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## Overview of Features

The AeroCarb is precision machined from solid 6061 aluminum billets and premium Delrin. There are only two moving parts: a fuel/air "throttle slide" that moves with the cockpit throttle control and meters combustion air and fuel, and a tapered needle that moves with the cockpit mixture control to control in-flight mixture adjustments and serve as an idle cut-off valve.

The throttle slide carries within it an infinitely adjustable tapered fuel needle. Three (3) different needles are included with each AeroCarb, and others are available. Spigot or flange mounts easily adapt the AeroCarb to popular aircraft and auto engine conversions. Clamps for the mixture and throttle cables are built in to the body of the AeroCarb. The AeroCarb's intake design accepts air filters or carb heat ducts.

The AeroCarb can be operated with a "Push/Pull" friction lock throttle cable or a "Pull"-style reversing throttle quadrant.

The AeroCarb works in up-draft, side-draft, and down-draft configurations. Gravity feed is recommended where possible. If a fuel pump is required, a fuel pressure regulator must also be used. By design, the AeroCarb is extremely resistant to carb icing.

Combined, these features make the AeroCarb one of the most versatile and adaptable carburetors ever developed.

## Carburator Size Recommendations

The following chart is a general guideline to carburetor sizing for a variety of popular engines. Please call for recommendations for your particular engine.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

**Weights:**
- AeroCarb .......... 1 lb. 13 oz.
- Air Filter** ...... 11.6 oz.

*Average weight - actual weight varies slightly by mount size and style.

**Optional, not shown

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**Fuel Delivery Systems**

Most fuel systems can be made to work with the AeroCarb's floatless design. If you have a system not represented on this page, please call for advice.

**IMPORTANT:** The fuel system must be able to deliver 1.5 times the engine's required fuel flow at full throttle.

**Gravity Feed System**

A gravity feed system is by far the safest and most reliable. The AeroCarb requires very little head pressure to operate effectively. For this system to be effective, the fuel tank outlet must be higher than all the other components of the fuel delivery system in a tail low (climb) configuration or fuel flow may be disrupted.

**Return Line System**

In a fuel return system a fuel line “T” is installed between the regulator and the AeroCarb with a return line to the tank. This will supply fuel to the AeroCarb without excessive pressure. Excess fuel returns to the tank.

**Header Tank System**

Pumping fuel from the main tank(s) to a small header tank mounted above the carb will provide gravity feed to the AeroCarb. A return line from the header to the main tank(s) is required so excess fuel can return to the main tank without a build-up of pressure. This type of system assures some reserve fuel in the event the fuel pump fails, and eliminates the need for a fuel regulator.
Mounting the AeroCarb

The ideal mounting position for an AeroCarb is in the updraft configuration, as low as possible, to assure constant gravity fuel flow even in extreme nose high attitudes. However, the AeroCarb functions well in any position.

WARNING: Fire hazard. Do not install the AeroCarb where dripping fuel can contact hot exhaust or electrical equipment. If necessary, install a drip pan to catch/deflect dripping fuel. Always close the mixture shut-off valve and fuel valve when the engine is off.

IMPORTANT: If the cockpit mixture control is not pulled to the Idle/Cut-off position when the engine is off, fuel will continue to flow through the carburetor. This may fill the AeroCarb/intake causing engine flooding or spill-over, which is a fire hazard.

Note: If you are using an optional AeroConversions Air Filter or Intake Flange Adapter it is easier to install these before mounting the Aerocarb to the intake manifold. See page 17.

Spigot Mounted AeroCarb

The outside diameter of the AeroCarb's spigot must match the inside diameter of the engine's hose mount.

If you are replacing a carburetor, the existing hose mount can mostly likely be reused after inspection. Replace the hose if it shows signs of deterioration.

If you do not have a hose, we recommend NAPA fuel tank filler hose (or equivalent fuel proof hose) of the proper diameter. Do not use radiator hose.

Attach the hose and AeroCarb to the engine with two stainless steel hose clamps. Updraft and sidedraft installations must be further secured with safety wire to the intake manifold, as shown in the photo below.
Installing a Friction Lock or Push/Pull Throttle Cable

**IMPORTANT:** This installation requires a push-pull throttle cable with a threaded end and friction or vernier lock. **Do not use a wire-only throttle cable as you will experience binding.**

**Materials Needed:**
- Female Rod End Bearing (Wick's p/n MW-3 or equivalent)
- AN960-1032 Washer
- 10-32 Jam Nut
- AN3-6A Bolt
- Throttle Cable, Threaded End, 10-32 Thread

**Cable Routing**
The throttle cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the throttle cable passes through the firewall.

**CAUTION:** Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

**CAUTION:** Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the exhaust pipes.

**Connecting a Threaded-End Throttle Cable to the Carburetor**

*Note:* If you are using the optional throttle arm, refer to the instructions on page 8.

1. Push the throttle cable's knob all the way in (“full throttle”) and lock it in place with the friction lock.
2. Loosen the throttle cable clamp on the carburetor and remove the split sleeve. See photo, next column.

3. Remove the black dust shield from the throttle cable.

4. Slide the throttle cable into the split sleeve. It may be necessary to ream the inside diameter of the split sleeve if the throttle cable cannot be installed. An “F”-sized drill bit works well (.254”). **Do not tighten the throttle cable clamp at this time.**

*Note:* Throttle cables up to .375” diameter may be used. For large diameter throttle cables, remove the split sleeve.

5. Re-install the black dust shield on the throttle cable.

6. Loosen the lock nut which locks the throttle arm block in position.
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7. Install a 10-32 jam nut and rod end bearing on the end of the throttle cable. Thread the rod end on at least 8 full turns.

