POWER PLANT (PT6A-140) - DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

1. General

A. The power plant installed in Model 208B Airplane 208B2197 and Airplanes 208B5000 and On is a Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of Canada, Ltd., PT6A-140 (867 SHP) engine. The PT6A-140 power plant is a lightweight free turbine engine. The engine is self-sufficient because the oil system is gas generator driven and supplies lubrication for all areas of the engine. The oil system also supplies pressure for the torquemeter and power for propeller pitch control.

2. Description

- A. The inlet air enters the engine through an annular plenum chamber, that is formed by the compressor inlet case. The chamber directs the air forward to the compressor. The engine uses a three-stage axial, single-stage centrifugal compressor, driven by a single-stage turbine (free turbine). A second single-stage turbine, counter rotating with first, drives propeller through a reduction gearbox. Fuel is supplied to the engine from the fuel reservoir and is pressurized by an engine-driven fuel pump. The fuel flow to the fuel manifold is controlled by the fuel control unit (FCU). Fuel is sprayed into an annular combustion chamber by 14 individually removable fuel nozzles installed around the gas generator case. An ignition unit and two spark igniter plugs are used to start combustion. A hydro-pneumatic fuel control unit (FCU) schedules fuel flow to maintain power setting selected by the power control lever. Propeller speed remains constant at any selected propeller control lever position through action of a propeller governor. When engine power lever is moved aft into beta range (reverse), maximum propeller speed is limited by pneumatic section to propeller governor. For an illustration of engine components refer to Figure 1. For an engine air flow diagram refer to Figure 2.
- B. Most of the engine-driven accessories are mounted on the accessory gearbox at the rear of the engine. This component installation location helps with the ease of component maintenance.
- C. For more detailed data concerning the PT6A-140 power plant refer to the Pratt & Whitney Canada Maintenance Manual P/N 3075742, found in the Introduction List of Publications.





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