

Annual Condition Inspection Guide

Date: ____/____/____

Aircraft: _____

Registration #: _____, SN: _____, TTSN: _____

Engine: _____

TTSN: _____, TTSMOH: _____, TTSTOH: _____

Compression: Cyl 1: ____/80, Cyl 2: ____/80, Cyl 3: ____/80, Cyl 4: ____/80,

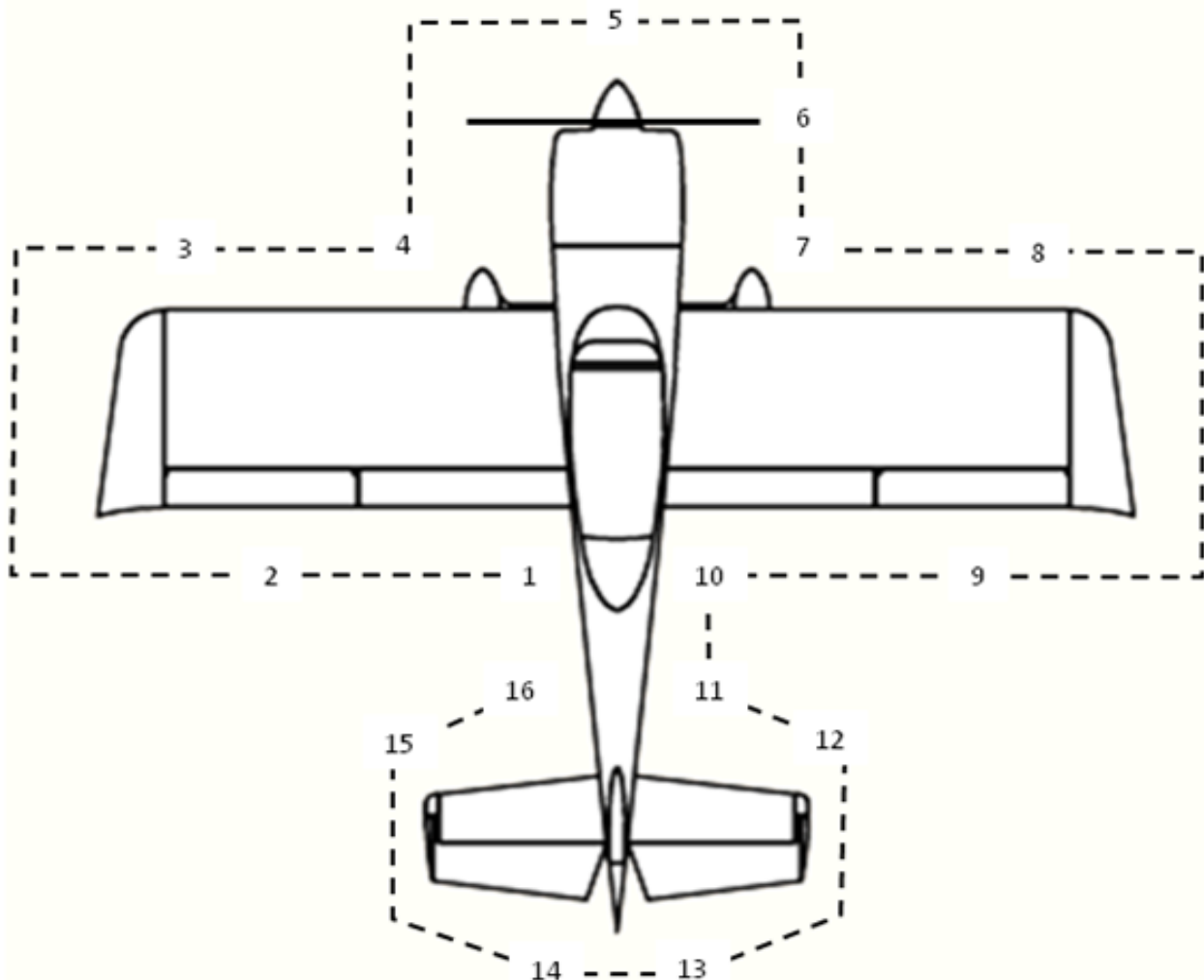
Propeller: _____

TTSN: _____, TTSOH: _____

Documentation: _____

TXP Check ____/____/____, ELT Battery ____/____/____

Registration: __, AW Cert: __, W&B: __, Limitations: __, POH (Optional): __



6 –Engine Compartment

- ☐ Engine in overall clean condition.
- ☐ Exhaust; gaskets, nuts, washers and lock washers.
- ☐ Exhaust check for cracks or leaks
- ☐ Exhaust slide fittings not overly tight.
- ☐ Exhaust brackets properly installed.
- ☐ EGT probes properly installed.
- ☐ Exhaust clearance acceptable.
- ☐ Heat muff installed correctly and clear of chafing.
- ☐ Heat guards properly installed, if used.
- ☐ FI servo/carb properly secured.
- ☐ Snorkel to servo bolts safetied.
- ☐ Snorkel to starter clearance ok.
- ☐ Snorkel/FAB drain hole(s).
- ☐ Air filter properly secured.
- ☐ FAB air filter properly installed and safetied.
- ☐ Starter wires installed and covered w/ rubber boot.
- ☐ Starter wires safely secured.
- ☐ Starter attach bolts tight.
- ☐ Alternator bolts tight.
- ☐ Alternator to starter bracket bolts tight and safetied.
- ☐ Alternator tension arm bolts tight and safetied.
- ☐ Alternator belt tight.
- ☐ Alternator B wire covered w/ rubber boot.
- ☐ Check intake bolt installation.
- ☐ Spark plugs and ignition leads properly torqued.
- ☐ Ignition leads secured.
- ☐ Oil dipstick tube safetied to case.
- ☐ Baffles in general good condition and properly secured.
- ☐ Lord mounts properly installed (Smooth half to front on top and smooth side to rear on bottom and cotter keys installed.)
- ☐ Throttle control fittings OK.
- ☐ Throttle control works correctly and to the stops.
- ☐ Mixture control fittings, OK.
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- ☐ Carburetor controls, OK.
- ☐ Prop control fittings, OK.
- ☐ Prop control works correctly to fine pitch stop.
- ☐ Alternator wires safely secured.
- ☐ Breather tube installed.
- ☐ Fuel pump vent installed.
- ☐ Fuel pump safetied.
- ☐ Fuel lines properly run and protected from heat.
- ☐ Oil lines correctly run.
- ☐ All fuel & oil line B nuts checked for tightness.
- ☐ Oil cooler installation, OK.
- ☐ Firewall penetrations properly sealed.
- ☐ Overall wiring installed in good condition.
- ☐ Motor mount to fuselage bolts properly tightened and safetied.
- ☐ Heat exchanger operates and closes fully.
