

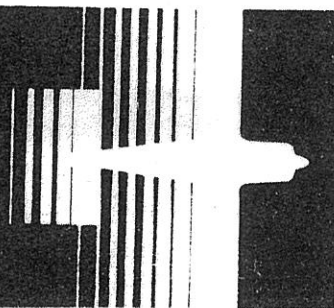
***MANUEL de VOL***  

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***FLUGHANDBUCH***  
***FLIGHT MANUAL***

**DR 400/180R**

***avions pierre robin***



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This aircraft must be operated within the limits specified in this Flight Manual.

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE KEPT PERMANENTLY IN THE AIRCRAFT.

Ce manuel est la traduction en langue anglaise du manuel de vol français approuvé.

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*Robert*  
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SECTION 1 - GENERAL1. Description and Characteristics

Wing span	28 ft. 8 ins.
Length	22 ft. 10 ins.
Height	7 ft. 4 ins.
Propeller ground clearance	10 ins.
(with front tyre and oleo-leg deflated) :	
	positive

WING

The "Jodel" type wing is of the single spar type, covered with DACRON fabric.

Aspect ratio	5.35
Dihedral (wing-tip)	14°
Chord (rectangular section)	67.4"
Area	146,39 sq.ft

AILERONS

Total area	12.4 square feet
Deflection angles	(see page 1.17)

The ailerons are controlled from the control column, by means of bell cranks, cables and pulleys, and are statically balanced.

WING FLAPS

Total area 7.2 square feet

The flaps are manually operated by a lever located between the two front seats. They can be locked in three different positions.

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|--------------|--|--------------|
| 1. Retracted |  |              |
| 2. Take-off  | $(15^{\circ} + 0^{\circ} - 5^{\circ})$ | (0.6 inches) |
| 3. Landing   | $(60^{\circ} + 0^{\circ} - 5^{\circ})$ | (0.6 inches) |

NOTE : When set to the take-off or landing positions, a play of 0.6 inches (measured at the trailing edge) is normal.

TAILPLANE

Total area 31 square feet

The one-piece moving tailplane unit, statically balanced, is controlled by means of cables, and is equipped with a metal automatic anti-balance tab. The tab control is on the tunnel between the front seats and an index is graduated from 0 to 10.

- 0 = nose fully down  
10 = nose fully up

Tailplane deflection angles	(see page 1.17)
Anti-tab area	2.8 square feet
Anti-tab deflection angles	(see page 1.17)

FIN AND RUDDER

Rudder area

6.8 square feet

The rudder is conventionally controlled by means of a rudder bar and cables.

Rudder deflection angles

(see page 1.17)

LANDING GEAR

Fixed, tricycle type, with fairings and long-stroke oleo legs. The three wheels are of identical type. Removal of the wheel spats will considerably reduce level speeds and rates of climb.

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The front landing gear is connected to the rudder bar by means of spring rods. During flight, the front wheel is automatically locked in alignment with the aircraft axis (oleo-leg extended).

Track	8 ft. 6 ins.
Wheel base	5 ft. 5 ins.
Wheel size	380 x 150
Tyres	

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Tyre Pressures	Front	25
(p.s.i.)	Rear	28

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Oleo leg strokes	Front	6.28"
	Rear	7.08"

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Oleo leg	Front	64
inflating pressures	Rear	78
(p.s.i.)		

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Fluid used - SHELL FLUID 4  
BP AERO-HYDRAULIC NO. 1

### BRAKES

Hydraulic braking system (independant on each wheel)

Braking is obtained by pushing the rudder bar pedals fully forward (from front seats)

The handbrake operates the brakes on both main wheels.

PARKING : Chocks must be used

HYDRAULIC FLUID : MIL.H.5606-A

POWER PLANT

Engine : LYCOMING O-360-A3A

4 horizontally opposed cylinders, direct drive, aircooled engine.

Max. continuous RPM	2700
Compression ratio	8.5 : 1
Max. cylinder head temp.	260°C.
Max. cylinder temp	160°C.
Direction of rotation	Clockwise
Firing order	1 : 3 : 2 : 4

OIL SYSTEM

Wet oil sump capacity	6 quarts
Oil pressure (idling)	25 psi
(normal)	64 to 90 psi
Oil grades : above 15°C	SAE 50 (100)
30°C to -20°C	SAE 40 (80)
Max oil temperature	118°C.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

A red warning lamp indicates failure to charge of the alternator. This circuit is protected by a 40 amp fuse.

FUEL

AVIATION TYPE FUEL

91/96 (MIN)  
OR 100/130  
OR 115/145

Fuel pressure :

max : 8 psi  
desired : 3 psi  
min : 0.5 psi

MAIN (REAR) FUEL TANK CAPACITY

24.4 IG(29 USG)

The fuel control cock is mounted on the instrument panel tunnel.

ENGINE CONTROLS

The engine controls include an ON/OFF carburetor heater control (pull-type) and a mixture control (yellow knob).

PROPELLORS

	1	2	3	4
Makers	SENSENICH	SENSENICH	SENSENICH	SENSENICH
Type	76 EM	76 EM	76 EM	76 EM
	8S50.64	8S50.68	8S50.58	8S50.54
Diameter *	76 "	76 "	76 "	76 "
Pitch	64 "	68 "	58 "	54 "
Min Speed (Full throttle, MSL, fixed pitch)	2300 RPM	2250 RPM	2500 RPM	2500 RPM

NOTE: Avoid continuous use between 2150 and 2350 RPM

\* No reduction in diameter is permitted.

In Addition :

Propellor HO-27-HM-180/138

( $\emptyset$  : 1,80 m, pitch : 1,38 m)

Minimum speed : 2400 RPM No RPM limitation



CABIN

Fitted with sliding jettisonable canopy, opening from rear to front.

The two front seats are adjustable (6 positions).

Front and rear seats are all fitted with fast-release safety belts.

Cabin Dimensions

Length	64"
Width	43.4"
Height	48.5"

Air conditioning

Two individually adjustable (flow and direction) fresh air vents are located on the instrument panel.

Cabin heating and canopy demisting controls are also fitted.

Heating is provided by means of a heat exchanger fitted around the RH exhaust manifold.

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DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENTa. STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Dual throttle controls (actuating pick-up  
pump)  
Mixture control (yellow knob)  
Carburettor heater  
Battery switch  
Magneto selector key  
Starter button  
Cabin ventilation  
Cabin heater control  
Canopy demist control  
Fuel cock (4 positions)  
Stall warning (audio) "SAFE FLIGHT 164"  
Handbrake  
Tab control  
Fuel gauge  
Oil temperature gauge  
Ammeter  
RPM gauge (with hours-gone indicator)  
Magnetic compass  
Ball-type inclinometer  
Airspeed indicator  
Altimeter  
Vertical speed indicator  
Oil Cooler with thermostatic valve  
Oil pressure indicator  
Fuel pressure indicator

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Warning lamps for : flaps  
fuel reserve level (front &  
rear)  
oil pressure  
alternator  
Hook release

Circuit breakers  
for : warning lamps  
indicators  
electric pump  
stall warning  
starters  
services  
alternator

Tow hook and hook release handle  
Cylinder Head Temperature gauge

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**b. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

