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## SECTION 7

### DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION OF THE AIRPLANE AND ITS SYSTEMS

#### 7.1 THE AIRPLANE

The Cherokee Warrior II is a single-engine, fixed gear monoplane of all metal construction with low semi-tapered wings. It has four place seating and a two hundred pound baggage capacity.

#### 7.3 AIRFRAME

The primary structure, with the exception of the steel tube engine mount, steel landing gear struts and isolated areas, is of aluminum alloy construction. Fiberglass and thermoplastic are used extensively in the extremities - the wing tips, the engine cowling, etc. - and in nonstructural components throughout the airplane.

The fuselage is a conventional semi-monocoque structure. On the right side of the airplane is a cabin door for entrance and exit and a baggage door to provide loading into the 24 cubic foot compartment.

The wing is a conventional semi-tapered design incorporating a laminar flow, NACA 65<sub>2</sub>415, airfoil section. The cantilever wings are attached to each side of the fuselage by insertion of the butt ends of the main spars into a spar box carry-through which is an integral part of the fuselage structure. The spar box carry-through structure, located under the rear seat, provides in effect a continuous main spar with splices at each side of the fuselage. There are also fore and aft attachments at the rear and at an auxiliary front spar.

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### **7.5 ENGINE AND PROPELLER**

The PA-28- 161 is powered by a four cylinder, direct drive, horizontally opposed engine rated at 160 H P at 2700 RPM. It is equipped with a starter, a 60 amp 14 volt alternator, a shielded ignition, two magnetos, vacuum pump drive, a fuel pump, a wetted polyurethane foam induction air filter.

The engine compartment is accessible for inspection through top-hinged side panels on either side of the engine cowlings. The engine cowlings are cantilever structures attached at the fire wall. The engine mounts are constructed of steel tubing, and dynafocal mounts are provided to reduce vibration.

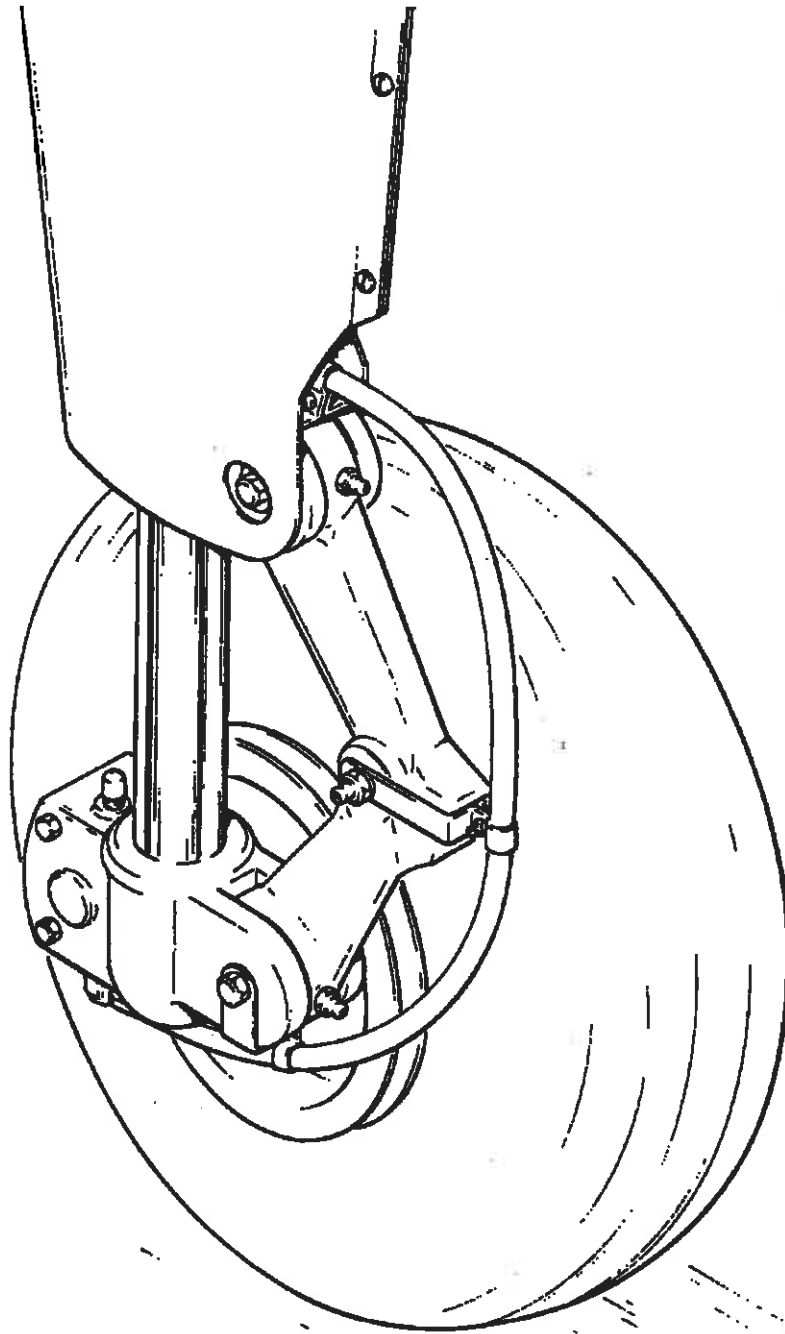
The exhaust system is constructed of stainless steel and incorporates dual mufflers with heater shrouds to supply heated air for the cabin, the defroster system and the carburetor deicing system.

An oil cooler is located on the left rear of the engine mounted to the engine baffling. Engine cooling air, which is picked up in the nose section of the engine cowling and carried through the baffling, is utilized on the left side for the oil cooler. A winterization plate is provided to restrict air during winter operation (refer to paragraph 8.29).

Engine air enters on either side of the propeller through openings in a nose cowling and is carried through the engine baffling around the engine and oil cooler. Air for the muffler shroud is also picked up from the nose cowling and carried through a duct to the shroud. Carburetor induction air enters a chin scoop on the lower right cowling and is passed through a wetted polyurethane filter to the carburetor air box. Heated air enters the carburetor air box through a hose connected to the heater shroud.

A fixed pitch propeller is installed as standard equipment. The propeller has a 74 inch diameter with a 58 or 60 inch pitch. The pitch is determined at 75% of the diameter. The propeller is made of an aluminum alloy construction .

The pilot should read and follow the procedures recommended in the Lycoming Operator's Manual for this engine in order to obtain maximum engine efficiency and time between engine overhauls.



**MAIN WHEEL ASSEMBLY**

Figure 7-1

## 7.7 LANDING GEAR

The fixed gear PA-28-161 is equipped with a Cleveland 5.00 x 5 wheel on the nose gear and a Cleveland 6.00 x 6 wheel on each main gear (Figure 7-1). Cleveland single disc hydraulic brake assemblies are provided on the main gear. The nose gear has a 5.00 x 5 four ply tire, while the main wheel assemblies have 6.00 x 6 four ply tires. At gross weight, the main gear tires require a pressure of 24 psi, and the nose gear tire requires a pressure of 30 psi.

