Maintenance Manual

for the Aircraft

RF 5B - SPERBER

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1.3 Modifications

All modifications, Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins concerning the RF 5 B - SPERBER should be added following this page.
1.4 Three - View Drawing
2. Specification

2.1 Technical Data

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<td>Max. power</td>
<td>68 hp at 3600 rpm</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
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Dimensions

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<td>2.595 m² (27.93 ft²)</td>
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### Elevator Area

- **Deflection**
  - Upwards: 115 ± 10 mm (4.53 ± 0.4 in)
  - Downwards: 115 ± 10 mm (4.53 ± 0.4 in)
- **Measurement Taken**: 335 mm rad. (13.19 in)

### Incidence

- **Trim Tab Deflection**
  - Upwards: 47 ± 3 mm (1.85 ± 0.12 in)
  - Downwards: 47 ± 3 mm (1.85 ± 0.12 in)
- **Measurement Taken**: 90 mm rad. (3.54 in)

### Vertical Tail Area

- **Area**: 1,278 m² (13.76 ft²)
- **Measurement Taken**: 90 mm rad. (3.54 in)

### Rudder Area

- **Area**: 0.708 m² (7.62 ft²)

### Rudder Deflection

- **Each Side**: 225 ± 10 mm (8.86 ± 0.4 in)
- **Measurement Taken**: 590 mm rad. (23.23 in)

### Propeller Ground Clearance

- **Under Static Load**: 0.62 m (2.03 ft)
- **Tyre and Spring Fully Deflected**: 0.42 m (1.38 ft)

### Control Stops

- **Rudder**: Stop of rear rudder pedals against spoiler torsion tube
- **Elevator**: Stops behind the back rest of the rear seat
- **Ailerons**: Adjustable stop in the wing center to be checked through opening under wing center additionally stops at aileron control levers in the outer wings

### Weight

- **Empty Weight (Standard Equipped)**: 475 kg (1047 lbs)
- **Max. T.O. Weight**: 680 kg (1499 lbs)
2.2 Specification of Airframe

The RF 5 B - SPERBER is a tandem, two-seat, low-wing monoplane. The airframe is of conventional wooden construction, but all cowlings and fairings are of glass fibre. The engine bulkhead is metal-asbestos lined and painted with fire resistant paint. The outer section of the wings fold at approximately the two thirds span point, where there are fitted small outriggers which balance the aircraft on the monowheel retractable undercarriage and the steerable, non-retractable tailwheel.

The entire aircraft is covered in fabric and finished with high-gloss epoxy paint.

Fig. 1: The SPERBER
2.2.1 The wing structure consists of a rectangular section mainspar with laminated upper and lower beams, and a stressed plywood leading edge forming a torsionally stiff D-section box. The wing is fitted with spoilers on the top surface only. The rear section of the wing is fabric covered (Fig. 2). The outer wings follow the same construction as the main inner wing and ailerons, and are attached to the main wing by means of metal fittings incorporating quick release locks (Fig. 3).

The wing section is N.A.C.A. 23012 outboard and N.A.C.A. 23015 inboard.

![Fig. 2: Wing structure](image1)
![Fig. 3: Folding outer wing](image2)

2.2.2 The fuselage construction is based on four rigid stringers which form a rectangular box section on which are mounted upper and lower D-formers, the entire structure being skinned with plywood.

There are drain holes on the lower side of the fuselage.

Through openings controls inside the fuselage can be undergone maintenance.
2.2.3 The tailplane, which is plywood covered, is fitted to the upper surface of the rear fuselage by means of three attachment bolts. The elevator, which is fabric covered, is in two sections and is operated by a single horn on the centre line of the fuselage. The fin is mounted on the stern of the fuselage and carries the fabric covered rudder. (Fig. 4 and 5) All bearings are ball-bearing, covered against dirt and dust, low maintenance.

Fig. 4: Vertical tailplane
Fig. 5: Horizontal tailplane

2.3 Specification of Engine

The engine is a SPORTAVIA - Limbach SL 1700 E, four cylinder horizontally opposed, air cooled, four stroke engine. Most of the main components are specially inspected Volkswagen engine parts. Lubrication is wet sump and an oil cooler is fitted.

The fixed pitch wooden propellor is mounted directly onto the crankshaft. The electric starter, magneto and alternator are mounted on a light alloy casting at the rear of the engine. The engine driven fuel pump feeds the Stromberg CD 150 carburettor, which is mounted beneath the crankcase.
The electric system is powered by a 12 Volt/25 Ah Aviation-Type battery and alternator.

For further details see Engine Manual for SPORTAVIA - Limbach SL 1700 E and this Manual Section 4.2.

2.4 Specification of Landing Gear

The landing gear consists of a single retractable mainwheel, a steerable non-retractable tail wheel, and light weight fixed outriggers beneath each wing.

2.4.1 The main wheel is fitted with a 6.00 - 6 type III tyre inflated to 2.5 atm (≈ 35.55 psi) and two spring-assisted pneumatic suspension units. (Fig. 7.)

The shoe brake of the wheel is operated mechanically by bowden cable.

For retraction of the main wheel first unlock the lock lever right in front of the front seat by pressing the top button and pulling back the lever. Then the main wheel can be retracted by pulling back the main wheel lever on the right cabin wall.

The weight of the main wheel is balanced by a tension spring fitted on the main wheel lever. Locking happens automatically at the full retracted position of the main wheel.
The main wheel is covered by a plastic cover in front of the instrument panel. The wheel well is sealed by spring loaded doors.

Extending the main wheel follows same procedure as mentioned before: First unlock the lock lever and pull back, then main wheel lever to be pushed forward into extended position. The green lamp in the instrument panel shows landing gear extended and locked.

On the right of the rear instrument panel there is a landing gear emergency release. By pulling the release knob the lock lever becomes unlocked and pulled back by a bowden cable. By applying positive g’s (pull stick slightly backwards) the main wheel will extend into the extended and locked position. However this procedure is an emergency procedure only to be applied when the front pilot by any reason can not proceed the normal way.

Fig. 7: Main wheel
2.4.2 The non-retractable tailwheel is fitted with a solid rubber tyre of 160 mm (6.3 in) diameter and is mounted on rubber spring trailing arm. It can be steered through 60° by means of spring links to the rudder. (Fig. 8)

Fig. 8: Tail wheel
2.4.3 The outriggers are mounted on the main spar: Nylon-sticks of 26 mm (1.02 in) diameter with each one 120 mm (4.72 in) diameter wheel at the end.

