Cutlass 172RG Operating Checklist (Feb 2024)

Vs	50 KIAS	VA @ max weight	106 KIAS	VLO 140 KIAS
V_{S0}	42 KIAS	V _{A @ 2250 lbs}	98 KIAS	V _{LE} 164 KIAS
VR	55 KIAS	VFE Flaps 10°	130 KIAS	V _{NO} 145 KIAS
Vx	67 KIAS	VFE Flaps 20-30°	100 KIAS	V _{NE} 164 KIAS
VY	84 KIAS	V _{BG} @2250 lbs	67 KIAS	V _{BG max} 73 KIAS

Before Starting Engine

- 1) Preflight inspection COMPLETE
- 2) Towbar STOWED
- 3) Fuel caps ON & SECURE
- 4) Pitot cover REMOVED
- 5) Control lock REMOVED
- 6) Documents ON BOARD
- 7) Hobbs & tach RECORDED
- 8) Airplane keys ON DASH
- 9) Pax & PIC briefing COMPLETE
- 10) Seats & seatbelts ADJUSTED
- 11) Brakes TEST & SET
- 12) Avionics & electrical equipment OFF
- 13) Landing gear lever DOWN
- 14) Circuit breakers CHECK IN
- 15) Cowl flaps OPEN
- 16) Fuel selector BOTH
- 17) Doors CLOSED & LOCKED

Starting Engine

- 1) Primer
 - Engine Cold 2-3 strokes, LOCKED
 - Engine Hot 0-1 strokes, LOCKED
- 2) Carb heat COLD
- 3) Throttle OPEN 1/4 inch
- 4) Prop FULL FWD
- 5) Mixture RICH
- 6) Master switch ON
- 7) Beacon/strobes ON
- 8) Propeller area "CLEAR" and visually clear area
- 9) Ignition START, slowly advance throttle, release after start
- 10) Throttle SET 800 to 1000 RPM
- 11) 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
- 3) Mixture LEAN for taxi
- 4) Flaps UP, visually confirm
- 5) Gear indication lights CHECK & TEST
- 6) Transponder ALT & 1200
- 7) ATIS/AWOS/ASOS CHECK
- 8) Flight instruments SET (altimeter near FE)
- 9) Radios SET, CONTACT GROUND

<u>Taxi</u>

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

<u>Run-up</u>

- 1) Nosewheel straight, brakes held tight
- 2) Flight Controls FREE & CORRECT
- Elevator & rudder trim tabs SET FOR TAKEOFF (trim flush with elevator, rudder pedals neutral)
- 4) Flight instruments CHECK & SET
- 5) Doors & windows CLOSED & LATCHED
- 6) Primer IN & LOCKED
- 7) Aux fuel pump ON, rise in pressure, OFF
- 8) Cowl flaps OPEN
- 9) Mixture RICH
- *Keep runup under 2 minutes and watch temps*
- 10) Throttle 1800 RPM
- 11) Magnetos TEST R, BOTH, L, then BOTH (max. 150 RPM drop & 50 RPM differential)
- 12) Propeller CYCLE 1-3x (approx. 300 RPM drop)
- 13) Carb heat CHECK (HOT, RPM drop, COLD)
- 14) Engine instruments CHECK
- 15) Ammeter CHECK (do not cycle the alternator!)
- 16) Suction gauge CHECK
- 17) Throttle IDLE (500-800 RPM), then 800-1000 RPM
- 18) Throttle friction ADJUSTED
- 19) GPS/NAV SET
- 20) Takeoff briefing COMPLETE

"This will be a normal/short-field (soft-field) takeoff, flaps up (10°), departing runway _____ with a climb to _____ feet. V_R is 55, V_X is 67, and V_Y is 84 KIAS.

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 approximately 70 KIAS. Any questions?"

Before Takeoff

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

Normal Takeoff

- 1) Flaps UP, visually confirm
- 2) Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD
- 3) Engine instruments CHECK
- Elevator Lift nosewheel at 55 KIAS
- 5) Climb V_Y 84 KIAS to safe altitude, then 85-95+
- 6) Brakes APPLY momentarily
- 7) Landing gear RETRACT

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

- Airspeed 85 to 95 KIAS (climb at 95+ KIAS on hot days) 1)
- Cowl flaps OPEN 2)
- Mixture RICH (lean <u>slightly</u> above 5000 <u>if</u> engine temps cool) 3)
- Prop SET 2500 RPM 4)
- Throttle FULL FWD (YES, this is best engine cooling!) 5)
- Engine instruments MONITOR CONTINUALLY 6)

