# DOUGLAS DC-3/R4D CHECKLISTS (Condensed, \* = R4D Only)

#### **BEFORE STARTING ENGINES**

Battery Switch - ON

Generator Switch - ON

Fuel Gauges - Amount of Fuel

Automatic Pilot - OFF

Nav & Strobe Lights - ON

Seat Belt/No Smoking Lights - ON

Trim Tabs - Neutral

Parking Brake - ON

Carburetor Heat - As Needed

\* Cowl Flaps - OPEN

Fuel Selector - As required

Propellers - Full Forward, High RPM

Throttles - Cracked (or 5 keystrokes)

Mixtures - Idle Cut-Off (or 5 keystrokes)

Pitot Heat - OFF

#### **START ENGINES**

(see detailed checklist)

### **BEFORE TAXI**

**Crew and Passengers Aboard** 

Door Secured, Light - OFF (/(slash) key)

Radios - ON, and SET

Clock - SET

Parking Brake - OFF

# **ENGINE RUN-UP**

Parking Brake - ON

Fuel Boost Pumps - OFF

Mixtures - Auto Rich

Fuel Selector - All Tanks

Carb Heat - ON, Check, OFF

Ignition & Propeller Checks, each engine

See detailed checklists

#### BEFORE TAKEOFF

Altimeter - SET

Mixtures - Auto Rich

Landing Lights - ON

Fuel Boost Pumps - On

Pitot Heat - As Required

Flaps - SET

\* Cowl Flaps - TRAIL, then OFF

Take Off - 2700 RPM, 48"

Log takeoff time

# AFTER TAKEOFF AND CLIMB

Gear - UP (After Positive Vertical Velocity and

Altimeter Indication)

Flaps - UP

Wheels- Stop Rotation With Brakes

90 KIAS - 2550 RPM. 40"

110 KIAS - 2350 RPM, 36"

Fuel Boost Pumps - OFF

Landing Lights - OFF

## **CRUISE** (CHT = Cylinder Head Temp)

Desired Cruise - 2000-2150 RPM, 26"

Abv 3,500'Auto-Lean CHT 232C

Economy Cruise -1750 RPM, 25", Auto Lean

Max Cruise - 2250 RPM, 34",

Below 3,500' - Auto Lean CHT 232C

Min Cruise - 1700 RPM, 32" MAP, Auto Lean

CHT 232C

Fuel Selector - To Desired Cruise Tanks

Seat Belt Light - OFF

\* Cowl Flaps - AS REQUIRED or OFF

#### **BEFORE LANDING**

Altimeter - SET

Fuel Selector - ALL

Mixtures - Auto Rich

Carburetor Heat - As Needed

Pitot Heat - As Needed

Landing Lights - ON

Fuel Boost Pumps - ON

Seat Belt/No Smoking Lights - ON

Propellers - 1800-2000 RPM

Gear - Down and Latched, Green Light,

**Check Wheels Visually** 

Parking Brake - Off, brake pressure on pedals

Flaps - As Desired

Propellers full forward in case of go around.

Airspeeds: Downwind - 125k, Base - 105k

Final 85k

# AFTER LANDING

Flaps - Up

Fuel Boost Pumps - Off

Elevator Trim - Neutral

Propellers - Full Forward, High RPM

\* Cowl Flaps - OPEN

Pitot Heat - OFF

## Log landing time

# **PARKING**

Parking Brake - ON (chocks in - OFF)

Ignition - OFF

Mixtures - Idle Cut-Off

Fuel Selectors - OFF

Battery Switch - OFF

Generators - OFF

Flap Handle - UP

Navigation, Strobe, Landing lights - OFF

Pitot Heat - OFF

Seat Belt Sign - OFF

Door - OPEN

START ENGIN	ES
Right Magneto I	Lev

er - Both Right Fuel Boost Pump - On

Prime Switch - On Right

Start Switch - ON RIGHT, 10 to 15 seconds

Mesh Switch - On Right Mesh Switch - Off

Start Switch - OFF

Right Mixture - Auto-Rich

Right Fuel Boost Pump - OFF

Repeat for Left Engine

#### **AIRSPEEDS**

Vmc (min control) 71k V1 (decision) 81k V2 (single engine climb) 84k Vref (refusal) 80k Vr (rotate) 84k

Max Extension, Gear Down - Vle 140

# Flaps, Max Speeds:

10 (1/4) - 130 KIAS

20 (1/2/) - 105 KIAS

30 (3/4) - 99 KIAS 40 (Full) - 97 KIAS

# **Engine Runup - Ignition Check**

#### Set brakes

Magneto switches in Both position.

