CC blowing to add range with STOL capability to a Cessna 310

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Turbocharged propeller aircraft like the Cessna 310; Beechcraft Bonanza and Cessna Cardinal, all have a wing area which is about 30% larger than is optimum for maximum range, when cruising at 20,000 ft altitude, which is the limit for turbocharged piston engines. The reason is that FAA- FAR 23.49 (a)(6), requires that all propeller driven aircraft, weighing less than 6600 lbs, must have a stall speed of no more than 62 knots (71.3 mph), in order to assure safe landing and takeoff, from airports with only a 2500 feet long runway. This FAR 23, 49 does not apply to Jet Airliners. As they begin to cruise efficiently at 30,000 ft for maximum range, at \( CL_{\text{optimum}} = 0.6 \). As the weight of the aircraft reduces with fuel usage, it must climb, to higher altitudes, to maximize range by flying at its most efficient wing lift coefficient: CL=0.6. Due to turbocharger limitations, propeller driven aircraft are limited in climb to a cruise altitude of 21,000 ft. Therefore, the large wing area Cessna 310 is equipped with flaps, which can be deflected to 45°, to provide CL up to 2.6, which enables take-off and landing on a 2500 ft runway. Such an excess wing area is not fuel efficient for cruise at 20,000 ft altitude. This paper describes a solution to this problem, which is to incorporate: an in-flight deployable and retractable: “Circulation Controlled, blown round trailing edge.” To provide the extra lift needed during take-off and landing, to satisfy FAA- FAR 23.49 (a)(6)” To increase cruise speed and range, by flying with a reduced wing area.

Biography

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