2.5 Specification of Cabin

Seating of RF 5 B - SPERBER is tandem. Rudder pedals of front seat can be adjusted by turning the small wheel left in front of the seat. Seat comfort can easily be achieved by use of cushions.

Behind the rear seat there is a small baggage compartment, inside there is a plug for engine time recorder. Baggage may also be stored between the rudder pedals of the rear seat.

2.5.1 The two-piece canopy is locked on the port side by two independent operating excentric catches, on the starbord hinges there is each one lever for emergence release.

According to the canopy design the rear canopy cannot be opened unintentionally, it will be kept closed by the front canopy.
2.5.2 Controls

Front seat:
- Starter
- Brake
- Throttle
- Rudder pedal
- Spoiler lever
- Stick
- Pedal adjust
- Trimlever
- Choke
- Fuel cock
- Cabin heat
- U/C lever
- U/C lock release

Rear seat:
- Throttle
- Spoiler lever
- Stick
- U/C emergency release
- Rudder pedal
- Trimlever
2.5.3 Instrumentation

Front Seat:

- Compass
- Bank indicator or turn & bank
- Electric Variometer
- RPM
- Radio
- Variometer
- Ignition switch
- Master switch
- Altimeter
- Switch (free)
- Warning lamps
- Ammeter
- Switch (free)
- Oil pressure
- Oil temperature
- Main fuse 20 A
- Fuses
- Extension of panel

Rear seat:

- Variometer
- Compass
- Altimeter
- Ignition switch
- Turn & bank or turn indic.

+ Optional equipment
2.6 Specification of Control System

All bearings of the control system are ball-bearings. Elevator and aileron controls are push rods. The aileron is mass balanced.

Rudder control by cable, rudder pedals of front seat can be adjusted. The stick for the rear seat can be removed. Trim control by bowdencable.

Spoiler extend on the upper side of the wing with 1.85 m span. Spoiler control by a lever and torsion tube.
2.7 Specification of Fuel system

The fuel tank of 38 l (≈ 8.36 Imp.Gall) capacity is installed in front of the front seat.

Fuel storage is indicated by a float with pin. When the pin indicates 'b' there is a rest of fuel of 7 l (≈ 1.54 Imp.Gall), which represents about half an hour endurance.

The guidance of the pin on top of the filler cap shows an opening, which exactly must be in the forward position, in order to allow trouble-free fuel supply. To avoid overflow of fuel one shall keep max. fuel level about one inch below filler level.

During drainage of fuel system wings shall be kept level.
3. Inspections

3.1 Pre-flight check

The sketch shows an easy course for the pre-flight check.

1. Open canopy
2. Check master switch and ignition "OFF", throttle "idle position" and fuel cock "OFF".
3. Unfold outer wing, lock, check secureance, fasten fairing and secure.
4. Check ailerons free movement and play, hinges secure.
5. Check general condition of fabric, paint etc., no damage, no cracks.
6. Check outrigger stick, bracket and wheel
7. Check pitot opening.
8. Check main landing gear: shock absorber, tyre pressure, skid mark, tyre condition, bowden cable of brake, gear doors.
9. Check fuel filler cap, ventilation opening must show forward position. Check free movement of float stick.

10. Remove engine cowling. Check oil storage (min. 1,5 l ± 0,33 Imp. Gall, max. 2,5 l ± 0,55 Imp. Gall,) with tail down position. Upper level is marked, lower level is 1 mm ± 0.04 inch above end of stick.

Check engine mounts, spark plugs and linings. Check wear of alternator V - belt, exhaust system for cracks.

11. Check propeller and spinner for cracks or damage.

12. same as 6.

13. same as 5.

14. same as 4.

15. same as 3.

16. Check static pressure openings clearance.

17. Check elevator and rudder free movement and secure.

18. Check tail wheel and connecting springs.

19. same as 16.

3.2 Post - flight check
- all switches "OFF"
- check aircraft for external damage.
- in case of damage record into log book.
- unlock spoiler, when hangared extend spoiler for better ventilation of spoiler housing.

3.3 Periodical checks

Periodical checks shall be done each 25 hours of operation. Every second check shall be a 50 hrs check, every fourth check a 100 hrs check, whereas extent of the 50 hrs and 100 hrs check is increased adequately.

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<td>run up the engine (idling 700 rpm, full throttle 2800 ± 100 rpm)</td>
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### 2. Propeller

- check spinner and spinner disk for cracks, buckles and oscillation  | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check propeller for track and damage                               | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- remove propeller and check the boss for cracks and wear            | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check propeller flange for corrosion and check right torque of nut | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check torque and secure of propeller bolts and nuts (1.5 to 1.8 mkp £10.85 to 13.01 ft.lbs) | 0      | 0      | 0       |

### 3. Cabin

- check canopy for damage, function of latch and emergency release    | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check general condition of cushions and fairings                    | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check safety harness and mounts                                    | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check trim control and fastener                                    | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check rudder pedal adjust, stops and deflection                     | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- check stick deflection, stops, neutral position and free movement   | 0      | 0      | 0       |
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<td>- check controls for easy and free movement and play</td>
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<td>- check nav-lights, cabin and instrument lights</td>
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<td>- check right capacity of fuses and circuit breaker</td>
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<td>- check markings on instruments</td>
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<td>- check colour marking of controls</td>
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4. Airframe

- remove fairings of wing, fuselage and tailplane and inspection cover | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check general condition of fabric and paint | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check general condition of electric installation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check aerial mount | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check fuel tank, fuel lines and connections for leakage | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check rudder, elevator, trim tab, aileron, turnbuckles bearings, push-rods and their guidance for safe operation, damage, corrosion and function | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check general condition of wing, fuselage and tailplane and their parts, especially for deterioration and deformation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check wing and tailplane connections being fixed and without play | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check drain and ventilation openings | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check placards and markings | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check wing quick release system for play, easy movement and secure | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- grease wing quick release system following lubrication scheme | 0 | 0 | 0 |

5. Undercarriage

- clean U/C | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- check function of U/C
  - check bearings and locking system for play, adjustment of brake, operation of warning system, close operation of U/C doors | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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<td>- check shock absorbers and connections</td>
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<td>- check tyre for carvings, wear and skid</td>
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<td>- check brake linings</td>
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<td>- check wheel and brake housing for cracks</td>
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<td>- check tyre pressure (2.5 kp/cm² = 35 psi)</td>
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<td>- check tailwheel fork and axle for deformation</td>
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<td>- grease undercarriage following lubrication scheme</td>
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<td>- check general condition and connection of outriggers</td>
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6. Controls