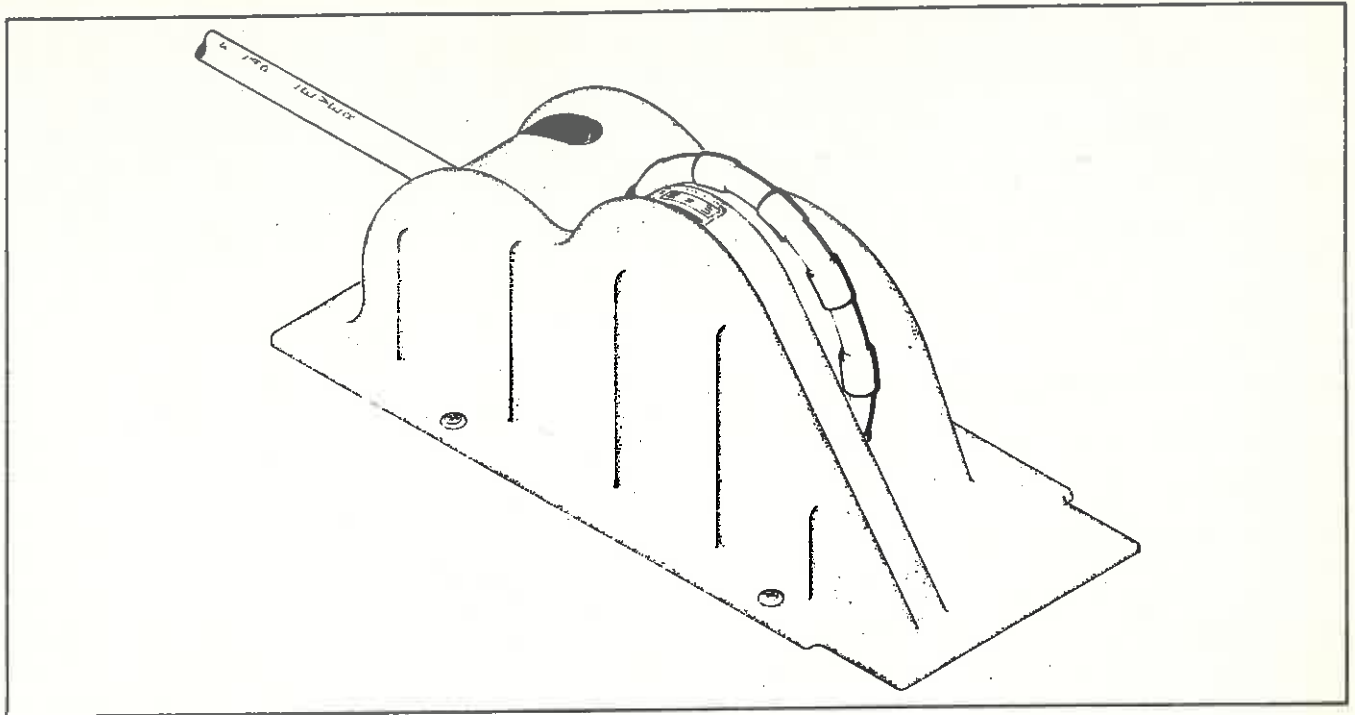
The nose gear is steerable through a 30 degree arc each side of center by the use of the rudder pedals and toe brakes. A spring device is incorporated for rudder centering and to provide rudder trim. A bungee assembly on the nose gear steering mechanism reduces ground steering effort and dampens shocks and bumps during taxiing. The steering mechanism also incorporates a shimmy dampener.

The three struts are of the air-oil type with the normal static load extension being 3.25 inches for the nose gear and 4.50 inches for the main gear.

The brakes are actuated by toe brake pedals which are attached to the rudder pedals or by a hand lever and master cylinder located below and behind the center of the instrument sub panel. Hydraulic cylinders are located above each pedal and adjacent to the hand brake lever. The brake fluid reservoir is installed on the top left front face of the fire wall. The parking brake is incorporated in the master cylinder and is actuated by pulling back on the brake lever and depressing the knob attached to the left side of the handle. To release the parking brake, pull back on the brake lever to disengage the catch mechanism and allow the handle to swing forward (refer to Figure 7-5).

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**FLIGHT CONTROL CONSOLE**

Figure 7-3

## 7.9 FLIGHT CONTROLS

Dual flight controls are provided as standard equipment. The flight controls actuate the control surfaces through a cable system.

The horizontal surface (stabilator) is of the flying tail design with a trim tab mounted on the trailing edge. This tab serves the dual function of providing trim control and pitch control forces. The trim tab is actuated by a trim control wheel located on the control console between the front seats (Figure 7-3). Forward rotation of the wheel gives nose down trim and aft rotation gives nose up trim.

The rudder is conventional in design and incorporates a rudder trim. The trim mechanism is a spring loaded recentering device. The trim control is located on the right side of the pedestal below the throttle quadrant (refer to Figure 7-5). Turning the trim control clockwise gives nose right trim and counterclockwise rotation gives nose left trim.

Manually controlled flaps are provided on the PA-28-161. The flaps are balanced and spring loaded to return to the retracted (up) position. A control handle, which is located between the two front seats on the control console (Figure 7-3), extends the flaps by the use of a control cable. To extend the flaps, the handle is pulled up to the desired flap setting of 10, 25 or 40 degrees. To retract, depress the button on the end of the handle and lower the control. When extending or retracting flaps, there is a pitch change in the airplane. This pitch change can be corrected either by stabilator trim or increased control wheel force. When the flaps are in the retracted (up) position the right flap, provided with an over-center lock mechanism, acts as a step.

#### NOTE

The right flap will support a load only in the fully retracted (up) position. When the flap is to be used as a step, make sure the flaps are in the retracted (up) position.