8. Attach the throttle cable to the throttle arm block with an AN3-6A bolt (step 8).

After installing the rod end bearing (step 7), attach the throttle cable to the throttle arm block with an AN3-6A bolt (step 8).

9. Tighten the 10-32 jam nut against the rod end bearing.

10. Slide the throttle cable housing forward in the clamp until the carburetor’s slide is fully open (full throttle).

Note: If the throttle arm interferes with anything, or the throttle cable housing can not be pushed far enough into the carb to fully open the throttle slide, disconnect the throttle arm from the throttle cable and reposition the throttle arm block on the threaded rod.

11. Make sure the clamping sleeve protrudes from each end of the cable clamp and tighten the screws of the cable clamp to lock the throttle cable in place.

12. Secure the full length of the throttle cable as needed.

13. Loosen the friction lock of the throttle lever and operate the throttle several times. The throttle should operate smoothly. If it does not, the two most likely causes are a throttle with sharp bends (reroute the cable as needed), or the position of the throttle arm block is forcing the throttle cable out of alignment (reposition the throttle arm slightly on the threaded rod to relieve the pressure).

Finally, look inside the throat of the carburetor and make sure the throttle slide is fully open when the throttle is pushed fully forward. If the throttle slide does not open fully, lock the throttle cable in the full throttle position, loosen the throttle cable clamp on the carburetor, slide the throttle cable forward in the clamp until the slide is fully open, and retighten the clamp.

The throttle cable is pushed through the throttle clamp until the throttle slide is fully open.
Installing a "Pull" Throttle Cable for use with a Reversing Throttle Quadrant

IMPORTANT: This installation must only be used with a reversing throttle quadrant, which correctly converts the PUSHING motion of the cockpit throttle lever into a pulling motion at the AeroCarb, retaining the proper push-to-advance-the-throttle convention.

Three types of cable ends, all shown below, can be attached to any AeroCarb manufactured with the Internal push / pull throttle attachment option.

The recommended flexible throttle cable is included with the optional AeroConversions Throttle Quadrant (part no. ACV-Q01-10).

Specific installation instructions for each type of cable begin on page 9.

Cable end types which can be used with the AeroCarb, from top to bottom:
Solid wire (bent 90°).
Flexible cable with integral barrel end.
Flexible cable with integral ball end (requires ball adapter, shown).

Ball End Cables - Recommended Installation
Ball end cables must have an integral ball end which measures .1875" to .192" diameter. The cable must be galvanized or stainless steel and minimum 1/16" diameter. Ball end cables must be used with a 1/4" diameter x 1/4" long barrel adapter.

Note: This type of cable is included as standard equipment with all AeroConversions Throttle Quadrants.

Solid Wire
Solid (music) wire cables must be .062" minimum diameter and be constructed of stainless steel or high carbon wire which meets spring temper specification MIL-W-6101. After bending the end of the cable 90 degrees, inspect the cable for cracks or nicks. Reject any wire that has cracks or nicks.

Barrel End Cables
Barrel end cables must have an integral barrel end which measures 1/4" in diameter and 1/4" long. The cable must be galvanized or stainless steel and minimum 1/16" diameter.

Note: For detailed installation of a barrel end cable use the Ball End Cable instructions but delete the use of the barrel adapter.

Cable Routing
The throttle cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the throttle cable passes through the firewall.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the exhaust.
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**Solid Wire Throttle Cables**
The throttle cable must be installed in the Aerocarb prior to connecting it to the Throttle Quadrant.

*Important: The wire diameter must be .065" to .075" minimum.*

1. Disassemble the Aerocarb by removing the 6 machine screws which hold the body together. You will need a 9/64” hex wrench and a 7/32” open end wrench.

2. Remove the mixture needle assembly. See "Changing the Mixture Needle" in the "Tuning Procedures" section of the Aerocarb manual.

3. Pass the solid wire throttle cable through the cable adjuster and bend the end 3/8” of the wire 90 degrees.

4. Install the wire in the slide so the bent end engages the hole in the throttle slide. The throttle slide needs to be removed from the Aerocarb body to do this.

5. With the wire engaged in the throttle slide and the throttle slide back in the body of the Aerocarb, install the mixture needle assembly. **Make sure the flat side of the needle faces towards the intake manifold.** See "Changing the Mixture Needle" in the "Tuning Procedures" section.

6. Make sure the inside of the Aerocarb body is free of debris and re-assemble the Aerocarb. Check for free movement of the throttle slide.

7. Attach the Aerocarb to the intake manifold.

8. The throttle cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the throttle cable passes through the firewall.

   **CAUTION:** Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

   **CAUTION:** Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the exhaust pipes.

   The cable housing must be long enough to be inserted in the cable adjuster on the Aerocarb and on the throttle quadrant.

   After determining the best cable routing, trim the *housing* to length. Do not trim the wire. The housing should be removed from the wire to avoid cutting the wire.

9. Strip 3/8” of the black casing off each end of the cable housing, exposing the metal core.

10. Push the exposed metal core into the cable adjuster and secure it with the included set screw (ACV-Q01-23). **Do not over-tighten or you may pinch and bind the cable.**
11. Insert the throttle cable wire between the washers and through the hole in the throttle cable clamp of the throttle quadrant but *do not tighten it*.

12. Push the exposed metal core of the throttle cable into the cable adjuster on the throttle quadrant and secure it with the included set screw (ACV-Q01-23). *Do not over-tighten or you may pinch and bind the cable.*

13. Push the throttle lever to the "full throttle" position.

14. Make sure the throttle slide of the AeroCarb is fully open (full throttle position).

15. Tighten the nut which secures the throttle cable wire in the throttle cable clamp.

16. Operate the cockpit throttle control through its full range of movement and make sure the throttle slide is opening completely as well as closing against the idle stop screw.