Propellers in the High position--full forward

## Right Engine

throttle to 2350 RPM.

Mag switch to Left, note RPM drop

Mag switch to Both

Mag switch to Right, note RPM drop

Mag switch to Both

- Max allowable drop (Left or Right magneto) is 65 RPM, 25 RPM is the normal drop.
- Allowable difference (left and right magneto) in RPM drop is 40 RPM

Repeat for Left Engine

\* Propeller Feather Check Left Engine - FEATHER, UNFEATHER Repeat for Right Engine

# **Engine Runup - Propeller Check**

Magneto switches in the Both position Propellers in the High position--full forward Set 1000 RPM on both engines

Set the left engine to 1700 RPM.

Left-engine prop control to Low RPM

Note that the RPM decreases to 1200 RPM or

Return prop control to High RPM, back to 1700 **RPM** 

Left throttle to 1000 RPM

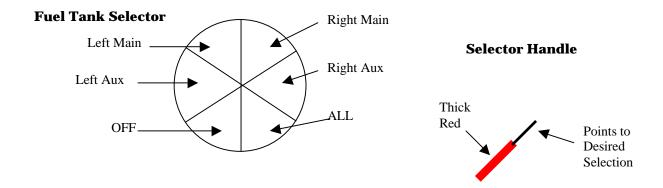
Repeat the prop check for the right engine.

# **Misc Info**

Carb Heat - Forward is OFF

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# Here are some tips on reading the Fuel Selector Gauge and the Fuel Quantity Gauge



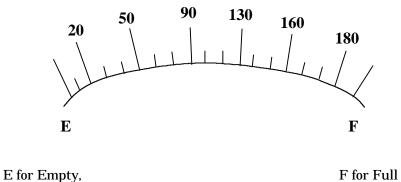
# **Fuel Quantity and Fuel Quantity Gauge**

# **Fuel Quantity**

The Dutch Dakota (PH-DDZ), Company DC-3 (DCA N1776) and the R4D (50819) all have the same fuel load. The 804 Gallons are distributed as follows:

Left Aux – 200, Left Main – 202, Right Main – 202, and Right Aux – 200

## **Fuel Gauge**



All this information in available on the Fuel Dialog box ( Aircraft  $\,|\,$  Fuel ) but this may make it a bit easier to read directly from the cockpit.

# DC-3 Airways - Pilot's Log

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Date	Type Acft	Flight Num- ber	Takeoff Time	Landing Time	Flight Time - in Minutes (10ths)	Total Time Hrs . Min (in 10ths)	PIREP Sub- mitted

Minutes to Tenths conversion: 1 to 6 = 1, 7 to 12 = 2, 13 to 18 = 3, 19 to 24 = 4, 25 to 30 = 5, 31 to 36 = 6, 37 to 42 = 7, 43 to 48 = 8, 49 to 54 = 9, 55 to 60 = full hour

## **DOUGLAS DC - 3 CHECKLISTS**

# **PAX (passenger) Stops - Through Flights**

### **BEFORE LANDING**

Pitot Heat - As Needed
Landing Lights - ON
Fuel Boost Pumps - ON
Mixture - AUTO RICH
Seat Belt/No Smoking Lights - ON
Propellers - 1800-2000 RPM
Gear - DOWN & LATCHED (Green Light)
Flaps - As Desired
Propellers - FULL FORWARD
Airspeeds: Downwind - 125k, Base - 105k

### **BEFORE TAKEOFF**

Altimeter - SET Mixtures - AUTO RICH Landing Lights - ON Fuel Boost Pumps - ON Pitot Heat - As Required

Take Off - 2700 RPM, 48"

# Log takeoff time

## **AFTER LANDING**

Flaps - UP Fuel Boost Pumps - OFF Elevator Trim - Neutral Propellers - FULL FORWARD, High RPM Trim - SET Pitot Heat - OFF

# Log landing time

Engine #1 – SHUT DOWN Seat Belt Sign – OFF Door – OPEN (/(slash) key)

