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5.1 GENERAL

All of the required (FAA regulations) and complementary performance information applicable to the ARCHER III is provided by this section.

Performance information associated with those optional systems and equipment which require handbook supplements is provided by Section 9 (Supplements).

5.3 INTRODUCTION TO PERFORMANCE AND FLIGHT PLANNING

The performance information presented in this section is based on measured Flight Test Data corrected to I.C.A.O. standard day conditions and analytically expanded for the various parameters of weight, altitude, temperature, etc.

The performance charts are unfactored and do not make any allowance for varying degrees of pilot proficiency or mechanical deterioration of the aircraft. This performance, however, can be duplicated by following the stated procedures in a properly maintained airplane.

Effects of conditions not considered on the charts must be evaluated by the pilot, such as the effect of soft or grass runway surface on takeoff and landing performance, or the effect of winds aloft on cruise and range performance. Endurance can be grossly affected by improper leaning procedures, and inflight fuel flow and quantity checks are recommended.

REMEMBER! To get chart performance, follow the chart procedures.

The information provided by paragraph 5.5 (Flight Planning Example) outlines a detailed flight plan using the performance charts in this section. Each chart includes its own example to show how it is used.

WARNING

Performance information derived by extrapolation beyond the limits shown on the charts should not be used for flight planning purposes.

5.5 FLIGHT PLANNING EXAMPLE

(a) Aircraft Loading

The first step in planning the flight is to calculate the airplane weight and center of gravity by utilizing the information provided by Section 6 (Weight and Balance) of this handbook.

The basic empty weight for the airplane as licensed at the factory has been entered in Figure 6-5. If any alterations to the airplane have been made effecting weight and balance, reference to the aircraft logbook and Weight and Balance Record (Figure 6-7) should be made to determine the current basic empty weight of the airplane.

Make use of the Weight and Balance Loading Form (Figure 6-11) and the C.G. Range and Weight graph (Figure 6-15) to determine the total weight of the airplane and the center of gravity position.

After proper utilization of the information provided, the following weights have been determined for consideration in the flight planning example.

The landing weight cannot be determined until the weight of the fuel to be used has been established [refer to item (g)(1)].

(1) Empty Weight	1400 lbs.
(2) Occupants (2 x 170 lbs.)	340 lbs.
(3) Baggage and Cargo	360 lbs.
(4) Fuel (6 lb./gal. x 50)	300 lbs.
(5) Takeoff Weight	2400 lbs.
(6) Landing Weight (a)(5) minus (g)(1), (2400 lbs. minus 160.2 lbs.)	2239.8 lbs.

The takeoff weight is below the maximum of 2550 lbs. and the weight and balance calculations have determined that the C.G. position is within the approved limits.

(b) Takeoff and Landing

After determining the aircraft loading, all aspects of takeoff and landing must be considered.

Conditions of the departure and destination airport must be acquired, evaluated and maintained throughout the flight.

Apply the departure airport conditions and takeoff weight to the appropriate Takeoff Performance graph (Figure5-7 or 5-9) to determine the barrier distance or (Figure5-11 or 5-13) to determine the length of runway necessary for the takeoff.

The landing distance calculations are performed in the same manner using the existing conditions at the destination airport and, when established, the landing weight.

The conditions and calculations for the example flight are listed below. The takeoff and landing distances required for the example flight have fallen well below the available runway lengths.

	Departure Airport	Destination Airport
(1) Pressure Altitude	2000 ft.	2500 ft.
(2) Temperature	23°C	21°C
(3) Wind Component (Headwind)	8 Kt.	5 Kt.
(4) Runway Length Available	7000 ft.	4500 ft.
(5) Runway Required	1073 ft.*	820 ft.**

NOTE

The remainder of the performance charts used in this flight plan example assume a no wind condition. The effect of winds aloft must be considered by the pilot when computing climb, cruise and descent performance.

*reference Figure 5-11 or 5-13
**reference Figure 5-37

(c) Climb

The next step in the flight plan is to determine the necessary climb segment components.

The desired cruise pressure altitude and corresponding cruise outside air temperature values are the first variables to be considered in determining the climb components from the Time, Distance and Fuel to Climb graph (Figure 5-17). After the time, distance and fuel for the cruise pressure altitude and outside air temperature values have been established, apply the existing conditions at the departure field to the graph (Figure 5-17). Now, subtract the values obtained from the graph for the field of departure conditions from those for the cruise pressure altitude.

The remaining values are the true fuel, distance and time components for the climb segment of the flight plan corrected for field pressure altitude and temperature.

The following values were determined from the above instructions in the flight planning example.

(1) Cruise Pressure Altitude	6000 ft.
(2) Cruise OAT	15°C
(3) Time to Climb (12 min. minus 3 min.)	9 min.*
(4) Distance to Climb (17 naut. miles minus 5 naut. miles)	12 naut. miles*
(5) Fuel to Climb (4 gal. minus 2 gal.)	2 gal. *

(d) Descent

The descent data will be determined prior to the cruise data to provide the descent distance for establishing the total cruise distance.

Utilizing the cruise pressure altitude and OAT, determine the basic time, distance and fuel for descent (Figure 5-31). These figures must be adjusted for the field pressure altitude and temperature at the destination airport. To find the necessary adjustment values, use the existing pressure altitude and temperature conditions at the destination airport as variables to find the time, distance and fuel values from

*reference Figure 5-17

the graph (Figure 5-31). Now, subtract the values obtained from the field conditions from the values obtained from the cruise conditions to find the true time, distance and fuel values needed for the flight plan.

The values obtained by proper utilization of the graphs for the descent segment of the example are shown below.

(1) Time to Descend (16 min. minus 6 min.)	10 min.*
(2) Distance to Descend (33 naut. miles minus 13 naut. miles)	20 naut. miles*
(3) Fuel to Descend (3.2 gal. minus 1.3 gal.)	1.9 gal. *

(e) Cruise

Using the total distance to be traveled during the flight, subtract the previously calculated distance to climb and distance to descend to establish the total cruise distance. Refer to the appropriate Avco Lycoming Operator's Manual when selecting the cruise power setting. The established pressure altitude and temperature values and the selected cruise power should now be utilized to determine the true airspeed from the appropriate Speed Power graph (Figure 5-20 [a,b] and 5-21).

Calculate the cruise fuel flow for the cruise power setting from the information provided by the Avco Lycoming Operator's Manual.

The cruise time is found by dividing the cruise distance by the cruise speed and the cruise fuel is found by multiplying the cruise fuel flow by the cruise time.

The cruise calculations established for the cruise segment of the flight planning example are as follows:

(1) Total Distance	314 naut. miles
(2) Cruise Distance (e)(1) minus (c)(4) minus (d)(2), (314 nm minus 12 nm minus 20 nm)	282 naut. miles

*reference Figure 5-31

(3) Cruise Power	65%
(4) Cruise Speed	117 Kts.*
(5) Cruise Fuel Consumption	9.5 gal./hr.
(6) Cruise Time	
(e)(2) divided by (e)(4),	
(282 nm divided by 117 kts)	2.4 hrs.
(7) Cruise Fuel	
(e)(5) multiplied by (e)(6),	
(9.5 gal./hr multiplied by 2.4 hrs)	22.8 gal..

(f) Total Flight Time

The total flight time is determined by adding the time to climb, the time to descend and the cruise time. Remember! The time values taken from the climb and descent graphs are in minutes and must be converted to hours before adding them to the cruise time.

The following flight time is required for the flight planning example.

(1) Total Flight Time	
(c)(3) plus (d)(1) plus (e)(6),	
(.15 hr plus .17 hr plus 2.4 hrs)	2.7 hrs

(g) Total Fuel Required

Determine the total fuel required by adding the fuel to climb, the fuel to descend and the cruise fuel. When the total fuel (in gallons) is determined, multiply this value by 6 lb./gal. to determine the total fuel weight used for the flight.

The total fuel calculations for the example flight plan are shown below.