17. Trim the exposed throttle wire, leaving 1/4" to 3/8" extending beyond the washers.
Attaching a Flexible Wire Throttle Cable with Ball End to the AeroCarb

There are two types of cables with ball ends. Cables with cylindrical ends can be inserted directly in the slide of the AeroCarb, as shown in this photo.

The cylindrical end of the throttle cable rests in the hole in the throttle slide. This type of cable must be removed from the cable housing and re-installed through the cable adjuster, as the ball-end is too large to fit through the cable adjuster.

The other type of ball-end cable has a spherical ball end which requires a Ball Adapter, as shown in the photo to the right. This type of cable, together with the ball adapter, is an available option from Sonex Aircraft.

The spherical end of the cable is pulled into the ball adapter, and the ball adapter is inserted in the hole in the throttle slide.

Important: The ball end of the cable will not fit through the cable adjuster. Therefore, the cable must be removed from it's housing and re-inserted in the housing through the cable adjuster.

1. Disassemble the AeroCarb by removing the 6 machine screws which hold the body together.
2. Install a cable adjuster in the threaded hole at the end of the AeroCarb (see photo, page 8.). Do not allow the cable adjuster to interfere with the full opening of the throttle slide.
3. Remove the cable from the cable housing.
4. Pass the cable through the ball adapter (if required) and cable adjuster and then press it into the hole in the Throttle Slide.
5. Make sure the inside of the AeroCarb body is free of debris and re-assemble the AeroCarb. Check for free movement of the throttle slide.
6. Attach the AeroCarb to the intake manifold.
7. The throttle cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the throttle cable passes through the firewall.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the exhaust pipes.

The cable housing must be long enough to be inserted in the cable adjuster on the AeroCarb and on the throttle quadrant.

After determining the best cable routing, trim the housing to length. Do not trim the wire. The housing should be removed from the wire to avoid cutting the wire.

8. Slide the cable housing onto the cable.

9. Push the cable housing into the cable adjuster on the AeroCarb and secure it with the included set screw.

A set screw in the cable adjuster holds the cable housing in place.
10. Insert the throttle cable wire between the washers and through the hole in the throttle cable clamp but do not tighten it.

11. Push the cable housing into the cable adjuster on the throttle quadrant and secure it with the included set screw.

12. Push the throttle lever to the "full throttle" position.

13. Make sure the slide of the AeroCarb is fully open (full throttle position).

14. Tighten the nut which secures the throttle cable wire in the throttle cable clamp.

15. Trim the throttle wire.
Attaching a Flexible Throttle Cable with a Wire Stop

1. Disassemble the AeroCarb by removing the 6 machine screws which hold the body together.

2. Install a cable adjuster in the threaded hole on the end of the AeroCarb. Do not allow the cable adjuster to interfere with the full opening of the throttle slide. See photos on page 8.

3. Insert a wire stop (p/n ACV-T01-19) into the recess in the throttle slide.

4. Pass the flexible throttle cable through the cable adjuster and insert it through the wire stop. The slide has been drilled to allow the cable to extend through, and approximately 1/4" beyond, the wire stop.

5. Install a 1/8" long 8-32 socket set screw (part number ACV-Q01-23) in the cable stop to lock the cable in place. The set screw must be below the surface of the wire stop or it will interfere with the smooth operation of the throttle slide.

6. Make sure the inside of the AeroCarb body is free of debris and re-assemble the AeroCarb. Check for free movement of the throttle slide.

7. Attach the AeroCarb to the intake manifold.

8. The throttle cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the throttle cable passes through the firewall.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

CAUTION: Do not allow the throttle cable to come in contact with the exhaust pipes.

The cable housing must be long enough to be inserted in the cable adjuster on the AeroCarb and on the throttle quadrant.

After determining the best cable routing, trim the housing to length. Do not trim the cable. The housing should be removed from the cable to avoid cutting the cable.

9. Push the cable housing into the cable adjuster on the AeroCarb and secure it with the included set screw (ACV-Q01-23). Do not overtighten or you will pinch and bind the cable.

10. Insert the throttle cable between the washers and through the hole in the throttle cable clamp but do not tighten it.

11. Push the cable housing into the cable adjuster on the throttle quadrant and secure it with the included set screw. Do not overtighten or you will pinch and bind the cable.

12. Push the throttle lever to the "full throttle" position.

13. Make sure the slide of the AeroCarb is fully open (full throttle position).

14. Tighten the nut which secures the throttle cable wire in the throttle cable clamp.

15. Trim the throttle cable.
Install the Mixture Cable
The mixture cable must be a push-pull boden wire style cable.

Cable Routing
The mixture cable must be routed so it does not have any sharp bends. A grommet must be used where the mixture cable passes through the firewall.

CAUTION: Do not allow the mixture cable to come in contact with the battery terminals.

CAUTION: Do not allow the mixture cable to come in contact with the exhaust pipes.

Connecting the Mixture Cable
There are two types of mixture cable clamps. The most common is a hole through the intake bell with a set screw to lock the cable in place. Some models, however, have a clamp assembly attached to the body of the AeroCarb.

Note: Set-up of the mixture control is identical for either cable clamping method.

1. If necessary, up-drill the hole in the mixture cable clamp to fit your cable. Do not over-size the hole.

2. Insert the mixture cable housing in the mounting hole. Do not tighten the clamping screw at this time.

3. Pass the mixture cable through the swivel nut in the mixture arm. Do not tighten the swivel nut at this time.

4. Push the cockpit mixture control knob all the way in (full rich).

5. Rotate the mixture arm 45\(^\circ\) from perpendicular to the carburetor body, as shown in the following photo.

6. Slide the mixture cable housing in the mounting hole as needed until there is 2" of wire exposed between the mixture arm and the end of the mixture cable housing (see photo). Make sure the mixture arm is still in position (per step 5) and the cockpit mixture control knob is still pushed all the way in ("Full Rich").

