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Cessna 120

Frankenstein, Germany



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DESCRIPTION

The Cessna 120 stands as one of the most iconic light aircraft of the post-World War II era, representing simplicity, affordability, and the enduring appeal of classic tailwheel aviation. Introduced in 1946, the Cessna 120 was designed to meet the growing demand for personal aircraft as thousands of returning military pilots sought practical and economical ways to continue flying.

Built during a transformative period in American aviation, the Cessna 120 combined rugged construction, dependable performance, and straightforward operation into a package that quickly became popular among private owners, flight enthusiasts, and recreational pilots. Decades after production ended, the aircraft remains highly respected for its honest flying characteristics, vintage charm, and accessibility within the classic aircraft community.

Powerplant, Systems & Technical Highlights

The Cessna 120 is powered by the dependable Continental C85 series engine, typically producing 85 horsepower. Renowned for its simplicity, reliability, and ease of maintenance, the Continental engine has helped establish the aircraft's reputation as one of the most practical vintage airplanes still flying today.

Operating on widely available 100LL Avgas, the aircraft offers economical fuel consumption while delivering performance well suited for recreational flying, local travel, and tailwheel proficiency. Its lightweight airframe and efficient wing design allow the Cessna 120 to maximize the effectiveness of its modest powerplant.

Constructed primarily from aluminum, the aircraft benefits from the durability and corrosion resistance that would become hallmarks of later Cessna designs. The all-metal structure represented a significant advancement compared to many fabric-covered aircraft of the period and contributed to the type's exceptional longevity.

The aircraft's conventional landing gear configuration provides pilots with an authentic tailwheel flying experience while maintaining predictable handling characteristics that have made it a favorite among generations of aviators.

Exterior & Cockpit

The Cessna 120 features the timeless profile that helped define post-war general aviation. Its high-wing configuration, compact proportions, and classic taildragger stance create an unmistakable presence on any ramp.

Elegant yet purposeful, the aircraft embodies an era when simplicity and functionality guided aircraft design. Its clean lines, exposed tailwheel, and lightweight structure reflect the practical engineering philosophy that made personal aviation attainable for thousands of pilots.

Inside the cockpit, the Cessna 120 offers a straightforward and engaging flying environment. The side-by-side seating arrangement provides excellent visibility, while the uncluttered instrument panel emphasizes the aircraft's primary mission as an enjoyable and accessible personal airplane.

Flying the Cessna 120 is often described as a pure aviation experience. Free from unnecessary complexity, the aircraft allows pilots to focus on stick-and-rudder skills, coordination, and the fundamentals of flight that remain at the heart of aviation.

Maintenance & Records

One of the Cessna 120's greatest strengths is its reputation for maintainability. The aircraft's simple systems, proven Continental engine, and extensive parts availability have contributed significantly to its continued popularity among owners and restorers.

Routine maintenance requirements are generally straightforward, and a strong owner community continues to support the type through technical knowledge, restoration expertise, and parts resources. The durability of the

all-metal airframe has enabled many examples to remain active more than seventy years after they first left the factory.

Comprehensive maintenance logs, documented repairs, and consistent inspections remain important factors in preserving both operational reliability and long-term value. Well-maintained examples continue to demonstrate the quality of construction that made the aircraft one of Cessna's most successful early designs.

The Perfect Airplane For

The Cessna 120 is ideally suited for pilots seeking an authentic tailwheel experience, vintage aircraft enthusiasts, and owners looking for a simple and economical entry into classic aircraft ownership.

Whether used for local recreational flying, tailwheel training, fly-in events, or historical preservation, the aircraft delivers a rewarding blend of character, practicality, and flying enjoyment.

For those who appreciate traditional stick-and-rudder flying, timeless design, and the heritage of post-war general aviation, the Cessna 120 remains one of the most beloved classic aircraft ever produced. Honest, dependable, and rich in aviation history, it continues to embody the spirit of grassroots flying that helped shape modern personal aviation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Engine & Power Systems

Engine	**Continental C85-12**
Engine Type	**Four-cylinder, Air-cooled Horizontally Opposed Piston Engine**
Horsepower	**85 hp**
Propeller Type	**Fixed-pitch**

Performance & Specifications

Cruise Speed	**95–105 KTAS**
Passengers	**1 Pilot + 1 Passenger**

PHOTOGRAPHS

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