(1) Total Fuel Required	
(c)(5) plus (d)(3) plus (e)(7),	
(2 gal. plus 1.9 gal. plus 22.8 gal.)	26.7 gal.
(26.7 gal. multiplied by 6 lb./gal.)	160.2 lbs

*reference Figure 5-20a

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5.7 PERFORMANCE GRAPHS

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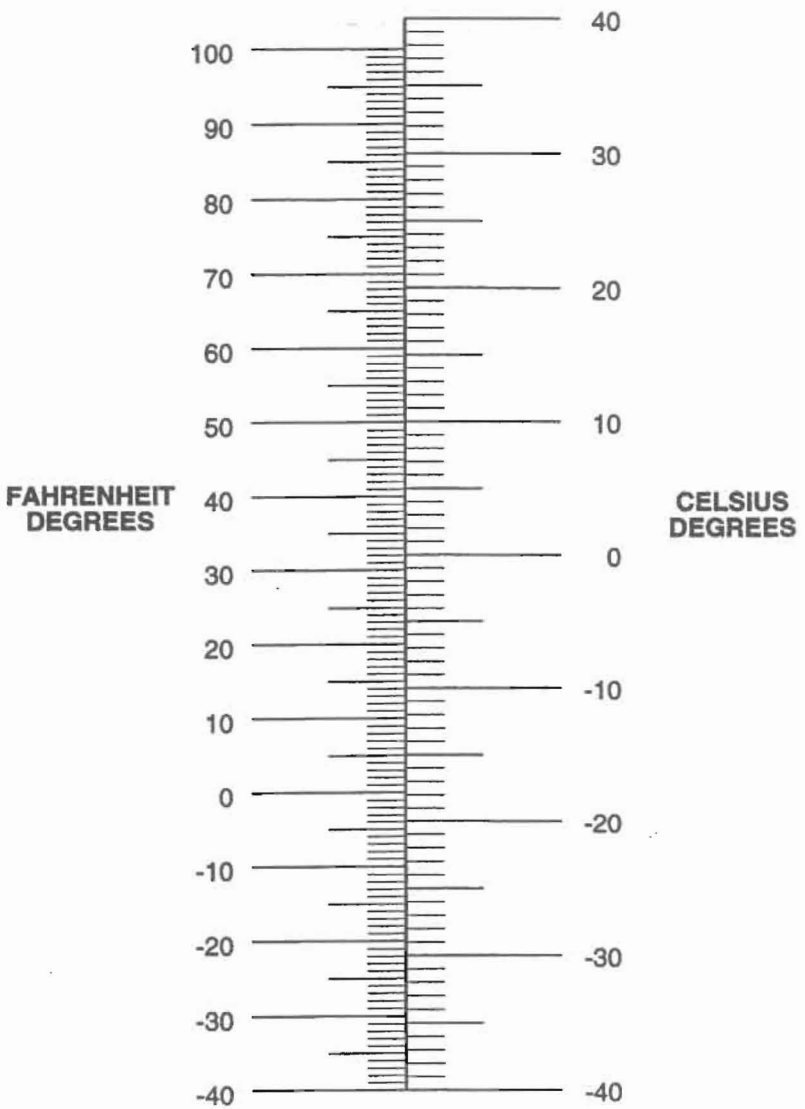
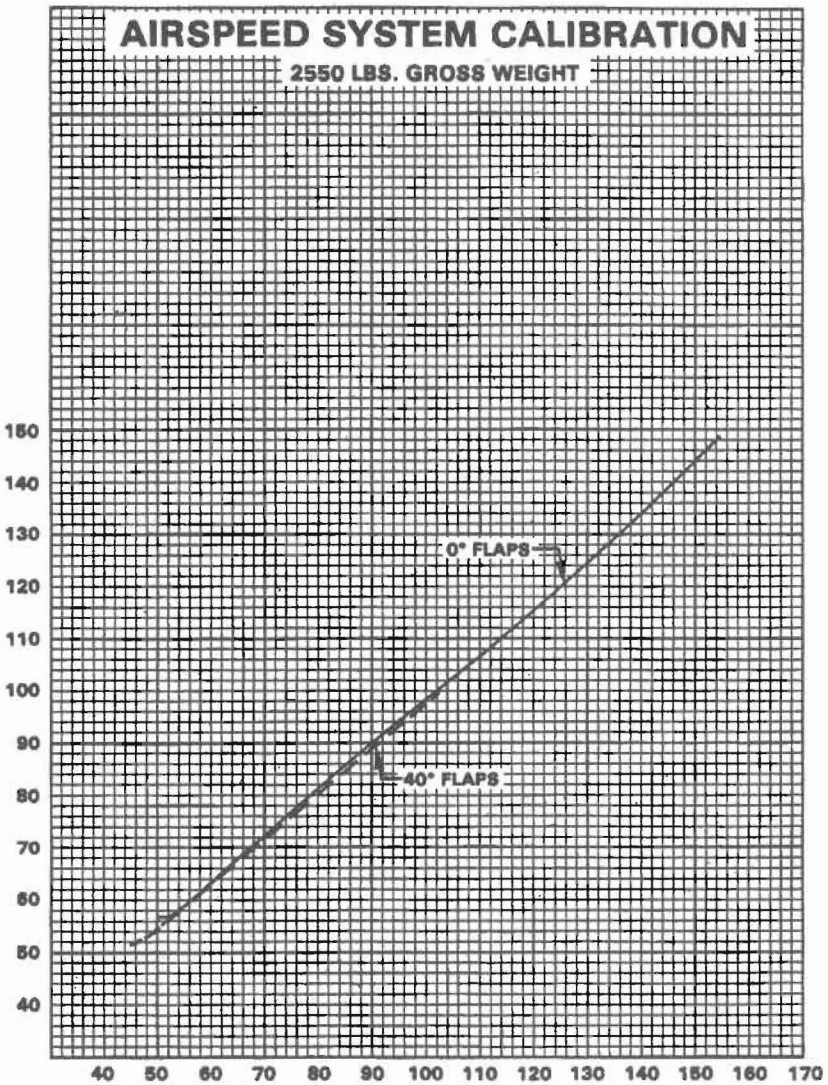


TEMPERATURE CONVERSION
Figure 5-1



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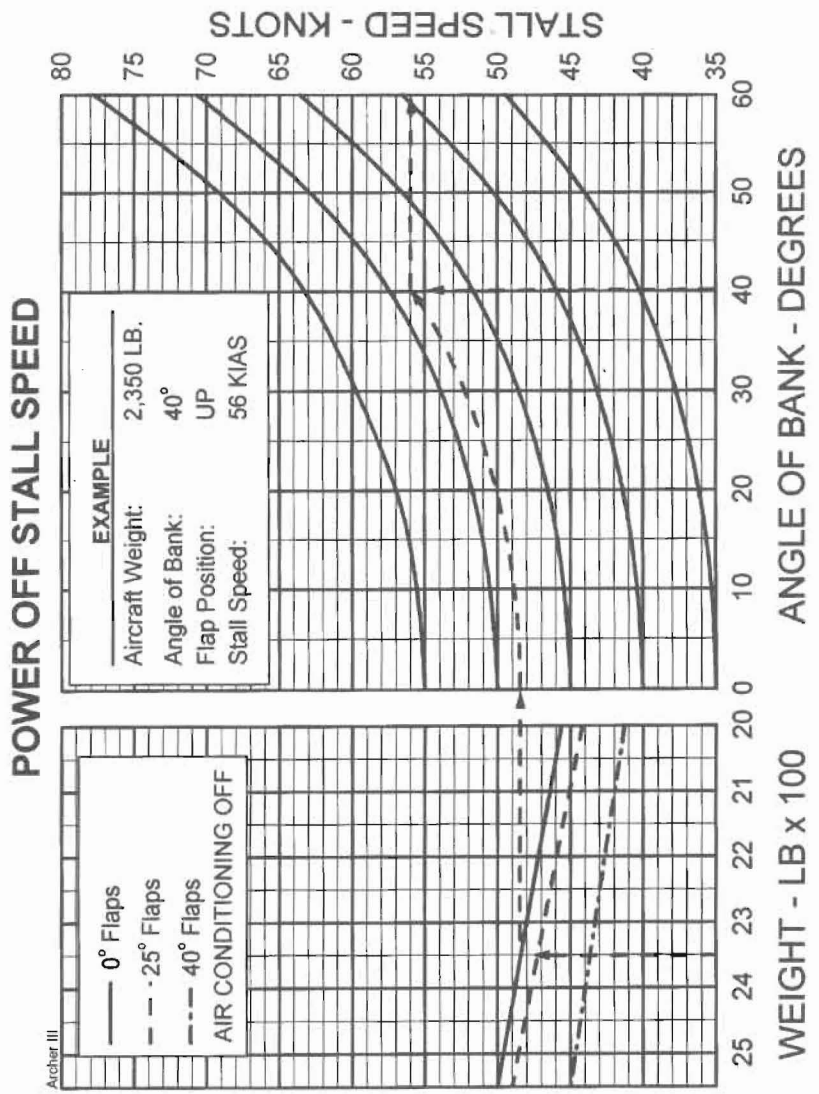

