pressure altitude aligns with outside air temperature in the twelve o'clock window. True airspeed (corrected for pressure and temperature) can now be read in the lower window.

VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR

The vertical speed indicator depicts airplane rate of climb or descent in feet per minute. The pointer is actuated by atmospheric pressure changes resulting from changes of altitude as supplied by the static source.

SAFETY WARNING

Vacuum/Pressure Gyroscopic Flight Instrument System

ATTENTION: MECHANIC/SERVICE FACILITY
This important notice must be given to the Owner/Operator of the aircraft into which this air pump is installed. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DEATH, BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

ATTENTION: AIRCRAFT OWNER/OPERATOR
This important notice must be (1) read and understood and followed before operating the aircraft into which this air pump is installed, (2) distributed to all pilots using the aircraft, and (3) permanently retained in the Pilot's Operating Handbook for this aircraft. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DEATH, BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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Subject: SAFETY WARNING - Vacuum/Pressure Gyroscopic Flight Instrument Power System.

Applicability: This document communicates safety warning information concerning aircraft using air pumps to power gyro flight instruments while flying Instrument Flight Rules (IFR).

WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN DEATH, BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE:

1. A BACK-UP PNEUMATIC POWER SOURCE FOR THE AIR DRIVEN GYROS, OR A BACK-UP ELECTRIC ATTITUDE GYRO INSTRUMENT, MUST BE INSTALLED IN ALL AIRCRAFT WHICH FLY IFR.

2. ANY INOPERATIVE AIR PUMP OR OTHER COMPONENT OF THE GYRO SYSTEM, AND ANY INOPERATIVE BACK-UP SYSTEM OR COMPONENT, MUST BE REPLACED PRIOR TO THE NEXT FLIGHT.

3. THIS PILOT SAFETY WARNING MUST BE PERMANENTLY RETAINED IN THE PILOT'S OPERATING HANDBOOK FOR THE AIRCRAFT INTO WHICH THIS AIR PUMP IS INSTALLED.

Explanation: Failure of the air pump or any other component of the pneumatic system during IFR flight in Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) can lead to spatial disorientation of the pilot and subsequent loss of aircraft control. This could result in an accident causing death, bodily injury, or property damage.

Use of single-engine aircraft in IMC is increasing. Many single-engine aircraft do not have a back-up pneumatic power source or back-up electric attitude gyro instruments. In aircraft without such back-up devices, the pilot due to added workload may not be able to fly the aircraft with only "partial panel" instruments (that is, turn and slip indicator, altimeter, and airspeed indicator) in the event of primary air pump or pneumatic system failure during IMC.

Air pump or pneumatic system failures can and do occur without warning. This can be a result of various factors, including but not limited to normal wear-out of components, improper installation or maintenance, premature failure, or use of substandard overhauled components. It is recommended that an annuciator light or other device be installed to warn the pilot of loss of gyro power so that the pilot can take corrective action prior to the loss of correct gyro information.

Since air pump life cannot be accurately predicted and air pumps can fail without warning, the instructions set forth in this document must be followed.

ALTIMETER

Airplane altitude is depicted by a barometric type altimeter. A knob near the lower left portion of the indicator provides adjustment of the instrument's barometric scale to the current altimeter setting.

VACUUM SYSTEM AND INSTRUMENTS

The vacuum system (Refer to Figure 7-9) provides suction necessary to operate the attitude indicator and the directional indicator. The system consists of two engine-driven vacuum pumps, two pressure switches for measuring vacuum available through each pump, a vacuum relief valve, a vacuum system air filter, vacuum operated instruments, a suction gauge, low vacuum warning on the annunciator, and a manifold with check valves to allow for normal vacuum system operation if one of the vacuum pumps should fail.

ATTITUDE INDICATOR

The attitude indicator is a vacuum air-driven gyro that gives a visual indication of flight attitude. Bank attitude is presented by a pointer at the top of the indicator relative to the bank scale which has index marks at 10°, 20°, 30°, 60°, and 90° either side of the center mark. Pitch and roll attitudes are presented by a miniature airplane superimposed over a symbolic horizon area divided into two sections by a white horizon bar. The upper "blue sky" area and the lower "ground" area have pitch reference lines useful for pitch attitude control. A knob at the bottom of the instrument is provided for in-flight adjustment of the symbolic airplane to the horizon bar for a more accurate flight attitude indication.

DIRECTIONAL INDICATOR

The directional indicator is a vacuum air-driven gyro that displays airplane heading on a compass card in relation to a fixed simulated airplane image and index. The indicator will precess slightly over a period of time. Therefore, the compass card should be set with the magnetic compass just prior to takeoff, and readjusted as required throughout the flight. A knob on the lower left edge of the instrument is used to adjust the compass card to correct for precession. A knob on the lower right edge of the instrument is used to move the heading bug.