7. Secure the mixture cable in the mixture cable clamp. Do not over-tighten the set screw used on most models of the AeroCarb. The set screw should firmly grip the mixture cable housing, but not bind the movement of the wire. The clamp-style mount can be fully tightened without crushing the cable.

8. Apply Locktite 242 to the screw of the swivel nut and tighten it against the wire. Do not over-tighten the screw. The set screw should firmly grip the mixture cable but still allow the swivel freedom to turn as the mixture arm is operated.
9. Operate the mixture knob several times. The mixture should operate smoothly. If it does not, make sure the mixture cable set screw has not been over-tightened (step 7), the swivel nut has not been over-tightened, and the cable routing is free of sharp bends.

10. Pull the mixture cable out until it stops ("Idle Cut-Off"). The mixture control arm must be in the "closed" position with some wire still exposed beyond the cable housing. If there is no wire visible (bottom photo), the mixture arm may not be fully closed.

When the cockpit mixture control knob is pulled all the way out (Idle Cut-off), there must still be some wire exposed between the cable housing and the mixture lever (see arrow). If there isn’t, contact with the cable housing may keep the mixture arm from closing fully.

11. Push the cockpit mixture control knob all the way in ("Full Rich"). The mixture arm must be at least 45° from perpendicular to the carburetor body, as shown in step 5.

Note: The position of the mixture arm on the fuel valve can be adjusted if needed.

a. Loosen the swivel nut and remove the mixture cable.

b. Turn the mixture arm clockwise until the fuel valve is seated in the off position.

c. Loosen the screw which locks the mixture arm on the fuel valve.

d. Rotate the mixture arm on the fuel shaft to the desired position. This will be the new "Idle Cut-off" position of the mixture arm.

e. Tighten the screw to lock the mixture arm in place.

f. Reconnect the mixture cable.

g. Make sure the cockpit mixture control still provides enough movement of the mixture arm to open the valve from "Idle Cut-off" to "Full Rich".

A screw locks the mixture arm in place on the fuel valve. Loosening the screw allows the position of the mixture arm to be adjusted.
Install the Fuel Line
Use "AN" aircraft grade fuel lines and fittings to connect the AeroCarb to your fuel system.

The fuel line must flow smoothly from the gascolator to the carburetor, with no part of the fuel hose rising higher than the carburetor fuel inlet. If the hose is higher than the fuel inlet at any point between the gascolator and the carburetor, an air pocket can form and hinder fuel flow.

The body of the AeroCarb is tapped to accept 1/8 NPT fittings. Apply teflon paste (do not use teflon tape) to the threads before installation.

Intake Air, Air Filter, and Carburetor Heat Installation
The intake bell of the AeroCarb is designed to accept 2-1/4" SCAT tubing. It may also be fitted directly with the optional AeroConversions air filter assembly (see page 17).

Carburetor Heat
The design of the AeroCarb makes it resistant to carburetor icing typically associated with carburetors that have venturis and butterfly valves. While each owner must make their own decision on installing and using carburetor heat - and some countries require it - we do not recommend it's use.

Intake Air and Air Filtering
The AeroCarb must be allowed to draw in combustion air freely - it is not designed for use with ram air. Ram air will cause the mixture to become lean as speed increases.

Intake air can be drawn through a remotely mounted carb heat/air filter box, or the optional AeroConversions air filter. Installation of the optional AeroConversions air filter is described on the next page.
Installing the Optional AeroConversions Air Filter or Intake Flange Adapter

The optional AeroConversions air filter or intake flange adapter are mounted directly to the intake bell of the AeroCarb. While these instructions are illustrated with photos of the air cleaner, they apply equally to the intake flange adapter.

IMPORTANT: While drilling and tapping the intake bell use care to keep debris from entering the AeroCarb.

1. Slide the air filter or intake flange adapter onto the intake bell as far as it will go.

*Note:* The mounting flange has 4 mounting holes, however only one bolt is needed to secure the air filter to the AeroCarb. At least two bolts must be used to mount the intake flange adapter. The other holes may be used for additional mounting bolts, if desired.

2. Insert a 3/16” diameter drill bit through any of the mounting holes in the air filter or intake flange adapter and twist it a few times to leave a mark on the AeroCarb’s intake bell.

3. Remove the air filter and carefully drill a 1/8” diameter pilot hole squarely through the intake bell at the mark.

4. Up-drill the hole with a #21 drill.

5. Tap the hole with a 10-32 tap.

6. Slide the air filter in place, apply Locktite 242 to the threads of the AN3 bolt, and install the bolt and AN960-10 washer.
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For Best Results...
Read and understand this entire chapter before tuning your AeroCarb. This chapter is broken into three sections: How the AeroCarb Works, Idle and Mixture Adjustments, and Tuning the AeroCarb. The first two sections contain important information you should understand before you begin to tune your AeroCarb.

How the AeroCarb Works
The Fuel Mixture Needle and Throttle Slide move as one unit when the cockpit throttle control is operated. The position of the mixture needle relative to the throttle slide determines the fuel/air ratio. The tuning process establishes the optimum fuel/air ratio for the full range of throttle travel.

Fuel Metering
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The fuel passing through the AeroCarb for combustion is metered by a tapered Fuel Mixture Needle. The needle moves inside the fuel orifice as the cockpit throttle control is operated, altering the amount of fuel that can pass through the orifice.

The fuel inlet and Mixture Control Valve.

