Section 1

LIMITATIONS

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Section 1

LIMITATIONS

1-1. INTRODUCTION

NOTE

Compliance with limitations in this section is required by appropriate operating rules.

Minimum and maximum limits, and normal and cautionary operating ranges for helicopter and subsystems are indicated by instrument markings and placards. Instrument markings and placards represent aerodynamic calculations that are substantiated by flight test data.

Anytime an operating limit is exceeded, an appropriate entry shall be made in helicopter log book. Entry shall state which limit was exceeded, duration of time, extreme value attained, and any additional information essential in determining maintenance action required.

1-2. BASIS OF CERTIFICATION

This helicopter is certified under FAR Part 29, Category B.

1-3. TYPES OF OPERATION

The basic configured helicopter is approved as a fifteen-place helicopter and is certified for operation in day or night VFR non-icing conditions.

1-4. FLIGHT CREW

NOTE

Minimum cockpit (FS 47.0) weight is 170 pounds (77.1 kilograms). Refer to Section 5.

Minimum flight crew consists of one pilot who shall operate helicopter from right crew seat.

Left crew seat may be used for an additional pilot for VFR day and night operations when approved dual controls and copilot instrument kits are installed.

NOTE

Refer to applicable operating rules for internal cargo operations.

1-5. CONFIGURATION

1-5-A. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Heated pitot-static system

Pilot windshield wiper

Force trim system

1-5-B. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Refer to appropriate Flight Manual Supplement(s) for additional limitations, procedures, and performance data required for optional equipment installed (Appendix A).

DOORS OPEN/REMOVED 1-5-C.

Helicopter may be flown with doors open or removed only with Bell Helicopter standard interior installed. Flight operation is approved for the following alternative configurations.

Symmetrical configurations:

Both crew doors removed.

Both sliding doors locked open or removed with both hinged panels installed or removed.

Asymmetrical configurations:

Cargo doors can be opened or closed asymmetrically to a locked position with following restrictions:

- Two-way communications between pilot and cabin crewmember.
- All crewmembers and passengers are secured with an approved restraint.

NOTE

Opening or removing doors shifts helicopter center of gravity and reduces V_{NE}. Refer to Section 5 and Airspeed Limitations.

1-5-D. **PASSENGERS**

NOTE

Refer to Section 5 for loading tables to be used in weight/CG computations.

With passenger seat kit installed, the helicopter is certified for operations as a 15-place helicopter.

The above loading does not apply if cargo or a combination of cargo and passengers are being transported. It shall be the responsibility of the pilot to ensure helicopter is properly loaded so entire flight is conducted within limits of gross weight center of gravity charts (Figure 1-2).

1-5-E. CARGO

1-5-E-1. INTERNAL CARGO **CONFIGURATION**

Allowable deck loading for cargo is 100 pounds per square foot $(4.9 \text{ kg}/100 \text{ cm}^2)$. Deck mounted tie-down fittings are provided and have an airframe structural capacity of 1250 pounds (567.0 kg) vertical and 500 pounds (226.8 kg) horizontal per fitting. Provisions for installation of cargo tie-down fittings are incorporated in aft cabin bulkhead and transmission support structure and have airframe structural capacity of 1250 pounds (567.0 kg) at 90° to bulkhead and 500 pounds (226.8 kg) in any direction parallel to bulkhead. Cargo shall be secured by an approved restraint method that will not impede access to cargo in an emergency. All cargo and equipment shall be securely tied down when operating with aft cabin doors open or removed.

1-5-E-2. **BAGGAGE**

Baggage compartment maximum allowable loading is 400 pounds (181.4 kg), not to exceed 100 pounds per square foot (4.9 kg/ 100 cm^2).

1-6. WEIGHT AND CENTER OF **GRAVITY**

1-6-A. WEIGHT

Maximum GW is 11,200 pounds (5080.3 kg).

Refer to Weight-altitude-temperature limitations for takeoff, landing and in ground effect maneuvers chart (Figure 1-1).

