

**PILOT'S  
FLIGHT CREW CHECKLIST**

**C-182 Q**

Manufacture date 1978

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**N 94986**

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**USAF ACADEMY AERO CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 77**

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**C 182 Q / 94986  
KTS**

<b>ROTATION</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>NORMAL CLIMB</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>BEST GLIDE</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>V<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>60</b>
<b>V<sub>y</sub> (SL-10,000 MSL)</b>	<b>78-72</b>
<b>V<sub>s</sub></b>	<b>41</b>
<b>V<sub>so</sub></b>	<b>38</b>
<b>V<sub>fe</sub> 0-10 / 10-40</b>	<b>140 / 95</b>
<b>V<sub>a</sub> weight</b>	<b>111/100/89 2950/2450/1950</b>
<b>DOWNWIND</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>BASE</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>FINAL</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>SHORT FINAL FLAPS UP</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>SHORT FINAL FLAPS DOWN</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>USABLE FUEL Gals all flt conditions</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>MAX WEIGHT LBS</b>	<b>2950</b>

## INTERIOR INSPECTION

1. Hobbs & Engine Tach readings ----- VERIFY
2. Required Documents ----- ON BOARD
3. CO Detector Exp. Date & Color ----- CHECK
4. Mixture ----- IDLE CUT OFF
5. Electrical Switches ----- OFF
6. Circuit Breakers ----- IN
7. Avionics Master Switch ----- OFF
8. Control Wheel Lock ----- REMOVE
9. Ignition Switch ----- OFF
10. Primer ----- IN & LOCKED
11. Master Switch – (remove pitot cover first) ----- ON
12. Fuel Quantity ----- CHECK
13. Flaps ----- DOWN 30 DEGREES
14. Landing Light ----- CHECK, THEN OFF
15. Pitot Heat ----- CHECK, THEN OFF
16. Nav/Beacon/Strobe Lights ----- CHECK, THEN OFF
17. Stall Warning Horn ----- CHECK OPERATION
18. Master Switch ----- OFF
19. Beacon Light Switch ----- ON
21. Alternate Static Air ----- CHECK, THEN OFF
21. Elevator Trim ----- SET FOR TAKE OFF
22. Rudder Trim ----- NEUTRAL
23. Cowl Flaps ----- OPEN
24. Fuel Selector ----- BOTH

## EXTERIOR INSPECTION

### LEFT SIDE

1. Fuel Tank Sump ----- DRAIN
2. Baggage Door ----- CLOSED & LOCKED
3. ELT Antenna ----- CONDITION
4. Left Fuselage & Bottom ----- CONDITION

## EMPENNAGE

### LEFT SIDE

1. Vertical Stabilizer ----- CONDITION
2. Horizontal Stabilizer ----- CONDITION
3. Elevator ----- CONDITION
  - Movement & Stops ----- CHECK
  - Security (cable & hinges) ----- CHECK
4. Lights ----- CHECK
5. VOR Antenna ----- CONDITION
6. Rudder ----- CONDITION
  - Movement & Stops ----- CHECK
  - Security (cable & hinges) ----- CHECK
7. Tie Down ----- DISCONNECT

### RIGHT SIDE

8. Elevator ----- CONDITION
  - Movement & Stops ----- CHECK
  - Security (cable & hinge) ----- CHECK
  - Trim Tab (alignment) ----- CHECK
9. Vertical Stabilizer ----- CONDITION
10. Horizontal Stabilizer ----- CONDITION
11. Fuselage ----- CONDITION

### RIGHT MAIN LANDING GEAR

1. Main Gear Strut ----- CHECK
2. Brake Assembly ----- CHECK
3. Tire Condition & Inflation ----- CHECK
4. Wheel Hub Nut & Pin ----- CHECK

## RIGHT WING

1. Fuel Tank Sump ----- DRAIN
2. Flap ----- CONDITION & MOVEMENT
  - Tracks & Roller ----- CONDITION
  - Control Rod ----- SECURE
3. Aileron ----- CONDITION & MOVEMENT
  - Hinges & Control Rod ----- SECURE
4. Wing Tip ----- CONDITION
5. Leading Edge ----- CONDITION
6. Under Surface of Wing & Strut ----- CONDITION
7. Tie Down ----- DISCONNECT
8. Fuel Quantity ----- CHECK VISUALLY
9. Fuel Filler Cap ----- SECURE
10. Top of Wing & Antennas ----- CONDITION
11. Air Vents Inlets ----- CLEAR

