

Mooney Introduces 1968 Executive 21

The 1968 Mooney *Executive 21*, powered by a 200 h.p. Lycoming engine, steps out with cruising speeds up to 179 m.p.h. and top speed of 184 m.p.h., extended range and added directional control at low speeds, Mooney Aircraft, Inc., has announced.

The four-place retractable-gear aircraft also features a longer cabin, larger baggage compartment, individually controlled outside air supply, and a one-piece, wrap-around windshield.

A new trim system provides a mechanical advantage in operating the trim wheel located on the floor between the front seats. Approved speed at which the flaps can be extended is increased from 100 to 125 m.p.h., and a full-length rudder has been added to the

1968 *Executive 21* for better low-speed directional control.

The new *Executive's* instrument panel has been restyled for added functional capacity. The cluster of engine gauges on the right side of the panel has been backlighted and canted toward the pilot for easier reference. The exhaust gas temperature gauge is located on the panel in front of the pilot above the control column. Increased readability of placards and check lists results from new black on gold and gold on black type.

Mooney expects to manufacture 368 *Executive 21's* during 1968, all to be offered in a wide range of new paint designs and seven interior combinations, including all leather. □