1-6-B. CENTER OF GRAVITY

1-6-B-1. LONGITUDINAL CENTER OF GRAVITY

Longitudinal CG limits are from station 130.0 to 144.0.

Longitudinal CG operational range is variable (Figure 1-2), depending upon GW, and shall be computed from weight and balance data.

NOTE

Station 0 (datum) is located 20 inches (508 mm) aft of most forward point of cabin nose.

1-6-B-2. LATERAL CENTER OF GRAVITY

Lateral CG limits are 4.7 inches (119.4 mm) left and 6.5 inches (165.1 mm) right of fuselage centerline.

1-7. AIRSPEED

7500 pounds (3402 kg) GW — V_{NE} 130 KIAS.

11,200 pounds (5080.3 kg) GW — V_{NE} 100 KIAS.

Symmetrical doors open/off operation — V_{NF} 100 KIAS (any GW).

 V_{NE} decreases linearly from 130 knots to 100 knots with GW. (Refer to Placards and Decals, Figure 1-3.)

 V_{NE} decreases 3 knots per 1000 feet above 3000 feet H_{D} .

Maximum airspeed when operating above maximum continuous torque (87.5%) is 80 KIAS.

 V_{NE} with cargo door open/off asymmetrically is 60 KIAS.

 V_{NE} with cargo doors in transit or in an unlocked position is 60 KIAS.

1-8. ALTITUDE

Maximum operating — 20,000 feet H_P.

Refer to applicable operating rules for high altitude oxygen requirements.



MONITOR ITT WHEN STARTING ENGINE IN MANUAL FUEL CONTROL MODE.

Above 15,000 feet H_P , restart shall be accomplished in manual fuel control mode only. (No airspeed restrictions.)

Below 15,000 feet H_P, restart may be attempted in either manual or automatic fuel control mode.

1-9. MANEUVERING

1-9-A. PROHIBITED MANEUVERS

Intentional maneuvering resulting in roll attitudes in excess of 50° angle of bank, or pitch attitudes lower than 15° nose down or higher than 30° nose up are prohibited.

1-9-B. CLIMB AND DESCENT

Refer to Section 4.

1-10. HEIGHT-VELOCITY

The height-velocity limitations are critical in the event of a single engine failure during takeoff, landing, and other operation near the surface (Figure 1-4). The AVOID area of the Height-Velocity chart defines the combinations of airspeed and height above ground from which a safe single engine landing on a smooth, level, firm surface cannot be assured.

The H-V chart is valid only when the Weight-Altitude-Temperature limitations are not exceeded (Figure 1-1). The diagram does not define the conditions which assure continued flight following an engine failure nor the conditions from which a safe power off landing can be made.

When takeoffs are made in accordance with HV charts, proceed as follows:

Determine hover torque at a 4-foot skid height.

Perform takeoff with no more than 15% torque above hover power while accelerating to Takeoff Climb Out Speed (V_{TOCS}). Refer to Section 4 for V_{TOCS} .

NOTE

Downwind takeoffs are not recommended since published takeoff distance performance will not be achieved. When near zero wind conditions prevail, determine true direction of wind.

1-11. AMBIENT TEMPERATURES

Maximum sea level ambient air temperature for operation is +52°C (+125°F) and decreases with altitude at standard lapse rate (2°C per 1000 feet H_P). Minimum ambient air temperature at all altitudes is -54°C (-65°F). Refer to Weight-Altitude-Temperature Limitations for Takeoff, Landing, and In-Ground Effect Maneuvers Chart (Figure 1-1).

1-12. ELECTRICAL

1-12-A. BATTERY



BATTERY SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ENGINE START AFTER ILLUMINATION OF BATTERY TEMP LIGHT (IF INSTALLED). BATTERY SHALL BE REMOVED AND SERVICED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO RETURNING BATTERY TO SERVICE.

Maximum battery case temperature — 54.5°C (130°F).

Maximum battery internal temperature — 62.7°C (145°F).