## NOSE

1. Windshield ----- CONDITION & CLEAR
2. Cowling Fasteners ----- SECURE
3. Static Port (right) ----- CLEAR
4. Spinner & Propeller ----- CONDITION
5. Engine Cooling Air Inlets ----- CLEAR
6. Alternator Belt ----- CHECK
7. Landing Light ----- CONDITION
8. Carburetor Air Filter ----- CONDITION
9. Nose Gear Strut ----- EXTENSION 3"
  - Steering Rods ----- SECURE
  - Shimmy Dampener ----- CONDITION
10. Tire Inflation & Condition ----- CHECK
11. Tie Down ----- DISCONNECT
12. Static Port (left) ----- CLEAR
13. Cowling Fasteners ----- SECURE
14. Fuel Strainer Knob ----- PULL 4 SECONDS
15. Oil Quantity --min 10 qts ----- CHECK
16. Oil Dip Stick ----- SECURE
17. Oil Access Door ----- SECURE

## LEFT WING

1. Fuel Quantity ----- CHECK VISUALLY
2. Fuel Filler Cap ----- SECURE
3. Top of Wing & Antennas ----- CONDITION
4. Air Vent Inlets ----- CLEAR
5. Pitot Tube ----- CHECK
6. Fuel Vent ----- CHECK
7. Stall Warning Horn ----- CHECK OPERATION
8. Tie Down ----- DISCONNECT
9. Under Surface of Wing & Strut ----- CONDITION
10. Wing Leading Edge ----- CONDITION
11. Wing Tip ----- CONDITION
13. Aileron ----- CONDITION & MOVEMENT
  - hinges & control rod ----- SECURE
14. Flap ----- CONDITION & SECURE
  - track & roller ----- CONDITION
  - control rod ----- SECURE

## LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR

1. Main Gear Strut ----- CHECK
2. Brake Assembly ----- CHECK
3. Tire Inflation & Condition ----- CHECK
4. Wheel Hub Nut & Pin ----- CHECK
5. Chock ----- REMOVE
6. Aircraft ----- ROLL FORWARD 1 FOOT
7. All Tires ----- CHECK AGAIN

## PASSENGER BRIEFING

1. Use of Seat Belt & Shoulder Harness
2. Operation of Fresh Air Vents
3. Latching of Doors & Windows
4. Location of Exits
5. Location of Survival Equipment
6. Emergency Procedures

**BEFORE STARTING ENGINE**

- 1. Seats & Seat Belts ----- ADJUST & SECURE
- 2. Flight Controls ----- FREE & CORRECT
- 3. Key ----- IN IGNITION

**NORMAL START**

- 1. Mixture ----- RICH
- 2. Prop -----(full forward)--- HIGH RPM
- 3. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
- 4. Throttle ----- OPEN 1/2"
- 5. Primer ----- AS REQUIRED
- 6. Master Switch ----- ON
- 7. Propeller Area ----- CLEAR
- 8. Ignition Switch ----- START
  - release when engine starts
  - if engine fails to start within 10 blades, stop cranking and allow starter to cool for 2 minutes.

**HOT START** =====

- 1. Mixture ----- RICH
  - 2. Throttle ----- Pump Once, OPEN 1"
  - 3. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
  - 4. Master Switch ----- ON
  - 5. Propeller Area ----- CLEAR
  - 6. Ignition Switch ----- START
- =====
- 8. Throttle ----- 1000 RPM
  - 9. Oil Pressure / Suction ----- CHECK

**AFTER ENGINE START**

- 1. Avionics Master Switch ----- ON
- 2. Nav Lights (Night) ----- ON
- 3. Mixture ----- LEAN 1" (above 5000' MSL)
- 4. Flaps ----- (check visually) -- UP
- 5. Radios ----- SET