STALL SPEEDS
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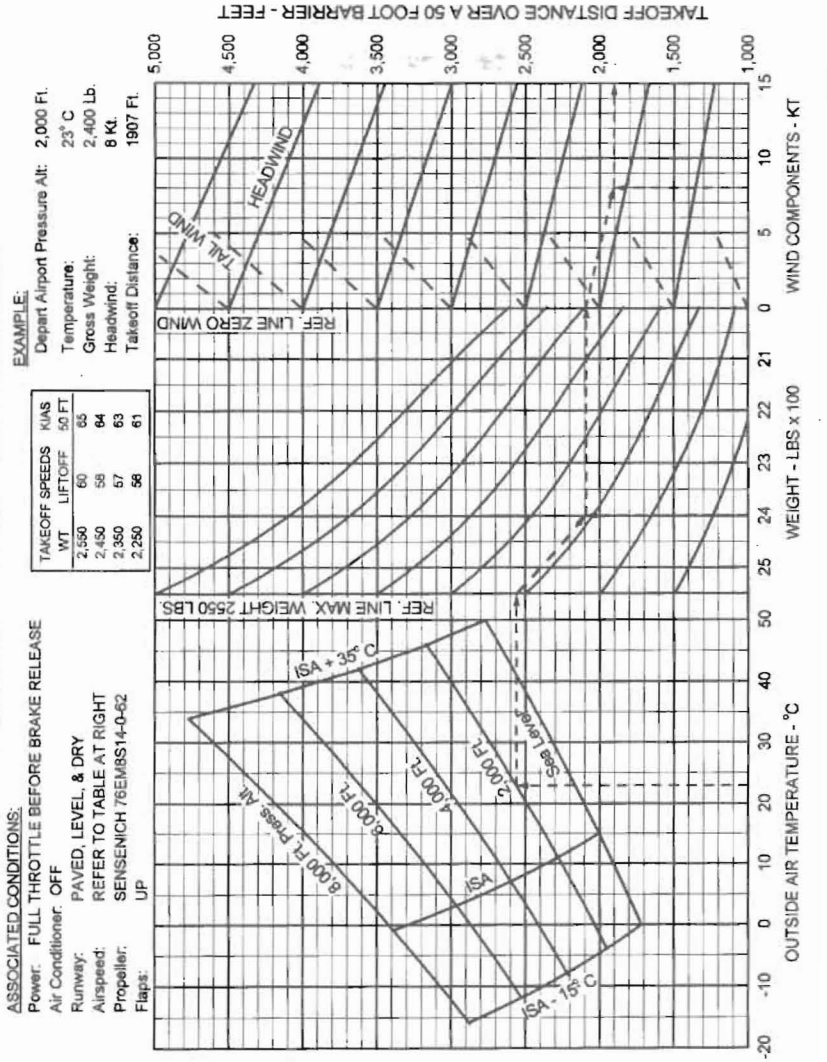
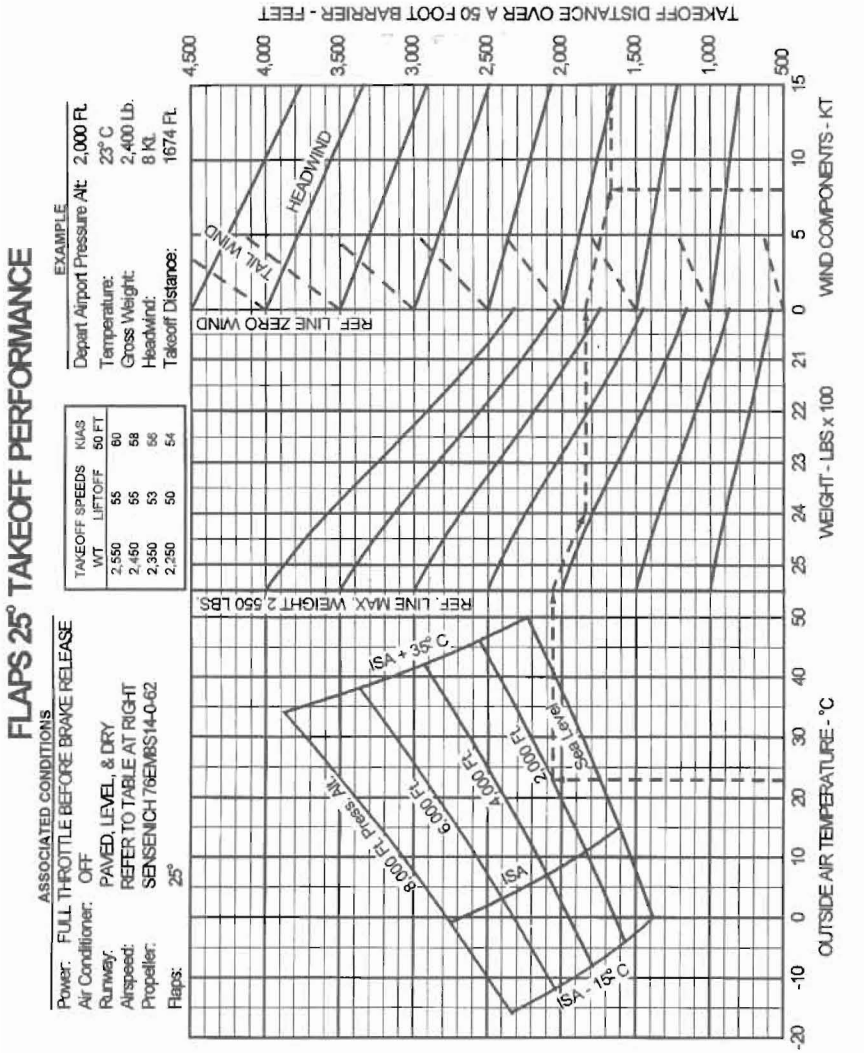


FLAPS UP TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE
Figure 5-7



25° FLAPS TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE
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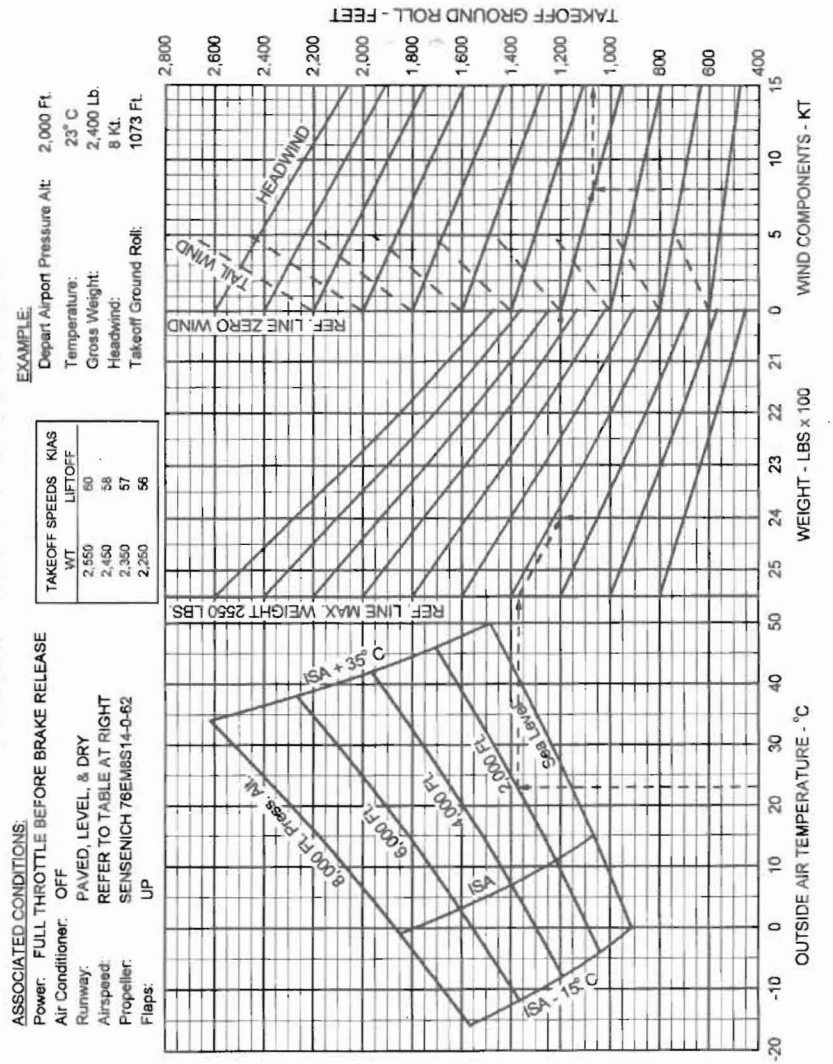

