## Maule M7 Operating Checklist (April 2022)

Vs	62 MPH	V <sub>A</sub>	125 MPH
$V_{so}$	50 MPH	$V_{\sf FE}$	95 MPH
$V_X$	75 MPH	$V_{NO}$	147 MPH
$V_{Y}$	90 MPH	$V_{NE}$	182 MPH
$V_{\text{BG}}$	80 MPH	Flaps settings: -7°, 0°, 24°, 40°, 48°	

## **Before Starting Engine**

- 1) Preflight inspection COMPLETE
- 2) Towbar STOWED
- 3) Fuel caps ON & SECURE
- 4) Pitot cover REMOVED
- 5) Controls FREE
- 6) Documents ON BOARD
- 7) Hobbs & tach RECORDED
- 8) Airplane keys ON DASH
- 9) Passenger briefing COMPLETE
- 10) Seats & seatbelts ADJUSTED
- 11) Brakes TEST & SET
- 12) Avionics & electrical equipment OFF
- 13) Circuit breakers CHECK IN
- 14) Doors CLOSED & LOCKED

## **Starting Engine**

- 1) Primer
  - Engine Cold 3-4 strokes, locked
  - Engine Hot 0-1 strokes, locked
- 2) Carb heat COLD
- 3) Throttle OPEN 1/4 inch
- 4) Mixture RICH
- 5) Master switch ON
- 6) Anticollision lights ON
- 7) Propeller area "CLEAR" and visually clear area
- 8) Ignition START, slowly advance throttle, release after start
- 9) Throttle SET 900 to 1000 RPM
- 10) Oil pressure CHECK GREEN within 30 seconds

#### **After Start**

Look around and move if people are waiting.

## Don't block the ramp!

- 1) Ammeter CHECK slightly positive
- 2) Avionics ON
- Mixture LEAN for taxi, slightly rich of engine roughness
- 4) Fuel selector FULLEST TANK
- 5) Flaps UP, visually confirm
- 6) Transponder ALT & 1200
- 7) ATIS/AWOS/ASOS CHECK
- 8) Flight instruments SET
- 9) Radios SET, CONTACT GROUND

## **Taxi**

- 1) Brief taxi diagram & hot spots
- 2) Brakes CHECK gently
- 3) Flight instruments CHECK OPERATION

## Run-up

- Tailwheel straight, brakes held tight
- 2) Flight Controls FREE & CORRECT
- Trim SET FOR TAKEOFF (yoke aft, trim flush with elevator)
- 4) Flight instruments CHECK & SET

#### Once CHTs are above 250°F:

- 5) Doors & windows CLOSED & LATCHED
- 6) Primer IN & LOCKED
- 7) Mixture RICH
- 8) Throttle 1800 RPM
- Magnetos TEST R, BOTH, L, then BOTH (max. 175 RPM drop & 50 RPM differential)
- 10) Carb heat CHECK HOT, note RPM drop, then COLD
- 11) Propeller CYCLE (approx. 300 RPM drop)
- 12) Engine instruments CHECK
- 13) Ammeter CHECK (do not cycle the alternator!)
- 14) Suction gauge CHECK
- 15) Throttle IDLE (500-800 RPM), then 900-1000
- 16) Throttle friction ADJUSTED
- 17) GPS/NAV SET
- 18) Takeoff briefing COMPLETE

"This will be a normal (short/soft-field) takeoff, flaps 0° (24°), departing runway \_\_\_\_\_ with a climb to \_\_\_\_\_. V<sub>X</sub> with flaps 24° is 75 MPH and V<sub>Y</sub> flaps 0° is 90 MPH. For any abnormality with runway remaining, I will call "abort, abort," reduce the throttle to idle, and bring the aircraft to a stop on the runway. For an engine failure below 400' AGL, I will land straight ahead. I will not attempt to return to the runway until reaching a safe altitude. For any abnormality or emergency I will aviate, navigate, communicate, and run the appropriate checklist. Best glide is 80 MPH. Any questions?"