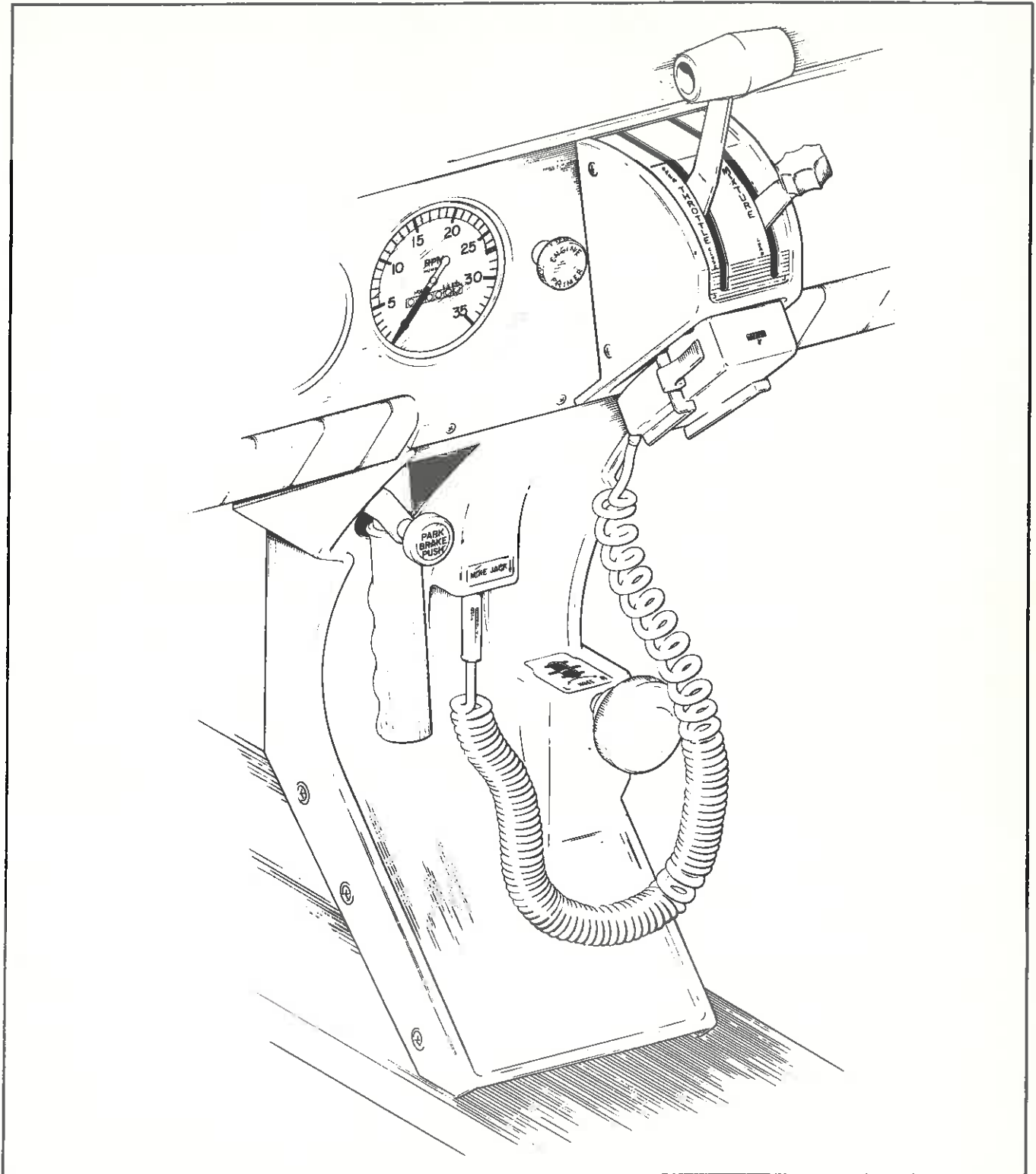
### 7.11 ENGINE CONTROLS

Engine controls consist of a throttle control and a mixture control lever. These controls are located on the control quadrant on the lower center of the instrument panel (Figure 7-5) where they are accessible to both the pilot and the copilot. The controls utilize teflon-lined control cables to reduce friction and binding.

The throttle lever is used to adjust engine RPM. The mixture control lever is used to adjust the air to fuel ratio. The engine is shut down by the placing of the mixture lever in the full lean position. In addition, the mixture control has a lock to prevent inadvertent activation of the mixture control. For information on the leaning procedure, see the Avco-Lycoming Operator's Manual.

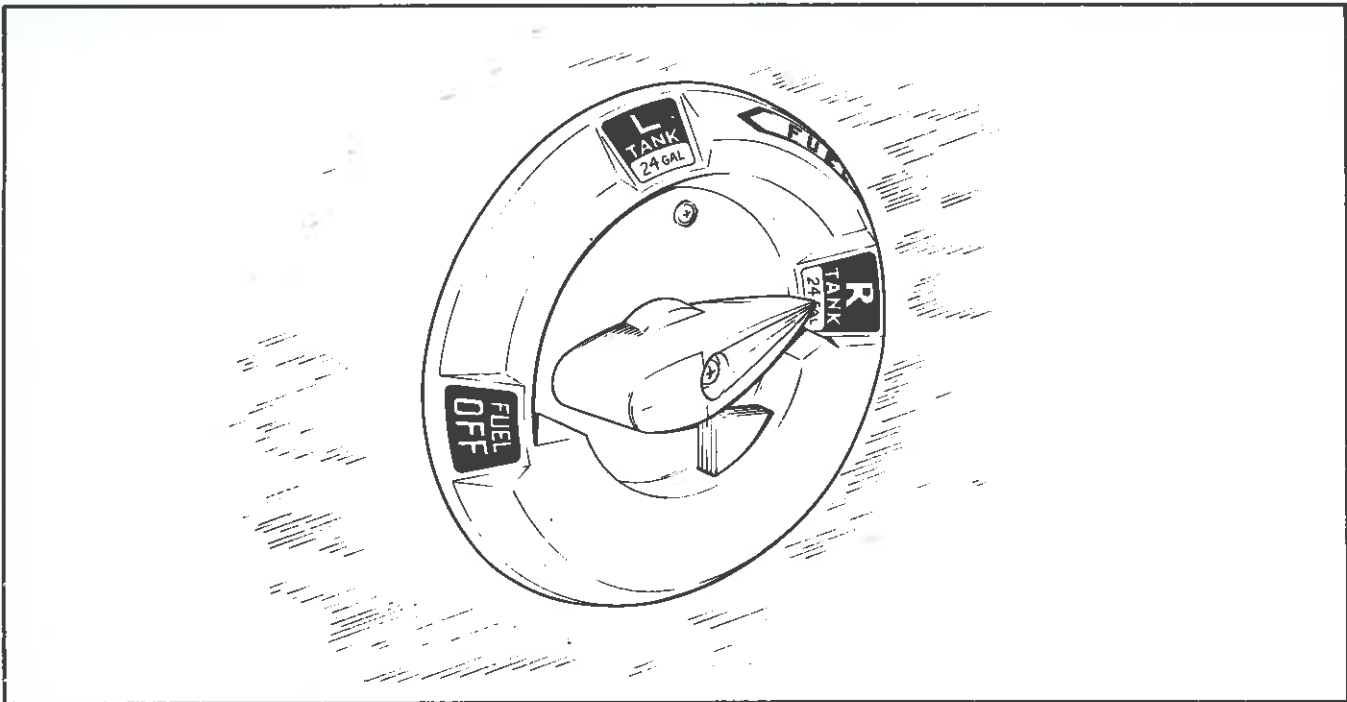
The friction adjustment lever on the right side of the control quadrant may be adjusted to increase or decrease the friction holding the throttle and mixture controls or to lock the controls in a selected position.

The carburetor heat control lever is located to the right of the control quadrant on the instrument panel. The control is placarded with two positions: "ON" (down), "OFF" (up).



CONTROL QUADRANT AND CONSOLE

Figure 7-5



**FUEL SELECTOR**

Figure 7-7

### 7.13 FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel is stored in two twenty-five gallon (24 gallons usable) fuel tanks, giving the airplane a total capacity of fifty U.S. gallons (48 gallons usable). Each tank is equipped with a filler neck indicator tab to aid in determining fuel remaining when the tanks are not full. Usable capacity to the bottom of the indicator tab is 17 gallons. The tanks are secured to the leading edge of each wing with screws and nut plates. This allows removal for service or inspection.