- check function of fuel cock                                       | 0      | 0      |
- check fuel storage indication                                      | 0      | 0      |
- check oil pressure and temperature                                 | 0      | 0      |
- check alternator function                                          | 0      | 0      |
- check parking brake                                                | 0      | 0      |
- check function flight instruments                                  | 0      | 0      |
- check ignition switch                                              | 0      | 0      |
- check function of throttle and choke                               | 0      | 0      |
- check function of cabin heat                                       | 0      | 0      |
- check propeller run (unbalance)                                    | 0      | 0      |
- check electronic equipment                                         | 0      | 0      |
- check engine run                                                    | 0      | 0      |

7. General

- Service Bulletins and Airworthiness Directives are carried out     | 0      | 0      | 0       |
- Check being recorded into aircraft logbook                         | 0      | 0      |
- Test flight carried out                                            | 0      | 0      |
3.4 Major Overhaul

Extent of major overhaul will be fixed in detail by the inspector's report.

Any modifications shall be recorded in the aircraft's technical file.

- complete disassembly of the aircraft
- inspection report for each part
- all unservicable parts to be replaced
- all damaged parts to be repaired
- assembly and check
- final check, weight and balance, run up, test flight & report, final inspection by the inspector.
4. Service Instructions

4.1 General

Safe operation and airworthiness of your aircraft mainly depend on careful service of all parts. Airworthiness may be touched, if operation and maintenance will not be carried out according to the manufacturer's manuals.

Periods for maintenance - besides periodical checks - depend on activity of operation, climate, condition of the airfield, possibility of hangarage and similar factors.

The engine of the RF 5 B has been test run for four to six hours, when the plane leaves the factory. In spite of that within the first 25 hours you should not overstrain the engine. Do not run more than 3200 rpm for a longer time and let oil temperature not exceed 90°C. Check tappet clearance and oil consumption every 10 hours of operation up to 75 hours total.

Do not use aggressive cleanser, which may affect material, paint and protective wax. You best use warm water and a mild washing powder, with sponge and leather.

To avoid scratches on the canopy you should use a leather for this purpose only, do not use this leather for cleaning the aircraft also. Cleaning the canopy you should use either a weak soapy water, or a special cleaner (e.g. PLEXIPOL or PLEXIKLAR).

The painted surfaces of the aircraft will require polishing from time to time, and this should be done with a polishing wax, which does not contain any SILICONE!

Damage to paint should be made good as soon as possible.

Metal parts used in the aircraft need protection with paint and surface preservatives.

Oil or grease should not be allowed to come into contact with the tyres, to avoid attack of the rubber.

When doing any work on the aeroplane please follow general work shops safety rules.
4.2 Engine

4.2.1 Propeller

- Before fitting the propeller it should be checked for any signs of surface damage (scratches, nicks, etc.).

- Then the propeller flange, locking washer, spinner disk, washer and fastening disk, should be cleaned, to ensure the mating is clean and even.

- Following the order locking washer - spinner disk - washer these parts are then mounted. The correct position of the spinner disk is found as follows: with a suitable tool the flange is turned until the ignition mark is in horizontal position. The spinner disk is then fitted so that two M 5 threads for attaching the spinner to the disk are in line with the centering on the flange and are horizontal.

- The propeller is then pushed on in a horizontal position, until the fixing studs locate the propeller in the mounting holes.

- The mounting disk is then put on and with six M 8 bolts the propeller and disk should be pulled evenly on to the flange. If the fixing studs begin to jam inside the propeller DO NOT FORCE the propeller on, as this could cause cracks. The propeller should be taken off and any excessive paint in the mounting holes should be removed. The propeller bolts should be tightened to 1,5 mkp ≈ 10.85 ft-lbs always ensuring that opposing bolts are tightened. The swash and eccentricity of the propeller should then be measured (see photo). If these are more than 3 mm ≈ 1/8" this may be eliminated by turning the propeller through 180° on its flange. Smaller deviations should be corrected by retightening the mounting bolts, but the tightening torque of 1,5 mkp ≈ 10.85 ft-lbs should still be observed. Never try to correct with shims.

- The fixing bolts are then secured in pairs as shown in the photo.

- The propeller spinner is then mounted with M 5 countersunk screws and tapered washers. Please note that the clearance between spinner and propeller should be at least 5 mm ≈ 3/16". If the spinner does not run true, it should be rotated through 180° and refitted.
Fig. 9: Checking swash and eccentricity

Fig. 10: Securing propellor bolts
4.2.2 Oil change

The engine should be run for a few minutes before draining the oil to ensure quick draining. The locking wire of the drain plug should then be removed, the drain plug taken out and the oil drained. After all the oil has been drained replace the plug with a new sealing washer, and relock. Fill the oil tank with 2,5 l & 4,2 pints of engine oil as specified in the table below and check oil level.

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<th>Lubricant</th>
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<td>Good quality</td>
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<td>normal oil</td>
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<tr>
<td>Engine oil</td>
<td>higher than +20°C</td>
<td>SAE 40</td>
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<td>Shell-BP-Essoc etc.</td>
<td>0°C...+ 20°C</td>
<td>SAE 20W/40 or SAE 10W/30</td>
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<td>(no aviation oil)</td>
<td>below 0°C</td>
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Cleaning the oil filter

For the 100 hrs-check the oil filter must be cleaned. First the oil must be drained, as described in 2.2 above, then the oil filter must be removed from the sump. To do this 6 Nylock nuts must be undone. The filter should then be cleaned thoroughly in petrol and replaced with a new gasket.

4.2.3 Adjusting Tappet clearances

This should only be done by skilled personnel since the life and power of the engine are greatly influenced by maintaining correct tappet clearances. On new engines the clearances should be checked every ten hours for the first 50 hours, after which every 25 hours is sufficient. On the COLD ENGINE the clearance should be 0,2 mm & 0,008" on both inlet and exhaust valves. The cylinders are marked 1 - 4 on the crankcase above each cylinder. Adjusting the clearances is best done in the order 1-3-2-4. First remove the rocker boxes. The piston of the cylinder to be adjusted should be positioned in upper dead center of the compression stroke. Starting with cylinder No. 1 the propellor should be turned until both valves of the opposed cylinder are just operating, i.e. inlet valve is opening, exhaust valve is closing. The locknuts on the tappet adjusting screws should then be loosened and the tappet clearances adjusted with the
aid of a feeler gauge. The screws and locknuts should be secured again and the clearances re-checked after tightening. The process is repeated for the other cylinders.