FLAPS UP TAKEOFF GROUND ROLL
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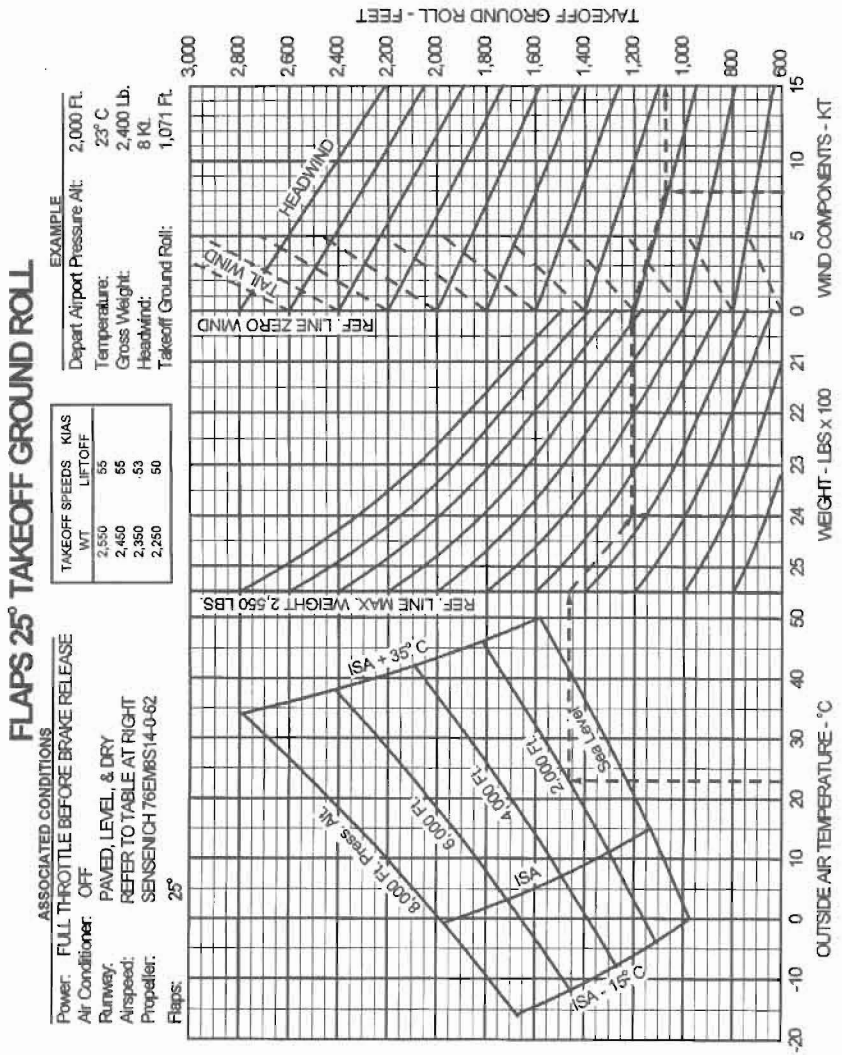

25° FLAPS TAKEOFF GROUND ROLL
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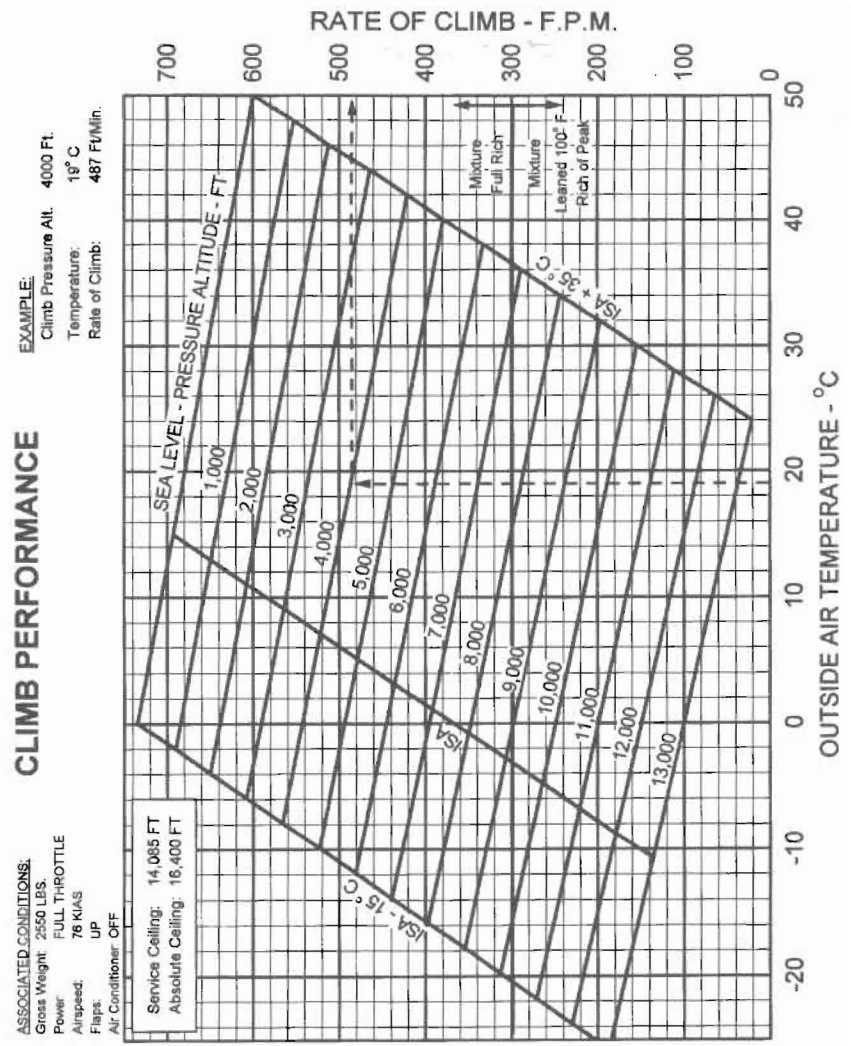

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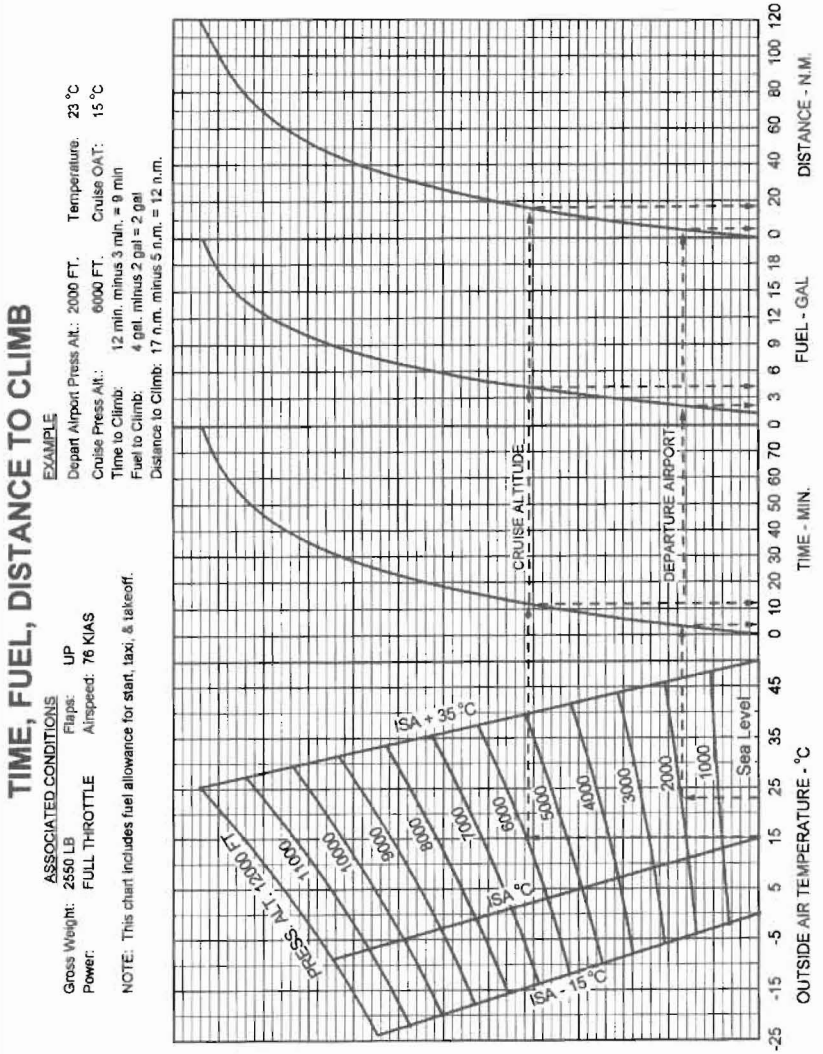

