

Cessna Introduces 1966 Executive Skyknight

The 1966 Cessna *Executive Skyknight* with "Turbo-system" has been introduced by Cessna Aircraft Company at Wichita, Kan. Highlighting the new features of the airplane are across-the-board performance gains, the company said.

Twin 285 h.p. turbocharged engines have boosted cruising speed 13 m.p.h. to 235 m.p.h. at 10,000 feet altitude, and to 261 m.p.h. at 20,000 feet. Takeoff roll has been cut 7% to 1,035 feet. Single-engine service ceiling has been pushed up 2,600 feet to 19,200. At

16,000 feet the *Executive Skyknight* hits its maximum speed of 276 m.p.h. fully loaded. The airplane's empty weight has been reduced by 40 pounds, giving an equivalent increase in payload.

According to Cessna officials, the new Turbo-system not only provides full engine horsepower up to 16,000 feet, but also gives the pilot an automatic system that insures optimum power utilization under all operating conditions. Incorporated into the new power control system is the variable orifice fuel pump. This unit is reported to automatically lean the fuel-injected engine to prevent loss of power during throttling at altitude or in the event of alternate air operation.

Included in the full complement of optional equipment for the *Executive Skyknight* are a three-blade propeller and complete communication and navigation systems. The three-blade, Cessna-Crafted prop is the full feathering, constant-speed type. It is reported to be 15 pounds lighter than comparable three-blade propellers.

Flyaway factory price of the *Executive Skyknight* is \$79,950. ●