4.2.4 Checking the compression

There are two procedures in use:

(a) The direct pressure test:
To check the compression all four sparking plugs are first removed. The warm engine is then turned over by the starter, with the main fuel cock closed and the throttle fully opened. The compression pressure is then measured in each cylinder using a pressure gauge which seals in the sparking plug seat.

Result: 8.0 - 9.0 kp/cm² (113.76 - 127.98 psi) Good
7.0 - 8.0 " " (99.54 - 113.76 "") Sufficient
Below 7.0 " " (99.54 "") Insufficient

The differential flow measure test: a standard pressure of 5.6 kp/cm² ≤ 80 psi is to be pressed into the cylinder in question. Leakage will cause a pressure loss, which may not extend a certain value. This procedure is easy to handle under always same conditions and by the escaping air the leakage can be localized (inlet valve - outlet valve - piston ring).

For both tests
- the engine must have normal operating temperature.
- all four spark plugs must be removed
- the test shall be conducted according to the instructions for the test instruments
- the test shall be repeated if the result is unsatisfactorily. If then the result is still unsatisfactorily, the engine must be checked by a specialist or be repaired.

4.2.5 Ignition

Timing Adjustment
- With the Bendix magneto fitted adjustment of the timing is scarcely necessary, but a check every 100 hours is important since faulty ignition timing may result in loss of power, high fuel consumption or even in breakdown of the engine.
Checking and adjustment of the timing should be carried out as follows:
- First remove plug leads and sparking plugs.
Position cylinder No. 1 30° before TDC of Compression stroke.
In this position the mark on the propellor flange should be in line with the crankcase joint.

- The timing adjustment indicator (Buzzer) should then be connected to earth, and to the short circuit lead of the magneto.
- Turn the engine in the normal running direction until the impulse coupling of the magneto is released.
- Turn engine in the reverse direction until the timing mark on the propellor flange is once more in line with the crank case joint.
- Switch on "buzzer" and turn the mark towards the crank case joint.

When the mark is opposite the joint the points should just be opening.

- If the deviation of the mark from the joint is greater than $\pm 2 \text{ mm } \pm 0.080"$ it should be corrected by rotating the magneto. To do this the magneto fixing screws must be loosened.
- If correct timing cannot be achieved by rotating the magneto the points must be adjusted.

Adjusting the points

This should be done after 100 operating hours, or if adjustment of the timing is not otherwise possible.

- Take off cover plate on the back of the magneto.
- Adjust points until gap is $0.4 - 0.5 \text{ mm (0.016" - 0.020")}$ by turning adjustment screw.
- Clean, or, better, renew dirty or greasy contacts.
- Replace cover plate and adjust timing as described above.

Checking of Sparking Plugs

Remove the plugs and check the colour of the ignition head. Form the appearance of the electrodes and ceramic insulation the engine condition can be judged.

Medium grey - good carburettor adjustment and correct sparking plug operation.
Black - Fuel air ratio too rich.
Light grey - Fuel air ratio too poor.
Oily - misfiring, or badly fitting piston rings.
Clean plugs thoroughly, the outside as well as the electrodes to avoid leakage currents. Check spark gap. This should be 0.4 mm ± 0.016", if necessary adjust by bending the earth electrode. The condition of the plug sealing washers should also be checked; the average life of the plugs is 250 hrs.

4.2.6 Tensioning and Replacement of Alternator Drive belt

During every 50 hrs-check the tension of the alternator drive belt (V-Belt) should be checked, and adjusted if necessary. It is inadvisable to operate the aircraft with the belt too slack or too tight.

To adjust the V-Belt the upper mountings screw of the alternator and a nut on the magneto must be loosened.

If the belt is to be replaced the procedure is as follows:

- Remove battery, magneto, alternator and fuel line.
- Loosen the four M 8 fixing bolts of the auxiliary mounting bracket, and the M 8 screw holding the carburettor bracket beneath the engine, so that the auxiliary mounting can be displaced by about 15 mm - 5/8".
- Feed in the V - Belt between the auxiliary mountings and the magneto dog.
- Reposition the auxiliary mounting and replace the magneto on the magneto dog, so that when piston 1 is 30° before TDC of the compression stroke (timing mark in line with crankcase joint), red marking point is visible through hole in magneto. Further adjustment of the ignition is described in 4.2.5
- Reassemble battery and alternator taking care that the alternator is connected correctly. Failure to do this will result in damage to the rectifier diodes.
- Reconnect fuel line.
4.2.7 Carburettor

The engine SPORTAVIA - Limbach SL 1700 E is equipped with a constant depression carburettor STROMBERG 150 CD.

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**Principle of operation**

The petrol inlet, a parallel tube to accommodate a flexible fuel pipe, is at the side of the main body. From here fuel passes into the float chamber via the needle seating (2) where the flow is controlled by the needle and the twin floats on a common arm. As the petrol level rises the float lifts and, by means of the float arm and tag, closes the needle on its seating when the correct level has been attained. With the engine running, petrol is drawn from the float chamber, the float descends and more fuel is then admitted through the needle seating. In this manner, the correct level is automatically maintained the whole of the time the carburettor is in action.

The fuel from the float chamber will rise in the jet orifice in the assembly, the fuel in the jet orifice being maintained at the same level as that in the float chamber.
With the opening of the butterfly throttle (6) manifold depression is transferred to the chamber (5) which is sealed from the main body by the diaphragm (11).

The pressure difference between chamber (5) and that existing in the bore causes the air valve to lift, thus any increase in engine speed or load will enlarge the effective choke area since the air valve lift is proportional to the weight of air passing the throttle (6). By this means air velocity and pressure drop across the jet orifice remain approximately constant ensuring good fuel atomisation at all speeds.

As the air valve (3) rises it withdraws a tapered metering needle (4) held in the base of the air valve by a screw from the jet orifice so that fuel flow is increased relative to the greater air flow.

The metering needle is a variable and is machined to very close limits to provide a mixture ratio for all speeds and loads in line with engine requirements as determined by exhaustive tests on bench by carburettor specialists working in collaboration with the engine manufacturers.

When the choke control on the instrument panel is pulled out it operates the lever at the side of the carburettor; this rotates the starter bar (7) to lift the air valve in which is fitted the metering needle (4) from the jet orifice to increase the area of the annulus between needle and orifice. In this manner the enriched mixture necessary to ensure cold starting is provided. Simultaneously, the cam on the lever will open the throttle beyond the normal idle position according to the setting of the fast-idle stop screw to provide the fast-idle speed when the motor is cold.

