SKY SAFETY

Diamond DA-40 Checklist

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CABIN

- 1. Canopy & Rear Door UNLOCK & CHECK (Latching Mechanism Function)
- 2. Seat Belts CHECK
- 3. Documents (AROW) & VOR
- 4. Fire Extinguisher CHECK
- 5. Switches & Inst. Lights OFF
- 6. Circuit Breakers CHECK IN
- 7. Throttle CLOSED
- 8. Prop FULL FORWARD
- 9. Mixture CUTOFF
- 10. Flight Control Lock REMOVE
- 11. Flight Controls CHECK
- 12. Trim SET T/O
- 13. Master (BATT) ON
- 14. Hobbs & Tach CHECK
- 15. Fuel Qty & Total CK & UPDATE
- 16. Flaps CYCLE & CK LTS.
- 17. Lights & Strobes CHECK
- 18. Instrument Lights (night) CK
- 19. Master (BATT) OFF

CAUTION

Keep battery operation to a minimum. Extended battery use can cause significant reduction in battery life & adversely affect other systems.

LEFT WING & FUSELAGE

- 1. Gear CHECK (36 psi)
- 2. Fuel SUMP & CHECK
- 3. Stall Warning CHECK
- 4. Pitot Vane CHECK
- 5. Landing/Taxi Lights CHECK
- 6. Wing, Tip & Lights CHECK
- 7. Aileron, Flap & Static Wicks CK
- 8. Aft Door UNLOCK
- 9. Hinges & Latching Pins CHECK

10. Door – SECURE. ENSURE LATCHING HANDLE IS FLUSH!

- 11. Antennas CHECK
- 12. Fuselage CHECK

EMPENNAGE & RIGHT WING

- 1. Tail Skid CHECK
- 2. Elevator & Servo Tab CHECK
- 3. Rudder CHECK
- 4. Static Wicks CHECK
- 5. Fuselage CHECK
- 6. Flap, Aileron & Static Wicks CK
- 7. Wing, Tip & Lights CHECK
- 8. Fuel SUMP & CK QUANTITY
- 9. Gear- CHECK (36 psi)

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- 1. Gascolator DRAIN & CHECK
- 2. Forward Cabin Inlets CHECK
- 3. Oil CK (4 Qts. VFR; 6 Qts. IFR)
- 4. Exhaust CHECK
- 5. Air Intakes CHECK
- 6. Prop & Spinner CHECK
- 7. Nose Gear CHECK (29 psi)

BEFORE ENG. START

- 1. Preflight COMPLETED
- 2. Rear Door CHECK SECURED
- 3. Rudder Pedals ADJUST
- 4. Seats Belts FASTENED
- 5. Canopy POSITION 1 or 2
- 6. Alternate Static CLOSED
- 7. Essential Bus Sw. OFF
- 8. Avionics Master OFF
- 9. Trim SET for T/O
- 10. Fuel FULLEST TANK
- 11. Alternate Air CLOSED
- 12. Throttle IDLE
- 13. Prop FULL FORWARD
- 14. Mixture IDLE CUTOFF

AIRCRAFT SERVICING

Total Fuel Gal. 40 or 50 Gal
Oil (Max/Min) 8 qts/4 qts.
Tire Press. (Nose/Mains) 29/36 psi

Airspeeds V_A - 108 V_{NE} - 178 V_S/V_{SO} -

V_S/V_{SO} – 52/49 XWind – 20 kts.

V_{FE} T.O./Ldg. – 108/91

 $V_{NO} - 129$

15. Lights – ON
(Strobes – DAY; Nav – NIGHT)
16. Master Switch BATT – ON
Allow PFD & MFD to Boot Up

COLD ENGINE START

- 1. Electric Fuel Pump ON
- 2. Throttle 1 Inch OPEN
- 3. Mixture RICH (3-5 secs) then IDLE CUTOFF
- 4. Throttle 1/2 inch OPEN
- 5. Prop Area CLEAR!
- 6. Ignition START
- 7. Mixture RICH as Engine Fires
- 8. Throttle REDUCE to 1000 RPM
- 9. Oil pressure GREEN w/i 15 secs
- 10. Electric Fuel Pump OFF