- 6. Transponder (1200 / 0245) ----- SET
- 7. ATIS / ASOS ----- WEATHER/RUNWAY INFO

**TAXI**

- 1. Obtain Taxi Clearance or announce on CTAF
- 2. Toe Brakes ----- CHECK
- 3. Control Surfaces ----- (according to wind) POSITION
- 4. Flight Instruments ----- CHECK

**RUN UP**

- 1. Brakes ----- HOLD
- 2. Throttle ----- 1700 RPM
- 3. Mixture ----- LEAN FOR MAX POWER  
Above 5000' MSL
- 4. Suction / Engine Instrument ----- CHECK
- 5. Alternator - (Voltage Low Light ON/OFF)----- CHECK
- 6. Carburetor Heat ----- CHECK
- 7. Magnetos ----- CHECK
  - Check right first, 150 max drop / 50 max diff.
- 8. Prop ----- (3 times) – CYCLE
  - man press-increase/RPM-decrease/oil press-decrease
- 9. Throttle -----IDLE CHECK, THEN 1000RPM
  - smooth engine operation
  - idle rpm
  - oil pressure
- 10. Mixture ----- ENRICHEN 1 FULL TURN
- 11. Flight Instruments ----- CHECK & SET
- 12. Nav Instruments ----- SET COURSE
- 13. Departure Procedure ----- REVIEW
- 14. Emergency Procedures ----- REVIEW
- 15. Doors & Windows ----- CLOSED & LOCKED

**BEFORE TAKEOFF**

- 1. Landing & Strobe Lights ----- ON
- 2. Obtain takeoff clearance or announce on CTAF

## NORMAL TAKEOFF

1. Wing Flaps ----- UP
2. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
3. Power ----- THROTTLE FULL OPEN & 2400 RPM
4. Oil Pressure / Airspeed ----- CHECK
5. Rotate (lift nose) ----- 60KTS
6. Normal Climb Speed ----- 90KTS

## SHORT FIELD TAKEOFF

1. Wing Flaps ----- 20
2. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
3. Brakes ----- APPLY
4. Power ----- THROTTLE FULL OPEN & 2400 RPM
5. Oil Pressure ----- CHECK
6. Brakes ----- RELEASE
7. Elevator Control ----- SLIGHTY TAIL LOW
8. Climb Speed ----- 60KTS
  - until obstacles are cleared, then climb at  $V_y-72$  to normal climb 85K
9. Flaps ----- RETRACT INCREMENTALLY

## SOFT FIELD TAKEOFF

1. Wing Flaps ----- 20
2. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
3. Brakes ----- DO NOT APPLY
4. Throttle as necessary to keep rolling
5. Elevator Control ----- FULL BACK
6. Power ----- THROTTLE FULL OPEN
  - when aligned with the runway
7. Elevator Control ----- RELAX
  - after nose wheel is clear of the ground
8. oil pressure / airspeed
9. When Airborne Level off immediately and accelerate
  - using ground effect, climb at  $V_x-60$  until obstacles are cleared, then climb at  $V_y-72$  to normal climb 90K

10. Flaps ----- RETRACT INCREMENTALLY
11. Power ----- Man Press 23" RPM 2400

## ENROUTE

### CLIMB

1. Normal Climb Speed ----- 90KTS
2. Power ----- MAN PRESS 23" & 2400 RPM
3. RPM / Oil Pressure / Temp ----- CHECK
4. Flaps ----- UP
5. Landing Light ----- OFF
6. Cowl Flaps ----- OPEN as required

### CRUISE

1. Man Press / RPM ----- 19" 2300rpm
  - No more than 75%; 65% power for best fuel econ, refer to POH
2. Mixture ----- LEAN AS REQUIRED
  - WARNING: Improper leaning procedures will greatly reduce endurance
3. Trim ----- ADJUST
4. Engine Instruments ----- CHECK
5. Flight Instruments ----- CHECK
6. Cowl Flaps ----- CLOSE as required

### DESCENT

1. Fuel Quantity ----- CHECK
2. fuel Selector ----- BOTH
2. Carburetor Heat ----- AS REQUIRED
3. Throttle / Prop ----- AS DESIRED
4. Mixture ----- RICH AS REQUIRED
5. Cowl Flaps ----- CLOSED