Cruise

- Throttle & Prop SET per POH chart (< 70% power) 1) 62% power at 3000': 22" & 2300 = TAS 121/8.4 GPH 65% power at 6000': 22" & 2300 = TAS 128/8.8 GPH 63% power at 8000': 21" & 2300 = TAS 127/8.5 GPH
- Mixture LEAN FOR ALTITUDE once oil temp is 2) below 210° and EGTs are below 1400°
- Cowl flaps CLOSE when CHTs are below 400° 3)
- Engine instruments CHECK & MONITOR 4)
- Trim tabs SET for cruise airspeed 5)
- Flight instruments CHECK & SET 6)

Descent

- ATIS/AWOS/ASOS CHECK 1)
- Flight instruments CHECK & SET 2)
- Radios SET, report 10 miles out 3)
- Approach/pattern entry briefing COMPLETE 4)
- Carb heat ON if required 5)
- Throttle REDUCE max of 2" MP per min. 6)
- Mixture ENRICHEN throughout descent 7)
- Cowl flaps CLOSED 8)
- Seats & seatbelts ADJUSTED 9)

Before Landing (GUMPS)

- Lights AS NEEDED 1)
- Fuel CHECK quantity, fuel on BOTH, 2) primer LOCKED
- Landing gear below VLO, DOWN & GREEN 3)
- Carb Heat ON before closing throttle 4)
- Mixture RICH 5)
- Prop FULL FWD once below 12" MP 6)
- Airspeed 70 to 75 KIAS flaps UP 7)
- Airspeed 65 to 70 KIAS flaps DOWN 8)

After Landing (stop once clear of runway)

- Radio Switch to GROUND when advised 1)
- Cowl flaps OPEN 2)
- Flaps UP, visually confirm 3)
- Mixture LEAN for taxi 4)
- Prop FULL FWD 5)
- Carb Heat COLD 6)
- Lights AS NEEDED 7)
- Trim tabs SET FOR TAKEOFF 8)
- Transponder ALT & 1200 9)
- 10) Radios CONTACT GROUND

Shutdown

- Avionics and electrical switches OFF 1)
- Throttle 1000 RPM 2)
- Mixture IDLE CUTOFF 3)
- Ignition OFF, key on dash 4) This checklist is provided as an unofficial reference based upon available data. Use at your discretion.

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- Master switch OFF 5)
- 6) Fuel selector – LEFT or RIGHT TANK
- Cowl flaps CLOSED 7)
- Control lock, sunshade & pitot cover INSTALL 8)
- 9) Hobbs & tach RECORD
- 10) Trash REMOVE & TIDY UP
- 11) Tiedowns & chocks INSTALL
- 12) Doors LOCK

Soft-field Takeoff

- Flaps 10° 1)
- 2) Elevator – FULL AFT
- Brakes Minimize use 3)
- Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD 4)
- Engine instruments CHECK 5)
- Elevator Maintain nose high/tail low until liftoff 6)
- Climb Remain in ground effect until 63 KIAS, 7) then begin climb* and accelerate to Vy 84 KIAS
- Landing gear RETRACT 8)
- Flaps RETRACT 9)

* If obstacles are present: climb at 63 KIAS until clear, then accelerate to Vy and retract gear & flaps.

Normal and Soft-field Landing

- Flaps -30° (or less, as needed with a crosswind) 1)
- Airspeed PITCH for 65 to 70 KIAS 2)
- 3) Throttle – ADJUST for descent rate
- Touchdown MAIN WHEELS FIRST 4)
- Elevator Increase gradually to FULL AFT 5) during deceleration
- Brakes Minimize use 6)

Short-field and/or Obstacle Takeoff

- Flaps UP 1)
- Brakes HOLD 2)
- Throttle Smoothly to FULL FWD 3)
- Engine instruments CHECK 4)
- Brakes RELEASE 5)
- Elevator Lift nosewheel at 55 KIAS 6)
- 7) Climb – *63 KIAS until clear of obstacles
- Landing gear RETRACT once clear of obstacles 8)
- Climb 85 to 95 KIAS 9) * See AFM Figure 5-4 to adjust climb speed for weight

Maximum Performance Climb

- Airspeed V_Y 84* KIAS at S.L. 1)
- 2) Cowl flaps OPEN
- 3) Mixture RICH
- Throttle & Prop FULL FWD 4)
- Engine instruments MONITOR CAREFULLY! 5) * See AFM Figure 5-6 to adjust V_Y for altitude

Short-field Landing

- 1) Flaps 30°
- Airspeed PITCH for 63 KIAS
- Throttle ADJUST for descent rate 3)
- 4) Touchdown – MAIN WHEELS FIRST
- Brakes APPLY, but do not skid tires! 5)
- Flaps RETRACT 6)