At any point in the throttle range a temporarily richer mixture is needed at the moment the throttle is suddenly opened. To provide this, a dashpot or hydraulic damper is arranged inside the hollow guide rod (13) of the air valve.

The rod itself is filled with suitable oil to within a 1/4" of the end of the rod in which the damper operates. When the throttle is opened, the immediate upward motion of the air valve is resisted by this plunger. For that short time the suction or depression at the jet orifice is increased and the mixture is enriched.
Adjustments

The carburettor STROMBERG 150 CD has been exactly adjusted with the engine during test bench run. Normally it needs no further adjusting. However, if adjusting is necessary, one should work very carefully and exact, since the carburettor is of high precision.

The metering needle is No. 6 A.

Setting the idle

Two adjustments are employed when regulating the idle speed and mixture, and the following procedure should be adopted in setting the throttle stop screw which controls the speed, and jet adjusting screw (8) which determines the quality of air-fuel mixture entering the cylinders.

Remove the air cleaner and damper and hold the air valve (3) down on to the bridge in the throttle bore. Now screw up the jet adjustment screw (8) (a coin is ideal for this purpose) until the jet is felt to come into contact with the underside of the air valve. From this position turn down the jet adjusting screw three turns. This establishes an approximate jet position from which to work.

Run the engine until it is thoroughly warm, and obtain by means of the stop screw an idle speed of some 600/650 r.p.m.

The idle mixture will be correct when the engine beat is smooth and regular, and by careful and gradual adjustment of the jet adjustment screw (8) the correct position will be determined.

As a check, lift the air valve a very small amount with a long thin screw-driver and listen to the effect on the engine. If the engine speed rises appreciably, the mixture is too rich and conversely, if the engine stops, the mixture is too weak. Properly adjusted, the engine speed will either remain constant or fall slightly on lifting the air valve.

Checking the Diaphragm (11)

With every 100 hrs - check the diaphragm (11) shall be inspected for cracks or wear and if necessary be replaced. This shall be done as follows:

- remove the carburettor
- remove cover of chamber (5) by untightening 4 screws and put away
- be careful when pulling out the air valve (3) and the spring (10).
- remove diaphragm (11) from air valve (3) by untightening 4 screws and take away the ring (9).
- check diaphragm (11) for cracks and wear, especially near the air valve (3).
- assembly follows vice versa. Please take care that hoses of diaphragm fit into the notches of the air valve and of the housing.
- when airvalve, spring and cover has been assembled, damping oil must be filled in.
  For this untighten the screw (12).
- Filling up to 6 mm $\pm$ 0.23 in below upper brim of hollow guide rod (13).
- Tighten screw (12) and mount the carburettor on the engine.
- Run up the engine and check idle, max. power and transition.

4.2.8 Cleaning the Fuel Filter

- Set fuel valve OFF
- remove securing wire at the nut of the drain valve
- unscrew the bottom of the filter (44 mm wrench) and take away, pour off the fuel.
- pull out the filter and carefully wash filter and bottom with fuel
- assembly follows vice versa. Check filter for being tight and free of leakage.

4.2.9 Battery

Setting to work

The new battery of 12 Volts/25 Amperehours is dry but charged already. Within 20 minutes after being filled with sulphuric acid the battery is ready for operation.

- unscrew the plugs and fill cells with pure battery sulphuric acid of 1.28 kg/Liter $\pm$ 12.8 lbs/Gall. Imp. density up to the level marking.

Level marking is lower edge of grating below plugs or 15 mm $\pm$ 0.59" in above upper edge of battery plates.
- leave battery for 15 minutes with open plugs, then shake it slightly and correct acid level. Never extend the max. acid level, because otherwise acid will overflow during operation.

- Put on the plugs, clean battery and fit on to the aircraft. Contact points to be protected with special battery grease.

Please take care of safety rules when handling the acid!

Maintenance

During normal operation of the aircraft the battery needs no maintenance other than given in the periodical checks.

If however the aircraft has been operated very few hours only or even not for some time (i.e. during the winter), one shall care for

- every month check the capacity of the battery (density of acid) and charge if necessary. Never leave a flat battery uncharged.

Charge power about 2.5 Amperes. After charging refill distilled water up to the markings.

- every third month discharge the battery and charge again.
4.3 Undercarriage

4.3.1 Lubrication Instructions

The undercarriage should be lubricated every 25 hours of operation:

säurefreies Fett (grease)
Maschinenöl (Oil)
4.3.4 U/C Shock Absorber

The shock absorber contains a pneumatic element (1) and two springs (2).

Check with every 50 hrs-check the shock absorbers.

Being new the notch (3) of the pneumatic element is level with the lower end of the cover (4) with the aircraft empty.

After a longer time of operation the shock absorber may get shorter either by gas leakage of the pneumatic element or by fatigue of the springs.

If shock absorber's fatigue is such as to allow the U/C main support and the wheel fork to build an angle of less that 90°, remove shock absorbers and inspect their condition:

- jack the aircraft as described in 4.5.1
- remove connecting bolts and shock absorbers
- unscrew the upper joint (5) and cover (4).
- inspect springs and replace if necessary. When springs are in order the pneumatic elements may be flat and must be replaced.
- assembly of the shock absorber vice versa. Take care of the correct position of plastic bushes (6).
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4.4. CONTROL SYSTEM

4.4.1 Adjustment of Controls

The adjustment of the controls should always be done under the supervision of an official inspector. The figures given below are intended as guides (see Appendix 6).

**Aileron:**

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The outer stops (outer wing) shall be reached first.

**Elevator**

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<td>Downward movement</td>
<td>(20^\circ - 1^\circ \pm 115 \pm 10 \text{ mm} \pm 4.5 \text{ in} + 0.4 \text{ in} )</td>
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**Trim tab**

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<td>Downward movement</td>
<td>(31.5^\circ - 2^\circ \pm 47 \pm 1.85 \text{ in} + 0.1 \text{ in} )</td>
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**Rudder**

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4.4.2 Trimming

If the aircraft tends to bank or turn it should be trimmed as follows:

If the aircraft banks and turns to one side a trim tab should be fitted to the underside of the opposite aileron.