WARM START

- 1. Electric Fuel Pump ON
- 2. Throttle 1 Inch OPEN
- 3. Mixture RICH (1-3 secs)
- 4. Throttle 1/2 inch OPEN
- 5. Prop Area CLEAR!
- 6. Ignition START
- 7. Mixture RICH as Engine Fires
- 8. Throttle 1000 RPM
- 9. Oil pressure GREEN w/i 15 secs
- 10. Electric Fuel Pump OFF

FLOODED START

- 1. Electric Fuel Pump OFF
- 2. Mixture IDLE CUTOFF
- 3. Throttle MID RANGE
- 4. Prop Area CLEAR!
- 5. Ignition START
- 6. Throttle TO 1000 RPM
- 7. Mixture RICH as Engine Fires
- 8. Oil pressure within 15 secs

BEFORE TAXIING

- 1. Master Sw. ALT ON
- 2. Ammeter CHECK
- 3. Fuel Pressure 14 to 35 psi
- 4. Annunciator Panel PFD CHECK
- 5. Avionics Master ON
- 6. Flaps UP
- 7. Mixture LEAN (for taxi)
- 8. Com, Nav & G1000 SET
- 9. Instruments CHECK

- 10. Fuel SWITCH TANKS
- 11. Pitot Heat CHECK (ON then OFF)
- 12.Idle RPM CHECK (600-800)
- 13. Parking Brake OFF
- 14. Exterior Lights AS REQ

CAUTION

When taxiing close to other aircraft at night, or during night flight in clouds, fog or haze, strobe lights should be switched off. Position lights must always be switched ON at night.

TAXI CHECK

- **1.Brakes CHECK** (Pilot & CFI Rolling out of Chocks)
- 2. Instruments CHECK

BEFORE TAKEOFF

- 1. Brakes Hold
- 2. Seat Belts & Harnesses FASTENED & SECURE
- 3. Rear Door SECURE, HANDLE FLUSH, C-HOOK ENGAGED
- 4. Canopy CHECK SECURE
- 5. Trim SET for Takeoff
- 6. Flight Controls FREE & CORRECT
- 7. Engine Instruments CHECK
- 8. Circuit Breakers CHECK IN
- 9. Mixture RICH (BELOW 5000 ft.) NOTE

At 5000 ft. Density altitude or high ambient temps, full rich mixture can cause rough running engine or loss of performance. Mixture should be set for smooth running of the engine.

- 10. Throttle 2000 RPM
- 11. Mags CHECK (Drop/Diff 175, 50)
- 12. Prop Lever CYCLE (Max 500 Drop)
- 13. Engine Instruments CHECK
- 14. Throttle IDLE THEN 1000 RPM
- 15. Alternate Air CHECK CLOSED
- 16. Circuit Breakers CHECK IN
- 17.E. P.s REVIEW
 - a. Ground Run/Abort Point
 - b. Eng. Failure Before Rotation
 - c. Eng. Failure After Rotation
 - d. Eng. Failure After T.O. Low
 - e. Exchange of Flight Controls
- 18. Departure BRIEF

- 19. Transponder SET
- 20. Mixture RICH
- 21. Prop FULL FORWARD
- 22. Ignition BOTH

HOLD SHORT

- 1.Canopy CLOSED (Warning Light OUT!)
- 2. Strobes & Landing Light ON
- 3. Fuel FULLEST TANK
- 4. Electric Fuel Pump ON
- 5. Flaps T.O.
- 6. Approach CLEAR
- 7. Pitot Heat ON (As Required)

CAUTION

Pitot heat has thermal safety cut off. Pitot heat should not be activated until taking the runway for takeoff.

NORMAL TAKEOFF

- 1. Throttle FULL
- 2. Rotate at 59 KIAS
- 3.ACCEL 73 VY

Above a safe Altitude

- 4. Flaps UP
- 5. Prop 2400 RPM
- 6. Fuel Pump OFF
- 7. Fuel Pressure CHECK

SHORT FIELD T.O.

- 1. Brakes HOLD
- 2. Throttle FULL
- 3. Brakes RELEASE
- 4. Rotate at 59 KIAS
- 5. Climb to clear 50 ft. Obstacle 60 KIAS (Vx T.O. Flaps)
- 6. Clear of Obs. Accel to 68 KIAS

SOFT FIELD T. O.

