

**CESSNA 172SP**  
**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE (QRG)**  
**X Plane 12 Use ONLY**



### **TAKEOFF & CLIMB**

- **V<sub>r</sub> (Rotation Speed):** 55 KIAS
- **V<sub>x</sub> (Best Angle of Climb):** 62 KIAS
- **V<sub>y</sub> (Best Rate of Climb):** 74 KIAS
- **Normal Climb Speed:** 75–85 KIAS (flaps up)
- **Flaps for Takeoff:** 0°–10° depending on runway length

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### **CRUISE PERFORMANCE**

- **Typical Cruise Speed:** 110–120 KTAS
- **Cruise Power Setting:** 2200–2500 RPM
- **Best Economy:** Leaned mixture, 65% power (~105 KTAS)
- **Recommended Altitude:** 3,000 – 9,000 ft AGL

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### **DESCENT**

- **Normal Descent:** 90–100 KIAS | ~500 fpm
- **Approach Descent:** 65–75 KIAS with flaps

- **Power-Off Descent:** Maintain 68 KIAS (best glide)

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## APPROACH & LANDING

- **Downwind:** 90 KIAS | Flaps 0°
- **Base:** 80 KIAS | Flaps 10°–20°
- **Final:** 65–70 KIAS | Flaps 30° (full)
- **Short Field Approach:** 61 KIAS | Flaps full
- **Flare Speed:** Reduce to 50–60 KIAS just before touchdown
- **Braking:** Smooth braking, elevator back pressure

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## V-SPEEDS SUMMARY

V-Speed	Value (KIAS)	Definition
V <sub>so</sub>	40	Stall speed in landing config (full flaps)
V <sub>s1</sub>	48	Stall speed in clean config (flaps up)
V <sub>r</sub>	55	Rotation speed
V <sub>x</sub>	62	Best angle of climb
V <sub>y</sub>	74	Best rate of climb
V <sub>g</sub>	68	Best glide speed (max gross weight)
V <sub>fe</sub>	85 (10°), 75 (20°–30°)	Max flap extension speeds
V <sub>a</sub>	90 @ 1900 lbs, 105 @ 2550 lbs	Maneuvering speed (weight dependent)
V <sub>no</sub>	129	Max structural cruising speed
V <sub>ne</sub>	163	Never exceed speed

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## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

- **Best Glide:** 68 KIAS
- **Engine Out Procedure:**
  - Airspeed: 68 KIAS
  - Landing Site: Identify
  - Fuel Selector: Both
  - Mixture: Rich

- Throttle: Full
- Carb Heat: On
- Primer: In & Locked
- Master: On
- Magnetos: Both (Start if prop windmilling)
- **Short Field Landing:**
  - Approach Speed: 61 KIAS (Flaps full)
  - Full braking, nose high attitude

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## NOTES

- All speeds assume maximum gross weight and sea level unless stated.
- $V_g$  (glide) speed varies slightly with weight.
- $V_a$  (maneuvering speed) must be reduced at lighter weights.

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