

Cessna 172N AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE

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Landing Weight _____

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Performance Calculation

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Press Alt: _____ Density Alt: _____ X-Wind: _____ H-Wind: _____

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CESSNA 172N PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST

FLIGHT PLANNING

Airplane CHECK MAINTENANCE RECORDS
Route & Navigation Planning COMPLETE
Weather BRIEFING COMPLETE
Baggage WEIGHED
Weight & Balance / CG CALCULATED / WITHIN LIMITS
Performance Planning COMPLETE
Flight Plan FILED

INSIDE CABIN

Aircraft Papers ARROW
Aircraft Hobbs & Tachometer VERIFY
Fire Extinguisher (if aboard) CHECK
Headset, Charts, Lapboard ON BOARD
Baggage STOWED & SECURE
Control Lock REMOVE & STOW
Ignition Switch OFF
Avionics Power Switch OFF
Circuit Breakers IN
Compass Deviation Card CHECKED
Master Switch ON
Fuel Quantity Indicators CHECK QUANTITY
Avionics Cooling Fan (if installed) CHECK AUDIBLY FOR OPERATION
Wing Flaps DOWN
External Lights / Pitot Heat CHECKED
Master Switch OFF
Alternate Static Valve (if installed) CHECK OPERATION (then closed)

EMPENNAGE –LEFT SIDE

Side and Rear Windows CHECK / CLEAN
Baggage Door CHECK
Empennage CHECK FOR DAMAGE
Horizontal Stabilizer – Leading Edge CHECK
Elevator – Left Side CHECK MOVEMENT / COUNTER-WEIGHT
Tail Tie Down / Rudder Gust Lock REMOVE
Rudder CHECK MOVEMENT / COUNTER-WEIGHT

EMPENNAGE –RIGHT SIDE

Elevator – Right Side CHECK MOVEMENT / COUNTER-WEIGHT
Elevator Trim Tab CHECK
Horizontal Stabilizer – Leading Edge CHECK
Empennage CHECK FOR DAMAGE
ELT Antenna CHECK SECURITY
Side and Rear Windows CHECK / CLEAN

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RIGHT WING –TRAILING EDGE

Wing Flap CHECK SECURITY / FLAP TRACKS
Aileron CHECK MOVEMENT / COUNTER-WEIGHT
Wing Tip and Lights CHECK

RIGHT WING –LEADING EDGE

Leading Edge CHECK
Wing Tie Down / Chocks REMOVE
Right Main Tire, Brakes, Hyd. Line CHECK
Fuel Drain DRAIN / SAMPLE
Air Inlets CHECK
Fuel Tank CHECK QUANTITY / SECURE CAP (vented)

NOSE

Windshield CHECK / CLEAN
Engine Oil Level CHECK (4 - 6 quarts)
Fuel Strainer Knob PULL / DRAIN 4 sec / CHECK CLOSED
Cowling CHECK SECURE
Propeller & Spinner CHECK FOR NICKS & SECURITY
Alternator Belt CHECK TENSION
Landing Light(s) CHECK
Carburetor Air Filter CHECK CLEAR
Nose Wheel Strut & Tire CHECK
Nose Wheel Damper CHECK SECURE
Exhaust CHECK
Static Source Opening (left side) CHECK FOR STOPPAGE

LEFT WING –LEADING EDGE

Air Inlets CHECK
Fuel Tank CHECK QUANTITY / SECURE CAP
Pitot Cover (if installed) REMOVE / CHECK FOR STOPPAGE
Fuel Tank Vent Opening CHECK FOR STOPPAGE
Stall Warning Opening CHECK FOR STOPPAGE
Leading Edge CHECK
Wing Tip and Lights CHECK

LEFT WING –TRAILING EDGE

Aileron CHECK MOVEMENT / COUNTER-WEIGHTS
Wing Flap CHECK SECURITY / FLAP TRACKS
Wing Tie Down / Chocks REMOVE
Left Main Tire, Brakes, Hyd. Line CHECK
Fuel Drain DRAIN / SAMPLE

*** Push aircraft across **tie-down cable** if applicable ***

CESSNA 172N**Start / Takeoff / Cruise****BEFORE ENGINE START**

Preflight Inspection
 Cell Phones OFF
 Seat Belts & Harnesses
 Passenger Briefing
 Fuel Selector BOTH
 Avionics Power OFF
 Autopilot OFF
 Circuit Breakers
 Parking Brake SET
 ATIS / SET ALTIMETER