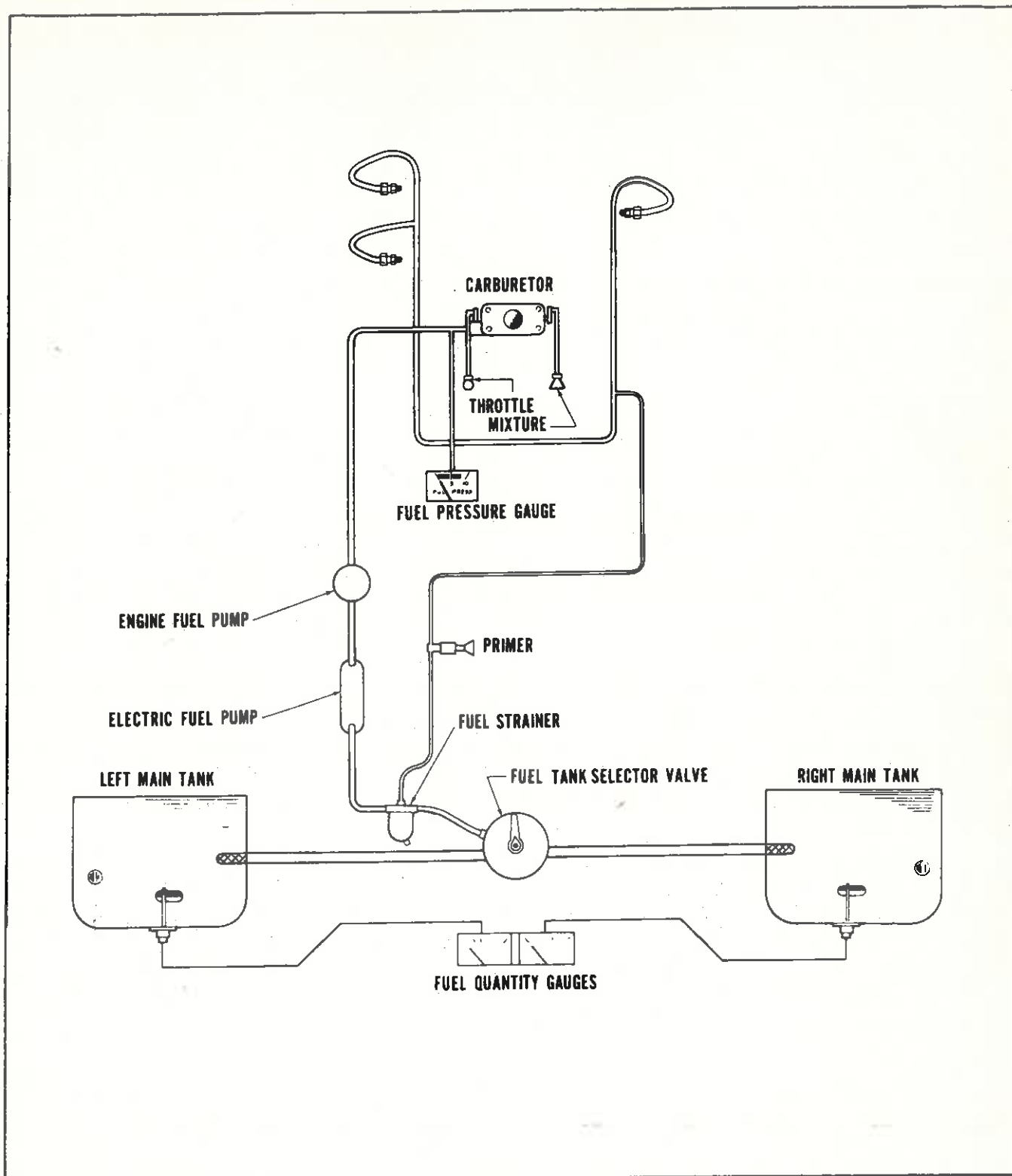
The fuel tank selector control (Figure 7-7) is located on the left side panel forward of the pilot's seat. The button on the selector cover must be depressed and held while the handle is moved to the OFF position. The button releases automatically when the handle is moved back to the ON position.

An auxiliary electric fuel pump is provided in case of the failure of the engine driven pump. The electric pump should be ON for all takeoffs and landings and when switching tanks. The fuel pump switch is located in the switch panel above the throttle quadrant.

The fuel drains should be opened daily prior to first flight to check for water or sediment. Each tank has an individual drain at the bottom, inboard rear corner.

A fuel strainer, located on the lower left front of the fire wall, has a drain which is accessible from outside the nose section. The strainer should also be drained before the first flight of the day. Refer to paragraph 8.21 for the complete fuel draining procedure.

Optional locking fuel caps are available for all fillers. A single key will fit fuel caps, cabin door and baggage door compartments.



FUEL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-9

Fuel quantity and fuel pressure gauges are mounted in a gauge cluster located on the left side of the instrument panel to the right of the control wheel (refer to Figure 7-15).

An optional engine priming system is available to facilitate starting. The primer pump is located to the immediate left of the throttle quadrant (refer to Figure 7-5).

## 7.15 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The electrical system includes a 14 volt 60 ampere alternator, voltage regulator, overvoltage relay, battery contactor and a standard 12 volt 25 ampere hour or an optional 12 volt 35 ampere hour battery (Figure 7-11). The battery is mounted in a thermoplastic box located immediately aft of the main spar on the right side of the fuselage below the rear passenger seat. The voltage regulator and overvoltage relay are located on the forward left side of the fuselage behind the instrument panel.

Electrical switches are located on the right center instrument panel. A rheostat switch on the left side of the switch panel controls the optional navigation lights and the radio lights. A similar switch on the right side of the switch panel controls and dims the optional panel lights. The master switch, anti-collision lights, landing light and fuel pump are also located on the switch panel and are controlled by rocker type switches.

### WARNING

Anti-collision lights should not be operating when flying through cloud, fog or haze, since the reflected light can produce spatial disorientation. Strobe lights should not be used in close proximity to the ground such as during taxiing, takeoff or landing.

The circuit breakers are located on the lower right instrument panel. Each circuit breaker on the panel is of the push to reset type and is clearly marked as to its function and amperage. Circuit provisions have been included to handle the addition of communication and navigational equipment (refer to Figure 7-13).

Standard electrical accessories include a starter, an electric fuel pump, an audible stall warning indicator, fuel gauges, ammeter, and annunciator panel.