1-12-B. GENERATOR

Maximum

150 amps per ammeter

NOTE

To attain published single engine performance, generator loads should not exceed 75 amps each during twin engine operation.

Ammeter needle may deflect full scale momentarily during generator assisted start of second engine.

1-12-C. STARTER

Starter energizing times shall be limited as follows:

30 seconds ON

60 seconds OFF

30 seconds ON

5 minutes OFF

30 seconds ON

15 minutes OFF

Above energizing cycle may then be repeated.

Above 15,000 H_P , restart shall be accomplished in manual fuel control mode only.

Below 15,000 H_P, restart may be attempted in either manual or automatic fuel control mode.

1-12-D. GROUND POWER UNIT

28 VDC ground power units for starting shall be rated at a minimum of 400 amps and a maximum of 1000 amps.

1-13. POWER PLANT

Pratt and Whitney Canada PT6T-3B or PT6T-3.

NOTE

Operation in 2 1/2 minute or 30 minute OEI range is intended for emergency use only, when one engine becomes inoperative due to actual malfunction. OEI ranges shall not be used for training.

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	1-13-A. GAS PRODUCE	R RPM (N ₁)	Maximum	103.4%	
	1-13-A-1. TWIN ENGINE OPERATION		1-13-B. POWER TURBINE RPM (N ₂)		
	PT6T-3B (Gauge 212-075-037-101/-105)		Takeoff	100%	
	Continuous anarotian	61 to 100.8%	Minimum	97%	
	Continuous operation Maximum continuous	100.8%	Continuous operation	97 to 100%	
	Maximum for takeoff	100.8%	Maximum continuous	100%	
	Maximum transient (not to exceed 30 seconds)	102.4%	Transient (not to exceed 10 seconds)	101.5%	
			1-13-C. INTERTURBINE	TEMPERATURE	
	PT6T-3B (Gauge 212-075-037-113)		PT6T-3B (TWIN ENGINE OPERATION)		
	Continuous operation	61 to 101.8%	Continuous operation	300 to 765°C	
	Maximum continuous	101.8%	Maximum continuous	765°C	
	Maximum for takeoff	101.8%	5 minute takeoff range	765 to 810°C	
	Maximum transient (not	103.4%	Maximum for takeoff	810°C	
	to exceed 30 seconds) PT6T-3		Maximum transient (not to exceed 5 seconds)	850°C	
	Maximum continuous	100%	Maximum for starting (not to exceed 2 seconds	1090°C	
	Maximum transient (not	101.5%	above 960°C)		
	to exceed 10 seconds)	101.370	NOTE		
		IODEDATIVE (OEI)			
I	1-13-A-2. ONE ENGINE IN PT6T-3B (Gauge 212-075-03)	,	If ITT remains above 810°C longer than 15 seconds or exceeds other limits, ITT and duration shall be recorded in helicopter logbook.		
			Refer to Pratt a	nd Whitney	
	2 1/2 minute range	100.8 to 102.4%	Maintenance Manual requirements.	for inspection	
	Maximum	102.4%	requirements.		
			PT6T-3B (SINGLE ENGINE	OPERATION)	
	PT6T-3B (Gauge 212-075-03	37-113)	30 minute OEI range	765 to 822°C	
	0.4/0 : /	404.04.400.407	2 1/2 minute OEI range	822 to 850°C	
	2 1/2 minute range	101.8 to 103.4%	Maximum OEI	850°C	