This cut-away view shows the tapered fuel needle and fuel orifice. The throttle slide, in which the fuel needle is mounted, is also identified.

The AeroCarb is supplied with 3 different fuel needles. Each needle provides a different over-all fuel/air ratio and is stamped with a number: 1 through 3. The #1 needle is the leanest, and the #3 needle is the richest. The #2 needle is pre-installed, and is the correct needle for the majority of installations.

Air Metering
Combustion air is metered by the Throttle Slide. The throttle slide moves when the cockpit throttle control is operated, altering the opening of the air passage.

This cut-away view shows that at "Full Throttle", the throttle slide exposes the entire intake air passage.
For most installations the throttle slide should be allowed to open all the way. However, some installations may encounter rough engine operation or "balking" near full throttle. If this occurs, note the position of the throttle slide and adjust the throttle linkage to prevent the slide from opening fully. On some installations this may be as much as 1/4". See page 22.

**Idle Speed**
The idle speed is set by the position of the Idle Speed Stop Screw (if equipped) or the Idle Speed Stop Nut (early production AeroCars). These limit how far the throttle slide can close, assuring the engine has an adequate supply of fuel and air to run when the cockpit throttle control is fully retarded.

**Mixture and Idle Adjustments**

**IMPORTANT:** Read and become familiar with the entire Tuning Procedure before tuning your AeroCarb. This section does not describe how to tune the AeroCarb, rather, how to make the individual mixture and idle adjustments which will be necessary during the tuning process.

**Adjusting the Mixture Needle**
The Mixture Needle is mounted in a Needle Carrier which is installed in the throttle slide. The needle carrier has an Adjustment Screw which allows infinite adjustment of the mixture needle.

**Mixture Needles**

While it is seldom necessary to remove the needle carrier during tuning, this photo shows clearly the needle carrier which is installed in the throttle slide. The AeroCarb comes with three different needles.

To adjust the Mixture Needle:
1. Lock the throttle in the "Full Throttle" position.
2. Remove the dust cap.
3. A set screw locks the Needle Carrier in place. Remove the set screw with a 3/16" ball end hex wrench.

4. Adjust the mixture needle with a 3/16" ball end hex wrench. Adjust the needle in 1/8 to 1/2 (maximum) turn increments.

   To richen the mixture, turn the wrench counter-clockwise.
   To lean the mixture, turn the wrench clockwise.

5. Re-install the set screw so it is snug against the needle carrier.

   IMPORTANT: Always re-install the set screw after an adjustment has been made. Running the engine without the set screw in place can allow the position of the mixture needle to change.

6. Re-install the dust cap.

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Changing the Mixture Needle

The AeroCarb is supplied with three different mixture needles, each offering a richer or leaner fuel ratio across the entire throttle range. Each needle is stamped with a number on its flat taper: 1, 2 or 3. Needle 1 provides the leanest mixture, and 3 the richest. The number 2 needle is factory installed and is the correct needle for most applications.

Note: Other needle profiles are available. Please contact AeroConversions to discuss your needs if the standard needles do not provide proper results.

A needle should only be replaced after tuning efforts have shown the installed needle is too rich or too lean across the entire throttle range, as described in "Tuning the AeroCarb".

To Replace a Mixture Needle:

1. Lock the throttle in the "Full Throttle" position.
2. Remove the dust cap.
3. Remove the set screw with a 3/16" ball end hex wrench.
4. Remove the needle carrier from the throttle slide with a 3/16" ball end hex wrench turned counter-clockwise.

5. Loosen the set screw which locks the mixture needle in the needle carrier with a 1/16" hex wrench and remove the needle.

6. Install a needle with a richer or leaner profile, as needed. Make sure the notch in the needle lines up with the set screw and re-install the set screw.
7. Use a fine point marker to mark the beginning of the needle's taper. Make sure the mark encircles the entire needle.

8. Re-install the needle carrier in the throttle slide. Make sure the flat, tapered side of the needle faces the engine side of the AeroCarb. Screw the carrier into the throttle slide until the marker line on the needle is visible at the edge of the throttle slide.

9. Re-install the set screw so it is snug against the needle carrier.

   **IMPORTANT:** Always re-install the set screw after an adjustment has been made. Running the engine without the set screw in place can allow the position of the mixture needle to change.

10. Re-install the cap.

### Adjusting the Idle Speed Stop Screw or Nut

The idle speed stop screw or nut control the idle speed by limiting how far the throttle slide can close. If the slide closes too far, fuel and air will be restricted and the engine will stop. If the slide does not close enough, the engine will idle too high.

The idle speed stop screw is adjusted with a 9/64" hex wrench. The screw is locked in place with lock nut tightened against the AeroCarb's body.

- To **increase** the idle speed, turn the idle screw or nut **clockwise**.
- To **decrease** the idle speed, turn the idle screw or nut **counter-clockwise**.

Idle adjustments may be needed during initial tuning, but the final idle setting is performed after the mixture needle has been properly set and the engine is warm (oil temp. at least 100°F.) Refer to your engine specifications for the correct idle speed.

A 9/64" hex wrench is used to adjust the Idle Speed Stop Screw. The lock nut is tightened / loosened with an 11/32" open-end wrench.

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**The Idle Speed Stop Nut on early-production AeroCarbs is an elastic stop nut which will hold its position. It can be adjusted with 7/16 wrench.**
Adjusting the "Full Throttle" Position of the Throttle Slide

Some installations may encounter rough engine operation or "balking" near full throttle. If this occurs, the movement of the throttle slide needs to be limited to prevent it from opening and exposing the entire intake air passage. On some installations this may be as much as 1/4".