Final 85k

## AFTER TAKEOFF AND CLIMB

Gear - UP Flaps - UP Wheels- Stop Rotation With Brakes 90 KIAS - 2550 RPM, 40" 110 KIAS - 2350 RPM, 36"

Fuel Boost Pumps - OFF Landing Lights – OFF

## **BEFORE TAXI**

Door Secured, Light - OFF (/(slash) key) Radios - ON, and SET Clock – SET

Engine #1 - RESTART Trim - SET Flaps - SET Parking Brake - OFF

## **CRUISE**

Desired Cruise - 2000-2150 RPM, 26" Economy Cruise -1750 RPM, 25" Auto Lean Max Cruise - 2250 RPM, 34", Min Cruise - 1700 RPM, 32" MAP Auto Lean

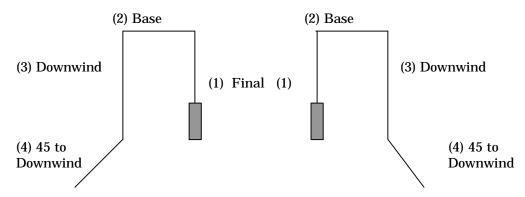
Fuel Selector - To Desired Cruise Tanks Seat Belt Light - OFF

Use these check lists with combined flights. Get the <ne-sked-2.zip> file for New England Schedule, Regrouped into flights of 2 to 4 legs. It's on the Download page of the DC-3 Airways web site.

# **Compute Headings for VFR Traffic Patterns**

# **Right Hand Pattern**

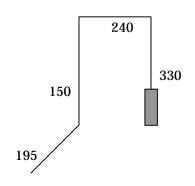
# **Left Hand Pattern**



Enter Pattern	Right Traffic		Left Traffic	Enter Pattern
Headings Below				Headings Below
		Final Approach		
	Runway Hdg	Runway Hdg	Runway Hdg	
		(1)		
		Base Leg		
	(1) MINUS	(2)	(1) PLUS	
	90 degrees		90 degrees	
		Downwind		
	Runway	(3)	Runway	
	Reciprocal		Reciprocal	
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		45 to Downwind		
	(2) MINUS	(4)	(2) PLUS	
	45 degrees	, ,	45 degrees	

Example: Right Traffic Pattern to Land Runway 33

Enter Pattern	Right Traffic	
Headings Below	Right Traine	
330	Runway Hdg	Final Approach Runway Hdg (1)
240	(1) MINUS 90 degrees	Base Leg (2)
150	Runway Reciprocal	Downwind (3)
195	(2) MINUS 45 degrees	45 to Downwind (4)



Source: manuals, aircraft checklists & placards

Airspeed (AS) in	DC – 3	R 4 D	DC - 3
knots	DDA – PH DDZ	50819	DCA 1776
Take Off	DDM THE DDE	30017	<b>D</b> C:11770
Flaps	0	0	
Trim	0	0	
Power	48" 2700	52" 2800	48" 2800
Vr Rotate	84	85	40 2000
METO Power	40" 2550	43" 2600	43" 2600
Flaps Up	105k	105k	13 2000
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500 Feet	36" 2350	36" 2400	36" 2400
Climb		20 2.00	20 2:00
Power		35" 2400	
Vy Best Rate	105	105	
Vx Best Angle	103	84	
Cruise			
Power	Normal 26" 2150	32" 2000	32" 2000
	Min 32" 1700	31" 1850	31" 1850
	Max 34" 2250		
AS		145 – 185	145 - 185
Va Maneuver		122	
Vne Never Exc	180	180	172 (154 full wgt)
Max AS Vno			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Vmo			
Vmo Max Opr			
Landing			
Vfe Flaps			
10° (1/4)	130	135	135
20° (1/2)	105	99	99
30° (3/4)	99	97	87
40° (Full)	97		
Gear Max Vle	140	140	140
Vlo Oper			140
Dn - Ûp			
Vmc Min Cont	71	77	77
Pattern	23" 2000	20" 2000	20" 2000
Downwind	125k	125k	
Final AS Vref	80	80	80
Clean			
Flaps	85	85	85
Stall (24,000 GrWgt)			
- Clean	67	67	
Vs			
- Gear/Flaps	61	61	61
Vso			
Go Around		33" 2300	33" 2300
Best Glide		115	115
Close Exterior Door	/ (slash)	Nav Lights – ON	
Remove Signs /	N/A	Parking Brakes - OFF	
Chocks			