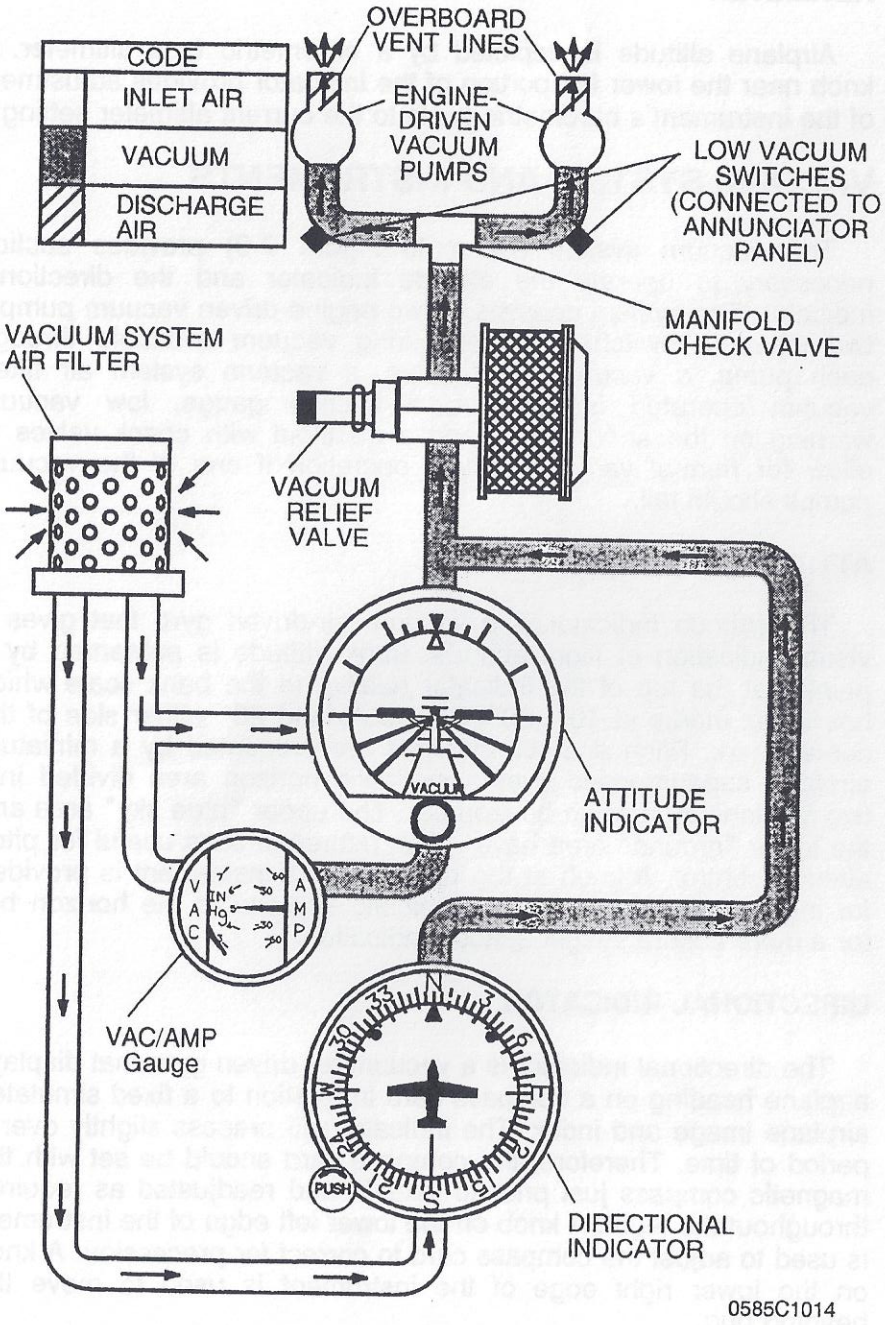

Figure 7-9. Vacuum System

VACUUM GAGE

The vacuum gage is part of the ammeter/vacuum gage, located on the lower left corner of the instrument panel. It is calibrated in inches of mercury and indicates vacuum air available for operation of the attitude and directional indicators. The desired vacuum range is 4.5 to 5.5 inches of mercury. Normally, a vacuum reading out of this range may indicate a system malfunction or improper adjustment, and in this case, the attitude and directional (heading) indicators should not be considered reliable. However, due to lower atmospheric pressures at higher altitudes, the vacuum gage may indicate as low as 4.0 in. Hg. at 20,000 feet and still be adequate for normal system operation.

LOW VACUUM ANNUNCIATION

Each engine-driven vacuum pump is plumbed to a common manifold, located forward of the firewall. From the tee, a single line runs into the cabin to operate the various vacuum system instruments. This tee contains check valves to prevent back flow into a pump if it fails. Transducers are located just upstream of the tee and measure vacuum output of each pump.

If output of the left pump falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber L VAC message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on. If output of the right pump falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber VAC R message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on. If output of both pumps falls below 3.0 in. Hg., the amber L VAC R message will flash on the annunciator panel for approximately 10 seconds before turning steady on.