TIME, DISTANCE AND FUEL TO CLIMB
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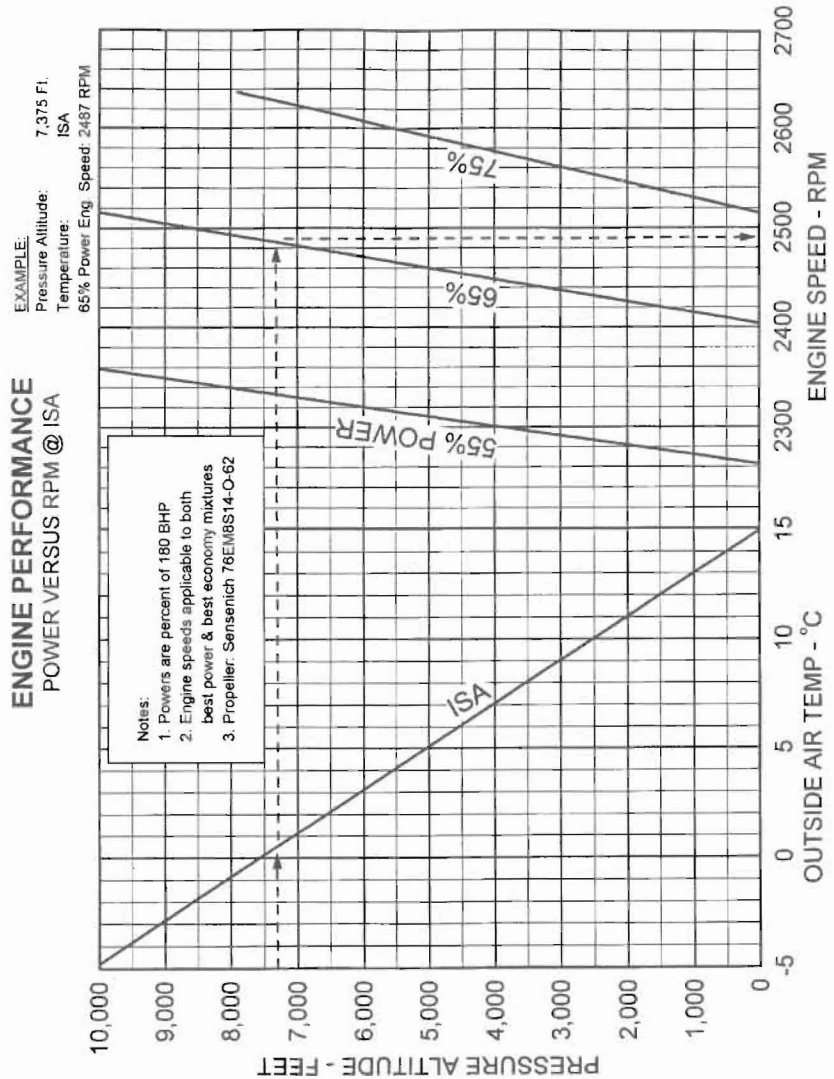

ENGINE PERFORMANCE
Figure 5-19

Engine / Cruise Performance for Non-ISA OAT*
RPM for Constant 55% Power
Fuel Flow: Best Economy Mixture, 8.2 GPH

Pressure Altitude Feet	Indicated Outside Air Temperature °C	°C	°F	Engine Speed RPM	True Air Speed Knots **
Sea Level	ISA-15	0	32	2245	105
	ISA	15	59	2265	
	ISA +10	25	77	2275	
	ISA +20	35	95	2285	
	ISA +30	45	113	2295	106
2000	ISA -15	-4	25	2265	106
	ISA	11	52	2280	
	ISA +10	21	70	2295	
	ISA +20	31	88	2305	
	ISA +30	41	106	2315	107
4000	ISA -15	-8	18	2285	106
	ISA	7	45	2300	
	ISA +10	17	63	2315	
	ISA +20	27	81	2325	
	ISA +30	37	99	2335	108
6000	ISA -15	-12	10	2305	107
	ISA	3	37	2320	
	ISA +10	13	55	2330	
	ISA +20	23	73	2345	
	ISA +30	33	91	2355	108
8000	ISA -15	-16	3	2320	107
	ISA	-1	30	2340	
	ISA +10	9	48	2350	
	ISA +17.5	16.5	62	2360	108
9000	ISA -15	-18	0	2330	107
	ISA	-3	27	2350	
	ISA +8.5	5.5	42	2360	108
10000	ISA - 15	-20	-4	2340	107
	ISA	-5	23	2360	108

NOTE: * Aircraft weight 2550 Lbs., Wheel pants and strut fairings installed
** Subtract 3 KTAS if wheel pants are removed.

ENGINE/CRUISE PERFORMANCE (55%)
Figure 5-20

Engine / Cruise Performance for Non-ISA OAT*
RPM for Constant 65% Power
Fuel Flow: Best Economy Mixture, 9.5 GPH

Pressure Altitude Feet	Indicated Outside Air Temperature °C	°C	°F	Engine Speed RPM	True Air Speed Knots **
Sea Level	ISA-15	0	32	2385	113
	ISA	15	59	2405	
	ISA +10	25	77	2415	
	ISA +20	35	95	2430	
	ISA +30	45	113	2440	116
2000	ISA -15	-4	25	2405	114
	ISA	11	52	2425	
	ISA +10	21	70	2440	
	ISA +20	31	88	2450	
	ISA +30	41	106	2465	117
4000	ISA -15	-8	18	2430	115
	ISA	7	45	2450	
	ISA +10	17	63	2460	
	ISA +20	27	81	2475	
	ISA +30	37	99	2485	118
6000	ISA -15	-12	10	2450	116
	ISA	3	37	2470	
	ISA +10	13	55	2485	
	ISA +20	23	73	2495	
	ISA +30	33	91	2510	119
8000	ISA -15	-16	3	2475	117
	ISA	-1	30	2495	
	ISA +10	9	48	2505	
	ISA +17.5	16.5	62	2515	119
9000	ISA -15	-18	0	2485	117
	ISA	-3	27	2505	
	ISA +8.5	5.5	42	2515	119
10000	ISA -15	-20	-4	2495	118
	ISA	-5	23	2515	119

NOTE: * Aircraft weight 2550 Lbs., Wheel pants and strut fairings installed
** Subtract 3 KTAS if wheel pants are removed.

ENGINE/CRUISE PERFORMANCE (65%)
Figure 5-20a

Engine / Cruise Performance for Non-ISA OAT*
RPM for Constant 75% Power
Fuel Flow: Best Economy Mixture, 11.0 GPH

Pressure Altitude Feet	Indicated Outside Air Temperature °C	°C	°F	Engine Speed RPM	True Air Speed Knots **
Sea Level	ISA-15	0	32	2485	119
	ISA	15	59	2515	
	ISA +10	25	77	2535	
	ISA +20	35	95	2550	
	ISA +30	45	113	2565	124
2000	ISA -15	-4	25	2520	121
	ISA	11	52	2545	
	ISA +10	21	70	2565	
	ISA +20	31	88	2580	
	ISA +30	41	106	2600	126
3000	ISA -15	-6	21	2535	122
	ISA	9	48	2560	
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7000	ISA -15	-14	6.8	2595	126
	ISA	1	34	2625	
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NOTE: * Aircraft weight 2550 Lbs., Wheel pants and strut fairings installed
** Subtract 3 KTAS if wheel pants are removed.