- 1. Stick FULL AFT
- 2. Aircraft on C_L Throttle FULL
- 3. Airborne In Ground Effect
- 4. Accel V_X (60) or V_Y (68)

CRUISE CLIMB

- 1. Prop 2400 RPM
- 2. Flaps UP (~ 400 ft)
- 3. Throttle Full
- 4. Fuel Pump OFF
- 5. Airspeed 80 85 KIAS
- 6. Landing Light OFF

CAUTION

Operation at "high altitudes" in <u>climb or cruise</u> (Above 5000 ft.) with fuel pump **OFF** may create vapor bubbles, resulting in intermittent low fuel pressure indications, sometimes followed by high fuel flow indications. Should this occur, activate electric fuel pump.

CRUISE

- 1. Trim SET
- 2. Cruise Power SET
- 3. Mixture ADJUST 100° Rich of Peak
- 4. Engine Instruments- CHECK
- 5. Fuel Quantity CHECK
 Fuel Pump ON Switching Tanks

CAUTION

- Max CHT 500°F
- · Slowly Enrichen Mixture before Climbing

DESCENT

- 1. Power 2400 & 15 to 18 in. MP
- 2. Seat Belts SECURE
- 3. Mixture ENRICHEN
- 4. Landing Light ON
- 5. Parking Brake OFF

BEFORE LANDING

G.U.M.P.F.

- 1. Fuel Pump ON
- 2. Fuel FULLEST TANK
- 3. Throttle 15 inches MP
- 4. Mixture RICH
- 5. Prop FULL FORWARD
- 6. Downwind FLAPS T.O. (85 KIAS)
- 7. Throttle 10 In. MP + 2 In
- 8. Base FLAPS LDG (75 KIAS)

AIRSPEEDS CONT.

- V_x Flaps T.O./Up 60/66
- V_Y Flaps T.O./Up 68/73

NORMAL LANDING

- 1. Flaps LDG (FINAL 65 KIAS)
- 2. Airspeed 60 SHORT FINAL
- 3. Touchdown MAIN GEAR FIRST
- 4. Nose LWR GENTLY

SHORT FIELD

- 1. Approach NORMAL
- 2. Flaps LANDING
- 3. Airspeed 55 SHORT FINAL
- 4. Land MAINS FIRST
- 5. Flaps UP
- 6. Brakes APPLY

CAUTION

DO NOT LOCK BRAKES OR SKID TIRES!

SOFT FIELD LDG

- 1. Approach NORMAL
- 2. Flaps LANDING
- 3. Airspeed 55 SHORT FINAL
- 4. Touchdown SOFTLY
- 5. Nose LOWER GENTLY

GO AROUND/BALKED LANDING

- 1. Throttle FULL
- 2. Airspeed 66 KIAS
- 3. Flaps T.O.
- 4. Prop 2400 RPM
- 5. Airspeed 73 KIAS
- 6. Flaps UP

TOUCH & GO

- 1. Flaps T.O.
- 2. Throttle FULL
- 3. Rotate V_R (59 KIAS)
- 4. Climb Speed 73 KIAS
- 5. Prop Lever 2400 RPM
- 6. Flaps UP

LAND & TAXI BACK

- 1. Fuel Pump OFF
- 2. Flaps UP
- Trim SET
- 4. Mixture LEAN FOR TAXI
- 5. Landing, Taxi & Strobes A/R

Before Takeoff

- 6. Landing & Strobe Lights ON
- 7. Fuel FULLEST TANK
- 8. Mixture FULL RICH
- 9. Prop FULL FORWARD
- 10. Fuel Pump ON
- 11. Flaps T.O.
- 12. Warning Lights OUT
- 13. Final Approach CLEAR

AFTER LANDING

- 1. Throttle IDLE
- 2. Brakes AS REQUIRED
- 3. Fuel Pump OFF
- 4. Pitot Heat OFF
- 5. Landing/Taxi Light AS REQ'D
- 6. Mixture LEAN FOR TAXI
- 7. Flaps UP

SHUTDOWN

- 1. Engine Instruments CHECK
- 2. Avionics Master OFF
- 3. Throttle 1000 RPM
- 4. Mixture IDLE CUT OFF
- 5. Ignition OFF
- 6. External Lights OFF
- 7. Hobbs & Tach Times RECORD
- 8. Master Switch OFF
- 9. Overhead Lights OFF

POSTFLIGHT

- 1. Ignition OFF, KEY REMOVED
- 2. Cinch & Tiedowns INSTALL
- 3. Gust Lock, Pitot Cover, Stall warning cover & sunscreen INSTALL
- 4. Aircraft POSTFLIGHT WALK AROUND