If the aircraft turns the tension of the rudder springs beneath the rudder pedals should be checked, and tightened or replaced.
4.5 AIRFRAME

4.5.1 Jacking the aircraft

If there is a crane or block and tackle available the aircraft may be lifted by the engine using a strong rope passed around the engine, or the lifting point on the engine crankcase. Alternatively the aircraft can be lifted by two hydraulic jacks placed beneath the under-fuselage strakes or the tail can be lifted and a 500 - 560 mm (19.7 - 22 in) trestle placed under the fuselage. Pushing down on the rear carrying handles will then raise the nose and unload the undercarriage. Care must be taken to ensure that the aircraft is securely supported on the trestle or the hydraulic jacks and that these are prevented from slipping or tilting. The rear carrying handles should be weighed down and/or another trestle should be placed under the nose to prevent the aircraft tilting forward.

4.5.2 Lubrication of wing locking mechanism
4.5.3 Covering and Painting the Aircraft

- Clean and sand down the part to be covered.
- Apply adhesive three times, with an hour drying between
- Lay on fabric tightly and rub down with thinner
- Sprinkle fabric with water and allow to dry for 2 hours
- Apply first layer of dope diluted with an equal volume of thinner
- Apply 3 - 4 coats of undiluted dope
- Fill uneven areas with mastic and sand
- Spray with filler 2 - 3 times
- Sand wet
- Spray on top coat
5. ASSEMBLY

5.1 Assembly of Wings

- Place the wing as delivered on the floor supporting the trailing edge on a soft pad. Remove the locating bushes from the main mounting pins.

![Image of wing assembly](image1)

Fig. 11: Starting position

- Remove canopy and engine cowlings and position fuselage over wing centre section. Put the handbrake on.

- Unfold the wings and secure by rotating the lever of the wing locks.

- Lift wing at wing tips (2 persons per tip), at the trailing edge near wing centre (2 persons), and on the leading edge (2 persons).

![Image of wing lifting](image2)

Fig. 12: Lifting the wing
- Slide torsion control tubes into the holes in the fuselage former. Taking care to keep the trailing edge well down, to prevent damage to the fuselage skin, push wing forward until main wing attachment bolts are also located in fuselage former.

Fig. 13: Introducing the wing

- Raise trailing edge, push locating bushes over the main attachment bolts and into the former. Place washers and nuts onto the main bolts and tighten securely.

- Lift trailing edge up firmly and bolt with M 6 x 45 bolts washers and nylock nuts to rear mounting.

- Fit the outriggers (see page 49)

- Place flange bearing on torsion control tube and fasten with M 5 x 45 screws.

- Mount the control column holder. This casted part should be positioned so that the bolt holes are in line, the control column holder is vertical and both ailerons are in the neutral position. M 4 x 15 bolts are to be put in from the inside and screwed down in position with nylock nuts, making sure the stick bearing assembly is similar to that in the rear seat.

- Slide elevator push rod from the front through the wheel well and into the torsion tube. Attach it to the front stick and secure it with split pins. The stick should be mounted in the stick holder as shown and secured with split pins.

- The rear control column should first be connected with the push rod from the front stick and then with the rear pushrod, connecting it with the reversing crank. It should then be mounted in its stick holder as described above.
- The elevator should then be connected to the bell crank beneath the luggage compartment.

- The spoiler push rod should then be pushed from the front through the hole in the former and should be connected to both spoiler levers. Attach rear spoiler lever and secure.

- Slide the cables through their guide holes and connect to turnbuckles which are attached to the cable coming from the pedal adjustment tube. Hook compensating springs to rudder pedals, adjust rudder and secure turnbuckles.

- Connect pipe from pitot tube to airspeed indicator tube under rear seat.

- After rechecking cable connections and making sure no tools, screws, etc. have been left inside, the seat may be screwed down.

- The leather stick cover of the rear cockpit should be fastened with self-tapping screws.

- The side-panels in the front cockpit should be mounted with wood screws.

- Front and rear wing-fuselage fairings should be fitted with self-tapping screws.
5.2 Assembly of Vertical Tail

- Separate fin and rudder.
- Place fin on fuselage, put navigation light, aerial and anti-collision light cables into fuselage and screw fin down with four M 8 x 65 screws, using four large diameter washers with 8,4 mm internal diameter as spacers.
- Fasten metal fin support in front of fin leading edge with M 5 x 35 bolts. Washers and nuts can be placed on the bolts through the fuselage access hole.
- Mount rudder by sliding M 6 bolts into control arm on fin. Ensure that two washers are fitted above control arm to line up the upper hinge.
- Upper hinge should be fixed on with M 5 x 25 bolts. Fasten also lower bolts with nylock nuts.
- Attach control cables.
- Connect tail wheel steering springs.

5.3 Assembly of Horizontal Tail

- Place trim control cable in slot in left hand side of fuselage.
- Put tailplane and elevator assembly in position on the fuselage and push backwards until bolts fit into the brackets and front mounting is aligned.
- Attach at the front M 8 bolt and secure with Fokker pin.
- Join elevator push rod and control arm, fastening with M 5 x 23 bolts, reaching the connection via the fuselage access hole.
- Fit access hole cover.
- Fix trim cable to elevator and connect control rod to trim tab.
5.4 Assembly of Engine

- Lift engine by the lifting point provided, using a block and tackle.
- Support engine by upper bolts (M 5 x 30)
- Fit lower bearer bolts. Tighten bolts and lock with cotter pins. Refer to table in engine manual for torque moments.
- Fit upper bearer bolts. Tighten bolts and lock with cotter pins.
- Connect fuel pipe to carburettor and secure.
- Fit air intake filter.
- Fit rev. counter drive cable and secure with locking wire.
- Connect throttle, choke, heater control and starter cables.
- Connect magneto switch wire to magneto.
- Connect the spark plug leads.
- Clip on the crankcase breather pipe.
- Fit heater duct.
- Connect the following electric cables:
  
  Microswitch on throttle linkage
  Oil temperature thermo couple
  Oil pressure transducer
  Starter
  Connect battery
  Earth cables.

Fig. 14: Engine assembly
5.5 Assembly of Undercarriage

- First jack the aircraft up as described in 4.5.1
- Place undercarriage in wheel well and position with the long pivot axle stub to the right and the shorter on to the left.
- The undercarriage lever and the right-hand stub axle should be bolted together with M 6 x 60 bolts.
- Bolt both stub axles to the undercarriage with two M 6 x 50 bolts.
- Retract undercarriage. Pre-tension spring and attach to fixing bracket.
- Check operation of undercarriage warning system. Check the microswitch on the catch and the torsion tube.
- Screw down the seat.
- Lower undercarriage and fit brake cable.

