

8.17 PROPELLER SERVICE

The spinner and backing plate should be cleaned and inspected for cracks frequently. Before each flight the propeller should be inspected for nicks, scratches, and corrosion. If found, they should be repaired as soon as possible by a rated mechanic, since a nick or scratch causes an area of increased stress which can lead to serious cracks or the loss of a propeller tip. The back face of the blades should be painted when necessary with flat black paint to retard glare. To prevent corrosion, the surface should be cleaned and waxed periodically.

8.19 OIL REQUIREMENTS

The oil capacity of the Lycoming TIO-540 series engine is 12 quarts, and the minimum safe quantity is 2-3/4 quarts. It is recommended that engine oil be drained and renewed every 50 hours, or sooner under unfavorable conditions. Full flow cartridge type oil filters should be replaced each 50 hours of operation. The interval between oil and oil filter change is not to exceed four (4) months. Lycoming Service Bulletin No. 446 should also be complied with each 50 hours. The following grades are required for temperatures:

Average Ambient Temperature All Temperatures	MIL-L-6082B SAE Grade --	MIL-L-22851 Ashless Dispersant SAE Grades 15W-50 or 20W-50
Above 80°F	60	60
Above 60°F	50	40 or 50
30°F to 90°F	40	40
0°F to 70°F	30	30, 40 or 20W-40
0°F to 90°F	20W50	20W50 or 15W50
Below 10°F	20	30 or 20W-30

When operating temperatures overlap indicated ranges, use the lighter grade oil.

NOTE

Refer to the latest issue of Lycoming Service Instruction 1014 (Lubricating Oil Recommendations) for further information.

8.21 FUEL SYSTEM.

(a) Servicing Fuel System

At every 50 hour inspection, the fuel screens in the strainer and in the injector must be cleaned. The screen in the injector is located in the housing where the fuel line connects to the injector. The fuel strainer is located under the floor panel and is accessible for cleaning through an access plate on the underside of the fuselage. After cleaning, a small amount of grease applied to the gasket will facilitate reassembly.