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PT6T-3 30 minute power range 63.9 to 71.8% 71.8% Maximum 765 to 810°C 5 minute range (twin engine operation) 1-13-E. FUEL PRESSURE 765 to 810°C 30 minute range (single engine operation) **Minimum** 4 PSI Maximum continuous 765°C **Continuous operation** 4 to 35 PSI limit (single or twin Maximum **35 PSI** engine operation) Power change transient 850°C 1-13-F. ENGINE OIL PRESSURE limit (5 seconds above 810°C not to exceed **40 PSI** Minimum 850°C) (below 79% N₁) 1090°C Starting transient limit 80 to 115 PSI 79 to 100% N₁ (not to exceed 2 seconds above 810°C) Maximum 115 PSI 1-13-D. ENGINE TORQUE 1-13-G. ENGINE OIL TEMPERATURE NOTE NOTE For normal twin engine operation, Helicopters with PT6T-3B engine maximum permissible torque needle shall use only gauges marked 0 to split is 4% total. 115°C. Helicopters with PT6T-3 engine may use either gauge. 1-13-D-1. ONE ENGINE INOPERATIVE (OEI) **PT6T-3B OR PT6T-3** PT6T-3B — INSTRUMENT MARKED 71.8% RED LINE 0°C Minimum 0 to 115°C Continuous operation **Maximum continuous** 63.9% 115°C Maximum 63.9 to 71.8% 30 minute power range PT6T-3 ONLY Maximum 71.8% Minimum 5°C PT6T-3B — INSTRUMENT MARKED 79.4% **RED LINE** 107°C Maximum 1-13-H. COMBINING GEARBOX OIL Maximum continuous 63.9% PRESSURE 30 minute power range 63.9 to 79.4% Maximum 79.4% Minimum for idle **40 PSI** Operation below 94% N₂ 40 to 60 PSI **PT6T-3**

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63.9%

Maximum continuous

Continuous operation

Maximum

60 to 80 PSI

80 PSI

1-13-J. COMBINING GEARBOX OIL TEMPERATURE

NOTE

Helicopters with PT6T-3B engine shall use only gauges marked 0 to 115°C. Helicopters with PT6T-3 engine may use either gauge.

PT6T-3B OR PT6T-3

Minimum	0°C
Maximum	115°C

PT6T-3 ONLY

Minimum	0°C
Maximum	107°C

1-14. TRANSMISSION

Minimum for idla

1-14-A. TRANSMISSION OIL PRESSURE

30 DCI

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Idle range	30 to 40 PSI
Continuous operation	40 to 70 PSI

Maximum 70 PSI

1-14-B. TRANSMISSION OIL TEMPERATURE

Continuous operation 15 to 110°C

Maximum 110°C

1-14-C. TRANSMISSION TORQUE

1-14-C-1. TWIN ENGINE OPERATION (TRANSMISSION SCALE (Δ))

Maximum continuous 87.5%

Takeoff power range 87.5 to 100%

(5 minutes)

Maximum 100%

1-15. <u>ROTOR</u>

1-15-A. ROTOR RPM — POWER ON

Minimum 97% Maximum 100%

1-15-B. ROTOR RPM — POWER OFF

Minimum 91% Maximum 104.5%

1-16. HYDRAULIC

NOTE

Refer to BHT-212-MD-1 for approved fluids, vendors, and allowable mixing of approved fluids.

Hydraulic fluid MIL-PRF-87257 (NATO H-538) or MIL-PRF-5606 (NATO H-515) may be used at all ambient temperatures.

Both hydraulic systems shall be operative prior to takeoff.

1-16-A. HYDRAULIC PRESSURE

Minimum 600 PSI

Caution range 600 to 900 PSI
Normal operation 900 to 1100 PSI

Maximum 1100 PSI

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1-16-B. HYDRAULIC TEMPERATURE

Maximum

88°C

1-17. FUEL AND OIL

1-17-A. FUEL

NOTE

Refer to BHT-212-MD-1 for approved fuels.

Fuel conforming to ASTM D-6615 Jet B, NATO F-40, or MIL-DTL-5624 Grade JP-4 may be used at all ambient air temperatures.

Fuel conforming to ASTM D-1655 Jet A or A-1, NATO F-44, MIL-DTL-5624 Grade JP-5, NATO F-34, or MIL-DTL-83133 Grade JP-8 is limited to ambient air temperatures above -30°C (-22°F).

1-17-B. OIL — ENGINE AND COMBINING GEARBOX

NOTE

Refer to BHT-212-MD-1 for approved vendors.

