



Newest model in the Cessna line is the 421, scheduled to be introduced this summer. A fully pressurized, six-place executive aircraft, it will be sold at a basic price of \$159,950, Cessna said.

Cessna Sets Price On Model 421

Cessna Aircraft Company, with introduction of its Model 421 scheduled for this summer, has set a price tag of \$159,950 on that plane, which it claims is an unprecedented low cost for a pressurized twin-engine executive aircraft.

One of a number of new models being introduced into the increasingly competitive "executive transportation" class, the six-place Cessna 421 reported-

ly boasts the roominess, comfort and performance of much higher priced aircraft that are now on the market. According to Frank Martin, Cessna's vice president for commercial aircraft marketing, it will bring pressurized executive operations into financial reach for many businessmen and companies that were previously limited to unpressurized aircraft.

The 421 has a dual pressurization

system which is designed as an integral part of its Cessna-developed Turbo-System. It supplies cabin pressurization air directly from the engine turbocharger, eliminating unnecessary weight and cost duplications. The standard system pressurizes the cabin after the plane has reached 8,000 feet and automatically maintains that pressure altitude up to 20,100 feet MSL. Above this altitude a constant cabin differential pressure of 4.2 pounds per square inch is maintained.

An optional system will be available for an additional cost, Cessna officials said. It will provide maximum passenger comfort by allowing selection of any cabin pressure altitude above sea level.

Described as having true "dual reliability," the 421 will supply sufficient air to pressurize and ventilate the sealed cabin from the turbocharger of either of its 375 h.p. engines. Multiple safety and backup systems also are provided in the cabin pressure control systems, Martin said.

The Cessna 421 passenger compartment measures four feet, seven inches by 14½ feet, allowing ample space for a variety of custom interiors. Luggage capacity is 55.3 cubic feet and 880 pounds. At a gross weight of 6,800 pounds, the 421 will have a top speed of 275 m.p.h. Cruising speed and range were not given in preliminary specifications. □