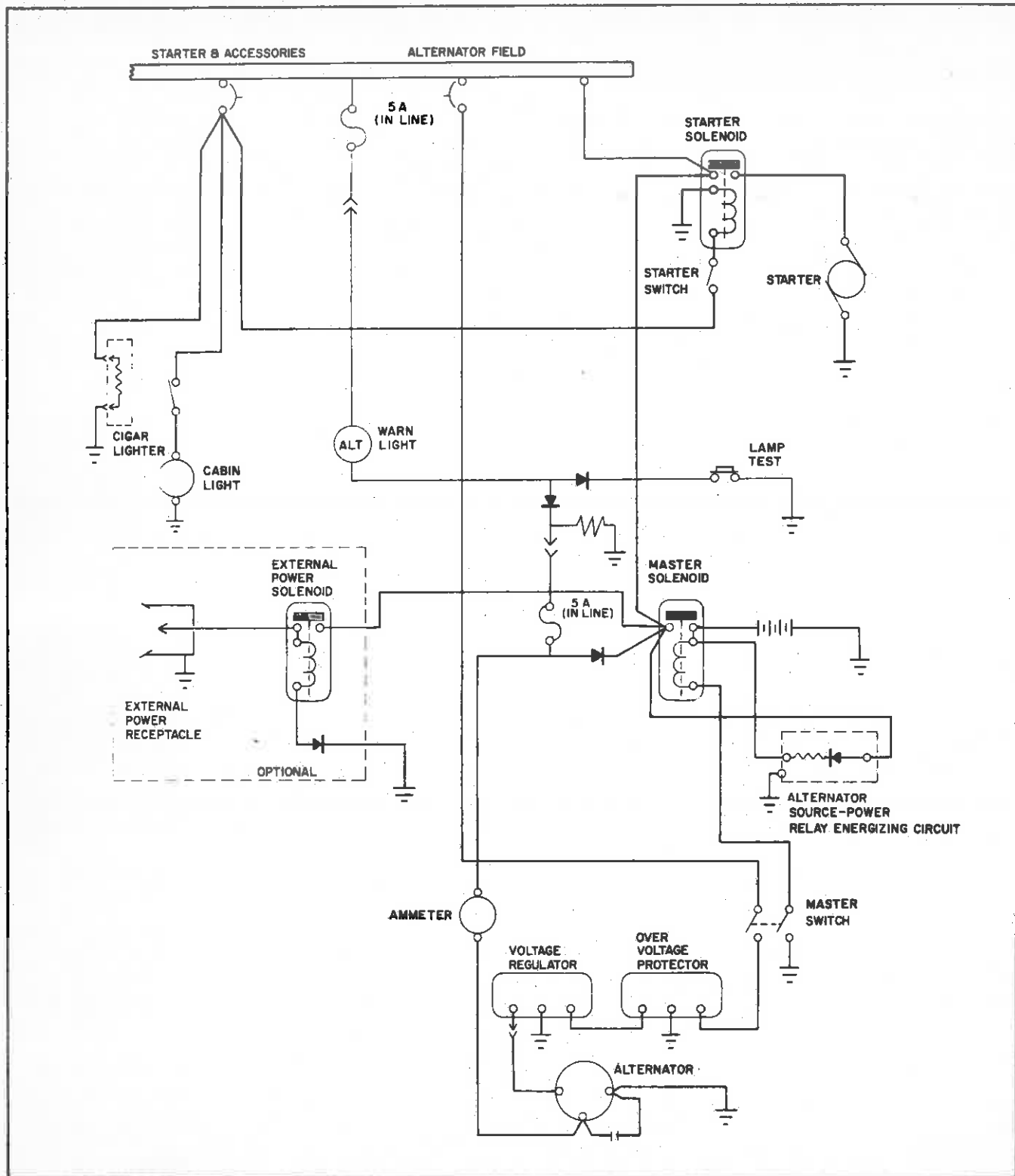
The annunciator panel includes alternator and low oil pressure indicator lights. When the optional gyro system is installed, the annunciator panel also includes a low vacuum indicator light. The annunciator panel lights are provided only as a warning to the pilot that a system may not be operating properly, and that he should check and monitor the applicable system gauge to determine when or if any necessary action is required.

The system also provides for such optional electrical accessories as additional lights and gauges, a heated pitot head, and communication and navigational equipment.

The master switch is a split rocker switch. One side of the switch is the battery side ("BAT") and the other is the alternator side ("ALT"). Henceforth, the words "master switch" used in this manual will mean both "BAT" and "ALT" switches and they are to be depressed simultaneously to OFF or ON as directed.

Unlike previous generator systems, the ammeter as installed does not show battery discharge: rather, it indicates the electrical load on the alternator in amperes. With all the electrical equipment off and the master switch on, the ammeter will indicate the charging rate of the battery. As each electrical unit is switched on, the ammeter will indicate the total ampere draw of all the units including the battery. For example, the average continuous load for night flight with radios on is about 30 amperes. This 30 ampere value plus approximately 2 amperes for a fully charged battery will appear continuously under these flight conditions. The amount of current shown on the ammeter will tell immediately if the alternator system is operating normally, as the amount of current shown should equal the total amperage drawn by the electrical equipment which is operating.

The overvoltage relay protects the electronics equipment from a momentary overvoltage condition (approximately 16.5 volts and up), or a catastrophic regulator failure. If no output is indicated on the ammeter during flight, reduce the electrical load by turning off all unnecessary electrical equipment. Check the 5 ampere field breaker and reset if open. If no output occurs, turn the "ALT" switch off for 1 second to reset the overvoltage relay. If the ammeter continues to indicate no output, maintain minimum electrical load and terminate the flight as soon as practical.