Oil conforming to PWA Specification No. 521
Type I and MIL-PRF-7808 (NATO O-148) may be used at all ambient air temperatures.

Oil conforming to PWA Specification No. 521

Type II and MIL-PRF-23699 (NATO O-156) may be used at all ambient air temperatures above -40°C (-40°F).

1-17-C. OIL — TRANSMISSION, INTERMEDIATE, AND TAIL ROTOR GEARBOXES

Oil conforming to MIL-PRF-7808 (NATO O-148) may be used at all ambient temperatures.

Oil conforming to DOD-PRF-85734 or MIL-PRF-23699 (NATO O-156) may be used at all ambient air temperatures above -40°C (-40°F).

NOTE

DOD-PRF-85734 or MIL-PRF-23699 is recommended.

1-18. ROTOR BRAKE

Engine starts with rotor brake engaged are prohibited. Rotor brake application is limited to ground operation and shall not be applied until engines have been shut down and ROTOR RPM has decreased to 40% or less.

1-19. LANDING GEAR

Refer to BHT-212-MD-1.

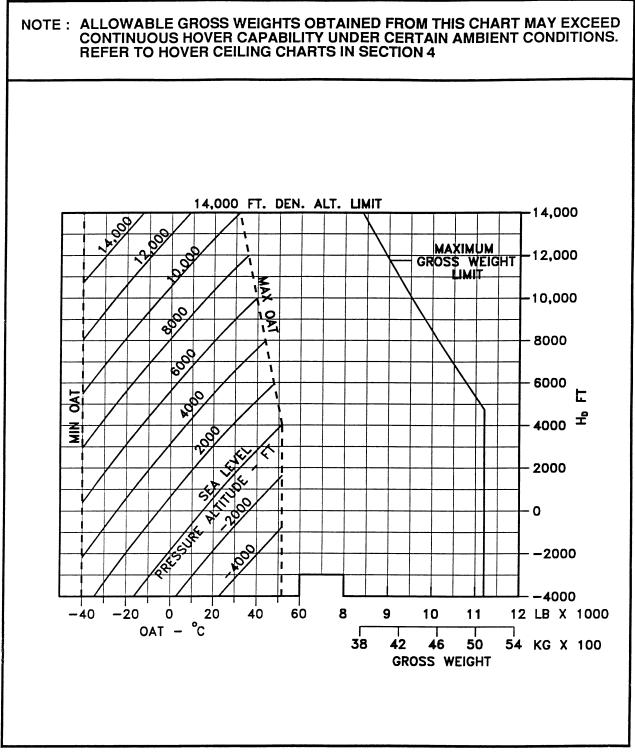
1-20. <u>INSTRUMENT MARKINGS</u> AND PLACARDS

Refer to Figure 1-3 for placards and decals. Refer to Figure 1-5 for instrument range markings.

1-21. <u>HEATER</u>

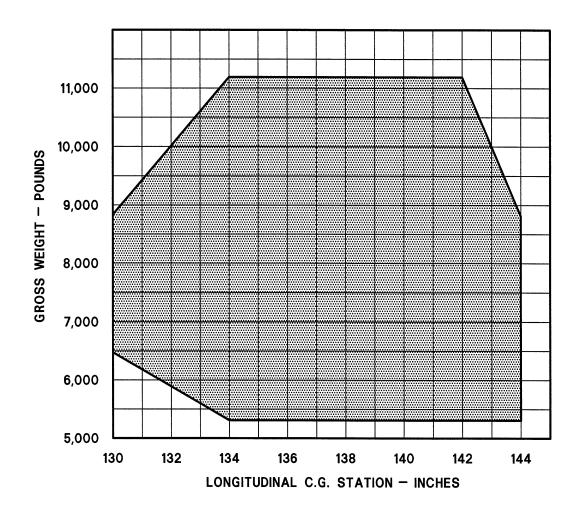
Heater shall not be operated when OAT is above 21°C (69.8°F).