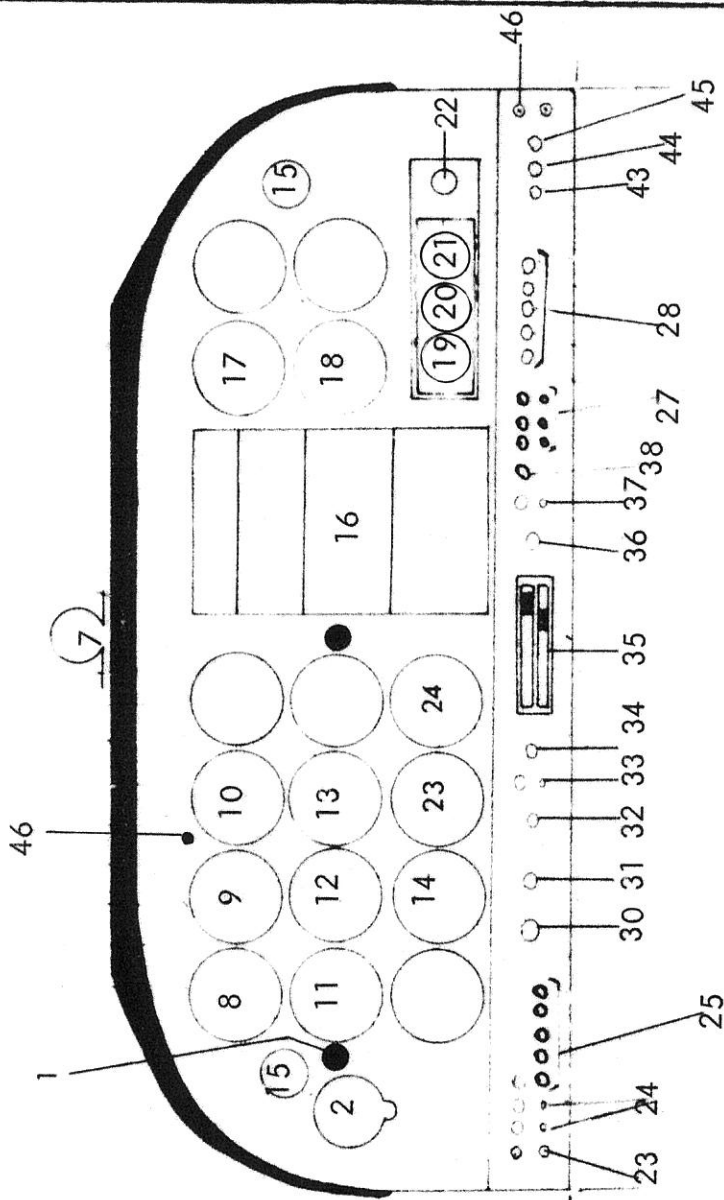
OAT gauge (canopy mounted)  
OAT gauge (transmission type)  
Compass (above instrument panel)  
Electrical compass repeater  
Mixture monitor unit  
Inlet pressure gauge  
3-pointer precision altimeter (in feet)  
JAEGER clock  
Chronometer  
Vacuum pressure gauge (for blind flying panel)  
Suction DI  
Suction-driven Artificial Horizon  
Electrical AH (with switch and fuse)  
Instrument panel lighting (2 red lamps with  
dimmer switch)  
Heated pitot head, warning lamp and switch  
Turn and Slip indicator (electric, suppressed  
with switch)  
BRITAIN turn co-ordinator  
Rotating Anti-collision beacon  
VHF radio  
ADF  
VOR  
ILS  
DME  
HF Radio

Marker beacon

Carburettor temperature gauge

RH and LH landing lamps, switch and fuse

Navigation lamps

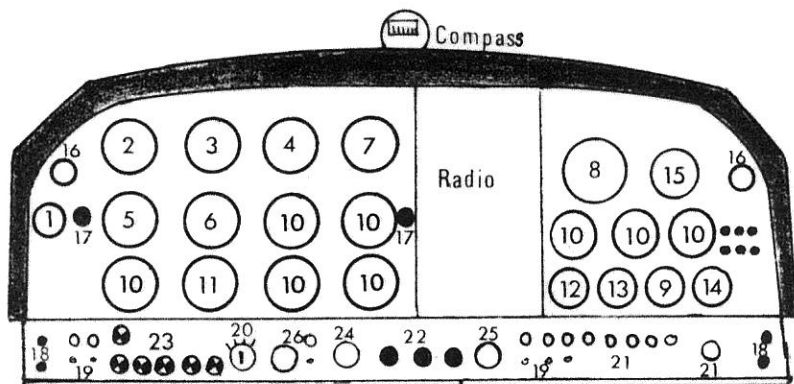


INSTRUMENT PANEL Nr 1

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1. Throttle control
2. Clock (option)
7. Magnetic compass (option)
8. Airspeed indicator
9. Artificial horizon (option) or compass
10. Altimeter
11. Turn and Slips indicator
12. Directionnal Indicator (option)
13. Vertical speed indicator
14. Suction gauge (option)
15. Fresh air vent
16. Radio (option)
17. Intake pressure (option)
18. RPM gauge
19. Rear tank gauge
20. Oil temperature
21. Anmeter
22. 40 A Fuse
23. Headset jacks (option)
24. Circuit breakers
25. Warning lights
26. Instrument panel lights (option)
27. Circuit breakers
28. Fuses
30. Magneto switches
31. Starter
32. Battery switch
33. Alternator switch
34. Mixture control
35. Heating controls
36. Carburetor heater
37. Electric pump switch
43. 44. 45. Fuses
46. Hook release warning light