## **Before Take-off**

- 1) Lights AS NEEDED
- 2) Transponder ALT & squawk code
- 3) Flaps 0° for normal/crosswind takeoff (24° for short/soft-field)
- 4) Mixture RICH (or set for DA)
- 5) Prop FULL FWD
- 6) Carb heat COLD
- 7) Trim SET FOR TAKEOFF
- 8) Fuel CHECK quantity, fuel on FULLEST TANK, primer LOCKED
- 9) Seats & seatbelts ADJUSTED
- 10) Doors & windows CLOSED & LATCHED
- 11) Radios SET & CONTACT TOWER

#### Normal Takeoff

- 1) Flaps 0°, visually confirm
- 2) Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD
- 3) Engine instruments CHECK
- 4) Climb V<sub>Y</sub> 90 MPH

# Enroute Climb (at 1000' AGL & clear of obstacles)

- 1) Airspeed 90 100 MPH\*
- 2) Throttle 25" MP
- 3) Engine instruments MONITOR
- 4) Mixture RICH\*

# **Cruise**

- 1) Throttle 21" MP
- 2) Prop 2200 RPM
- 3) Engine instruments CHECK
- 4) Mixture If engine temp normal, LEAN for altitude
- 5) Trim SET for cruise airspeed
- 6) Fuel selector BOTH
- 7) Flight instruments CHECK

#### **Descent**

- 1) ATIS/AWOS/ASOS CHECK
- 2) Flight instruments CHECK & SET
- 3) Radios SET, report 10 miles out
- 4) Approach/pattern entry briefing COMPLETE
- 5) Carb heat ON if required
- 6) Throttle REDUCE for descent
- 7) Mixture ENRICHEN throughout descent
- 8) Seats & seatbelts ADJUSTED

# **Before Landing**

- 1) Lights AS NEEDED
- 2) Fuel CHECK quantity, fuel on BOTH, primer LOCKED
- 3) Carb Heat ON before closing throttle
- 4) Mixture RICH
- 5) Prop FULL FWD below 12" MP
- 6) Airspeed 80 to 75 MPH flaps 0° to 24°
- 7) Airspeed 75 to 70 MPH flaps  $40^{\circ}$  to  $48^{\circ}$

#### After Landing (stop once clear of runway)

- 1) Radio Switch to GROUND when advised
- 2) Flaps UP, visually confirm
- 3) Mixture LEAN for taxi
- 4) Carb Heat COLD
- 5) Lights AS NEEDED
- 6) Trim SET FOR TAKEOFF
- 7) Transponder ALT & 1200
- 8) Radios CONTACT GROUND

## **Shutdown**

- 1) Avionics and electrical switches OFF
- 2) Throttle 1000 RPM
- 3) Mixture IDLE CUTOFF
- 4) Ignition OFF, key on dash
- 5) Master switch OFF
- 6) Pitot cover & sunshade INSTALL
- 7) Hobbs & tach RECORD
- 8) Trash REMOVE & TIDY UP
- 9) Tiedowns & chocks INSTALL

# **Soft-field Takeoff**

- 1) Flaps 24°
- 2) Elevator Set parallel to the ground
- 3) Brakes Minimize use
- 4) Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD
- 5) Engine instruments CHECK
- 6) Elevator Maintain nose high/tail low until liftoff
- 7) Climb \*Remain in ground effect to accelerate, then transition to climb at V<sub>Y</sub> 90 MPH and retract flaps to 0°
- \* If obstacles are present, climb at 75 MPH until clear of all obstacles before accelerating to V<sub>Y</sub>.

# **Normal and Soft-field Landing**

- 1) Flaps  $-0^{\circ}$ , 24° or 40°
- 2) Airspeed PITCH for 80 to 75 MPH
- 3) Throttle ADJUST for descent rate
- 4) Touchdown 3-POINT ATTITUDE
- 5) Elevator Increase gradually to FULL AFT during deceleration
- 6) Brakes Minimize use
- \* Max demonstrated crosswind is 14 MPH, but this is not a limitation.
- \* Flaps 0° or 24° is recommended in stronger crosswinds.

# **Short-field Takeoff**

- 1) Flaps 24°
- 2) Brakes HOLD
- 3) Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD
- 4) Engine instruments CHECK
- 5) Brakes RELEASE
- 6) Climb V<sub>X</sub> 75 MPH until clear of obstacles
- 7) Accelerate V<sub>Y</sub> 90 MPH and retract flaps to 0°

## **Short-field Landing**

- 1) Flaps 48°
- 2) Airspeed PITCH for 70 MPH
- 3) Throttle ADJUST for descent rate and to assist with the flare
- 4) Touchdown 3 POINT ATTITUDE
- 5) Brakes APPLY, but do not skid tires!
- 6) Flaps RETRACT
- \* Hot days: If oil temp and/or EGTs are warmer than normal, do not lean during climb. Use the higher enroute climb speed as soon as possible for better cooling. Mixture may be leaned slightly during climb above 5000' if engine temps are cool.