To adjust the "Full Throttle" position for "Push/Pull" throttle cable installations:

1. Note the position of the throttle slide just before rough operation begins.
2. Push the cockpit throttle control fully forward and lock it in place.
3. Loosen the throttle cable clamp with a 9/64 hex wrench.
4. Slide the throttle cable back until the throttle slide is in the position noted in step 1.
5. Tighten the throttle cable clamp.

To adjust the "Full Throttle" position for "Pull" style Reversing Throttle Quadrant installations:

1. Note the position of the throttle slide just before rough operation begins.
2. Adjust the throttle cable's length/position so the throttle lever is in the full throttle position, but the throttle slide is in the position noted in step 1. This will generally require shortening the throttle cable.

Note: In some installations the cable adjuster (see page 8) can be threaded farther into the AeroCarb's body and used as a positive stop for limiting the throttle slide's travel.
When is it in Tune?

A properly tuned AeroCarb will accept throttle changes smoothly, without missing or balking, and, at full throttle, will exhibit an Exhaust Gas Temperature (EGT) increase of 90°F to 100°F when the cockpit mixture control is pulled from "Full Rich" to "Peak Lean".

We define Peak Lean as the engine manufacturer's maximum recommended EGT. While this varies from engine to engine, most engines set a maximum EGT near 1400°F. Refer to your engine's operating limits.

Note: Since calibration of EGT gauges/probes is difficult, the EGT should be used to measure change in temperature rather than absolute temperature.

Peak Lean generally occurs just before the engine begins to run rough. Continuing to pull the cockpit mixture control further lean will result in higher than recommended EGTs, rough engine operation, and, eventually, fuel starvation.

What is "Rich"?

We define "rich" as a fuel/air ratio which has too much fuel.

Symptoms:

- Black, smoky exhaust.
- Engine runs with weak, intermittent firing.
- Pulling the mixture control knob towards lean will improve engine firing and reduce the amount of black exhaust.
- EGT increases more than 100°F when the cockpit mixture control is pulled back from "Full Rich" to "Peak Lean".

Action to take:

- Turn the needle adjustment clockwise in 1/8 to 1/4 turn increments and run the engine to test the new setting.
- If continued needle adjustments do not produce the desired 90°F to 100°F EGT spread, install a lowered number needle. See page 20.
- If your fuel system requires a fuel pump, the pressure regulator may need to be set lower (1 to 2 psi is normal).

What is "Lean"?

We define "lean" as a fuel/air ratio which has too little fuel.

Symptoms:

- Engine will not start
- Engine runs rough and exhaust is free of black smoke.
- Engine runs rough and does not improve, or stalls, as the cockpit mixture control is pulled towards lean.
- Engine will not take throttle.

Action to take:

- EGT climbs quickly to, and above, temperatures recommended for your engine.
- EGT increases less than 90°F when the cockpit mixture control is pulled back from "Full Rich" to peak lean.

Compensating for Seasonal Changes

Some climates may require small seasonal adjustments to the mixture needle. These are generally needed once in late Fall and again in late Spring to compensate for changing air density. If your engine exhibits symptoms of running too rich as the weather warms, and too lean as the weather cools, the mixture needle may need to be adjusted no more than 1/4 to 1/2 turn richer or leaner, as appropriate.
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Tuning the AeroCarb - Step by Step

IMPORTANT: Read and understand this entire chapter before tuning your AeroCarb. This chapter is broken into three sections: How the AeroCarb Works, Mixture and Idle Adjustments, and Tuning the AeroCarb. The first two sections contain important information you should understand before you begin to tune your AeroCarb.

DANGER: Avoid serious injury or death. Turn the engine off using a checklist before making any adjustments to the AeroCarb. A typical checklist is provided on page 25 of this manual, but it may need to be modified for your particular aircraft.

DANGER: Avoid serious injury or death. Remain clear of the propeller at all times while tuning the AeroCarb.

DANGER: Avoid serious injury or death. Tie down and chock the aircraft while tuning the carburetor.

WARNING: Avoid serious burns. The engine and exhaust will become hot during the tuning process.

CAUTION: Avoid damaging the engine. Air cooled engines are not adequately cooled during ground operations. Monitor your engine's temperatures and oil pressure, and limit ground running as much as possible.

IMPORTANT: Tuning should be done with a qualified helper. One person remains in the cockpit to operate the throttle and monitor the engine instruments while the other makes adjustments to the AeroCarb (only after the engine is shut down!) and observes the exhaust.

Tools Required
- 3/16" Hex Wrench
- 9/64" Hex Wrench
- Start-up checklist (see page 25.)
- Shut-down Checklist (see page 25.)