INSTRUMENT PANEL - Nr 2

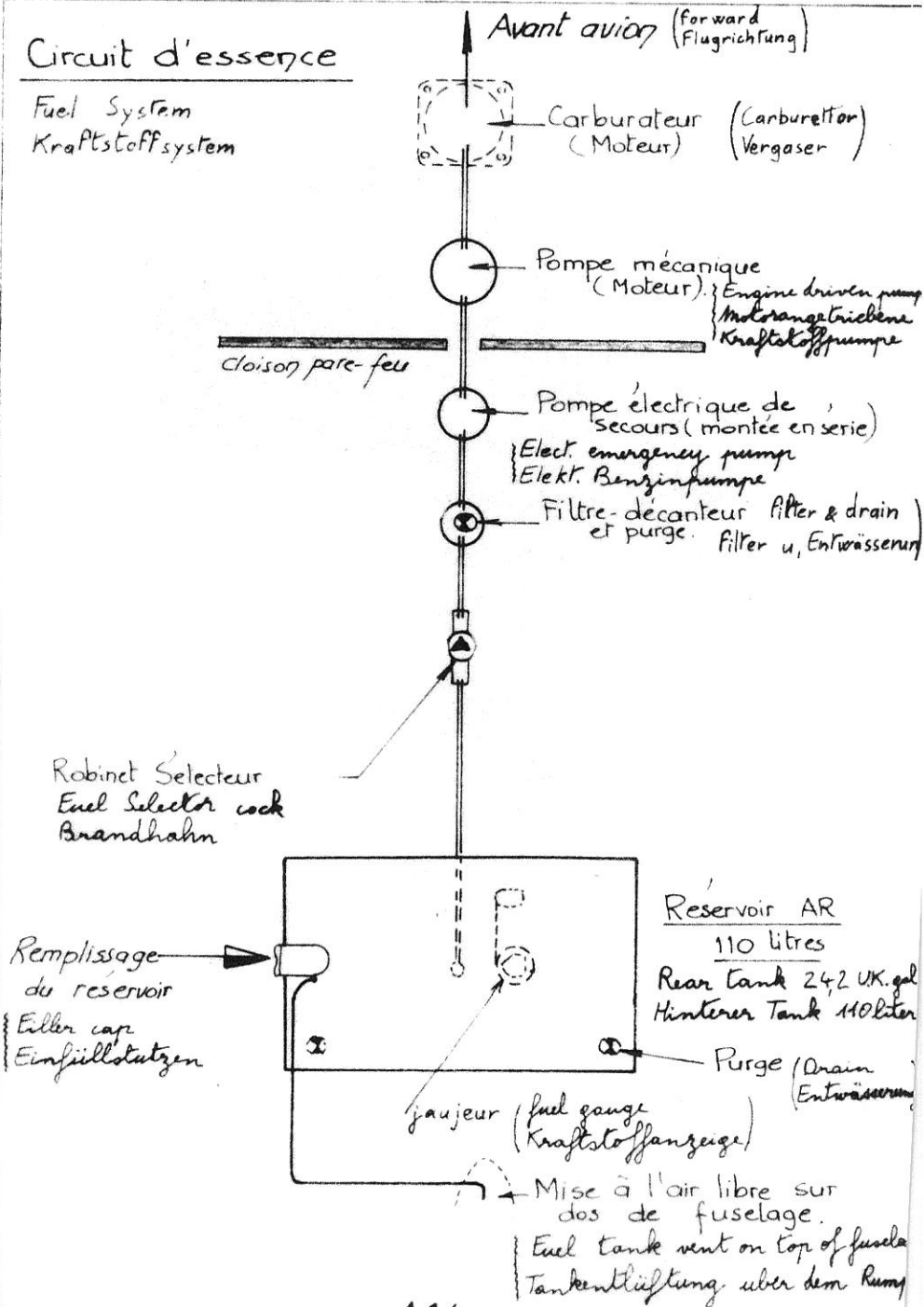


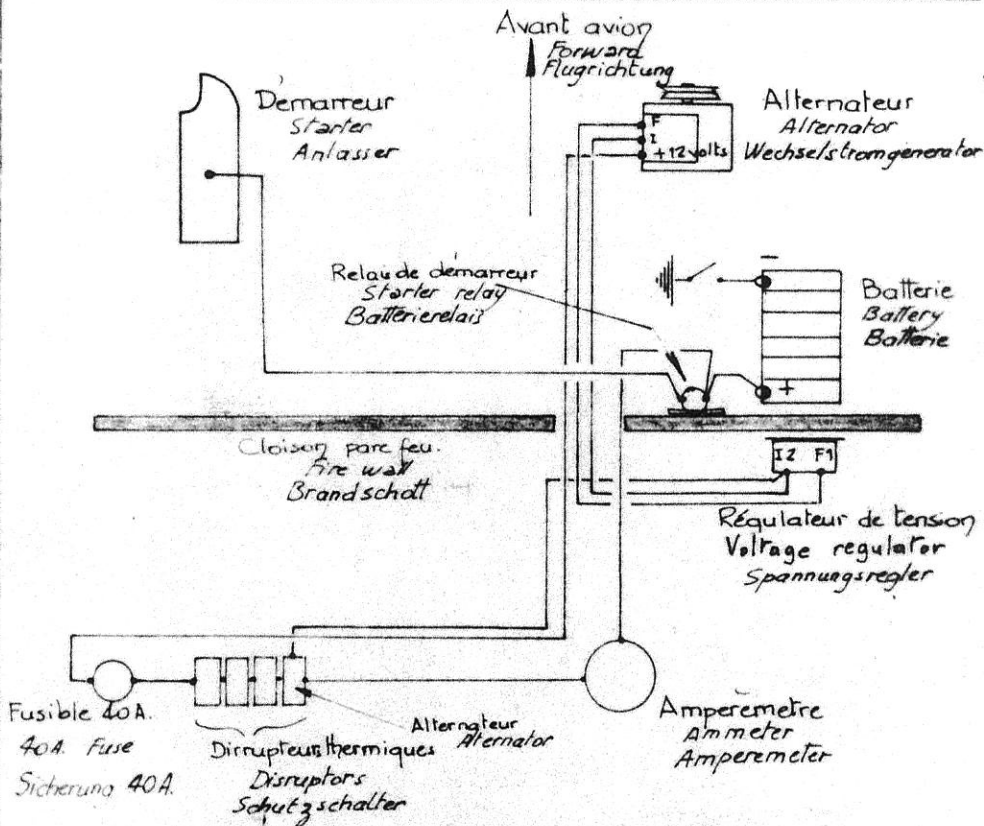
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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 - Stop watch (option)  | 23 - Warning lights                |
| 2 - Airspeed indicator   | 24 - Mixture control               |
| 3 - Artificial horizon   | 25 - Carburetor heater             |
| 4 - Altimeter            | 26 - Battery and alternator switch |
| 5 - Turn/bank indicator  |                                    |
| 6 - Directionnal (opt.)  |                                    |
| 7 - Rate of climb        |                                    |
| 8 - RPM indicator        |                                    |
| 9 - Fuel pressure (opt.) |                                    |
| 10 - Options             |                                    |
|                          |                                    |
| 11 - Vacuum gauge(opt.)  |                                    |
| 12 - Oil temperature     |                                    |
| 13 - Oil pressure        |                                    |
| 14 - Amp. or voltmeter   |                                    |
| 15 - Fuel gauge          |                                    |
| 16 - Freshair vent       |                                    |
| 17 - Throttle control    |                                    |
| 18 - Radio jacks plugs   |                                    |
| 19 - Switches-breakers   |                                    |
| 20 - Magneto switch      |                                    |
| 21 - Breakers            |                                    |
| 22 - Heating/demisting   |                                    |



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Fuel System  
Kraftstoffsystem

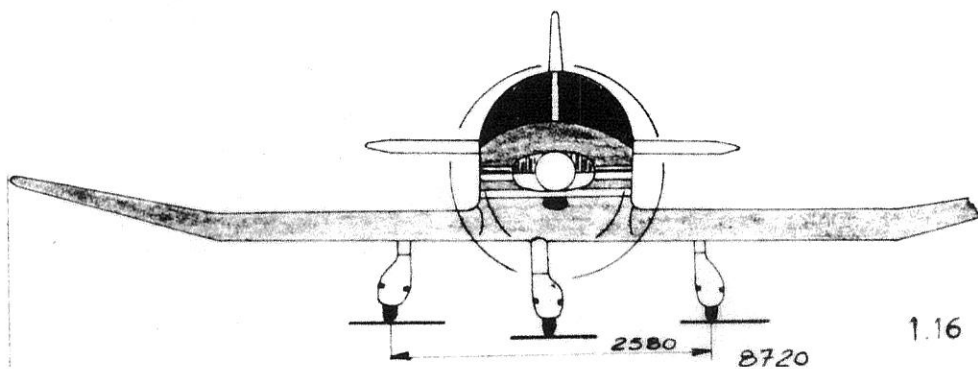
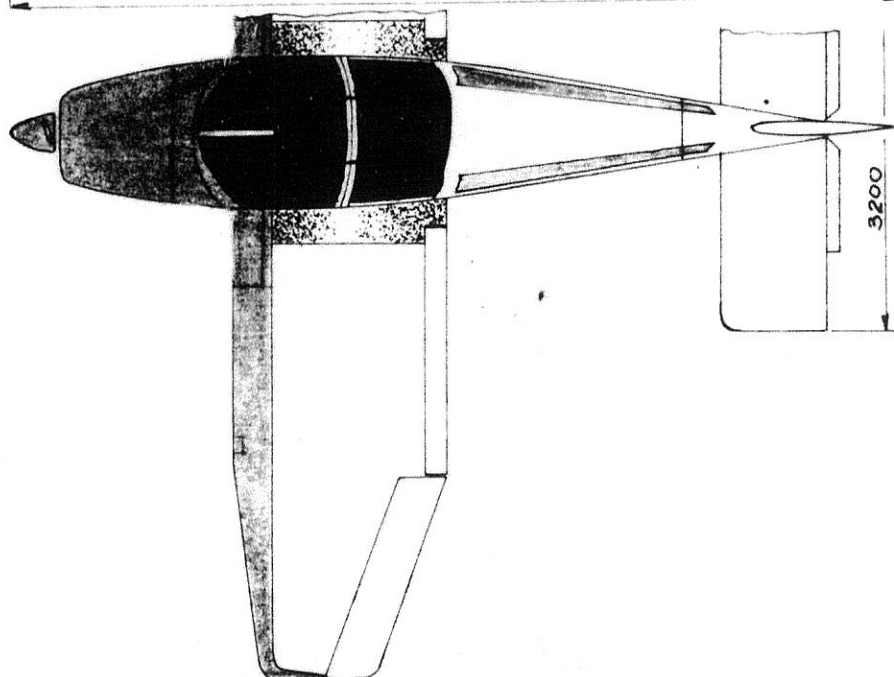
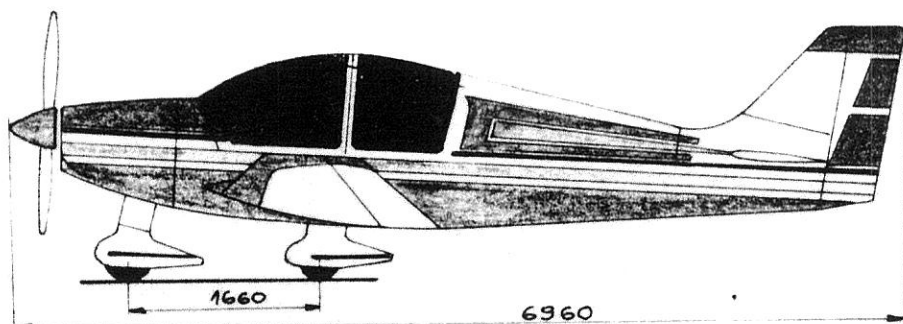