CLOCK / O.A.T. INDICATOR

An integrated clock / O.A.T. / voltmeter is installed in the upper left side of the instrument panel as standard equipment. For a complete description and operating instructions, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

STALL WARNING SYSTEM

The airplane is equipped with a pneumatic type stall warning system consisting of an inlet in the leading edge of the left wing, an air-operated horn near the upper left corner of the windshield, and associated plumbing. As the airplane approaches a stall, the low pressure on the upper surface of the wings moves forward around the leading edge of the wings. This low pressure creates a differential pressure in the stall warning system which draws air through the warning horn, resulting in an audible warning at 5 to 10 knots above stall in all flight conditions.

STANDARD AVIONICS

Standard avionics for the Model 172R airplanes include the following equipment:

KX-155A	Nav/Com Radio with KI 208 or KI 209A Indicator Head
KT-76C	Transponder
KMA-26	Audio Panel
3000-11	Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)

For complete operating instructions on the standard and optional avionics systems, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

AVIONICS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Avionics operations are supported by the avionics cooling fan, microphone and headset installations and static discharge wicks.

AVIONICS COOLING FAN

An avionics cooling fan is installed on the left side of the interior firewall. The system utilizes a single electric fan and associated ductwork to force-cool the center stack radios.

Power to the electric fan is supplied through the AVN FAN circuit breaker. The fan operates whenever the Master and Avionics Master switches are both ON.

MICROPHONE AND HEADSET INSTALLATIONS

Standard equipment for the airplane includes a handheld microphone, an overhead speaker, two remote-keyed microphone switches on the control wheels, and provisions for boom mic/headsets at each pilot and passenger station.

The hand-held microphone contains an integral push-to-talk switch. This microphone is plugged into the center pedestal and is accessible to both the pilot and front passenger. Depressing the push-to-talk switch allows audio transmission on the Com radios.

The overhead speaker is located in the center overhead console. Volume and output for this speaker is controlled through the audio panel.

Each control wheel contains a miniature push-to-talk switch. This switch allows the pilot or front passenger to transmit on the Com radios using remote mics.

Each station of the airplane is wired for aviation-style headsets. Mic and headphone jacks are located on each respective arm rest and allow for communications between passengers and pilot. The system is wired so that microphones are all voice-activated. Additional wiring provisions inside the audio panel ensure that only the pilot or front passenger can transmit through the com radios.

NOTE

To ensure audibility and clarity when transmitting with the handheld microphone, always hold it as closely as possible to the lips, then key the microphone and speak directly into it. Avoid covering opening on back side of microphone for optimum noise canceling.

STATIC DISCHARGERS

Static wicks (static dischargers) are installed at various points throughout the airframe to reduce interference from precipitation static. Under some severe static conditions, loss of radio signals is possible even with static dischargers installed. Whenever possible, avoid known severe precipitation areas to prevent loss of dependable radio signals. If avoidance is impractical, minimize airspeed and anticipate temporary loss of radio signals while in these areas.

Static dischargers lose their effectiveness with age, and therefore, should be checked periodically (at least at every annual inspection) by qualified avionics technicians, etc.

CABIN FEATURES

EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT)

A remote switch/annunciator is installed on the top center location of the copilot's instrument panel for control of the ELT from the flight crew station. The annunciator, which is in the center of the rocker switch, illuminates when the ELT transmitter is transmitting. The ELT emits an omni-directional signal on the international distress frequencies of 121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz. General aviation and commercial aircraft, the FAA and CAP monitor 121.5 MHz, and 243.0 MHz is monitored by the military. For a basic overview of the ELT, refer to the Supplements, Section 9.

CABIN FIRE EXTINGUISHER

A portable Halon 1211 (Bromochlorodifluoromethane) fire extinguisher is standard and is installed on the floorboard near the pilot's seat where it would be accessible in case of fire. The extinguisher has an Underwriters Laboratories classification of 5B:C. If installed, the extinguisher should be checked prior to each flight to ensure that its bottle pressure, as indicated by the gauge on the bottle, is within the green arc (approximately 125 psi) and the operating lever lock pin is securely in place.

To operate the fire extinguisher:

1. Loosen retaining clamp(s) and remove extinguisher from bracket.
2. Hold extinguisher upright, pull operating ring pin, and press lever while directing the discharge at the base of the fire at the near edge. Progress toward the back of the fire by moving the nozzle rapidly with a side to side sweeping motion.

⚠ WARNING

VENTILATE THE CABIN PROMPTLY AFTER SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE TO REDUCE THE GASES PRODUCED BY THERMAL DECOMPOSITION.

3. Anticipate approximately eight seconds of discharge duration.

Fire extinguishers should be recharged by a qualified fire extinguisher agency after each use. Such agencies are listed under "Fire Extinguisher" in the telephone directory. After recharging, secure the extinguisher to its mounting bracket; do not allow it to lie loose on shelves or seats.