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Figure 1-1. Weight-altitude-temperature limitations for takeoff, landing and in ground effect maneuvers chart



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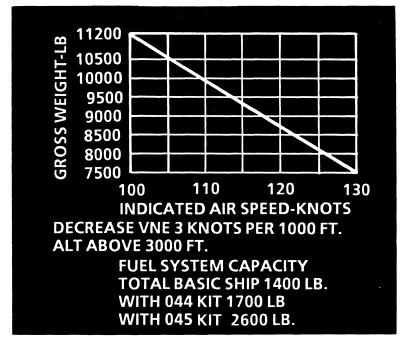
Figure 1-2. Gross weight center of gravity chart

DO NOT OPERATE
HEATER ABOVE 21
DEG C OUT AIR TEMP

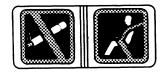
BAGGAGE FIRE TEST SWITCH

IN ALTN POSITION MAINTAIN INSTRUMENT ACCURACY BY CLOSING WINDOWS AIRVENTS AND TURNING HEATER OFF

(if installed)



(TYPICAL)



PANEL AFT END OF OVERHEAD CONSOLE

THIS HELICOPTER MUST BE OPERATED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPERATING LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN THE FAA APPROVED ROTORCRAFT FLIGHT MAN.

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Figure 1-3. Placards and decals



TWIN & 30 MIN OEI 101.8% 21/2 MIN OEI 103.4%

NOTES:

1 USED WITH GAS PRODUCER GAGE P/N 212-075-037-101

2 USED WITH GAS PRODUCER GAGE P/N 212-075-037-113

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Figure 1-3. Placards and decals (Sheet 2 of 2)

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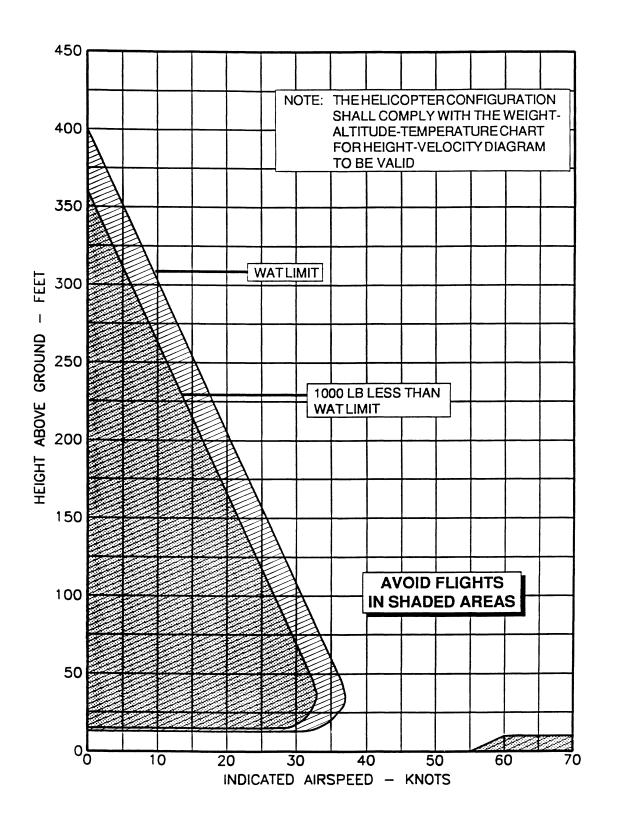