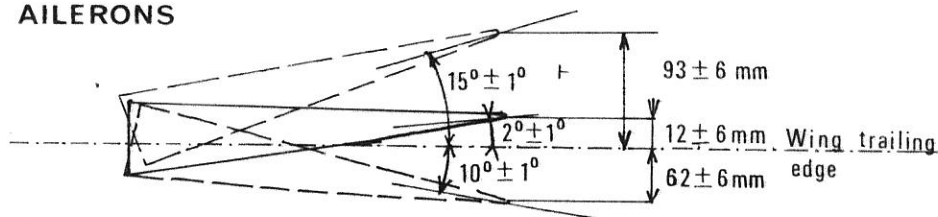
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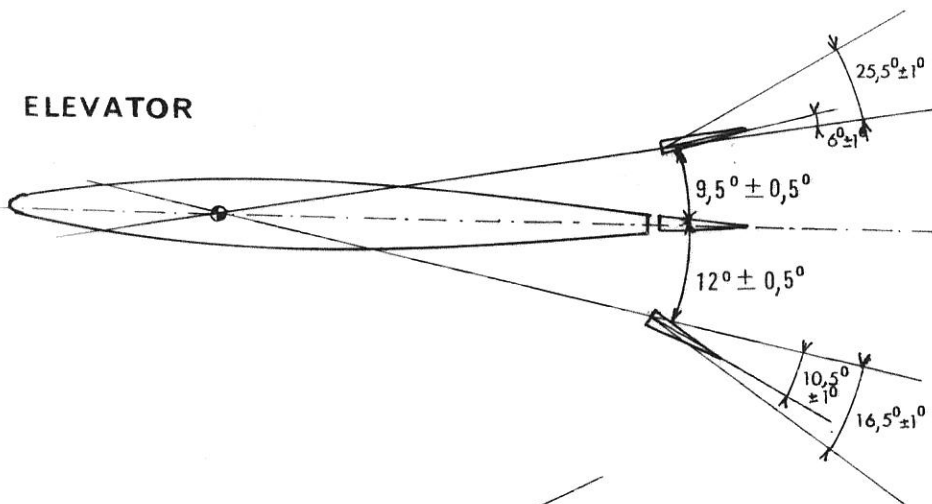
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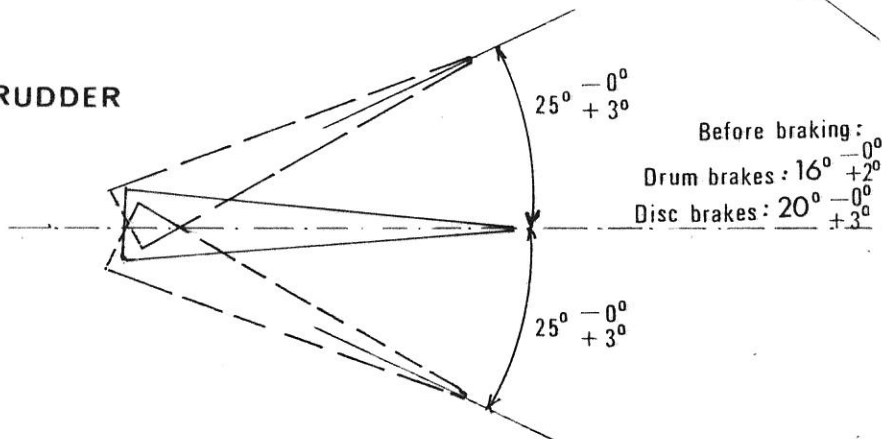
# AILERONS



# ELEVATOR



# RUDDER



# FLAPS

$60^{\circ} - 5^{\circ} + 0^{\circ}$

SECTION 2 - OPERATING LIMITSa. Approval Criteria

The following aircraft comply with AIR 2052 Regulations as amended on 6 June 1966 in normal and utility categories, and conform to the conditions of FAR Part 23 amendment 7 and to the conditions particularly appertaining to jettison of canopies.

b. Limiting Speeds (IAS) at max. AOW

	<u>KPH</u>	<u>KTS</u>	<u>MPH</u>
VNE - Never exceed speed	308	166	191
VNO - Normal operating speed	260	140	162
VC - Design cruising speed	260	140	162
VA - Manoeuvring speed	215	116	134
VFe - Flap extended speed	170	92	106

ASI Markings KPS (KTS)

Radial Red Line	308kph (166kts, 191mph)
Yellow arc (cautionary calm air only)	260/308kph (140/166kts, 162/191mph)
Green arc (normal use)	99/260kph (53/140kts, 61/162mph)
White arc (flaps extended)	87/170kph (47/92kts, 54/106mph)

The stall warning operates 5 to 8 KTS before the stall.

c. Design Load Factor Limits at Max. AUW

	$n = +4.4$ and $-2.2$ ("U")
Flaps up (clean)	$n = +3.8$ and $-1.9$ ("N")
Flaps Down	$n = +2$ ("N" and "U")

d. Max. AUW Authorised

Take off	1000 kg	(2205lbs)
Landing	1000 kg	(2205lbs)

e. CG Limits

Levelling : Upper fuselage spar

CG Reference : Leading edge of rectangular wing section.

Reference Chord : 67.4 inches

Category N CG Limits :

FORWARD LIMIT : at 750 KG (1653 LBS) 81 inches (12%)

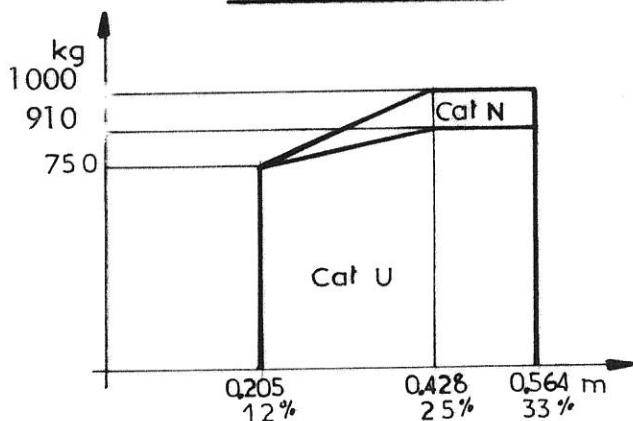
at 1000 KG (2205 LBS) 169 inches  
(25%)

(linear variation between these  
weights)

AFT LIMIT : at all weights 222 inches (33%)

Before loading the aircraft, the pilot must ensure  
(with the help of loading diagram) that weights and  
CG are within the specified limits.

NOTE: the rear (bench) seat must be provided with one  
safety belt per passenger.

WEIGHT-CG GRAPHf. COMPULSORY WARNING PLACARDS

1.

BAGGAGE BAY  
MAX 60 KG ( 132 LBS )  
SEE LOADING DIAGRAM

2.

NO SMOKING

3. \*

APPROVED FOR DAY  
VFR FLIGHTS  
IN NON-ICING CONDITIONS

\* Not applicable to aircraft on the United Kingdom Register.

4.

SEE APPROVED FLIGHT MANUAL  
FOR TOWING INSTRUCTIONS

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This aircraft must be used for NORMAL or UTILITY flying only in accordance with the approved Flight Manual.

On this aircraft, all indexes, markings and placards correspond to NORMAL utilisation.

For UTILITY operation refer to the approved Flight Manual.

Aerobatics, including spinning, are prohibited when used in the NORMAL category

Manoeuvring speed  $VA = 215 \text{ KPH (116 KTS)(134MPH)}$   
maximum manoeuvring speed at which the control surfaces (elevator, rudder and ailerons) may be fully deflected.



g. ENGINE LIMITATIONS.

Max. Continuous	2700 RPM (Red Line)
Max. Cyl. Hd. Temp.	260°C
Oil: Max. Temp.	118°C (Red Line)
Normal Pressure	60 to 90 psi (Green)
Min. (Idling)	25 psi
Fuel: Min Pressure	0.5 psi

h. RPM GAUGE MARKINGS

Red arc	2150 to 2350 RPM
Green Arc	2350 to 2700 RPM
Red Line	AT 2700 RPM

For HO-27 propellor : Green arc from 2150 to 2700RPM  
Red arc at 2700 RPM

i. Fuel

Aviation Type Fuel	91/96 Octane (Min)
	OR 100/130
	OR 115/145
Tank Capacities Main	24.4 IG (29 USG)

j. OIL

Reservoir Capacity	8 quarts
Min. Level	4 quarts
Max. Level	8 quarts

k. MANOEUVRES

Stalling (See Page 5.1)

ACROBATICS PROHIBITED IN "N" CATEGORY  
SPINNING PROHIBITED.

CATEGORY "U" OPERATING LIMITS

The following manoeuvres are authorised within the limits of Category "U" :

- Tight Turns
- Lazy Eight
- Zoom Climbing turns
- Precautionary stalls

All these manoeuvres must be carried out in the following conditions :

- Rear seats must be unoccupied
- Speeds in and out of the turns must be within the normal operating range.

SECTION 3 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. Engine Fire in Flight

Cut off FUEL

Open throttle fully until fuel remaining in engine is used

Switch off ignition

Switch off battery and alternator before landing.

NOTE : Battery switch also cuts off the stall warning.

