

justified in making a thorough full-throttle, static runup before another take-off is attempted. The engine should run smoothly and turn approximately 2375 to 2475 RPM with carburetor heat off.

Full throttle runups over loose gravel are especially harmful to propeller tips. When take-offs must be made over a gravel surface, it is very important that the throttle be advanced slowly. This allows the airplane to start rolling before high RPM is developed, and the gravel will be blown back of the propeller rather than pulled into it. When unavoidable small dents appear in the propeller blades, they should be immediately corrected as described in Section IV.

Prior to take-off from fields above 5000 feet elevation, the mixture should be leaned to give maximum RPM in a full-throttle, static runup.

FLAP SETTINGS.

Normal and obstacle clearance take-offs are performed with flaps up. The use of 10° flaps will shorten the ground run approximately 10%, but this advantage is lost in the climb to a 50-foot obstacle. Therefore the use of 10° flap is reserved for minimum ground runs or for take-off from soft or rough fields with no obstacles ahead.

If 10° of flaps are used in ground runs, it is preferable to leave them extended rather than retract them in the climb to the obstacle. The exception to this rule would be in a high altitude take-off in hot weather where climb would be marginal with flaps 10°.

Flap deflections of 30° and 40° are not recommended at any time for take-off.

PERFORMANCE CHARTS.

Consult the take-off chart in Section V for take-off distances under various gross weight, altitude, and headwind conditions.

CROSSWIND TAKE-OFFS.

Take-offs into strong crosswinds normally are performed with the minimum flap setting necessary for the field length, to minimize the drift angle immediately after take-off. The airplane is accelerated to a speed slightly higher than normal, then pulled off abruptly to prevent possible settling back to the runway while drifting. When clear of the ground, make a coordinated turn into the wind to correct for drift.

CLIMB.

CLIMB DATA.

For detailed data, see Maximum Rate-of-Climb Data chart in Section V.

CLIMB SPEEDS.

Normal climbs are conducted at 75 to 80 MPH with flaps up and full throttle, for best engine cooling. The mixture should be full rich unless the engine is rough due to too rich a mixture. The best rate-of-climb speeds range from 72 MPH at sea level to 66 MPH at 10,000 feet. If an obstruction dictates the use of a steep climb angle, the best angle-of-climb speed should be used with flaps up and full throttle. These speeds vary from 52 MPH at sea level to 60 MPH at 10,000 feet.

NOTE

Steep climbs at these low speeds should be of short duration to allow improved engine cooling.

GO-AROUND CLIMB.

In a balked landing (go-around) climb, the wing flap setting should be reduced to 20° immediately after full power is applied. Upon reaching a safe airspeed, the flaps should be slowly retracted to the full up position.

CRUISE.

Normal cruising is done at 65% to 75% of METO power. The settings required to obtain these powers at various altitudes and outside air temperatures can be determined by using your Cessna Power Computer or the OPERATIONAL DATA, Section V.

Cruising can be done most efficiently at high altitude because of the higher true airspeeds obtainable at the same power. This is illustrated in the following table for 70% power.