

Cessna Introduces Turbo-System Super Skymaster

Cessna Aircraft Company recently unveiled its newest high performance twin-engine aircraft, the Turbo-System *Super Skymaster*.

Capable of taking off at full gross weight of 4,300 pounds in less than 2,000 feet, the new turbocharged centerline thrust aircraft has a service ceiling of 31,000 feet and an operating speed range from 66 m.p.h. to 232 m.p.h. It is powered by two 210 h.p. engines and exhaust-driven turbines provide full manifold pressure and maximum horsepower from sea level to 12,000 feet. The new *Super Skymaster* will cruise at 225 m.p.h. at 75% power, at 24,000 feet. It has a cruise range under those conditions of 860 miles.

The only light twin production aircraft offering centerline thrust, the *Super Skymaster* was selected by the Air Force as a replacement model for forward air controller missions, liaison

and other military functions.

Cessna disclosed too that export sales of the *Super Skymaster* led all other of its twin models during the first six months of its current fiscal year. This period showed a 31% increase over its record-breaking export sales for the same period of last year.

In all, Cessna delivered 838 units to oversea customers between Oct. 1, 1966, and Mar. 31, 1967, for a book value of \$14,500,000. This included 772 single-engine and 66 multi-engine aircraft.

While several manufacturers noted an upturn in export sales during the current year, domestic sales were down slightly, according to the Aerospace Industries Association's Utility Airplane Council. UAC reported that production of general aviation planes in the first quarter of 1967 totaled 3,308 units having a manufacturer's net billing value of \$88,333,000. This was down about 14% below the total for the same period a year earlier, but 1,218 deliveries during June recorded that as the 21st consecutive month in which deliveries have exceeded 1,000 units. □

Cessna's 1967 Turbo-System *Super Skymaster*, introduced recently, has twin-engine service ceiling of 31,000 feet, will cruise at 225 m.p.h. and is priced at about \$49,950.