2. Engine Fire on Ground

Do not remove cowlings

Direct fire extinguisher jet into air intake or through the exhaust pipes aperture.

3. Alternator Failure

If ammeter indicates "DISCHARGE" switch off alternator and reduce electrical consumption to a minimum (radio, instruments) since electrical power is being provided solely by the battery.

There is no risk of abnormal engine operation.

#### 4. CARBURETTOR ICING

If RPM decrease without a change in other flight parameters (speed, altitude) pull out the carb. heater control fully. (There are only 2 possible positions - ON and OFF)

The engine RPM will increase as soon as the ice has melted. Applying carburettor heat will normally cause a drop of 150 RPM and will increase the fuel consumption.

If icing occurse suddenly, apply carburettor heating and open the throttle fully.

#### 5. EMERGENCY LANDING

Check Safety belts

Cut off FUEL and electrical supply. Before landing to reduce fire risks.

NOTE : In the event of any deformation of the engine cowlings following a forced landing which prevents normal opening of the canopy, use the JETTISON system - lift the two red JETTISON flaps and open the central portion of the canopy.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL SPIN

Recovery is conventional. Apply full opposite rudder and stick neutral. Flaps must be retracted.

SECTION 4 - NORMAL PROCEDURES1. Pre-flight Procedures

Before each flight, ensure that weight and CG are within the specified limits (e.g. by using loading diagram).

DETERMINATION OF CG FOR A GIVEN LOAD

Method 1      Use the makers loading diagram

IMPORTANT    Ensure that the origin corresponds to the last weighing sheet.

Method 2      Carry out normal calculations of moments using following lever arms :

Front passengers	16.1"
Rear seat	46.8"
Rear fuel tank	44.1"
Baggage	74.8"

EXAMPLE OF CG CALCULATIONS

Aircraft weight empty = 1130 lbs.

CG of aircraft empty = 12.4" (= 18 %)

Moment empty =  $1130 \times 12.4 = 14012$  inch.lbs

Front passengers =  $340 \times 16.1 = 5474$  inch.lbs

Rear passengers =  $220 \times 46.8 = 10296$  inch.lbs

Fuel (rear tank) =  $176 \times 44.1 = 7761$  inch.lbs

Baggage =  $44 \times 74.8 = 3291$  inch.lbs

Sum of weights and  
moments = 1910 lbs      40834 inch.lbs

CG at above load =  $\frac{40834}{1910} = 21.4"$  (31.7%)

The CG is therefore within limits and the total weight less than the maximum.

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## 2. PRE FLIGHT CHECKS

- (1) Select Battery switch ON  
Check fuel gauge readings  
Select battery switch OFF  
Check - Magnetos OFF  
      - Fuel cock OPEN  
      Mixture weak
- (2) Before first flight daily and after each  
refuelling (allow fuel to settle) operate  
fuel drain cocks (see fig. 1.14)  
Check - Filler caps secure  
      - Tank vent pipes unobstructed  
      - Static vents unobstructed
- (3) Check - tail unit for condition  
      - tab (hinges free)  
      - rudder hinges
- (4) Check condition of flaps and hinges. Ensure  
that, when retracted, flaps are in contact  
with the stops.
- (5) Check aileron hinges  
Remove mooring ropes and towing arm, if  
applicable.

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(6) Check condition of main landing gear

- Check that remaining oleo leg stroke is at least 2.75"  
(The top of the wheel fairing must be below the check hole in the fixed fairing when the aircraft is empty with any given amount of fuel in the tank). If not, inflate the oleoleg (pressures indicated on landing leg - or see page 1.4)

(7) - Check canopy for cleanliness

(8) Check oil level - do not fly with less than 4 quarts

Fill up when making a long flight

Check state of propeller, spinner and air baffles

Check air intake for condition and cleanliness.



Check security of exhaust pipes

Drain main filter

If necessary, remove and clean the air filter

Close and lock oil inspection panel

Check security of upper engine cowling (Dzus)

Carry out complete pre-flight checks before first flight of each day. Subsequently, only control surfaces need be checked.

Before entering cabin, check security of baggage.

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### 3. CHECKS BEFORE ENGINE STARTING

Adjust and lock seats and safety belts

Lock all cabin doors

Check flying controls

Parking brake ON (White pointer to 12 o'clock)

Select battery switch ON

Set tab control to neutral

Select mixture fully rich (IN)

Check carb heater OFF (IN)

Select FUEL ON

Retract flaps.

#### 4. ENGINE STARTING

Electrical Pump ON

When the pulses slow down, open throttle twice fully to actuate injection pump.

Close throttle

Select battery and alternator ON

LH Magneto switch ON

Operate starter button

Contact on BOTH Magnetos

Allow the engine to run at allow an RPM as possible (especially when cold) at a speed where no vibrations are felt.

Successive explosions followed by puffs of black smoke indicate a flooded engine. In this case, switch off the ignition, open the throttle fully, turn the engine over on the starter (about a dozen times) to blow out excess fuel.

Then proceed as for normal start, but without priming.

In cold weather, additional priming may be necessary.

As soon as engine starts to fire regularly, open up throttle slightly to keep it running.

In very cold weather, turn propellor by hand first, then proceed as above.

NOTE : Allow starter to cool between starting attempts ; to prevent burning of windings.

## 5. TAXYING

Brakes ON - Open throttle slightly to depress nose (to unlock nosewheel)

Brakes OFF

Taxy slowly to avoid harsh braking.

Best engine speed for cooling when stopped =  
1200 RPM

Avoid excessive use of rudders when taxying in a straight line.

Turns should always be carried out at a low taxying speed

To turn tightly at low speed, apply full rudder to actuate brakes

When taxying in a strong cross-wind, move the stick into wind to improve control of the aircraft.

Taxy very slowly over stoney ground, to prevent stones being thrown against propeller blades, wheel spats and tailplane.

NOTE : Since engine cooling rates are intended to cope with flight conditions, avoid overheating the engine during ground running, especially during engine checks.

In cold and damp weather, apply carb. heater for taxiing and pre-take-off checks.

DO NOT FORGET TO SELECT OFF FOR TAKE-OFF

#### 6. CHECKS BEFORE TAKE-OFF

If necessary, warm up engine at 1200 RPM

Do not carry out a ground run

Check magnetos individually at 1800 RPM  
(Max RPM drop = 125 between 1 and 2 and 1+2)

Check for dead-cut around 1000 RPM

Check instruments and radio equipment

Carry out VITAL ACTIONS.

#### 7. TAKE-OFF

Carb. heater and Mixture controls FULLY IN

Open throttle fully and gently

Check engine RPM (2200 MIN)

If RPM less than 2200, abandon take-off and have the engine checked.

To maintain a straight run, keep weight on the nosewheel  
Make a clean rotation at 50-54 KTS (57-62mph)  
Level off to gain speed  
Start climbing at : 65 KTS (75 mph)

TAKE OFF IN CROSSWIND (MAX COMPONENT 22 KTS)

Use ailerons to decrease lateral disturbance effects of crosswind.  
Accelerate to a higher take-off speed than normal.  
Rotate cleanly to avoid sinking back on after lift-off.  
Once airborne, turn into wind to correct for drift.

8. CLIMB

Obstacle Clearance

Best climb angle with take-off flap selected is at 70 KTS ( 80 mph )

Normal climb

Retract flaps

Full throttle, accelerate to : 80KTS (92mph)

Adjust elevator trim tab

Switch off electric pump

NOTE : Steep angle climb must be of short duration to avoid engine overheating.

The last 2.2 IG in the main tank (rear) are unusable in the climb.

## 9. CRUISE

Use throttle to adjust engine speed to give required power.

Adjust elevator trim tab

Adjust mixture control manually. Lean progressively until engine starts to run rough, then richen just sufficiently to restore smooth running.

The mixture must be adjusted after each change of engine RPM or of altitude.

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## CRUISE ALTITUDE

To maintain constant power, the throttle must be progressively opened as height is increased. (See SECTION 5 - PERFORMANCE DATA)

There are no mechanical disadvantages in using a so-called 'fast' cruise engine speed close to, but less than max. engine speeds :

- 2700 RPM  
provides power is, itself, lower than or equal to 75 %

#### 10. DESCENT

Always apply carb. heater : engine idling  
Reduce speed, Adjust elevator tab  
Mixture fully RICH  
Emergency electrical fuel pump ON  
When speed falls below 92KTS-106 MPH, select flaps as required.  
Re-adjust elevator tab.