Fig. 15: U/C assembly

5.6 Assembly of Tailwheel

- Position tailwheel and attach to mounting plate in the fuselage, using four M 5 x 80 bolts.
- Hook on tailwheel steering springs and extensions.
5.7 Assembly of Outriggers

The Nylon-rod (1) is connected with the bracket (2) by a spreader dowel (3).

The spreader dowel is fixed by a M8 bolt (4), which can be reached via an opening in the upper skin of the wing.

For disassembly remove tape over opening, loosen M8 bolt until rod can be pulled out. If spreader dowel is still locked and rod cannot be pulled out screw bolt two or three turns again and knock at the bolts head to loosen the spreader dowel.

The opening in the skin shall always be taped carefully using usual tape.
5.8 Assembly of Instrument Panel

- Plug in instrument plug, observing the colour coding on any special equipment.
- If aircraft is so equipped, plug in radio and aerial.
- Connect rev. counter drive shaft and fit rev. counter. When dismantling it is best to take out the rev. counter first, and then disconnect the drive shaft.
- Connect pitot, total head, compensating flask and static head tubes.
- Fit instrument panel to its rubber mountings using M 6 nuts and washers.
- Fit instrument hood.
### Appendix 1 - Materials List

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5. Other Materials

Fabric - FRANKE ZK 100 B DIN L 21
Silk fabric for lining the wooden parts, Art No. 6150
Fabric adhesive - RHODIUS Fuldocell 18.724/F or WIEDERHOLD N 39/549
dope - RHODIUS Fuldocell 22.816/F or WIEDERHOLD N 53/526
Interior protective paint WÜLFING No. 23564
Filler WIEDERHOLD N 59 300/508
Hardener WIEDERHOLD N 39/1840
Polyurethane paint white WIEDERHOLD N 53 641
Polyurethane hardener WIEDERHOLD N 39/1327
Coloured resin paint WIEDERHOLD 7174/
Washprimer WIEDOFLUGAT N 54 628
Washprimer hardener WIEDOFLUGAT N 37 678

Glassfiber - parts:

Glass INTERGLAS - Ulm
Resin EPIKOTE 162
Hardener LAROMIN C 260
Appendix 2

List of Equipment

2.1 Engine

Engine      SPORTAVIA-Limbach SL 1700 E, 68 hp at 3600 rpm
Carburettor STROMBERG 150 CD
Alternator  DUCELLIER 7522, 12 V
Starter      FIAT 76-0,5/12 S, 12 V/130 A
Magneto     BENDIX S 4 RN - 21
Sparking Plugs BOSCH WB 240 ERT 1 0,5
Fuel Pump   PIERBURG VW 3 - 8256
Propeller  HOFFMANN HO 11 - 145 B 80 L

2.2 Flight and engine instruments

Airspeed indicator WINTER 6 FMS 3,
Altimeter     WINTER 4 HM 6 or
              WINTER 4 FGH 10
Variometer   WINTER STV 5
Compass      VION Type 112 or
              LUDOLPH FK 16 or
              AIRPATH C 2300
Bank indicator WINTER QM I or QM II
Rev. Counter & Engine hours recorder MOTOMETER 120.17.033.02
Oil pressure gauge VDO 350.251/2/21
Oil pressure transducer VDO 360.81/29/1
Oil temperature gauge VDO 310.254/75/1
Oil temperature thermocouple VDO 323.801/4/12
Ammeter      VDO 190.04/27/29
2.3 Electrical equipment

Battery: EXIDE type AC-54 Cat. No. 62439, 12 V/25 Ah or REBATE 12 V, 25 Ah

Ignition Switch: MARQUARDT 0140.0201, 2A/250 V

Master Switch: ETA 412 - K 14 - LN 2, 20 A

Microswitches: MARQUARDT 10 A/250 V

Test Button: 2 A/250 V

Buzzer: SIEMENS U 23303/ W 0102

Multipole Plug: SOCAPEX 315 K, 15 poles with screwlock

Lamps: green, yellow, 12 V

Toggle Switches: KNITTER MST 6 A/ 125 V

Fuses: 5 mm x 20 mm, 2 A, 10 A

Cable: FYGP AN 4 B, 22,0 mm², LN 9251
       FYGP AN 14 B, 2,0 mm², LN 9251
       FYGP CP AN 16B, 1,2 mm², LN 9251
       FYGP AN 22 B, 0,4 mm², LN 9251

Terminal blocks, cable shoes...

4. Safety equipment

Straps: GADRINGER BAGU 14, L-40.070/16
       SCHUGU 11, L-40.071/05

or EFA 602 (for France)
5. Special Equipment (optional)

5.1 Radio and Navigation Aids

Radio
- DITTEL FSG 15, 12 V, 12 channels, 2 W output, incl. accessories
- Dittel FSG 16, 12 V, 12 channels, 6 W output, incl. accessories
- BECKER AR 7, 12 V, 1 channels, W output, incl. accessories
- BECKER AR 400, 12 V, 360 channels, W output, incl. accessories
- ARC - NT 532 A, 12 V, 360 channels, 6 W output, incl. accessories

Navigation Aids:
- BECKER NR 200, VOR/LOC, incl. accessories
- ARC - R 542 A, VOR, incl. accessories
- BECKER HOMING ZVG 2, incl. accessories
- KING ADF 80 G, incl. accessories
- BENDIX T 12, Cg, ADF, incl. accessories

Combined Sets:
- ARC NT 522 A, NAV/COM
- KING KX 175, NAV/COM

5.2 Other Instruments

Sensitive Variometer WINTER STV 5 (rear panel)
Electrical variometer VW 3 C 1, 12 V, ± 3 m/s
Electrical variometer VW 5 KB, 12 V, ± 5 m/s
Computer PIROL 17, 12 V, ± 5/10 m/s
Compass AIRPATH C 2300 or LUDOLPH FK 16 or VION Type 112 (rear panel)
Remote compass DITTEL MC 1428, 14 V
Turn and bank indicator GAUTING WZ 402/30, 12 V
Horizon BENDIX J 8 with converter, 12 V
GAUTING KH 6532, 12 V
- Bank indicator WINTER QM I or QM II (rear panel)
- Engine hours recorder VDO 331.809/007/070
- Flight hours recorder FZM indicator and actuator
- G-meter BENDIX MS - 28 025 - 1
- Sensitive altimeter WINTER 4 FGH 10
- Clock JUNGHANS Bo UK 1
  REVEUE Type B 6