ALTERNATOR AND STARTER SCHEMATIC

Figure 7-11





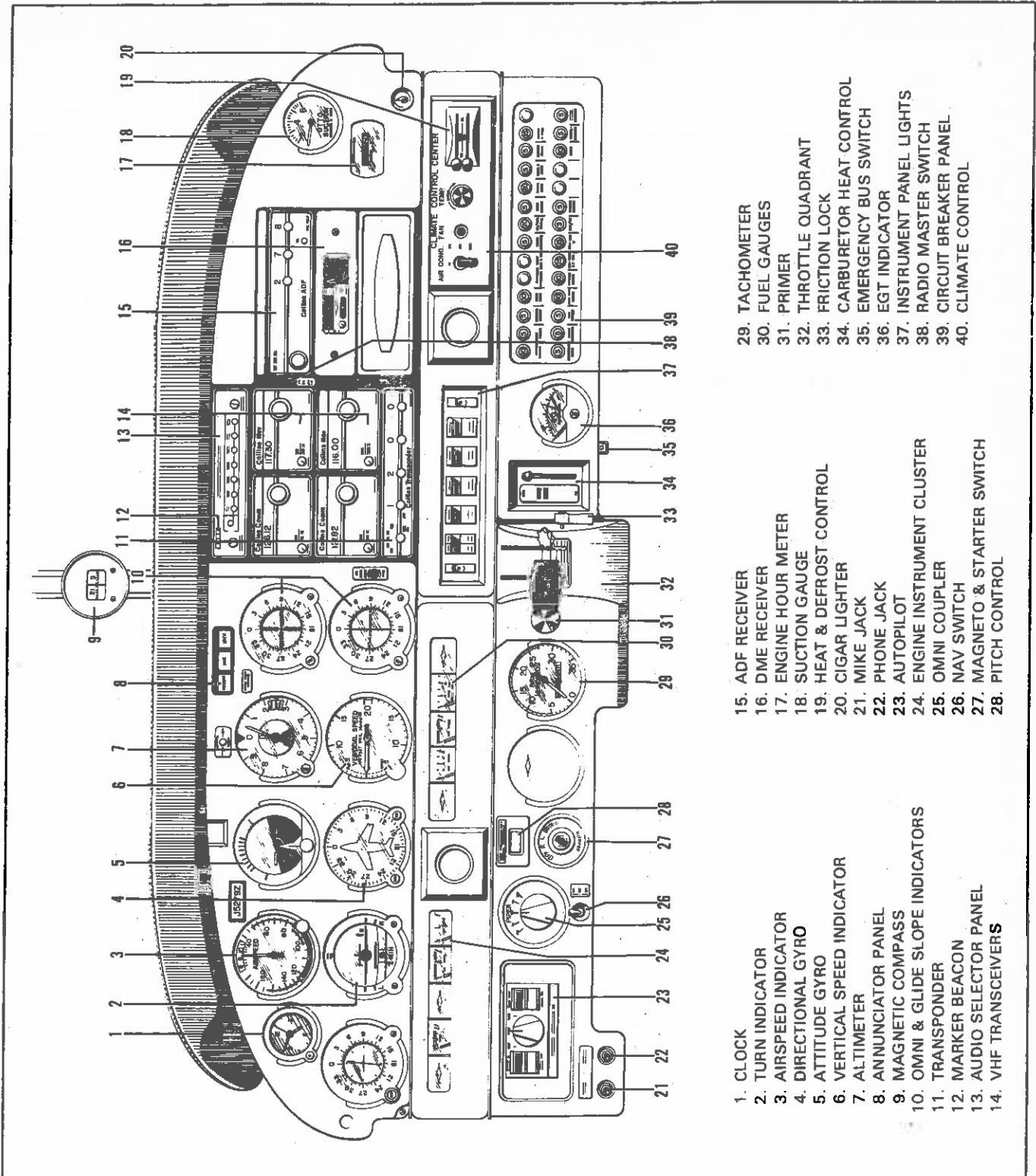
### **7.19 INSTRUMENT PANEL**

The instrument panel (Figure 7-15) is designed to accommodate instruments and avionics equipment for VFR and IFR flights.

The radios and the circuit breakers are located on the upper and lower right panel respectively, and have circuits provided for the addition of optional radio equipment. An optional radio master switch is located near the top of the instrument panel between the radio stacks. It controls the power to all radios through the aircraft master switch. An emergency bus switch is also provided to provide auxiliary power to the avionics bus in event of a radio master switch circuit failure. The emergency bus switch is located behind the lower right shin guard left of the circuit breaker panel. An engine cluster is located to the right of the pilot control wheel and includes a fuel pressure gauge, a right and left main fuel quantity gauge, an oil temperature gauge and an oil pressure gauge.

Standard instruments include a compass, an airspeed indicator, a tachometer, an altimeter, an ammeter, an engine cluster, and an annunciator panel. The compass is mounted on the windshield bow in clear view of the pilot. The annunciator panel is mounted in the upper instrument panel to warn the pilot of a possible malfunction in the alternator, oil pressure, or vacuum systems.

Instrument options available for the panel includes a suction gauge, vertical speed indicator, attitude gyro, directional gyro, clock, true-speed indicator and a turn and slip indicator or turn coordinator. The attitude gyro and directional gyro are vacuum operated through the use of a vacuum pump installed on the engine, while the turn and slip indicator is electrically operated. The vacuum suction gauge is on the far right of the instrument panel.



INSTRUMENT PANEL

Figure 7-15

### 7.21 PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM

The system supplies both pitot and static pressure for the airspeed indicator, altimeter, and the optional vertical speed indicator (Figure 7-17).

Pitot and static pressure are picked up by a pitot head installed on the bottom of the left wing and carried through pitot and static lines within the wing and fuselage to the gauges on the instrument panel.

An alternate static source is available as optional equipment. The control valve is located below the left side of the instrument panel. When the valve is set in the alternate position, the altimeter, vertical speed indicator and airspeed indicator will be using cabin air for static pressure. The storm window and cabin vents must be closed and the cabin heater and defroster must be on during alternate static source operation. The altimeter error is less than 50 feet unless otherwise placarded.

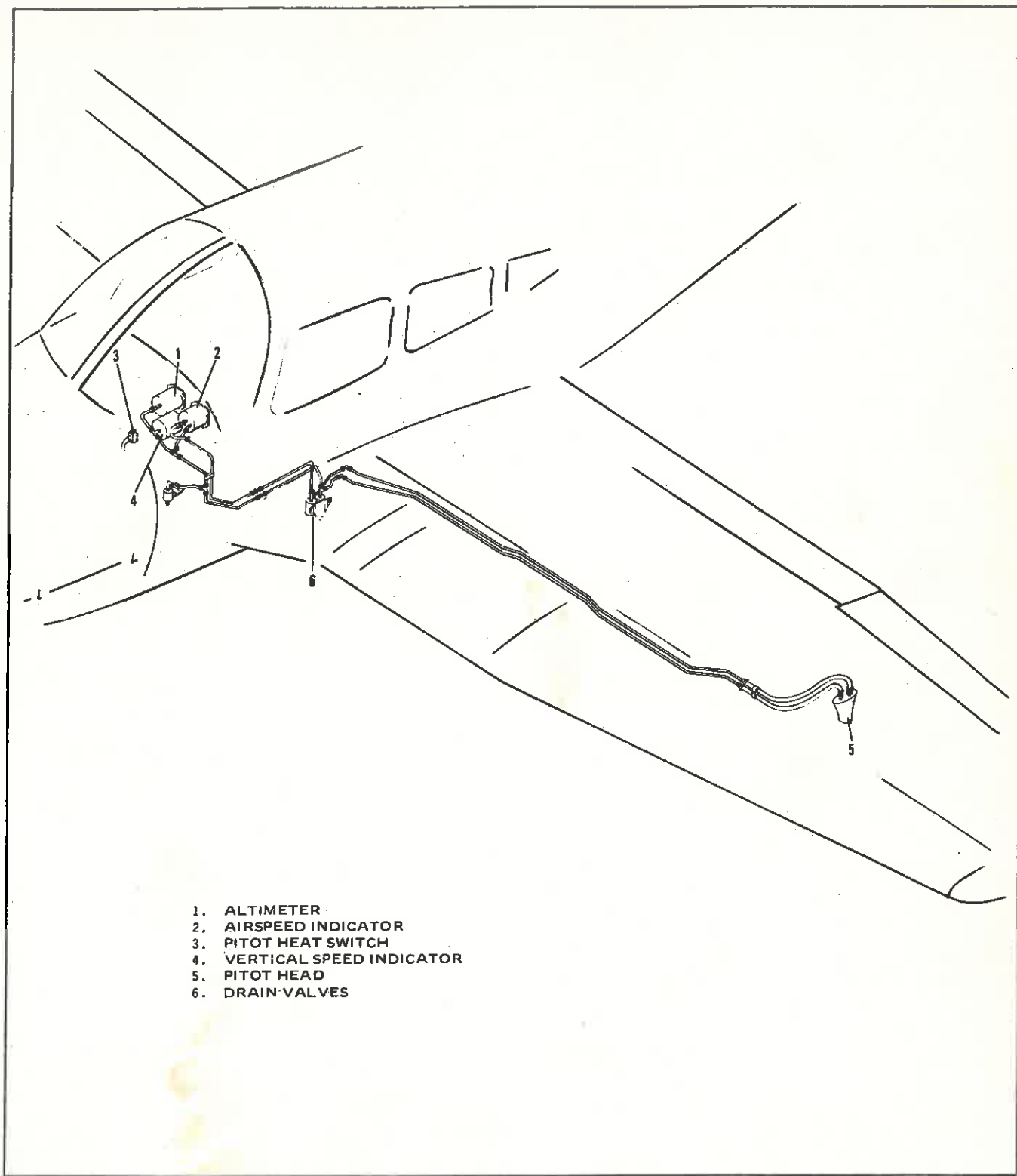
Both the pitot and static lines can be drained through separate drain valves located on the left lower side of the fuselage interior.