## LANDING

### BEFORE LANDING

1. Landing Light ----- ON
2. Carburetor Heat ----- ON
3. Power ----- THROTTLE AS REQ / PROP HIGH RPM
4. Mixture ----- RICH AS NECESSARY
5. Rudder Trim ----- NEUTRAL
6. Cowl Flaps ----- OPEN as required
7. Seat Belt & Shoulder Harness ----- FASTEN

### NORMAL LANDING

1. Airspeed ----- 70 KTS (flaps up)  
----- 60KTS (flaps down)
2. Touchdown ----- ON MAIN WHEELS FIRST
3. Landing Roll ----- LOWER NOSE WHEEL GENTLY
4. Braking ----- MINIMUM REQUIRED

### GO-AROUND

1. Power ----- THROTTLE FULL OPEN / 2400 RPM
2. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
3. Flaps Retract ----- 20
4. Establish Climb Attitude ----- V<sub>x-60</sub> then climb  
V<sub>y-72</sub>, accelerate to 90K
5. Flaps ----- RETRACT INCREMENTALLY
6. Power ----- Man Press 23” RPM 2400

### TOUCH AND GO

1. Flaps ----- UP
2. Power ----- THROTTLE FULL OPEN & 2400 RPM
3. Carburetor Heat ----- COLD
4. Rotate (lift nose) ----- 60KTS
5. Normal Climb Airspeed ----- 90KTS
6. Power ----- Man Press 23” 2400 RPM

## SHORT FIELD LANDING

1. Airspeed ----- 70KTS (flaps up)  
----- 60KTS (flaps down)
2. Throttle ----- REDUCE TO IDLE
3. Touchdown ----- MAIN WHEELS FIRST
4. Flaps ----- RETRACT
5. Brakes ----- APPLY HEAVILY

## SOFT FIELD LANDING

1. Airspeed ----- 70KTS (flaps up)  
----- 60KTS (flaps down)
2. Throttle ----- AS REQUIRED
  - To touchdown on main wheel as softly as possible
3. Landing Roll ----- LOWER NOSE WHEEL GENTLY
  - As late as possible
4. Elevator Control ----- (speed permitting) FULL BACK
5. Brakes ----- DO NOT APPLY
6. Flaps ----- DO NOT RETRACT

## AFTER LANDING

1. Cowl Flaps ----- OPEN
2. Carburetor Heat ----- OFF
3. Landing Light / Strobes ----- OFF
4. Flaps ----- UP
5. Obtain Taxi Clearance or Announce of CTAF

## POST FLIGHT

### SHUTDOWN

1. Avionics Master Switch ----- OFF
2. Nav Lights (if used) ----- OFF
3. Throttle ----- IDLE
4. Magneto Grounding ----- CHECK
5. Throttle ----- 1000 RPM
6. Mixture ----- IDLE CUTOFF
7. Throttle ----- CLOSED
8. Ignition Switch ----- OFF, KEY REMOVED
9. Master Switch ----- OFF
10. FLIGHT PLAN ----- CLOSE

### SECURING AIRCRAFT

1. Control Wheel Lock ----- (except in hanger) INSTALL
2. Headsets ----- STOW
3. Cabin Vents, Air & Heat Knobs ----- CLOSED
4. CO Detector Color ----- CHECK
5. Hobbs & Engine Tach Readings / Key ----- RECORD
6. Sun Screen (summer) ----- INSTALL
7. Seat Belts / Shoulder Harness ----- STOW
8. Fuel Selector ----- RIGHT
9. Remove Personal Belongings ----- INCLUDING TRASH
10. Inspect Tires ----- CHECK FOR TREAD CORD
11. Chocks ----- INSTALL
12. Oil Access Door ----- OPEN
13. Windshield ----- CLEAN
14. Tie Downs ----- INSTALL
15. Master Switch ----- RECHECK OFF
16. Doors & Windows ----- CLOSE & LOCK
  - Do not lock doors in hanger
  - Leave windows open; summer only
17. Pitot Tube Cover – (after each flight) ----- INSTALL
18. Checklist ----- STOW BETWEEN PILOT SEATS