Figure 1-4. Single engine height-velocity chart

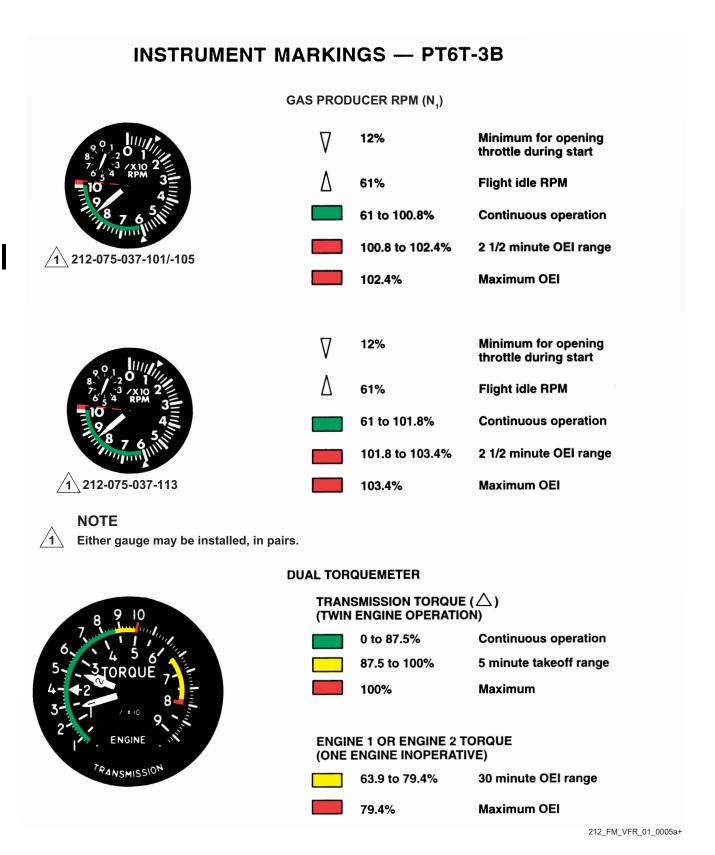


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INSTRUMENT MARKINGS — PT6T-3B

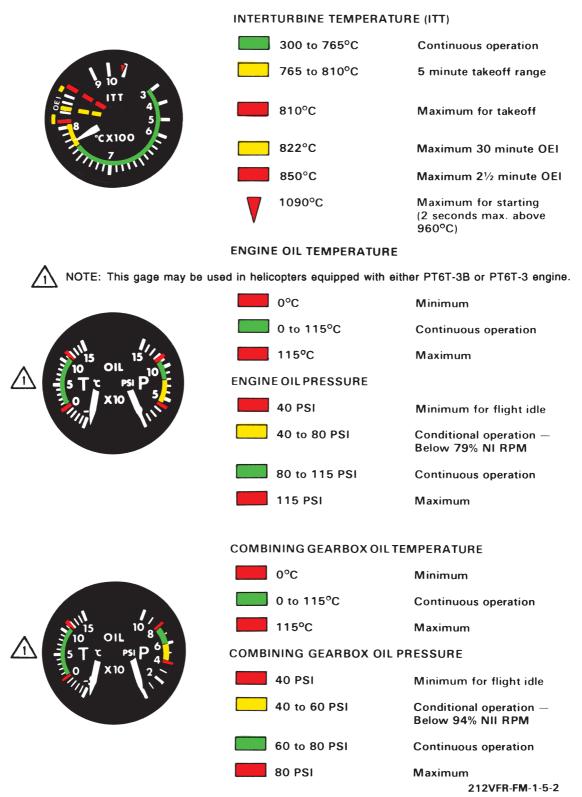


Figure 1-5. Instrument markings (Sheet 2 of 6)