NOTE : During prolonged descent, increase RPM from time to time to maintain correct engine temperature.

#### 11. LANDING

Approach speed ( $V_i = 1.3$  times stalling speed)

62 KTS (71 MPH) at 2205 LBS

Carb. heater fully ON and LOCKED  
Mixture FULLY RICH

Watch the airspeed (especially in strong winds)

Flare-out progressively.

#### ABORTED LANDING

Throttle may be opened fully in all configurations.

Select carb. heater OFF (IN)

Select flaps to TAKE-OFF as soon as possible.

#### LANDING IN CROSS WINDS (Max. component 22 KTS)

Approach with wings level, correcting for drift by "crabbing", or with one wing low (into wind) or by a combination of these two.

Level wings just before touch-down.

Maintain a straight course by use of rudder and with ailerons (stick into wind).

### 12. AFTER LANDING CHECKS

Retract flaps before taxiing

When stopped, lower flaps to prevent damage by passengers leaving the aircraft

Handbrake ON

Engine speed 1200 RPM

Check each magneto in turn

Select mixture fully WEAK to choke engine

Switch off ignition

Switch off battery

Turn off fuel

Place chocks under main wheels



13. GROUND MANOEUVRES

Use the nosewheel steering bar

Rear loading will cause nosewheel to lock.  
To release it, push tail up or pull nose  
down to depress nosewheel leg.

NOTE : Too great a steering angle on the nose-  
wheel will actuate the brakes on one of  
the main wheels.

14. TETHERING

Tail to wind

Lock the control column with a safety belt

Tether the aircraft by means of the two  
rings provided under the wings and one at  
the rear of the fuselage.

DO NOT APPLY THE WHEELS BRAKES

PLACE CHOCKS AGAINST THE WHEELS

Fit Canopy Cover.

15. PRECAUTIONS DURING PROLONGED PARKING

Without a canopy cover, the sun's rays will cause mottling of the Plexiglass

If the aircraft is not to be used for a certain period, keep it in a clean condition.

A SMALL EFFORT WILL ALWAYS PAY OFF

Turn the propeller by hand several times at least every twoweeks to lubricate the internal parts of the engine.

FULL FUEL TANKS PREVENT INTERNAL CONDENSATION

SECTION 5 - PERFORMANCE DATA -CROSSWIND LIMIT DEMONSTRATED - 22 KTS 25 MPHSTALLING SPEEDS (At Max AUV) "IN KTS IAS"

BANK ANGLE	0°	30°	60°
FLAPS UP	53	57	75
FLAPS : TAKE OFF	50	53	71
FLAPS:LANDING	47	50	66

P.E.C. CORRECTIONS

Since the pitot/static system is well matched indicated airspeeds are for all practical purposes identical to rectified air speeds.

There is therefore no need to correct indicated airspeeds other than for altitude and outside air temperature.

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DR 400/180 R

TAKE OFF PERFORMANCE - IN ZERO WIND, FLAPS FOR TAKE OFF, PROPELLOR EISENICH 76.58

ALTITUDE (FT)	TEMPERATURE (°C)	FEET		FEET	
		AUM 2205 LBS (1000 KG)	AUM 1874 LBS (850 KG)	HARD RUNWAY	GRASS
0	- 5°C	1181 (590)	1345 (754)	771 (377)	836 (442)
	STD (=15°C)	1312 (672)	1492 (853)	836 (410)	218 (492)
	+ 35°C	1443 (738)	1656 (951)	918 (459)	1017 (557)
4000	- 13°C	1553 (787)	1804 (1033)	1000 (492)	1099 (590)
	STD (=7°C)	1738 (902)	2034 (1197)	1099 (541)	1230 (672)
	+ 27°C	1935 (1000)	2280 (1345)	1213 (607)	1361 (754)
8000	- 21°C	2099 (1066)	2509 (1476)	1295 (656)	1476 (836)
	STD (= - 1°C)	2345 (1214)	2854 (1722)	1460 (738)	1673 (951)
	+ 19°C	2624 (1360)	3231 (1968)	1607 (820)	1870 (1082)

IN EACH CASE : DISTANCE (FEET) FROM STANDING START TO CLEAR 50 FT AT 1.3 V<sub>s1</sub>  
 (DISTANCE OF GROUND ROLL TO REACH 1.1 V<sub>s1</sub>)

EFFECT OF HEAD WING : FOR 10 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.79  
 FOR 20 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.64  
 FOR 30 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.53

CLIMB PERFORMANCE

In standard atmosphere  
Flaps up  
Full throttle, optimum mixture  
Propellor Sensenich 76.58

1. AT AUW OF 2205 LBS (1000 KG)

Rate of Climb at MSL : 1100 ft/minute (5,6 m/s)  
Reducing by 49 ft/minute per 1000 feet  
Service Ceiling 20.000 ft  
Optimum Climbing Speeds:

92 KTS at MSL  
reducing to 81 KTS at 15,000 feet

2. AT AUW OF 1764 LBS (800 KG)

Rate of Climb at MSL 1515ft/minute (7,5m/s)  
Reducing by 55 ft/minute per 1000 feet  
Service Ceiling 25.000 ft

NOTE: Corrections for Temperature: For each 10°C  
above ISA, reduce the service ceiling by 1000  
feet, and reduce the rate of climb by 49  
ft/minute.

GUIDE PERFORMANCE :

With engine stopped the glide angle is  
1 in 9.3 (with no wind) at Vi=78 KTS (90MPH)  
Effects of altitude and temperature are  
almost negligible.

CRUISE PERFORMANCE

- . AT AUW OF 1000 KG (2205 LBS)
- . IN STANDARD ATMOSPHERE AND STILL AIR
- . AT APTIMUM MIXTURE SETTING.
- . WITH ZERO FUEL RESERVE (TODRY TANKS)
- . PROPELLER SENSENICH 76.58

RPM	ALTITUDE feet	TAS knots	% POWER	FUEL Consum- tion IG/hour	ENDU- RANCE h.min.	RANGE n.m
2700	0	124	70	8.0	3.00	373
	6000	123	63	7.3	3.17	405
	12000	122	56	6.6	3.40	445
2600	0	119	64	7.4	3.14	386
	6000	117	58	6.8	3.33	405
	1200	116	53	6.3	3.52	448
2500	0	114	58	6.8	3.33	405
	6000	112	54	6.4	3.48	427
	12000	110	50	6.0	4.00	440
2400	0	107	52	6.1	3.56	421
	6000	104	49	5.9	4.04	427
	1200	102	47	5.7	4.14	435

## LANDING PERFORMANCE - STILL AIR, FLAPS FOR LANDING.

ALTITUDE (FT)	TEMPERATURE (°C)	AUW 2303 LBS (1045 KG)		AUW 1862 LBS (845 KG)	
		MODERATE BRAKING RUNWAY OR GRASS	NO BRAKES GRASS	MODERATE BRAKING RUNWAY OR GRASS	NO BRAKES GRASS
0	- 5°C	1460 (672)	1804 (1017)	1246 (541)	1509 (803)
	STD (= 15°C)	1542 (721)	1902 (1082)	1312 (574)	1607 (869)
	+ 35°C	1640 (771)	2017 (1148)	1378 (623)	1689 (935)
4000	- 13°C	1607 (754)	1984 (1131)	1345 (607)	1640 (902)
	STD (= 7°C)	1706 (820)	2099 (1213)	1427 (656)	1755 (984)
	+ 27°C	1804 (885)	2231 (1312)	1509 (705)	1853 (1049)
8000	- 21°C	1771 (853)	2198 (1279)	1476 (672)	1820 (1017)
	STD (= -1°C)	1886 (918)	2345 (1378)	1574 (738)	1935 (1099)
	+ 19°C	2001 (984)	2493 (1476)	1656 (787)	2050 (1181)

IN EACH CASE : DISTANCE (FEET) FROM 50 FT AT 1.3  $V_{SO}$  to FULL STOP  
(GROUND ROLL FROM TOUCHDOWN AT  $V_{SO}$ )

EFFECT OF HEADWIND : FOR 10 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.79  
FOR 20 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.64  
FOR 30 KTS MULTIPLY BY 0.53

SECTION 6 - MAINTENANCE AND OIL CHANGE

1. CLEANING

Wash with soap and water, rinse with clear water

Never use a pressure hose

Polish the paint finish with slightly abrasive products

Do not use silicone-based products

Use special plexiglass cleaners for the canopy

2. OIL CHANGE

Oil changes must be carried out every 50 hours.