ENGINE/CRUISE PERFORMANCE (75%)
Figure 5-20b

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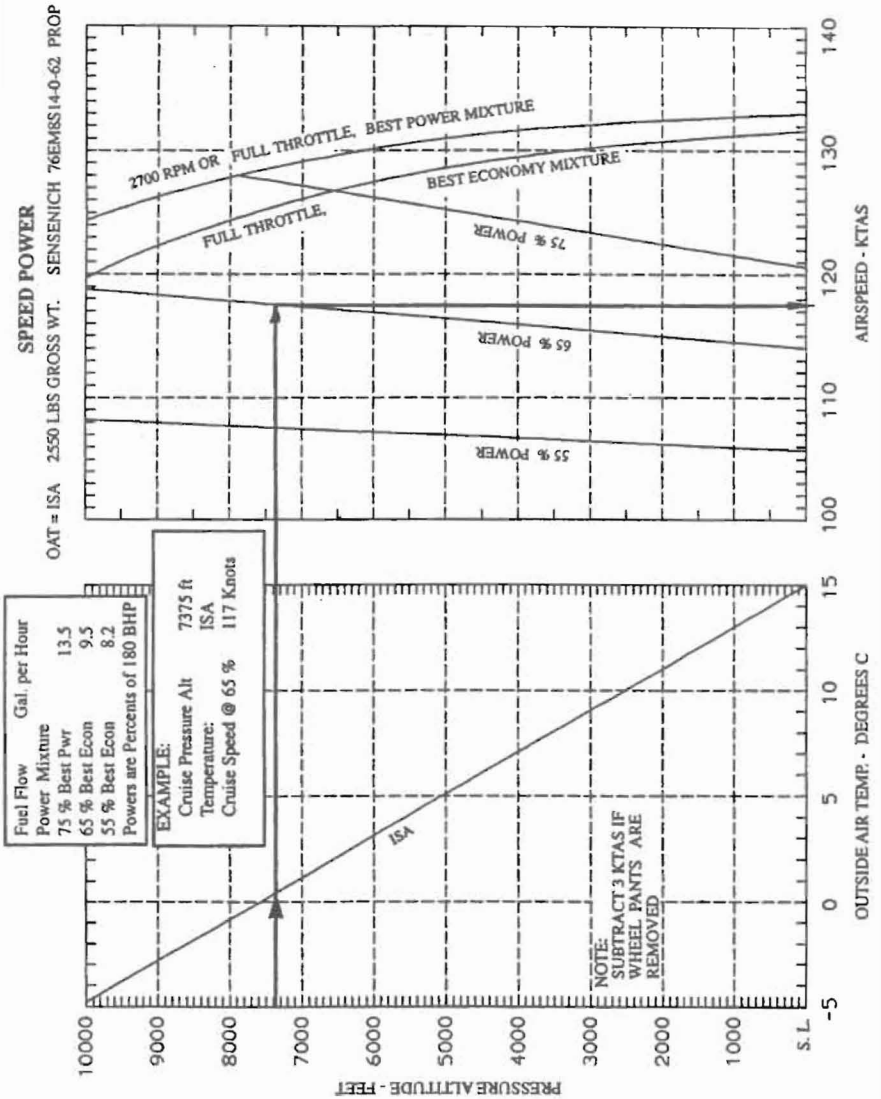
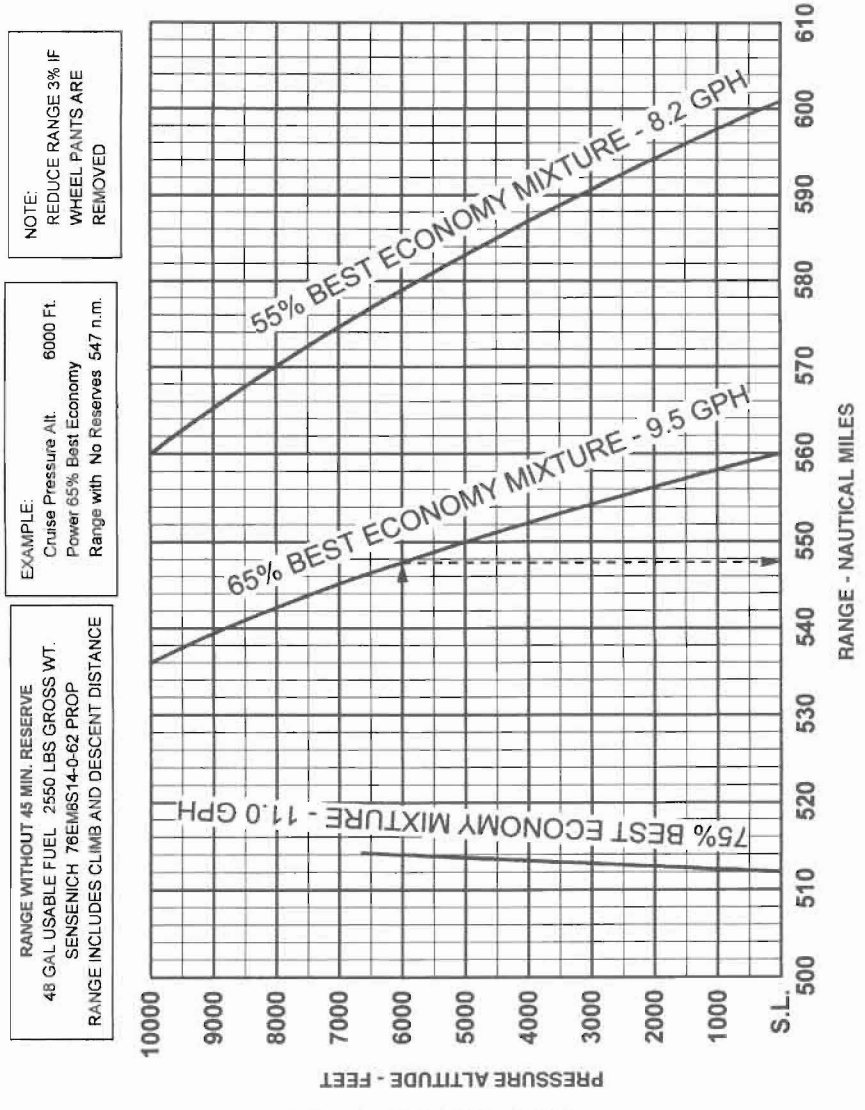
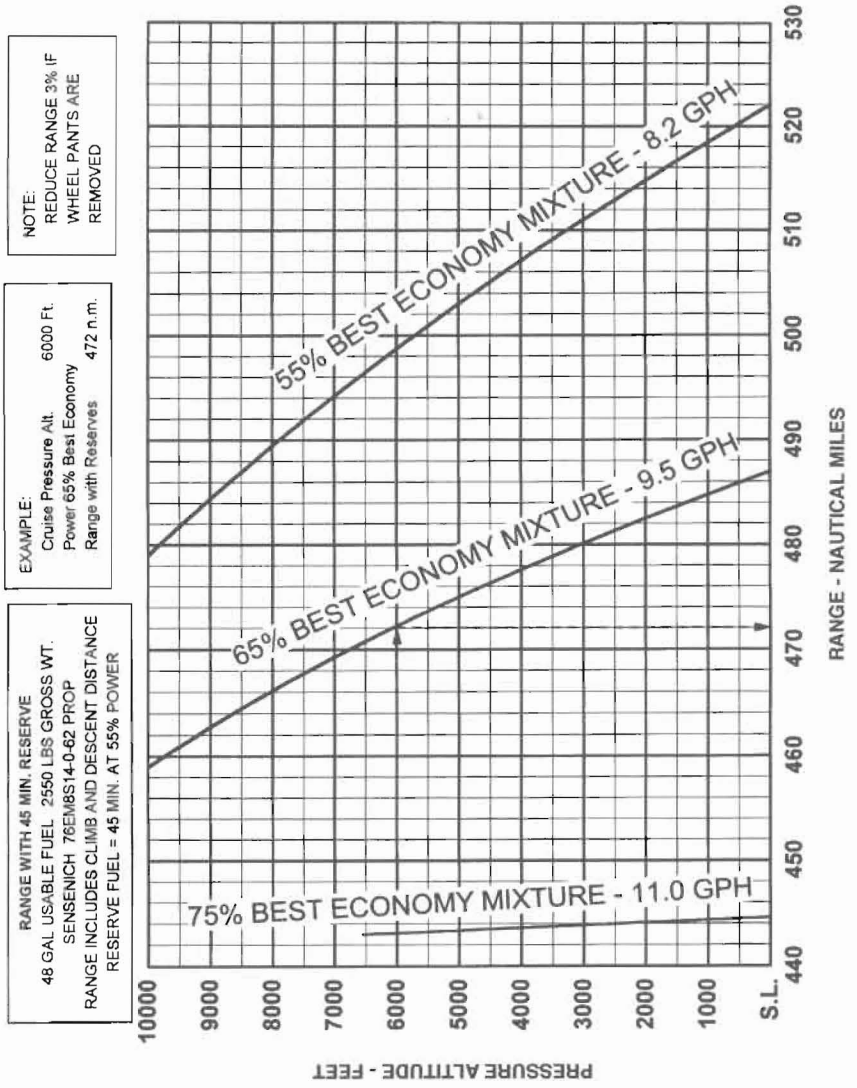


