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#### SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The cabin heater system is a bleed air type which incorporates the multiple ejector concept as shown by Figure 1.

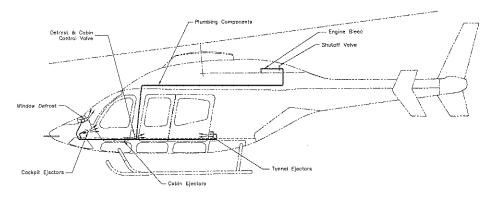


Figure 1. General Arrangement - Cabin Heater System

The system consists of a series of small heater ejector assemblies which are located as follows: Two cockpit ejectors, located forward of the anti-torque pedals; two cabin ejectors, located under the cockpit seats; and two tunnel ejectors, located in the fuselage side panels. Two additional ejectors are included to provide warm air for windshield defogging.

The heater ejectors mix engine bleed air with re-circulated cabin air and exhausts warm air to the floor area of the cabin. The air circulation through the ejector is achieved by the bleed air pressure.

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The CABIN HEAT switch has three positions: "OFF," "ON," and "OVRD ON," see Figure 2.

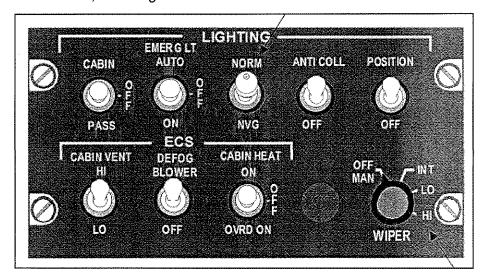


Figure 2. Cabin Heat Control Switch - Center Console Aft

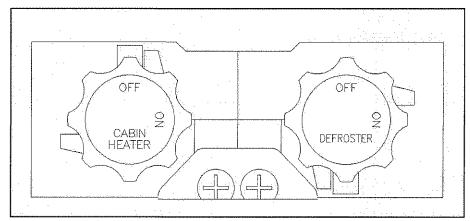


Figure 3. Cabin Heater & Defroster Control Valves Center Console - Aft

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The system features a typically closed, electrically operated firewall shutoff valve which is energized by the CABIN HEAT "ON" switch, see Figure 2.

The cockpit, cabin, and tunnel ejectors air flow can be adjusted manually by the CABIN HEATER control valve, see Figure 3.

The air flow of the two cockpit ejectors can be adjusted independently by adjusting the nozzle on the face of the outlet as shown in Figure 7. This adjustment must be accomplished on the ground (i.e. not accessible during flight).

To operate the defroster, the DEFOG PULL knob must be pulled, see Figure 6. The fresh air should be closed. However, the fresh air booster blowers may be used. The defroster is adjusted manually by the DEFROSTER control valves, see Figure 3. When the DEFOG PULL knob is pushed the air is routed to the cockpit fresh air outlets.

This system incorporates check valves which are designed to prevent bleed air backflow in the event of loss of one engine.

The heater system is equipped with a series of temperature sensors. An over-temperature condition will result in CABIN HEAT HOT (Figure 4) illumination on the DU (Display Unit), and automatic closure of the system shutoff valve.

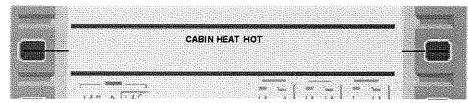


Figure 4. CABIN HEAT HOT caution message displayed on Display Unit (DU).

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The message will remain, even if area has cooled down, until CABIN HEAT switch is switched to "OFF". The heater operation can be restored, after the area which experienced the increased temperature has cooled, and by switching the heater CABIN HEAT switch from "HTR" to "OFF" to "HTR." However, use of the heater is not recommended until the cause of the occurrence has been determined.

The heater electrical system provides for automatic heater cutoff (closure of the firewall shut-off valve) in the event of an OEI occurrence. Heat can be restored during OEI by switching the CABIN HEAT switch to "OVRD ON." When AEO is restored the heater will once again cutoff. Heat can then be restored by switching the CABIN HEAT switch to "ON"

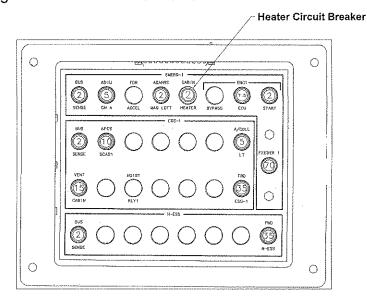


Figure 5. Heater Circuit Breaker - right hand tunnel panel

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## **SECTION 1 – LIMITATIONS**

#### **OPERATION**

 CABIN HEAT Switch shall be OFF during engine start and shut down.

# **PLACARDS & MARKINGS**



Figure 6. Defog push-pull cable: located pilot side adjacent to inboard air outlets

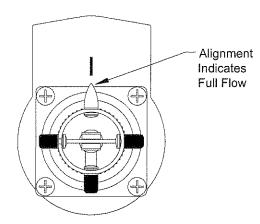


Figure 7. Cockpit Heater Outlet (Ground adjustable only)

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DO NOT BLOCK HEATER INLET OR OUTLET

Figure 8. Cabin & Tunnel Heater Outlets: Located under crew seats and in the aft side panels

#### **SECTION 2 – NORMAL PROCEDURES**

#### **ENGINE PRESTART CHECK**

- CABIN HEAT switch OFF.
- CABIN HEATER valve As desired.
- DEFROSTER valve As desired

#### BEFORE TAKEOFF or INFLIGHT

- CABIN HEATER valve As desired
- DEFROSTER valve As desired
- DEFOG PULL knob Pull for ON (Pilot and/or co-pilot) for defroster with fresh air vents closed.

#### NOTE

If aircraft was started with the CABIN HEAT switch in the ON position, move CABIN HEAT switch to OFF then ON.

#### **NOTE**

Operation of the cabin heater above 70° F (21°C) ambient may result in excessive outlet temperature.

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#### SECTION 3 – EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

#### CABIN HEAT HOT Caution -

- Move CABIN HEAT switch to OFF
- Verify heater has shut off by sensing lack of warm air from outlets.
- Land as soon as possible if heater has not shut-off.

#### NOTE

Heater operation can be restored after CABIN HEAT HOT following cool-down by operating the CABIN HEAT switch to OFF and back to ON

#### NOTE

Heater operation can be restored during OEI flight by moving the CABIN HEAT switch to OVRD ON. Monitor MGT and  $N_{\rm G}$ .

## **SECTION 4 - PERFORMANCE**

For changes from the basic Rotorcraft Flight Manual refer to Rotorcraft Flight Manual Revision TR-1 Dated 11 June 2010 or subsequent FAA approved revisions for HEATER ON Aircraft Performance Data.

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