5.3 Other Equipment

- Navigation lights HELLA
- Anti-collision light DITTEL ACL 4 or HELLA
- Ignition switch with key BENDIX 10.357 290
Appendix 4: Placards

Other than registration number and flag the following placards must be on the aircraft:

4.1 Placards outside the cabin

- near the fuel filler cap:

  8.4 Imp. Gall. AVGAS 100/130
  Vent opening must be forward

- near the oil filler cap:

  0.55 Imp. Gall. HD-oil according to Flight Manual

- near the fuel filter drain:

  While draining keep wings level

- over main wheel on the wheel well door:

  36 PSI

- over tail wheel, if pneumatic tyre is installed

  36 PSI

4.2 Placards inside the cabin

- left side wall:

  SPOILER IN
  SPOILER OUT

- near the pedal adjustment wheel:

  PEDAL ADJUSTMENT

- near the undercarriage lock

  UNDERCARRIAGE LOCK

Name: Küppers
Edition: 15-9-73
- right sidewall

**UNDERCARRIAGE RETRACTED**

**UNDERCARRIAGE EXTENDED**

**NOSE DOWN - TRIM - TAIL DOWN**

This aircraft is built in accordance with the German Normal - Powered - Glider regulations.
The limits given by placards, markings and manuals must not be exceeded.

**Airspeeds:**
\[
\begin{align*}
V_{NE} &\quad \text{maximum speed} &\quad 140 \text{ mph (122 kts)} \\
V_{A} &\quad \text{manoeuvring speed} &\quad 103 \text{ mph (90 kts)} \\
V_{LO} &\quad \text{max. U/C operating speed} &\quad 80 \text{ mph (70kts)}
\end{align*}
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**Weights:**
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\begin{align*}
\text{Max. all-up weight} &\quad 1500 \text{ lbs} \\
\text{Min. load front seat} &\quad \text{lbs}
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(see weight and balance in Flight Manual)

Aerobatics and Cloud-flying not allowed.

- near the canopy emergency release

**EMERGENCY RELEASE**

- near the U/C emergency release (rear panel):

**U/C EMERGENCY RELEASE**

**Name:** Küppers

**Edition 15-9-73**
- instrument panel

IGNITION ON
IGNITION OFF

NO SMOKING

- baggage compartment

BAGGAGE MAX. 10 lbs

TYPE: RF 5 B - SPERBER
Serial No. 
Year:
Manufacturer: SPORTAVIA - Pützer GmbH & Co KG
5377 Dahlem-Schmidtheim
Flugplatz
Appendix 5: Markings

The following instruments have markings:

5.1 Front Panel

- rpm gauge:
  - green arc from 700 to 3200 rpm
  - yellow arc from 3200 to 3600 rpm
  - red line at 3600 rpm

- oil temperature gauge:
  - red line at 50°C
  - green arc from 50°C to 120°C
  - red line at 120°C

- oil pressure gauge:
  - red line at 1.0 kp/cm²
  - green arc from 1.0 to 4.0 kp/cm²
  - red line at 4.0 kp/cm²

- airspeed indicator:
  - green arc from 47 to 103 mph
  - yellow arc from 103 to 140 mph
  - white arc from 53 to 140 mph
  - red line at 140 mph

5.2 Rear Panel

- airspeed indicator marked same as before

5.3 General note

If markings are put on the cover glass there must be a blue check marking between cover glass and housing.

5.4 Control Lever

The following levers have colour markings:
- spoiler blue
- trim green
- canopy lock white
- canopy emergency release red
- undercarriage yellow
Appendix 6: Adjustment Data

Adjustment of Wing - Fuselage - Stabilizer:

Cabin frame (horizontal reference)

Wing section center line from leading edge to trailing edge

Adjustment of Control Surfaces:

Measurement taken from axis:
- Aileron 235 mm = 9.25 in
- Elevator 335 mm = 13.18 in
- Rudder 590 mm = 23.23 in
- tab 90 mm = 3.54 in

Name: Küppers  Edition: 15-9-73
Instructions for Measurement of Angle of Incidence

Angle of incidence between wing and fuselage is $+4^\circ$

Method:
- balance cabin frame horizontal
- mark front point of leading edge perpendicular to horizontal cabin frame
- find the difference in height between front point of leading edge and trailing edge using a vinyl tube filled with water. Difference shall be about 108 mm ± 4.26 in
- compare by same method the angle of incidence of right wing to left wing at sections rib 1, 11, 18 and 28.

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Prüfbericht

Datum:

Werk-Nr.: D- /.

Ausgabe: Baujahr:

Muster: RF 5 B - Sperber

Halter:

Betriebszeiten Muster Werknummern Betriebsstunden Gesamt seit letzter Grundüberh.

Luftfahrzeug

Motor

Propeller

Das vorgenommene Luftfahrzeug wurde nach den Vorschriften des dritten Abschnittes der Prüf ordnung für Luftfahrzeuge geprüft. 

☐ in einer Stückprüfung

☐ in einer Prüfung für die Erteilung einer Vorläufigen Verkehrszulassung

Das Luftfahrzeug ist ausgerüstet für die Verwendung in der Kategorie:

☐ nichtgewerblicher Verkehr

☐ Luftarbeit

☐ Schleppen von Segelflugzeugen

☐ Anhängern

☐ Lasten

☐ Luftbild

☐ Absetzen von Personen und Sachen

☐ Zwecke der Land- und Forstwirtschaft

☐ Reklame

Bordfunkanlage: ja ☒ nein ☐ Die Genehmigungsurkunde zum Betrieb der Bordfunkanlage liegt vor: ja ☐ nein ☒

IFR-Ausstattung: ja ☐ nein ☒ Die Daten stimmen mit der eingebauten Bordfunkanlage überein: ja ☒ nein ☐

Lfd. Nr.

Bericht oder Befund

Zu diesem Prüfbericht gehören folgende zur Zeit gültigen Prüfauzeichnungen und -Unterlagen:

Flugbericht vom ____________________________

Einstellbericht vom ____________________________

Gewichtsübersicht vom ____________________________

Prüfbericht für Bordfunkanlage vom ____________________________

Ausrüstungsverzeichnis vom ____________________________

Prüfbericht für Bordfunkanlage vom ____________________________

Das Luftfahrzeug ist lufttüchtig und stimmt mit den Angaben des Kennblattes überein.

(Ort und Datum)

(Unterschrift)
### Flugbericht

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**Werk-Nr.:** D-K

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