STARTING ENGINE

Mixture FULL RICH
 Throttle OPEN 1/8 INCH
 Carburetor Heat COLD
 Master Switch ON
 Rotating Beacon / NAV Lights
 Ignition Key IN
 Prime AS REQ
 Propeller Area "CLEAR"
 Ignition Switch START
 Mixture Adjust
 Oil Pressure
 Ammeter
 Suction Gauge
 Wing Flaps UP

NAV/COMM

Avionics Power ON
 Intercom CHECK
 Marker Beacon TEST
 Com 1 SET
 Com 2 SET
 Nav 1 TEST / SET
 Nav 2 TEST / SET
 GPS SET
 DME SET
 ADF SET

BEFORE TAXI

Flight Instruments
 Transponder 1200
 Taxi Light ON
 Parking Brake OFF
 Permission to Taxi

RUNUP CHECK

Parking Brake SET
 Flight Controls & Trim
 Fuel Selector BOTH
 Fuel Quantity
 Fuel Primer LOCKED
 Autopilot / Air Cond OFF
 Throttle 1700
 Mixture Adjust
 Carburetor Heat
 Magnetos
 Oil Pressure
 Oil Temperature
 Ammeter
 Suction Gauge
 Throttle IDLE
 Throttle 1000

Circuit Breakers
 Flight Instruments
 Radios
 Transponder ALT
 Landing Light / Strobes
 Cabin Doors & Windows
 Takeoff Briefing
 Wing Flaps SET
 Parking Brake OFF
 Permission to Take Off

NORMAL TAKEOFF

Throttle FULL
 Rotate 55 KIAS
 Climb 70 KIAS

CRUISE CLIMB

Airspeed 70-80 KIAS
 Throttle FULL
 Mixture Adjust
 Landing Light OFF

CRUISE

Throttle 2200-2700 RPM (< 75%)
 Mixture Adjust
 Elevator & Rudder Trim
 Engine Instruments

CESSNA 172N**Descent / Landing / Shutdown****DESCENT**

Fuel Selector Valve BOTH
 Power
 Mixture
 Carburetor Heat AS REQ

APPROACH (Trim for 70 KIAS)

Gas
 Undercarriage
 Mixture
 Propeller
 Safety
 Landing Light ON
 Carburetor Heat ON
 Autopilot OFF

BALKED LANDING

Power FULL
 Flaps 20°
 Climb 55 KIAS
 FLAPS 10° (Retract after safe
 altitude and 60KIAS)

AFTER LANDING CHECK

Wing Flaps UP
 Mixture Adjust
 Carburetor Heat COLD
 Landing Lights / Strobes
 Transponder STANDBY

SHUTDOWN

Parking Brake SET
 Throttle 1000 RPM
 Magneto Safety Check
 Throttle 1700 RPM
 Mixture LEAN MAX RPM
 Avionics Power Switch OFF
 Electrical Equipment OFF
 External Lights (except Beacon) OFF
 Throttle 1200 RPM
 Mixture IDLE CUTOFF
 Ignition Switch OFF - remove key
 Beacon Light OFF
 Master Switch OFF
 Fuel Selector RIGHT or LEFT
 Parking Brake RELEASED

SECURING AIRCRAFT

Chocks & Tie-downs
 Control Lock INSTALL
 Aircraft Hobbs & Tachometer RECORD
 Windows CLOSE
 Electrical Switches OFF
 Ignition Switch OFF
 Master Switch OFF
 Doors and Baggage Door LOCK
 Post Flight Inspection
 Pitot Cover - Install

AIRSPEDS FOR SAFE OPERATION**Takeoff – Flaps Up**

Rotation55 KIAS
 Short Field 59 KIAS

Enroute Climb – Flaps Up

Normal Climbout 70-80 KIAS
 Best Rate (V_y) 70 KIAS
 Best Angle (V_x) 60 KIAS

Landing Approach

Normal – Flaps Up 65 KIAS
 Normal – Flaps 30° 60 KIAS
 Short Field – Flaps 30°60 KIAS

Balked Landing

Max Pwr – Flaps 20° 55 KIAS

Maximum Maneuvering Speeds

2300 lbs.97 KIAS
 1950 lbs. 89 KIAS
 1600 lbs. 80 KIAS

Best Glide

Flaps UP 65 KIAS
 Flaps DOWN 60 KIAS