To Tune the AeroCarb:
1. Tie-down and chock the aircraft.
2. Set the parking brake
3. Make sure the aircraft has an adequate fuel supply.
4. Start the engine using an appropriate checklist.
   ● If the engine starts and idles smoothly, even with slightly black exhaust, allow the engine's oil temperature to warm up to 100°F. Do not allow the CHT and EGT to exceed the engine manufacturer's limit. Continue to step 5.
   ● If the engine does not start, or starts and runs rough, shut down the engine using an appropriate checklist and adjust the mixture needle as needed. See "When is it in Tune?" page 23. After making an adjustment, repeat this step.
5. Gradually increase the throttle to full static RPM.
   ● If the engine takes full throttle well with clean exhaust, continue with step 6.
   ● If the engine takes full throttle well but exhibits some black exhaust, shut down the engine using an appropriate checklist and adjust the mixture needle leaner. See "When is it in Tune?" page 23. After making an adjustment, repeat step 4.
   ● If the engine runs rough, balks, or quits, shut down the engine using an appropriate checklist and adjust the mixture needle as needed. See "When is it in Tune?" page 23. After making an adjustment, repeat step 4.
   ● If the engine takes throttle well but balks or runs rough only at or near full throttle, the Throttle Slide's travel needs to be limited. Shut down the engine using an appropriate checklist and adjust the Throttle Slide. See page 22. After making an adjustment, repeat step 4.
6. With the engine running at full throttle:
   a. Gradually pull the cockpit mixture control lean until the engine begins to run rough, and then richen slightly for smooth operation. Note the EGT.
   b. Advance the cockpit mixture control to full rich and note the EGT.
   c. Retard the throttle smoothly to idle and shut down the engine using an appropriate checklist
   ● If the EGT spread was 90°F to 100°F, and the engine responded well to the throttle through the entire range, the mixture needle is properly set. Continue with step 7.
   ● If the EGT spread was greater than 90°F to 100°F, the mixture is too rich. Adjust the mixture needle for a leaner mixture (see page 19).
   ● If the EGT spread was less than 90°F to 100°F, the mixture is too lean. Adjust the mixture needle for a richer mixture (see page 19).
   ● If continued adjustment does not achieve the desired 90°F to 100°F spread, try the next numbered mixture needle. See "Changing the Mixture Needle", page 20.
7. After the mixture needle is properly set, final idle adjustments can be made (see page 21).
8. Test run the engine through it's full RPM range and make sure it:
   ● Responds to the throttle smoothly
   ● Idles properly
   ● Exhibits a 90°F to 100°F EGT differential at full throttle when the cockpit mixture control is pulled from full rich to "peak lean".

Note: Additional tuning may be needed after initial flight testing or after a new engine has been broken in.
Starting Checklist - Electric Start
1. Brakes - Set
2. Mixture - Full Lean (Idle Cut-off)
3. Fuel Valve - On
4. Master - On
5. Mags - On
6. Throttle - Slightly Open
7. Fuel Pump - On
8. Clear Prop
9. Mixture - Full Rich
   Note: With the mixture open and the fuel valve on, fuel will flow through the carburetor. Do not delay starting the engine.
10. Starter - Engaged

The engine will normally start with one or two turns of the propeller in warm weather and six to eight turns in cold weather. If the engine does not start immediately, pull the mixture off, turn off the fuel pump, and close the fuel valve before investigating the problem.

Starting Checklist - Hand Propping
DANGER: Do not attempt to hand prop an aircraft without proper training. Serious injury or death can occur.
WARNING: Do not hand prop an aircraft equipped with an electric starter. Remove the aircraft from service until proper repairs can be made to the electric starting system.
1. Tie down and chock the aircraft.
2. Brakes - Set
3. Mags - Off
4. Mixture - Full Lean (Idle Cut-off)
5. Fuel Valve - On
6. Throttle - Slightly Open
7. Mixture - Full Rich for a few seconds then Full Lean. This "primes" the engine.
8. Pull prop through 2 to 4 blades
9. Mags - On
10. Prop engine until it starts.
11. Mixture - Full Rich

If the engine does not start, repeat procedure.

Flooded Engine - Clearing
Weak, intermittent firing indicates flooding. Excess fuel can be cleared from the combustion chambers with the following procedure:
1. Mixture - Full Lean (Idle Cut-off)
2. Fuel pump - Off
3. Fuel shut off valve - Off
4. Mag switch - Off
5. Throttle - Full Open
6. Engage the starter for a few seconds.
7. Repeat the starting procedure.

Leaning for Best Performance at Cruise
Take-off, climb, and landing must always be performed with the mixture set at full rich. Once level cruise has been established, however, engine performance and fuel economy will both benefit by proper leaning.
1. Establish level cruise.
2. Slowly pull the mixture control Lean until the engine begins to run a little rough.
3. Note the maximum indicated EGT (if the aircraft is equipped with an EGT).
4. Slowly push the mixture control Rich until the engine runs smooth. If your aircraft has an EGT, this will be approximately 50 degrees F. cooler than the temperature noted in step 3.

Adjusting the mixture as described above will result in maximum power (higher RPMs), as well as minimum fuel consumption for any throttle setting.
Important: Mixture adjustment must be repeated with any change in throttle setting or altitude.
5. Push the mixture control to "Full Rich" before landing.

Shut-Down Checklist
1. Mixture - Full Rich
2. Throttle - Idle
3. Fuel Pump - Off
4. Mixture - Full Lean (Idle Cut-off)
5. Ignition - Off
6. Fuel Valve - Off (Closed)
   WARNING: Fire hazard. Failure to turn off the main fuel valve may result in fuel flowing from the AeroCarb after shut-down.
7. Master switch - Off
8. Mags - Off
TROUBLESHOOTING

Sticky Throttle
Improper throttle cable used.
Replace cable.

Kinked or sharply bent throttle cable.
Reroute cable to eliminate kinks, sharp bends.

Throttle arm misaligned, causing side loads on throttle slide.
Loosen the locknut on throttle arm and rotate throttle arm slightly on threaded rod until throttle moves freely. Carefully re-tighten lock nut against throttle arm.

AeroCarb modified by installer with additional linkages, return springs, brackets, etc.
Restore AeroCarb to original configuration and install according to this manual.

Throttle cable lining melted from excessive heat.
Replace cable. Route cable clear of exhaust system.

Sticky Mixture Cable
Kinked or sharply bent mixture cable.
Reroute cable to eliminate kinks, sharp bends.

Unsupported length of mixture cable too long near AeroCarb mixture lever.
Install mixture cable as shown in this manual.

AeroCarb modified by installer with additional linkages, brackets, etc.
Restore AeroCarb to original configuration and install according to this manual.

Mixture cable lining melted from excessive heat.
Replace cable. Route cable clear of exhaust system.