SPEED POWER
Figure 5-21



RANGE (NO RESERVE)
FIGURE 5-27



RANGE (45 MIN. RESERVE)
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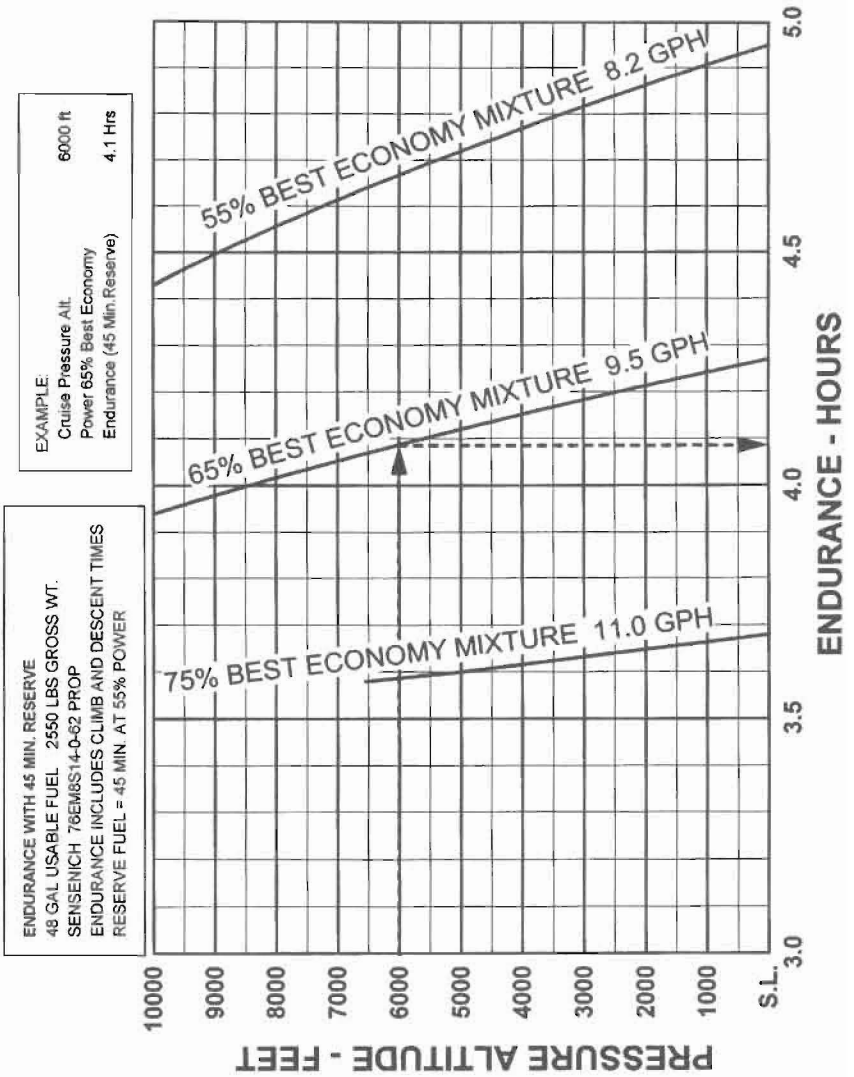
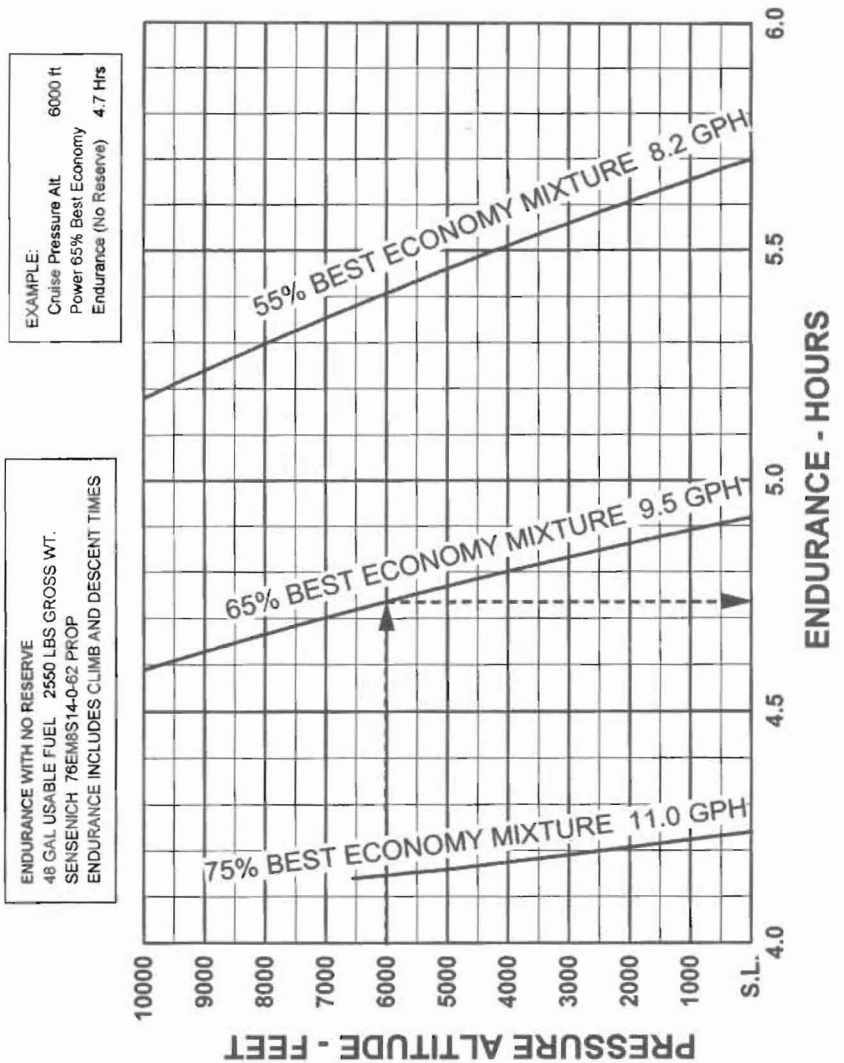


ENDURANCE (45 MIN. RESERVE)
FIGURE 5-29



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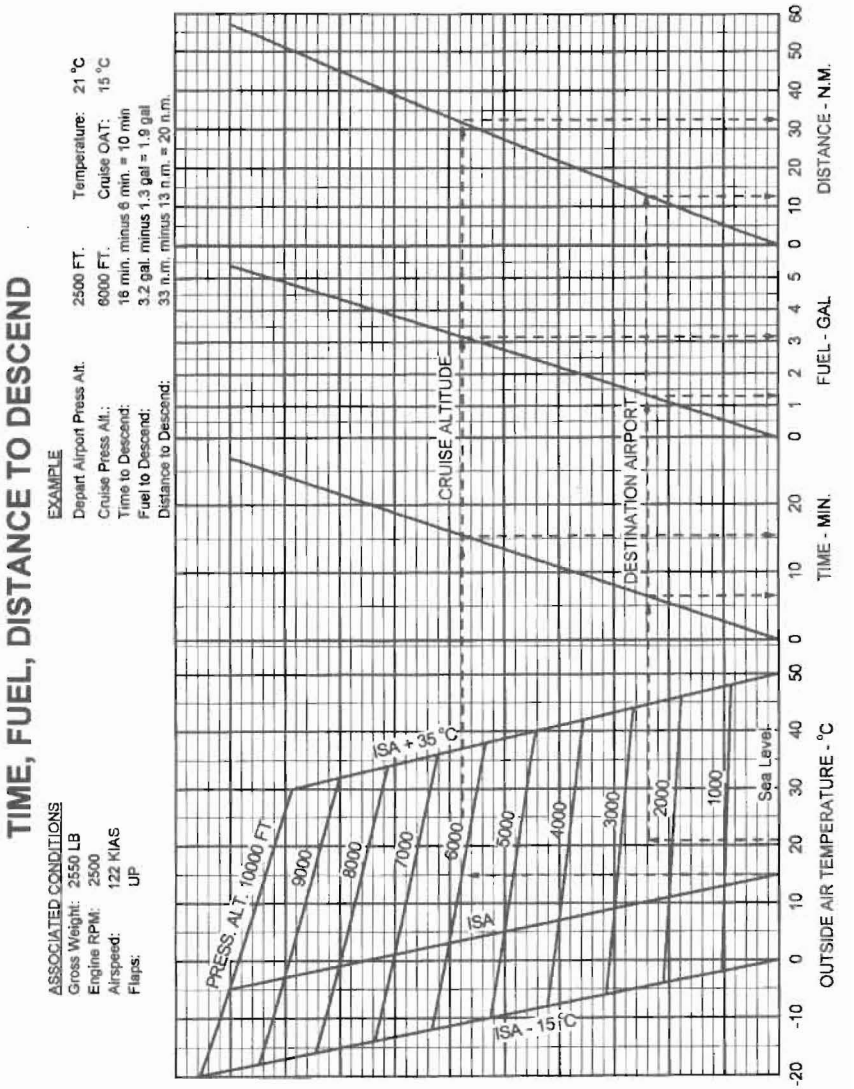