- ☐ Oil pressure regulator safetied.
- ☐ Nose wheel installation, OK. (Inflation 30-32 psi)
- ☐ Nose gear break out set at 22 lbs.
- ☐ Grease nose fork.
- ☐ Engine grounded to airframe.
- ☐ Gascolator; drain and clean screen.

Notes:

For all tricycle gear models, verify that SB 07-11-09 has been reviewed to make sure correct nose leg and fork are installed.

Alt Belt Tension: Install a torque wrench on the pulley retaining nut and measure the amount of torque required to make the pulley slip. Turn the torque wrench in a clockwise direction, as viewed from the pulley end, and adjust belt tension accordingly.

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BELT WIDTH.....NEW BELT.....USED BELT	
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7 – Right Wing Root and Main Gear

- ☐ Overall condition good.
- ☐ Tank to fuselage bracket bolt snug and safetied, per plans
- ☐ Fuel and vent lines installed. No rubbing or chafing.
- ☐ B nuts tight.
- ☐ Fuel intake at bottom of tank. Verify by removing quick drain.
- ☐ Fuel pick up B nut safetied (Service Bulletin)
- ☐ Reinstall quick drain.
- ☐ Left tire condition good and properly inflated.
- ☐ Brake pad retaining bolts safetied.
- ☐ Brake line properly installed with loop.
- ☐ B nut on brake line tight.
- ☐ Inspect & repack bearings
- ☐ Check torque on gear bolts.

Notes:8 – Right Wing Tip and Forward Wing

- ☐ Overall condition good.
- ☐ Wing tip securely attached to wing.
- ☐ Lights installed correctly (Green position light and strobe, if installed.)
- ☐ Landing light secure. (If installed).
- ☐ Fuel cap installed and placarded.
- ☐ Tie down ring secure.
- ☐ Tank hold down bolts installed.

9 – Right Aileron and Mid Wing

- ☐ General appearance of aileron ok.
- ☐ Aileron is free in movement.
- ☐ Jam nut on aileron control tube tight.
- ☐ Control tube installed properly. No chafing on spar opening.
- ☐ Aileron stops properly installed.
- ☐ Aileron hinges properly installed, no rubbing or chafing and bolts/nuts properly installed.

10 – Right Flap and Wing Root

- ☐ General appearance of flap ok.
- ☐ Flap hinge pin properly secured.
- ☐ Flap hinge pin does not interfere with aileron movement.
- ☐ Flap actuator does not chafe on fuselage relief hole.
- ☐ Jam nuts on flap actuator are tight.
- ☐ Clearance of flap to fuselage is acceptable. (1/8" min.)
- ☐ Rear attach bolt on rear spar is properly safetied.
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- ☐

11 – Right Rear fuselage

- ☐ General appearance, OK.
- ☐ Static port unobstructed.
- ☐ N number installed forward of HS or on VS.
- ☐ Step installation, OK.

