



Safety Brief #102: Cessna Fuel selector has 4 specific positions only (6/28/2024)

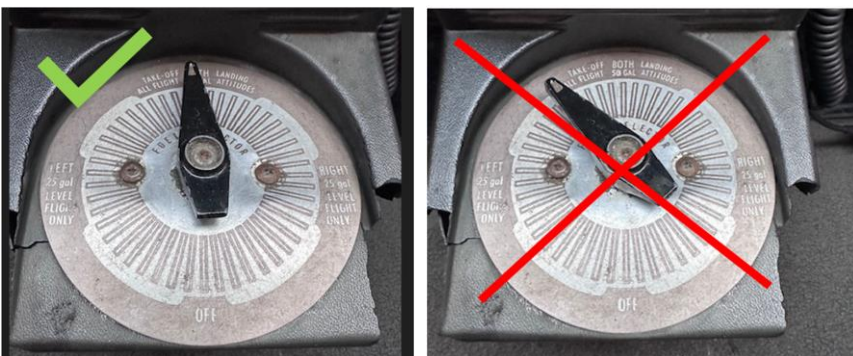
CFI Teamsters,

Many Cessna years and models have a decorative plate on the Fuel Selector. Its obvious to us but I have learned it is not obvious to all pilots that there are only 4 correct positions for the fuel selector (Left, Right, Both, Off). Placing the fuel selector in any other position will prevent fuel flow as the fuel lines in the selector are not lined up etc.

Like I said, it has always been obvious to us, but twice now in my aviation career I have seen 2 instances of pilots placing the selector in an illegal setting (fake example below).

- Once 10 years ago I received a call from a pilot who 'was losing engine power but fortunately following the emergency procedure and placing the selector to 'both'...and magically the engine came back to life.
- The second instance was in a conversation and listening to someone explain how they will put the selector partially to bias fuel flow from one side when they notice an imbalance of fuel usage "but only want to bias it a little for this long xc" oh please no.

So just a reminder, share with your brand-new students who don't see this as obvious 😊 The decorative lines DO NOT represent positions to place the fuel selector.



Have fun, stay safe. Feel free to share/forward.

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