INSTRUMENT MARKINGS — PT6T-3

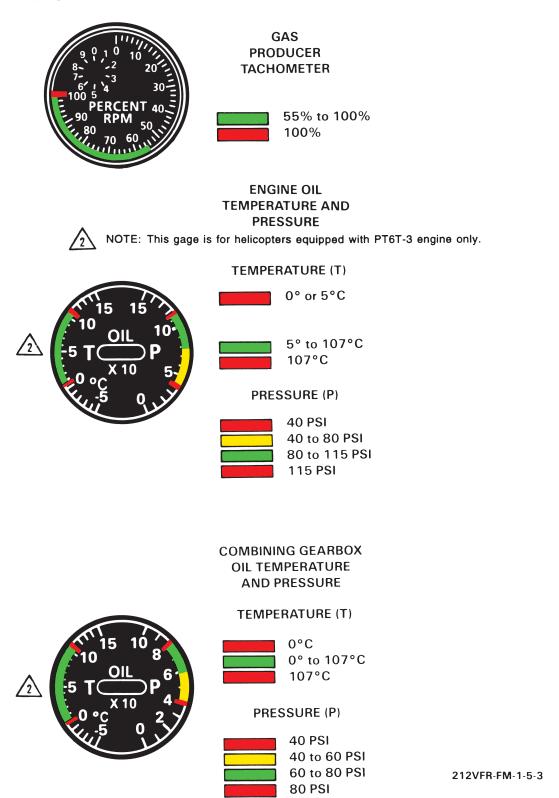


Figure 1-5. Instrument markings (Sheet 3 of 6)

INSTRUMENT MARKINGS — PT6T-3 INTERTURBINE TEMPERATURE 212-070-240 200 to 765°C 765 to 810°C 810°C 212-075-562

NOTE

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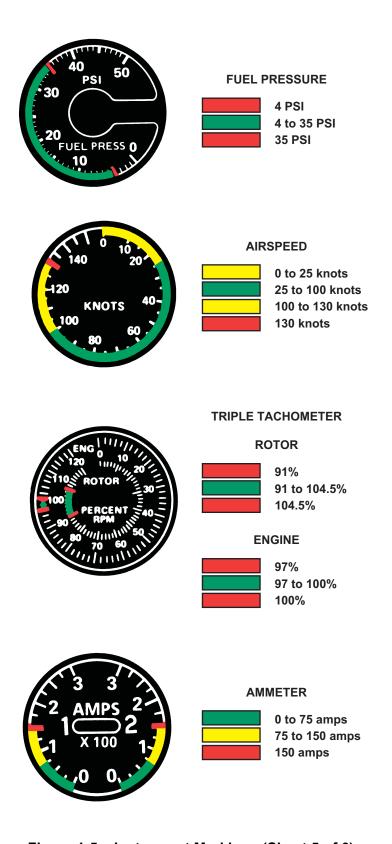
Either gauge may be installed.

TRANSMISSION (TWIN ENGINE OPERATION) 0 to 87.5% 87.5 to 100% 100% ENGINE (SINGLE ENGINE OPERATION) 63.9 to 71.8% 71.8%

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Figure 1-5. Instrument Markings (Sheet 4 of 6)

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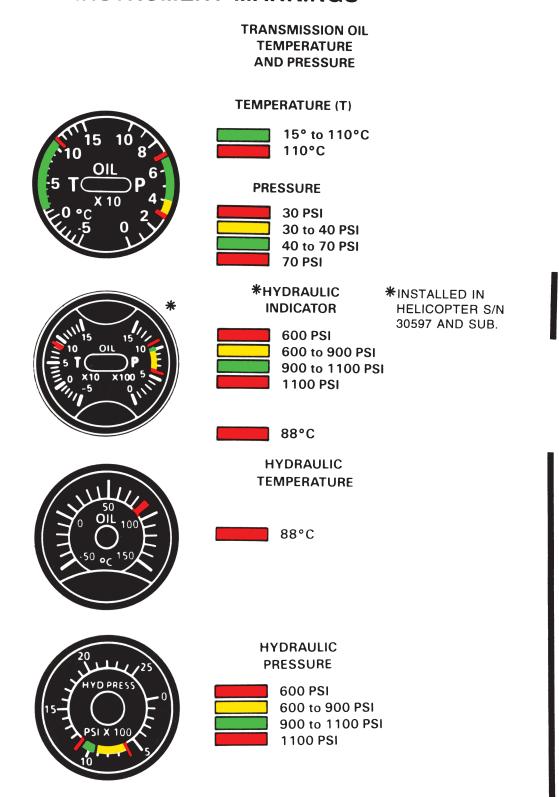


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Figure 1-5. Instrument Markings (Sheet 5 of 6)

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Figure 1-5. Instrument markings (Sheet 6 of 6)