17 – Forward Fuselage interior Forward of Spar

- ☐ All spar bolts properly installed (SB 12-08-14)
- ☐ Fuel lines & B nuts OK.
- ☐ Vent lines, OK.
- ☐ Motor mount attach bolts flush to FW.
- ☐ Wiring secured
- ☐ Throttle controls correct.
- ☐ Mixture controls correct.
- ☐ Prop controls correct. (If used.)
- ☐ All instruments securely installed.
- ☐ Brake pedal attachments, ok.
- ☐ Master cylinders and lines, ok.
- ☐ Rudder pedals installed correctly and safetied.
- ☐ Rudder cables correct and safetied
- ☐ Control sticks free and no chafing.
- ☐ Control stick attach and jam nuts tight.
- ☐ Aileron servo, OK. (If installed.)

Notes:16 – Forward Fuselage Interior Aft of Spar

- ☐ General appearance, OK.
- ☐ Stick to bellcrank control tube free and no rubbing.
- ☐ Threads on control tube connectors ok and jam nuts tight.
- ☐ Flap motor/manual control, ok.
- ☐ Flap actuating rods installed, safetied and jam nuts tight.
- ☐ Rear carry through spar, ok.
- ☐ All wiring safely secured.
- ☐ Elevator bellcrank, connections and jam nuts, OK.
- ☐ Elevator servo installed with stops or verify throw not to go over center.
- ☐ Seatbelt attach points, OK
- ☐ Aileron servo, OK. (If installed.)
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

17 –Rear Fuselage Interior Aft of Baggage

- ☐ General appearance, OK.
- ☐ Elevator to bellcrank control tube free and no rubbing.
- ☐ Threads on control tube connectors ok and jam nuts tight.
- ☐ Static tubing installation, OK.
- ☐ Battery installation, OK. (Battery may be located on firewall or in front of fuselage.)
- ☐ Rudder cable OK and grommets installed in bulkheads.
- ☐ All wiring safely secured.
- ☐ Fuselage drain holes ahead of each bulkhead.
- ☐ Seatbelt attach points, OK.
- ☐ No debris in tail cone.
- ☐ ELT and antenna properly installed.
- ☐ ELT indicator in view of pilot.
- ☐ ELT Battery. ____/____/____
- ☐ ELT Test OK.
- ☐ Elevator servo, OK. (If installed.)
- ☐ _____

November 24, 2020
RV-8/8A Quick Build Fuselage Aircraft/Kits
Specifies inspection of RV-8/8A quick build fuselages for use of proper fasteners

May 6, 2020
All RV models
Potential leaking of Kavlico pressure sensors

May 21, 2018
All fuel injected Lycoming engine installations
Proper installation of gauge plug in fuel spider

December 16, 2016
RV-8QB
RV-8QB Center Section Bolts

August 29, 2016
All MT governors listed by type and serial number on page 3 and 4 which were manufactured from April 2010 until July 2013 installed on direct drive engines modified with electronic ignition or higher compression pistons.
Flyweight failures

March 28, 2016
All RV-3,4,6,7,8,9,10,14
Cracking of wing aft spar web at the inboard aileron hinge bracket attach rivets.

December 22, 2014
RV-6A,7A,8A,9A,10
Nose Stop Flange Installation (before further flight)

February 5, 2014
All RV-3, 4, 6/6A, 7/7A, 8/8A Flying aircraft
Cracks in Elevator Spar

February 3, 2014
All RV-3, 4, 6/6A, 7/7A, 8/8A Flying aircraft
Superseded by SB 14-02-05

January 31, 2014
RV-6/6A, RV-7/7A, RV-8/8A
Horizontal Stabilizer Cracks

August 14, 2012
RV-7/7A, RV-8/8A and RV-9/9A
Inspect for missing wing attach bolts

September 13, 2011
All RV Models
Fuel Tank Slosh Inspection

November 9, 2007
All two-place, tricycle gear RV models with finish kits shipped prior to Feb 2005
Nose gear leg and fork upgrade

November 9, 2007
All two-place, tricycle gear RV models with finish kits shipped prior to Feb 2005
Nose Gear Service Bulletin FAQs

April 12, 2007
All RV models with electric flaps
Securing flap motor rod end bearing

February 6, 2007
All RV models except RV-3, RV-10, RV-12
Affixing the passenger control stick permanently

September 20, 2006
All builders and operators of any model of a Van's Aircraft
Trim Cable Anchor

February 23, 2006
All models except RV-10
Safetying of standard and flop-type fuel pickup tubes

March 1, 2004
Electric Flap Drive Motor
Recall

February 1, 2004
Fuel Tanks
Inspect Fuel Tanks

December 1, 2002
Firewall Forward Kits and Pre-manufactured hose assemblies purchased prior to December
10, 2002
Inspect Hoses

October 2, 1996
All Tailwheel RV Aircraft shipped prior to Oct 10 1996
Full Swivel Tail Mechanism arm replacement

October 1, 1996
All RV Aircraft except RV-12 and RV-14
Filtered Airbox

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If a new belt is being installed the slip torque should be checked to the used belt specification after 1 hour operation, at 25 hours, and each 100 hours thereafter.

