

# **ECS/Cabin Pressurization Procedures**

It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the cabin pressurization controls prior to attempting to operate the system. Consult your POH under the **Panel** section.

The cabin pressurization subsystem is governed by the pressure regulator control, which provides three modes of operation: differential cabin-to-ambient pressure, dump, and system test. Below 5,000 feet, the cabin is normally un-pressurized. Between 5,000 and 25,000 feet, the cabin altitude can remain at 5,000 feet. Maximum recommended cabin pressure-to- ambient differential is  $6.7 \pm 0.1$  psi.

During flight operations between 5,000 and 24,000 feet, the isobaric valve maintains the cabin altitude between 4,350 and 5,000 feet. The pressure regulator control, using the sensed ambient pressure as a low-pressure source and the sensed cabin pressure as the high-pressure source, modulates the pressure regulator open or closed to maintain cabin pressure at the specific altitude.

# **Ground Operations**

## **BEFORE TAXI**

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Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - OPEN
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Cabin air source/pressure control	OUTSIDE
Cabin altitude	CHECK CURRENT
	ALTITUDE
Pressure control switch	CHECK – DUMP
Pressure control switch	TEST
Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – PRESS

Observe a 5 second test period. The indicator lights should read as above, and then return to normal. If different readings are observed the pressurization system is not ready for flight.

#### Cabin Environment Set

ECS mode selector	SET I	lo or high
Cabin temperature thermostat	SET (	COMFORT LEVEL
Temperature control	SET /	AUTO
Cabin Fan	SET I	lo or high
Emergency pressurization mode switch	SET /	AUTO



#### **BEFORE TAKEOFF**

Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - OPEN
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Pressure control switch	CHECK – DUMP
ECS system controls	CHECK SETTINGS
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK

### AFTER TAKEOFF

Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Cabin altitude	CHECK RISING
Cabin altitude selector	SET *
Cabin climb rate selector	SET *
Cabin air source/pressure control	PRESS
Pressure control switch	CABIN PRESS
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – PRESS
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK LIMIT
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK

Scan the cabin altitude indicator regularly during ascent. As you reach the selected cabin altitude for cruise, you should observe no additional rise in cabin altitude. If cabin altitude rises above the selected level, or if the isobaric dump/pressure valve indicator does not show Press, immediately follow the emergency procedures for loss of cabin pressurization system.

#### \*Setting the proper cabin altitude and climb rate

The cabin pressure differential is governed by the capability of the airconditioning system, the strength of the fuselage and the maximum operating altitude of the aircraft. Excessive rate of change of pressure can build up a differential pressure across the eardrums and in excess of 7.0 PSI can cause pain. See the <u>guidelines below for setting cabin altitude and rate of climb</u>

#### **DURING FLIGHT**

Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – PRESS
Cabin altitude	CHECK LIMIT
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK LIMIT
Pressure control switch	CABIN PRESS
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK

Scan the instruments frequently for proper cabin temperature and altitude/pressure, and that the isobaric dump/pressure valve indicator shows **Press**, immediately follow the <u>emergency procedures</u> for loss of cabin pressurization system.





#### DESCENT

### <u>At Light Level</u>

Outflow safety valve status lights	<b>CHECK - CLOSED</b>
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – PRESS
Cabin altitude	CHECK LIMIT
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK LIMIT
Cabin air source/pressure control	PRESS
Pressure control switch	CABIN PRESS
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK

### Below 10,000 ft.

Cabin air source/pressure control	OUTSIDE
Pressure control switch	DUMP
Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK
Cabin altitude	CHECK - FALLING
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK – FALLING
Cabin rate of climb indicator	CHECK RATE - SAME
	AS AIRCRAFT VSI

Warning – This pressure vessel is **not** rated for landing while pressurized. Damage to the isobaric valve and degradation of the pressure vessel seals may result!

## LANDING

Cabin air source/pressure control	OUTSIDE
Pressure control switch	DUMP
Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Cabin altitude	CHECK – SAME AS
	AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK – ZERO
Cabin temperature (check for ECS proper operation/comfort)	CHECK

## AFTER LANDING – SECURE AIRCRAFT

Cabin air source/pressure control Pressure control switch Outflow safety valve status lights Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	OUTSIDE DUMP CHECK - OPEN CHECK - DUMP
Cabin altitude	CHECK – SAME AS AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK – ZERO
ECS mode selector	SET OFF
Cabin Fan	SET OFF



## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

#### Above 10,000 ft

In case of abnormal pressure vessel readings or malfunction of any part of the pressurization system, immediately reduce aircraft altitude to below 10,000 feet and allow air pressure inside and outside the pressure vessel to equalize.

Cabin air source/pressure control	OUTSIDE
Pressure control switch	DUMP
Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP
Cabin altitude	CHECK - FALLING
Cabin differential pressure	CHECK – FALLING
Cabin rate of climb indicator	CHECK RATE - SAME
	AS AIRCRAFT VSI

### Below 10,000 ft

If abnormal pressure vessel readings are observed, or if any malfunction of the pressurization occurs, do not climb to altitudes above 10,000 feet under any circumstance.

Cabin air source/pressure control	OUTSIDE
Pressure control switch	DUMP
Outflow safety valve status lights	CHECK - CLOSED
Vacuum isobaric pressure/dump valve status lights	CHECK – DUMP



## Setting Proper Cabin Altitude and Rate Of Climb

## **CABIN ALTITUDE VS. DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE**

Flight Altitude (Ft)	Cabin Pressure Differential		Cabin Pressure Altitude	
	Min (psi)	Max (psi)	Min (ft)	Max (ft)
0	0	0.25	-500	0
5,000	0	0.70	4,350	5,000
10,000	1.90	2.20	4,350	5,000
15,000	3.50	4.10	4,350	5,000
20,000	5.10	5.50	4,350	5,000
24,300*	6.20	6.60	4,350	5,000
25,000	6.20	6.60	5,000	5,350
30,000	6.20	6.60	7,400	7,870
35,000	6.20	6.60	9,600	10,100
40,000	6.20	6.60	11,250	12,050
*Maximum flight altitude for a 5,000 ft cabin altitude				

### CABIN RATE OF CLIMB

The formula for Cabin Climb Rate (CCR) is: CCR = (TCA - RA) / (TA / CR) TCA = Target Cabin Altitude (8000 ft.) RA = Runway Altitude TA = Target Altitude CR = Climb Rate (ft. per minute) Example: Takeoff RA = 950 ft. (ASL) TA = 28000 Ft. CR = 2100 ft. per minute CCR = 547

# Set the Cabin Climb between 500 and 600.

# **Alarms and Indicators**

## **MASTER CAUTION**

• If cabin differential pressure rises above 6.8 psi

#### MASTER WARNING

• If cabin altitude rises above 10,500 ft