A heated pitot head, which alleviates problems with icing and heavy rain, is available as optional equipment. The switch for the heated pitot head is located on the electrical switch panel to the left of the right control wheel.

To prevent bugs and water from entering the pitot and static pressure holes, a cover should be placed over the pitot head. A partially or completely blocked pitot head will give erratic or zero readings on the instruments.

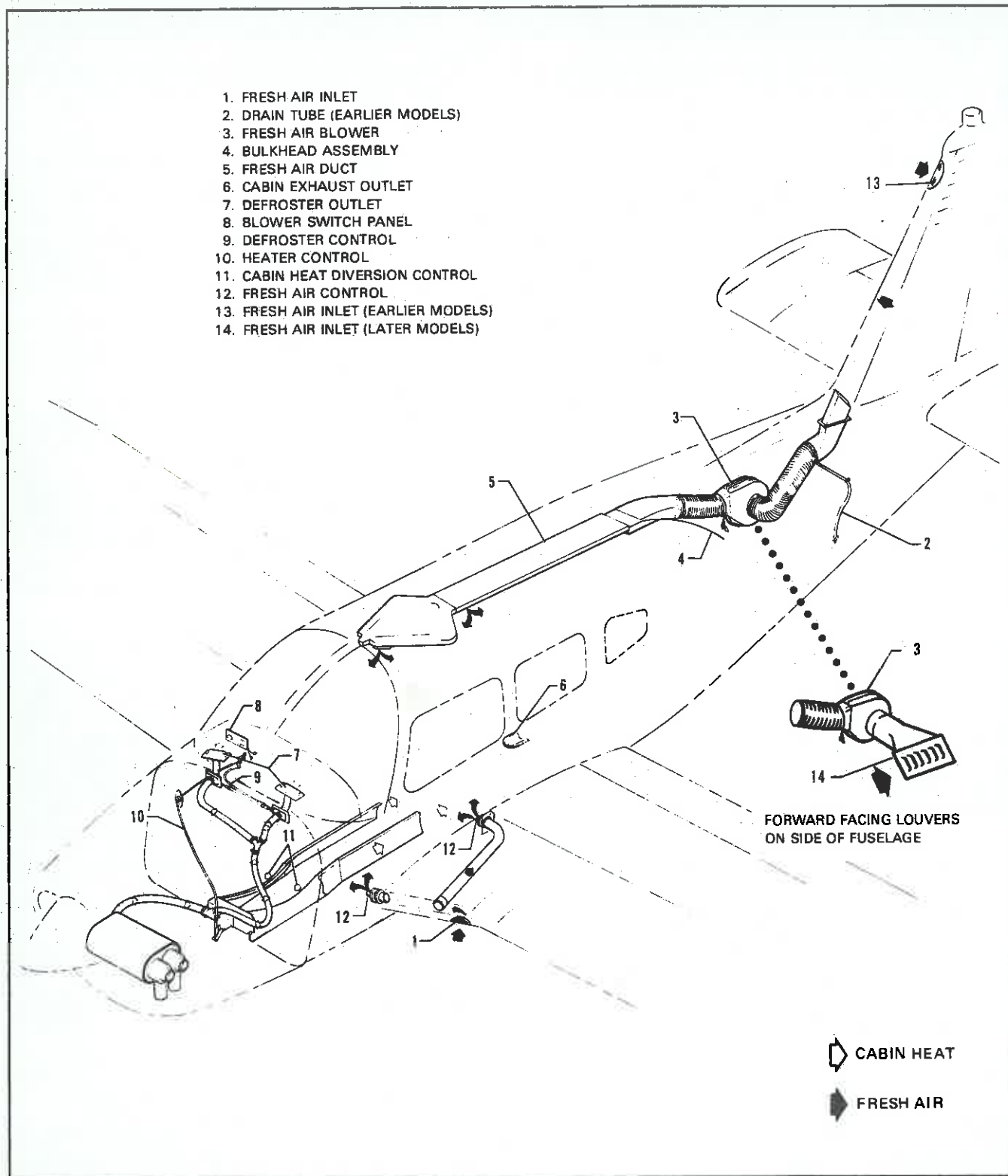
#### NOTE

During the preflight, check to make sure the pitot cover is removed.



PITOT-STATIC SYSTEM

Figure 7-17



**HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEM**

Figure 7-19

### 7.23 HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEM

Heat for the cabin interior and the defroster system is provided by a shroud attached to the muffler (Figure 7-19). The amount of heat can be regulated with the controls located on the far right side of the instrument panel.

The airflow between front and rear seats can be regulated by the heat diversion controls located on either side of the console atop the heat ducts.

#### CAUTION

When cabin heat is operated, heat duct surface becomes hot. This could result in burns if arms or legs are placed too close to heat duct outlets or surface.

Fresh air inlets are located in the leading edges of the wings near the fuselage. At each front seat location there is an adjustable fresh air outlet on the side of the cabin near the floor. Rear seat vents are optional. Cabin air is exhausted through an outlet located below the rear seat.

An optional overhead ventilating system with outlets over each seat is also available. An additional option to aid in fresh air circulation on models without air conditioning is a cabin air blower to force air through the overhead vent system. This blower is operated by a fan switch with four positions - "OFF," "LOW," "MED," and "HIGH." The switch is located on the right side of the instrument panel with the heater and defroster controls.

### 7.25 CABIN FEATURES

For ease of entry and exit and for pilot-passenger comfort, the front seats are adjustable fore and aft. The right front seat tilts forward to allow easy entry to the rear seats. The cabin interior includes a pilot storm window, ash trays and armrests on each front seat, two map pockets and pockets on the backs of the front seats.

The front seats can be equipped with optional headrests and optional vertical adjustment.

Seat belts are standard equipment for both front and rear seats. A single strap adjustable shoulder harness located above the side window, protects each front seat occupant. Optional shoulder straps for the rear seat occupants are available. The shoulder strap is routed over the shoulder adjacent to the window and attached to the lap belt in the general area of the occupant's inboard hip. Adjust this fixed strap so that all controls are accessible while maintaining adequate restraint for the occupant. Shoulder harness with inertial reels are available for all four seats.

A check of the inertia reel mechanism is made by pulling sharply on the strap. The reel should lock in place under this test and prevent the strap from extending. For normal body movements, the strap will extend or retract as required.

### **7.27 BAGGAGE AREA**

A 24 cubic foot baggage area, located behind the rear seat, is accessible from the cabin or loaded through a large 20 x 22 inch outside baggage door on the right side of the fuselage. Maximum capacity is 200 pounds. Tie-down straps are available and they should be used at all times.

#### **NOTE**

It is the pilot's responsibility to be sure when the baggage is loaded that the aircraft C.G. falls within the allowable C.G. range. (See Weight and Balance Section.)