NOTE : For the 50 and 100 hour inspections, refer to the Maintenance Manual.

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SUPPLEMENT : TOWING PROCEDURES

Your DR 400/180 R is equipped with :

- A structural reinforcement installed on the aircraft at the production stage.
- A tube support bearing a 12 A type Aérazur tow-hook.
- A hook-release handle near the pilot's seat.
- An instruction placard near the hook-release handle.

Propellers approved for towing :

- Gliders : 76-58, 76-54 ( 76-64 would enter the critical RPM - zone under normal utilisation )
- Banners : 76-54 ( 76-58 would enter the critical RPM - zone under normal utilisation )
- Propeller HO-27-HM-180/138 (gliders and banners)

GLIDER TOWING PROCEDURES

In addition to the usual procedures, check the correct working of the hooks on the aircraft and on the glider.

Towing configuration :

First stage of flaps up to  $V_i$  140 km/H then flaps up position.

Full throttle whilst climbing.

Descent : Do not close throttle below 2500 RPM in order to avoid the engine cooling being too quick.  
Recommended speed  $V_i$  = 250 km/h.

TOWING SPEED :

Gliders : Any speed is possible between the minimum aircraft towing speed  $V_r$  and the maximum authorised speed of the glider on tow.

The optimum climbing speed depends on characteristics of the glider = for gliders with a low wing loading and a medium glide ratio, the optimum speed is  $V_r$  where as it may exceed 130 Km/H for gliders with a high wing loading and glide ratio.

A climbing speed higher than the optimum may be necessary in case of critical engine cooling.

#### BANNER TOWING PROCEDURES :

In addition to the usual procedures :

- Check the correct working of the hook on the aircraft.
- Then attach the cable to the aircraft and to the banner.
- Lay the folded banner on the ground in front of the aircraft at such a distance that it has reached a sufficient speed when lifting the banner. For a pick up hooking in flight, the approach speed of the aircraft should be 105 Km/H.

A speed very close to  $V_b$  should be maintained for the whole flight.

For banner towing at a slow speed and under hot weather conditions, it is advised if need be to install the cooling flap ( see sketch 58 - 319 ) on the inferior engine cowling to obtain a better engine cooling. This flap belongs to the optional equipment of the aircraft.

Following instruction placard is mandatory on this aircraft when equipped with a tow - hook :

See approved flight manual for towing instructions

	1)	2)	3)
Weight of the towing aircraft in Kg	750	840	1000
Minimum glider towing speed $V_r$ kph	110	115	125
Minimum banner towing speed $V_b$ kph	95	100	120
Minimum authorized speed for the glider glider on tow kph	135	140	150
Maximum glider weight $V_z$ at $V_r = 0,7$ m/s	970	765	420
Maximum glider weight $V_z$ at $V_r = 1,7$ m/s	750	595	330
100Cx.S maximum of the banner	230	155	65

Remark :

- 1) Normal utilisation = 1 pilot, 110 L Fuel
- 2) Case of towing pilot's schooling
- 3) Exceptional case : Passengers transport with a light on tow or leaflets dropping with a reduced banner.

BREAKING RESISTANCE OF THE TOWING CABLE /

- Maximum : 1000 da N
- Minimum : 0,8 time the weight of the glider.

TOWING PERFORMANCE

Weight of the towing aircraft	750 kg	840 kg	1000 kg
Stalling speed ( $V_0$ ) with first stage of flaps (km/h)	83	88	96
Climbing speed at $V_r$ at ground level with a glider under extreme conditions (conditions FAR 23 65 b) -m/s	2.65	2.8	3.05
At $V_r$ without glider (m/s)	7.25	6.25	4.9
At $V_b$ with extreme banner	2.65	2.8	3.05
At $V_b$ without banner	6.35	5.45	4.5

TAKE OFF PERFORMANCE ON GRASS RUNWAY WITH A GLIDER  
EQUIPPED WITH A WHEEL.

WEIGHT OF TOWING AIRCRAFT = 750 KG

Weight of glider		300 KG	600 KG
Altitude température			
Z = 0	St = 15°	375 (205) m	535 (300) m
	St = ± 20°	415 (230)	595 (335)
Z = 4000 ft	St = 7 °	510 (285)	745 (430)
	St = ± 20°	565 (325)	835 (495)

WEIGHT OF TOWING AIRCRAFT = 840 KG

Weight of glider		300 KG	600 KG
Altitude temperature			
Z = 0	St 15 °	465 (260) <sub>m</sub>	655(375)
	St + 20°	515 (290)	730(425)
Z = 4000 ft	St = 7°	635 (365)	925(555)
	St + 20°	710 (415)	1040(635)

WEIGHT OF TOWING AIRCRAFT = 1000 KG

Z = 0	St = 15°	660 (380) m
	St + 20°	735 (435)
Z = 4000 ft	St = 7°	925 (555)
	St + 20°	1040 (635)

The figures shown represent the total distance in meters from the beginning of the motion of the aircraft until it reaches a 50 ft height at  $V = 1,3 V_{s1}$   
 ( The figures between brackets show the rolling distance necessary to reach  $1,1 V_{s1}$  ).

## 2) SUPPLEMENTARY TANK (Optional)

Capacity : 50 liters (11 I.G.)

Lever arm : 1,61 m (63,4 inches)

Localization : under luggage compartment

To use the fuel of the supplementary tank consume first enough fuel from the rear tank and then empty the supplementary tank fuel in the rear tank by means of the knob located on the central console.

The fuel quantity which is in the supplementary tank is indicated by a gauge located in the right upper side of the instrument panel.

3) - USE OF ROLL STABILIZER (Optional equipment)1 - Type :

EDO-AIRE-MITCHELL CENTURY 1 - AK 306 roll stabilizer.

2 - Operating limits :

Do not use the stabilizer during take off or landing.

3 - Emergency procedure :

In case of incorrect operation, the stabilizer can be momentarily put out of action, either by pressing the switch located on the control stick, or by means of the master switch (placed in the OFF position) on the instrument panel.

Furthermore, the stabilizer can be easily overridden by means of the manual flight controls.

4 - Normal procedures :4.1 - Pre-flight check :

- actuate the stabilizer master switch
- rotate the "TURN" control knob to the left or to the right, and make sure that the control wheel turns in the corresponding direction.
- while taxiing, with the "TURN" knob in neutral, check that the control wheel turns in the opposite direction, when a turn is made.
- check the movement of the ailerons.
- make sure that, when the push-button switch located on the control wheel is pressed, the stabilizer is temporarily disengaged.

4.2 - Before take off and landing :

Place the stabilizer master switch in the OFF position.

4.3 - Climbing, cruising, descent :

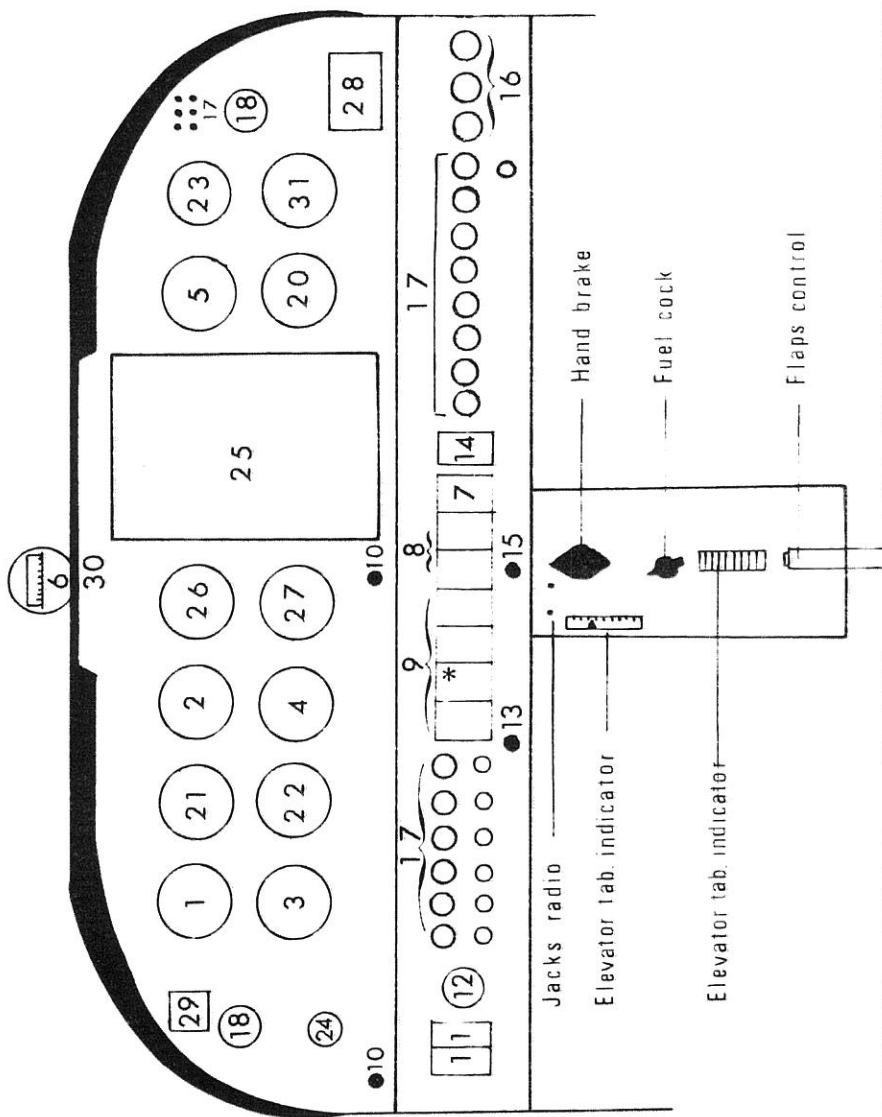
After having stabilized the aircraft attitude and set the elevator trim, place the stabilizer master switch in the ON position.

