

Cessna 150/152/172 Exterior Checklist

The exterior preflight should begin behind the pilot side door

All Control Surfaces remember HMS	NOSE/ENGINE	REQUIRED ITEMS-IF NO INSTRUCTOR
HINGES.....SECURE	Engine Oil.....4 Qts Min (150)	Government Photo ID
MOVEMENT.....FULL DEFLECTION6 Qts Min (172)	FAA Medical
SOUND.....NO SCREECHING	Oil Filler Cap.....SECURE	(If Solo) Student Pilot Certificate
	Oil Filler Door.....LATCHED	(If Licensed) FAA Pilot Certificate
Exterior Lighting	Nose Fuel Sump(s).....SUMP	(If Student) Instructor Endorsements
Battery Master.....ON	Nose Wheel and Tire.....CHECK	
Flaps.....DOWN	Propeller and Spinner.....CHECK	POSSIBLE FLIGHT MATERIALS
All Lights & Pitot Heat.....ON	Engine Cooling Air Inlet.....CHECK	Hood
Position.....CHECK	Alternator Belt (If Applicable).....CHECK	Headset(s)
Anti-Collision.....CHECK	Engine Air Inlet.....CHECK	Sectional Charts
Strobes.....CHECK	Engine Cowling Condition.....CHECK	(IFR) Approach Plates
Beacon.....CHECK	External Power.....DISCONNECTED	(IFR) Enroute Charts
Landing Light.....CHECK	Static Source Opening.....CHECK	(IFR) Current Airplane GPS Database
Battery Master.....OFF	Nose/Engine Preflight.....COMPLETE	(Night) Multi-color Flashlight
		Warm Clothes for Off-Airport Landing
EMPENNAGE	LEFT WING	
Baggage Door.....CLOSED	Left Wing Leading Edge.....CHECK	
Empennage Left Side.....CHECK	Fuel Vent.....INSPECT	
Horizontal Stabilizer Condition.....CHECK	Stall Warning/AOA Indicator.....CHECK	
Elevator Condition.....CHECK	Pitot Tube Cover.....REMOVE	
Elevator Trim Tab.....CHECK	Pitot Tube.....INSPECT	
Tail Tiedown.....REMOVE	Left Wingtip Condition.....CHECK	
Rudder General Condition.....CHECK	Left Aileron/Aileron Hinges.....CHECK	
Rudder Gust Lock.....REMOVE	Left Flap Condition.....CHECK	
Antennas.....VISUALLY INSPECT	Left Wing Strut.....CHECK	
Empennage Right.....CHECK	Left Wing Tiedown.....REMOVE	
Empennage Preflight.....COMPLETE	Left Wing Fuel Sump(s).....SUMP	
	Left Wing Fuel Quantity.....4 Gal Min (150)	
20 Gal Min (172)	
RIGHT WING	Left Wing Fuel Cap.....SECURE	
Right Flap Condition.....CHECK	Main Wheel and Tire.....CHECK	
Right Aileron/Aileron Hinges.....CHECK	Left Brake Assembly.....CHECK	
Right Wingtip Condition.....CHECK	Left Wing Preflight.....COMPLETE	
Right Wing Leading Edge.....CHECK		
Right Wing Tiedown.....REMOVE		
Right Wing Strut.....CHECK	EXTERIOR PREFLIGHT COMPLETE	
Right Wing Fuel Sump(s).....SUMP		
Right Wing Fuel Quantity.....4 Gal Min (150)		
.....20 Gal Min (172)		
Right Wing Fuel Cap.....SECURE		
Main Wheel and Tire Condition.....CHECK		
Right Brake Assembly.....CHECK		
Right Wing Preflight.....COMPLETE		