### **7.29 STALL WARNING**

An approaching stall is indicated by an audible alarm located behind the instrument panel. The indicator activates at between five and ten knots above stall speed.

### **7.31 FINISH**

All exterior surfaces are primed with etching primer and finished with acrylic lacquer. To keep the finish attractive, economy size spray cans of touch-up paint are available from Piper Dealers.



### **7.33 PIPER EXTERNAL POWER\***

An optional starting installation known as Piper External Power (PEP) is accessible through a receptacle located on the right side of the fuselage aft of the baggage door. An external battery can be connected to the socket, thus allowing the operator to crank the engine without having to gain access to the airplane's battery. Instructions on a placard located on the cover of the receptacle should be followed before using the external power. For instructions on the use of the PEP see; **STARTING WITH EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE** in Section 4 - Normal Operating Procedures.

### **7.35 EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER\***

The Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) when installed, is located in the aft portion of the fuselage just below the stabilator leading edge and is accessible through a plate on the right side of the fuselage. This plate is attached with slotted-head nylon screws for ease of removal; these screws may be readily removed with a variety of common items such as a dime, a key, a knife blade, etc. If there are no tools available in an emergency the screw heads may be broken off by any means. The ELT is an emergency locator transmitter which meets the requirements of FAR 91.52.

A battery replacement date is marked on the transmitter to comply with FAA regulations, the battery must be replaced on or before this date. The battery must also be replaced if the transmitter has been used in an emergency situation or if the accumulated test time exceeds one hour, or if the unit has been inadvertently activated for an undetermined time period.

#### **NOTE**

If for any reason a test transmission is necessary, the test transmission should be conducted only in the first five minutes of any hour and limited to three audio sweeps. If the tests must be made at any other time, the tests should be coordinated with the nearest FAA tower or flight service station.

### **NARCO ELT 10 OPERATION**

On the ELT unit itself is a three position switch placarded "ON," "OFF" and "ARM." The ARM position sets the ELT so that it will transmit after impact and will continue to transmit until its battery is drained. The ARM position is selected when the ELT is installed in the airplane and it should remain in that position.

To use the ELT as a portable unit in an emergency, remove the cover and unlatch the unit from its mounting base. The antenna cable is disconnected by a left quarter-turn of the knurled nut and a pull. A sharp tug on the two small wires will break them loose. Deploy the self-contained antenna by pulling the plastic tab marked "PULL FULLY TO EXTEND ANTENNA." Move the switch to ON to activate the transmitter.

In the event the transmitter is activated by an impact, it can only be turned off by moving the switch on the ELT unit to OFF. Normal operation can then be restored by pressing the small clear plastic reset button located on the top of the front face of the ELT and then moving the switch to ARM.

A pilot's remote switch located on the left side panel is provided to allow the transmitter to be turned on from inside the cabin. The pilot's remote switch is placarded "ON" and "ARMED." The switch is normally in the ARMED position. Moving the switch to ON will activate the transmitter. Moving the switch back to the ARMED position will turn off the transmitter only if the impact switch has not been activated.

\*Optional equipment

The ELT should be checked to make certain the unit has not been activated during the ground check. Check by selecting 121.50 MHz on an operating receiver. If there is an oscillating chirping sound, the ELT may have been activated and should be turned off immediately. This requires removal of the access cover and moving the switch to OFF, then press the reset button and return the switch to ARM. Recheck with the receiver to ascertain the transmitter is silent.

#### **CCC CIR 11-2 OPERATION**

On the unit itself is a three position selector switch placarded "OFF," "ARM" and "ON." The ARM position is provided to set the unit to the automatic position so that it will transmit only after impact and will continue to transmit until the battery is drained to depletion or until the switch is manually moved to the OFF position. The ARM position is selected when the transmitter is installed at the factory and the switch should remain in that position whenever the unit is installed in the airplane. The ON position is provided so the unit can be used as a portable transmitter or in the event the automatic feature was not triggered by impact or to periodically test the function of the transmitter.

Select the OFF position when changing the battery, when rearming the unit if it has been activated for any reason, or to discontinue transmission.

#### **NOTE**

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

A pilot's remote switch, located on the left side panel, is provided to allow the transmitter to be controlled from inside the cabin. The pilot's remote switch is placarded "ON," "AUTO/ARM" and "OFF/RESET." The switch is normally left in the AUTO/ARM position. To turn the transmitter off, move the switch momentarily to the OFF/RESET position. The aircraft master switch must be ON to turn the transmitter OFF. To actuate the transmitter for tests or other reasons, move the switch upward to the ON position and leave it in that position as long as transmission is desired.

The unit is equipped with a portable antenna to allow the locator to be removed from the aircraft in case of an emergency and used as a portable signal transmitter.

The locator should be checked during the ground check to make certain the unit has not been accidentally activated. Check by tuning a radio receiver to 121.50 MHz. If there is an oscillating sound, the locator may have been activated and should be turned off immediately. Reset to the ARM position and check again to insure against outside interference.

### 7.37 AIR CONDITIONING\*

The air conditioning system is a recirculating air system. The major items include: evaporator, condenser, compressor, blower, switches and temperature controls.

The evaporator is located behind the left rear side of the baggage compartment. This cools the air that is used for air conditioning.

The condenser is mounted on a retractable scoop located on the bottom of the fuselage and to the rear of the baggage compartment area. The scoop extends when the air conditioner is "ON" and retracts to a flush position when the system is "OFF."

The compressor is mounted on the forward right underside of the engine. It has an electric clutch which automatically engages or disengages the compressor to the belt drive system of the compressor.

An electrical blower is mounted on the aft side of the rear cabin panel. Air from the baggage area is drawn through the evaporator by the blower and distributed through an overhead duct to individual outlets located adjacent to each occupant.

The switches and temperature control are located on the lower right side of the instrument panel in the climate control center panel. The temperature control regulates the desired temperature of the cabin. Turn the control clockwise for increased cooling, counterclockwise for decreased cooling.

Located inboard of the temperature control is the fan speed switch and the air conditioning "ON-OFF" switch. The fan can be operated independently of the air conditioning. However, it must be on for air conditioner operation. Turning either switch off will disengage the compressor clutch and retract the condenser door. Cooling air should be felt within one minute after the air conditioner is turned on.

#### NOTE

If the system is not operating in 5 minutes, turn the system "OFF" until the fault is corrected.

The "FAN" switch allows operation of the fan with the air conditioner turned "OFF" to aid cabin air circulation if desired. A "LOW," "MED" or "HIGH" flow of air can be selected to the air conditioner outlets located in the overhead duct. The outlets can be adjusted or turned off by each occupant to regulate individual cooling effect.

The "DOOR OPEN" indicator light is located to the left of the radio stack in front of the pilot. The light illuminates whenever the condenser door is open and remains on until the door is closed.

A circuit breaker located on the circuit breaker panel protects the air conditioning electrical system.

Whenever the throttle is in the full throttle position, it actuates a micro switch which disengages the compressor and retracts the scoop. This is done to obtain maximum power and maximum rate of climb. The fan continues to operate and the air will remain cool for approximately one minute. When the throttle is retarded approximately 1/4 inch, the clutch will engage and the scoop will extend, again supplying cool, dry air.

\*Optional equipment

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