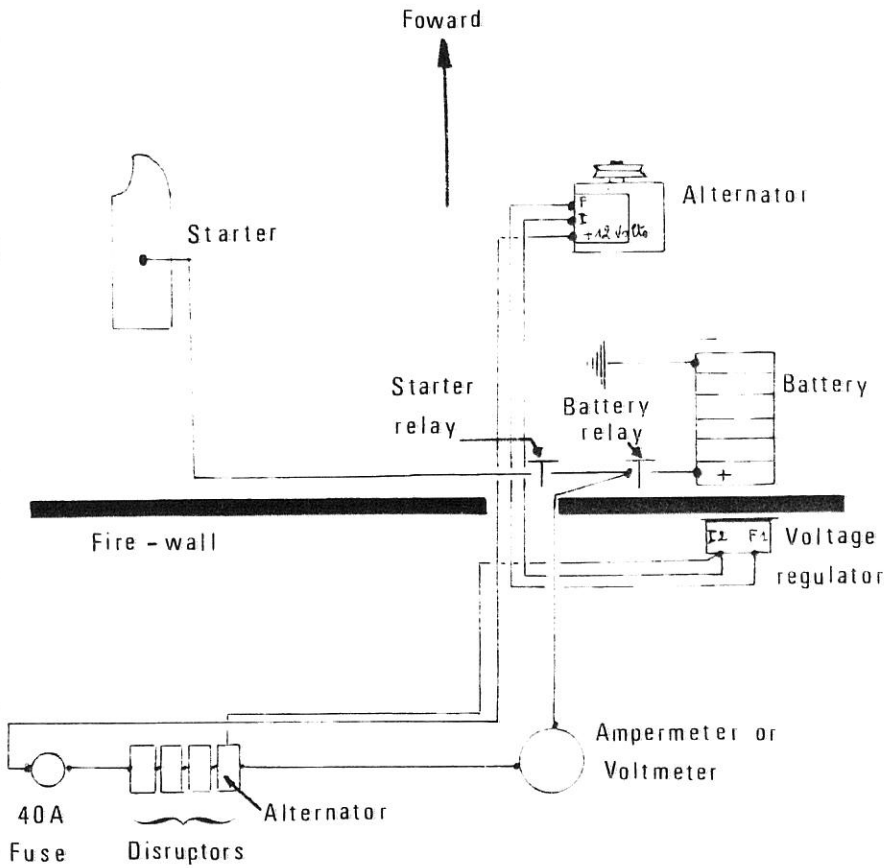
With the "TURN" knob in neutral, adjust the button marked "TRIM" to prevent any heading drift.

A turn may be controlled either manually, by pressing the push-button on the control wheel and using the controls, or by turning the "TURN" knob (standard turning rate).

NOTE : To fly horizontally and without heading drift, it is necessary to correctly set the stabilizer trim, and to keep the ball of the ball type indicator in the central position.





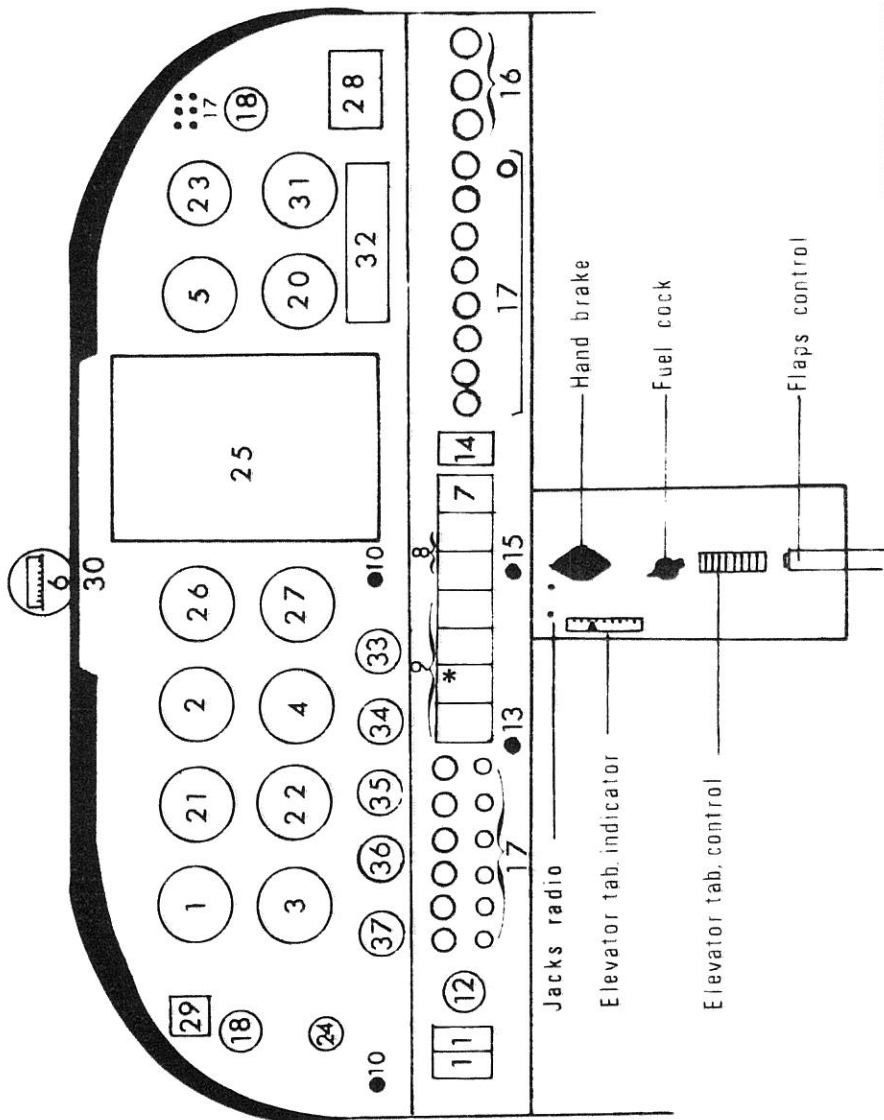


## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

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- Climbing rate indicator.....	4-26
- Rev. counter.....	5-20-26
- Magnetic compass.....	6-21
- Ampermeter or voltmeter.....	7
- Oil pressure and temp. gauges....	8
- Fuel content/press. gauges.....	9
- Throttle control.....	10
- Master and aux. switches.....	11
- Ignition switch.....	12
- Mixture control.....	13
- Elektric pump.....	14
- Carb. heater.....	15
- Heating controls.....	16
- C/breakers and fuses.....	17
- Air vent.....	18

#### OPTIONNAL EQUIPMENT

- Altimeter n.2.....	20-5
- Artificial horizon.....	21
- Directionnal gyro.....	22
- Outside temperature.....	23
- Vacuum gauge.....	24
- Radio.....	25-26-27
- Panel lighting.....	28
- Stop watch.....	29
- W/lights.....	30
- Cyl. temperature.....	31-20-23-9*
- E.G.T.....	} 31-20-23
- Hour counter.....	
- Boost pressure.....	
- Carb. temperature.....	



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