Notes for inspector or builder/owner:

1.SPAR BOLTS

Verify all spar bolts are installed.

Fuel tank-to-fuselage bolts are often too tight, too loose or not safetied. I have seen them all.

Watch the edge distance on the rear spar attach, be sure it is properly torqued/pulled tight and cotter keyed. Castellated nuts and cotter pins are required since this is a rotating surface. Fiber lock nuts are not allowed in this location.

2. CLEARANCES

Many planes have control rods moving too close to structures. Aileron to bellcrank rods thru the rear wing spar and flap actuator rods thru the fuselage are the main ones, but there are other similar places on the plane. Have at least 1/16 inch clearance thru the entire travel, 1/8 inch would better. Watch for anything rubbing on the main aileron tubes inside the fuselage. Keep all wiring and antennae cables clear. Control clearances are many times too tight. Flap to aileron, aileron to wingtip, elevator to horizontal stabilizer and the rudder horn. (1/8th inch, minimum.) On a constant speed prop one can clamp a couple of boards to a blade and twist it to verify spinner clearance.

3. CONTROL ANGLES

Many planes do not have enough elevator travel and/or too much rudder travel. Set the angles. Cut out material for the elevator stops and make the stops hit both sides even though they are many times offset and uneven. Build new rudder stops if you have to. Install the aileron stops. Some planes have none.

There have been instances of flaps popping out from under the wing when fully deployed. Look at the amount of flap under the wing and verify. More flap angle than specs is OK as long as it can not come out. The angle is set by the motor travel, not stops.

4. FLIGHT CONTROL RODS

There should be no excess threads on rod ends. If both jamb nuts come loose the rod should not spin off a rod end. Readjust, add an extra jamb nut, or build a new control rod if necessary.

Be sure there is no way something can go over center.

Ailerons with no stops and auto pilot controls are the places to look.

Check all jam nuts. Many times one or more are found loose on inspection. Mark across the nut and tube with a marker or inspection paint when checked for the final time.

Check and mark all control hardware.

5. FUEL SYSTEMS

Watch out for builder changes to the plans. Aftermarket race car fuel pumps, gascolators after the electric pump on an injected motor, glass fuel filters, added tanks. Think things through carefully.

Loose fuel nuts. Check every one before first flight and mark them with inspection paint. More than one person has had a leak or performance problems from loose fuel nuts.

Fuel pickups should be right against the quick drain. It is easy to verify before adding fuel. Make sure all fuel system service bulletins are complied with.

Fuel selectors can be a common issue. Builders should verify all selector positions. Blow thru it and know what it does. Do not assume. It is also a good idea to run 5-10 gallons thru the lines in both positions.

Verify that you obtain idle/full throttle, full rich/mixture cutoff, and full prop. All controls should have slight spring-back. It is often necessary to drill a hole closer to the pivot on the fuel servo when a quadrant is used.

6. BOLT SELECTION

Many times bolts are found with incorrect thread counts. You do not want a nut bottomed on the shank of the bolt or too few threads showing. The plans are sometimes off, use the correct length fastener for the application.

Horizontal front spar to fuselage seems to be a place for errors. It is the first place to check on the tail.

7. ENGINE

There are many places here for problems. Clamps on the C/S oil line, non-safety wired alternator hardware, covers missing on battery cable ends, plug leads loose, exhaust brackets poorly secured, wire and hose runs unsecured, air intakes not safety wired, no drain hole in FAB/snorkel, missing snuffle valve, engine mounts incorrectly installed, etc. The engine compartment is a place for many small missed items. Look at other planes and use common sense.

8. WEIGHT and BALANCE

Check it carefully and start out in the middle. Add baggage if necessary. First flight is not the time to experiment with the edges of the CG envelope.

FINALLY

Have a tech inspector that is very knowledgeable in RV's or several good builders in the area inspect the plane before first flight. Anyone helping to build the plane is a poor candidate for the inspection. A fresh set of eyes can find items repeatedly overlooked. Do not count on the DAR to check things well. It is the builder's responsibility to make sure things are right.