

ENGINE POWER LOSS IN FLIGHT

Complete engine power loss is usually caused by fuel flow interruption, and power will be restored shortly after fuel flow is restored. If power loss occurs at low altitude, the first step is to prepare for an emergency landing (See POWER OFF LANDING). Maintain an airspeed of at least 85 MPH, and if altitude permits, proceed as follows:

1. Fuel Selector - Switch to another tank containing fuel.
2. Electric Fuel Pump - On
3. Mixture - Rich
4. Carburetor Heat - On
5. Engine Gauges - Check for indication of the cause of power loss.
6. Primer - Check locked
7. If no fuel pressure is indicated, check tank selector position to be sure it is on a tank containing fuel.

When power is restored:

8. Carburetor Heat - Off
9. Electric Fuel Pump - Off

If the above steps do not restore power, prepare for an emergency landing.

If time permits:

1. Ignition Switch - "L" then "R" then back to "BOTH."
2. Throttle and Mixture - Different settings. (This may restore power if the problem is too rich or too lean a mixture, or partial fuel system restriction.)
3. Try another fuel tank. (Water in the fuel could take some time to be used up, and allowing the engine to windmill may restore power. If power loss is due to water, fuel pressure indications will be normal.)

NOTE

If engine failure was caused by fuel exhaustion, power will not be restored after tanks are switched until empty fuel lines are filled, which may require up to ten seconds.

If power is not restored, proceed with POWER OFF LANDING procedure.

POWER OFF LANDING

If loss of power occurs at altitude, trim the aircraft for best gliding angle 85 MPH, and look for a suitable field. If measures taken to restore power are not effective, and if time permits, check your charts for airports in the immediate vicinity; it may be possible to land at one if you have sufficient altitude. If possible, notify the FAA by radio of your difficulty and intentions. If another pilot or passenger is aboard, let them help.

When you have located a suitable field, establish a spiral pattern around this field. Try to be 1000 feet above the field at the downwind position to make a normal approach. When the field can easily be reached, slow up to 76 MPH for the shortest landing. Excess altitude may be lost by widening your pattern, using flaps or slipping, or a combination of these.

ALTERNATOR FAILURE

Loss of alternator output is detected through a zero reading on the ammeter. Before executing the following procedure, insure that the reading is zero and not merely low by actuating an electrically powered device, such as the landing light. If no increase in the ammeter reading is noted, alternator failure can be assumed.

1. Reduce electrical load.
2. Alternator Circuit Breakers - Check
3. "Alt" Switch - Off (for 1 second), then On

If the ammeter continues to indicate no output, or alternator will not stay reset, turn off "Alt" switch, maintain minimum electrical load, and land as soon as practical. All electrical power is being supplied by the battery:

ENGINE ROUGHNESS

Engine roughness is usually due to carburetor icing which is indicated by a drop in RPM, and may be accompanied by a slight loss of airspeed or altitude. If too much ice is allowed to accumulate, restoration of full power may not be possible; therefore, prompt action is required.

1. Carburetor heat - on (See Note). RPM will decrease slightly and roughness will increase. Wait for a decrease in engine roughness or an increase in RPM, indicating ice removal. If no change in approximately one minute, return carburetor heat to OFF. If the engine is still rough, try steps below.
 - a. Mixture - Adjust for maximum smoothness. Engine will run rough if too rich or too lean.
 - b. Electric Fuel Pump - On
 - c. Fuel Selector - Change to other tank to see if fuel contamination is the problem.
 - d. Engine Gauges - Check for abnormal readings. If any gauge readings are abnormal, proceed accordingly.
 - e. Magneto Switch - "L" then "R" then back to "BOTH." If operation is satisfactory on either magneto, proceed on that magneto at reduced power, with mixture full rich, to a landing at the first available airport.

If roughness persists, prepare for a precautionary landing at pilot's discretion.

NOTE

Partial carburetor heat may cause partial melting of ice which will refreeze in the intake system; therefore when using carburetor heat, always use full heat and when ice is removed return to the full cold position.