TIME, DISTANCE AND FUEL TO DESCEND
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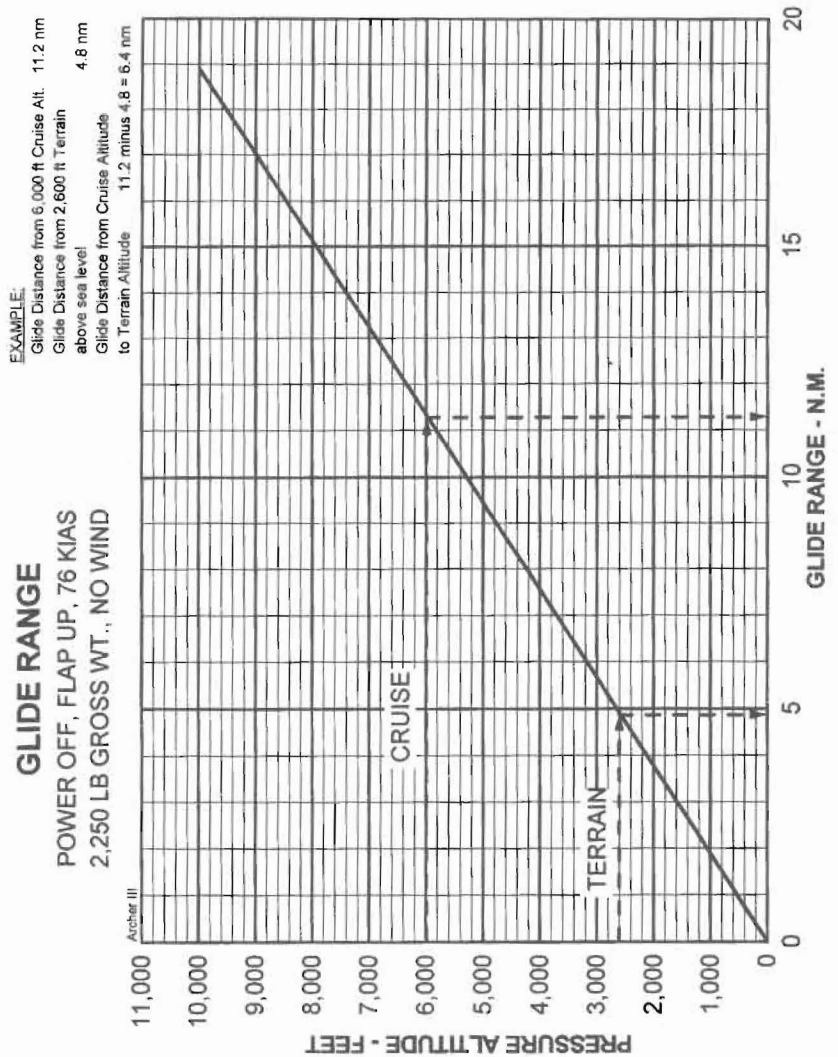

GLIDE RANGE
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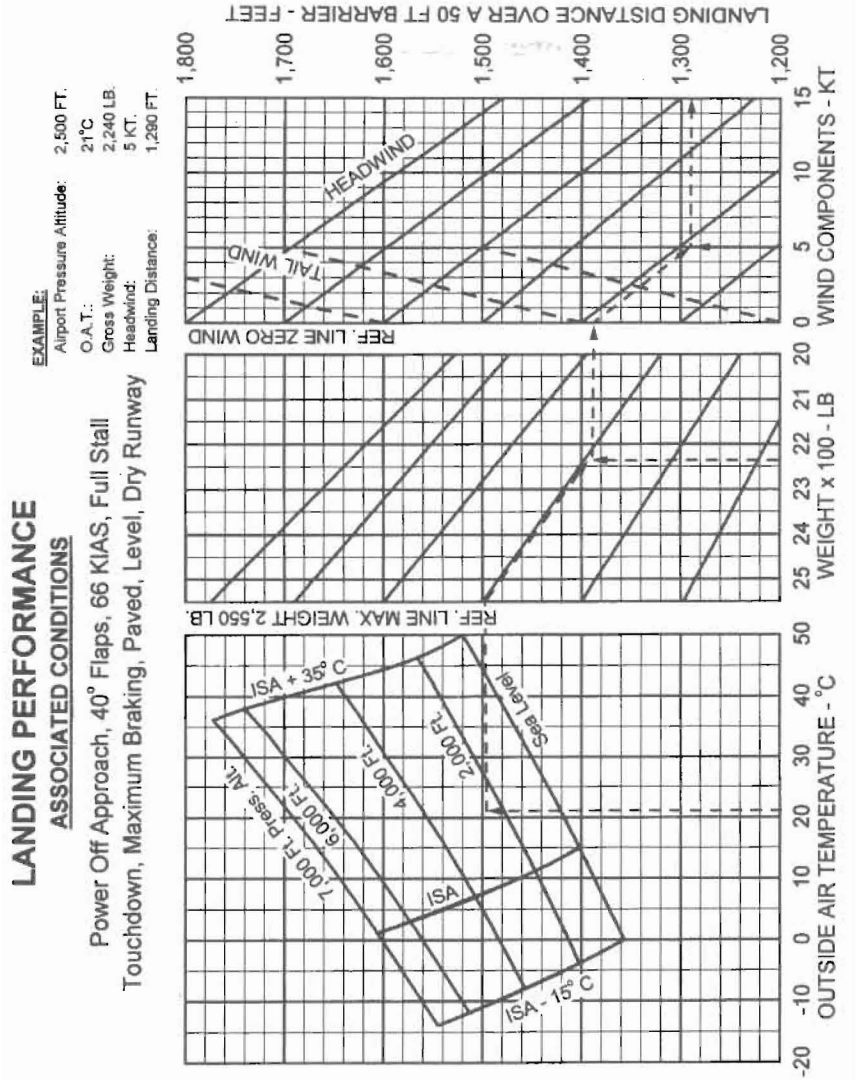

LANDING PERFORMANCE
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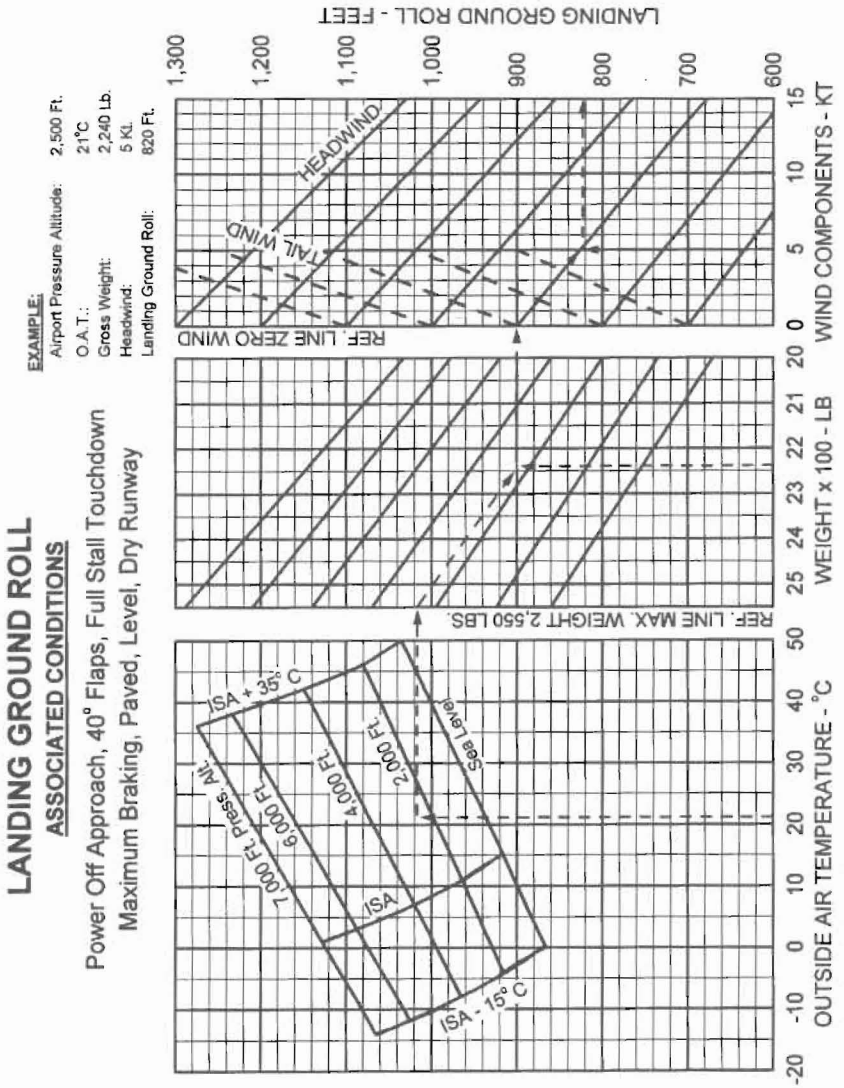

LANDING GROUND ROLL
Figure 5-37

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