Fuel Leaks from AeroCarb
Because of the AeroCarb’s floatless design, fuel will drip/flow from the AeroCarb if the fuel is on. The flow will increase if the throttle is open, the cockpit mixture control is moved towards “Rich”, or a fuel pump is on. This is normal and does not represent a defect.

To keep fuel from flowing from the AeroCarb when the engine is turned off, always keep the fuel shut-off valve turned off, the cockpit mixture control pulled out to “Idle Cut-off”, the fuel pump off, and the throttle at “Idle”. Always use one of the start-up/shut-down checklists in this manual to prevent fuel from running from the AeroCarb.

Fuel leak from Mixture Control Valve
Remove mixture control valve, replace O-Ring and lubricate it with fuel-proof valve seal.

Unable to Tune the AeroCarb
Fuel delivery inadequate.
Inspect fuel system for restrictions.

Make sure the cockpit mixture control is set on "Full Rich" and the AeroCarb mixture lever is properly positioned.

Make sure the fuel tank has sufficient fuel for consistent head pressure while tuning.

Fuel delivery excessive.
Install a pressure regulator if a fuel pump is used.

Fuel pressure set too high/low on aircraft requiring a fuel pump.

Mixture needle improperly installed.
"Flat" of the mixture needle not facing the proper direction. Refer to the "Tuning Procedures" section of this manual.

Mixture needle lock screw not installed after each mixture needle adjustment, allowing the needle to move while the engine is running.
Install the mixture needle lock screw after each mixture adjustment.

Incorrect needle installed.
Install a different needle per tuning instructions in this manual.

Needle has been modified from original profile.
Discard needle and replace with a new one from AeroConversions.

Needle adjustments too aggressive.
Limit needle adjustments to 1/2 turn or less.

AeroCarb modified by installer.
Restore AeroCarb to original configuration.

Air intake restricted.
Inspect air intake for restrictions, sharp bends, dirty air filters, etc.

Ram air installed.
Remove ram air.

Engine requires service.
An engine in need of maintenance will be difficult or impossible to tune. Check valve settings, cylinder compression, timing, magnetos, spark plugs and wires. Inspect intake manifold for leaks.

The AeroCarb is an extremely simple design which can be expected to function faultlessly if properly installed and tuned. If you experience problems with your AeroCarb, please review this list of troubleshooting tips for possible causes, and the contents of this manual for proper installation/tuning/operation. Should you be unable to identify or resolve your problem, do not hesitate to contact AeroConversions for technical assistance.

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PARTS LIST

AeroCarb Model Numbers*
Throat Diameter:  Model No.*:
26mm ..............ACV-C01
29mm ..............ACV-C02
32mm ..............ACV-C03
35mm ..............ACV-C04
38mm ..............ACV-C05

*Model no. is stamped on body.

Intake Side of AeroCarb

Engine Side of AeroCarb

Mixture Cable Clamp, Reversed Body Modification (not shown)

Note: Specifications subject to change without notice.

AeroCarb Parts List
Note: When an "x" appears in a part number, substitute the AeroCarb size (1 through 5) for the "x". The sizes are shown in the chart above, and are stamped on the AeroCarb body.

Key Part No. Description
1.........ACV-C0x-10 ............Carburetor Body (as shown)
   ACV-C0x-01 ............Carburetor Body (Slide cavity on intake side)
2.........ACV-C0x-09 ............Delrin Gasket
3.........ACV-C0x-02 ............Cover Plate
4.........ACV-Z01-50 ............Viton O-Ring (#135)
5.........ACV-C0x-05 ............Intake Bell, 1.5" O.D. Spigot (shown)
   ACV-C0x-06 ............Intake Bell, 2" O.D. Spigot
   ACV-C0x-07 ............Intake Bell, 2.5" Square Flange
   ACV-C0x-08 ............Intake Bell, 3" Square Flange
6.........ACV-Z01-61 ............MS Hex Nut (MS21042-08)
7.........ACV-C0x-12 ............Slide (Anodized (blue))
   ACV-C0x-03 ............Slide (Teflon Coated)
8.........ACV-Z01-56 ............1/4-20 Jam Lock Nut
9.........ACV-C10-02 ............Slide Arm
10........ACV-Z01-57 ............1/4-20 Cup Point Set Screw - S/S
11........ACV-C10-05 ............Needle Holder
12........ACV-Z01-58 ............6-32 x 1/8 Set Screw - S/S
13........ACV-C10-1x ............Needle
   For "x", insert needle no. 1 thru 5; 1 is the leanest, 5 is the richest. Needles 1, 2 and 3 are provided with carb.
14........ACV-Z01-51 ............Viton O-Ring (#010)
15........ACV-C10-06 ............Mixture / Fuel Shaft
16........ACV-C10-01 ............Mixture Adjustment Arm
17........ACV-Z01-62 ............Azusa Wire Swivel Nut and Screw
18........ACV-Z01-60 ............Plug, Black Plastic
19........ACV-Z01-52 ............8-32 x 1" SHCS - S/S
20........ACV-Z01-53 ............8-32 x 1-1/2" SHCS - S/S
21........ACV-Z01-54 ............8-32 x 1/4" Patched SHCS - S/S
22........ACV-C05-04 ............Bell, Intake Housing
23........ACV-C10-34 ............Throttle Cable Sleeve Bushing
24........ACV-C10-33 ............Throttle Cable Clamp
25........ACV-Z01-55 ............8-32 x 1/2" Patched SHCS - S/S
26........ACV-C10-35 ............Mixture Cable Mount, Reversed Body Modification
27........ACV-Z01-52 ............8-32 x 1" Socket Head Cap Screw - S/S
28........ACV-Z01-66 ............8-32 Jam Nut - S/S

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