

the twin that challenges comparison

The B55 BARON
by Beechcraft





Spacious cabin is equipped with four large reclining chairs and has ample room to accommodate five or six people by adding either an optional fifth seat or two individual fold-away rear seats.



High, wide and handsome, the Baron interior has no equal for comfort and refinement. It's like flying along in your favorite lounge chair. Tall, contoured seat backs are finger-tip adjustable to any angle—from vertical to full horizontal—and controlled by exclusive Hydra Lock... effortlessly! Generous fore-and-aft travel make seats further adjustable to individual comfort requirements. Chair arms neatly fold away, providing a handy access aisle between seats. The huge windows provide unequalled visibility for all passengers and are tinted for resistance to glare, heat and fading. Fresh air is available in abundance inside the Baron, zone controlled for indi-

vidual comfort. A high capacity heating plant provides enough heated fresh air to keep the cabin snug and cozy in frigid temperatures. On the ground, outdoor fresh air ventilation is easily accomplished by opening the big center cabin windows. These openable windows are a typical example of Beechcraft comfort advantages found in no other light twin. Naturally, such extra conveniences as glove compartment, sunshades, individual ash trays and hat shelf are standard in the Baron. You won't believe how smooth and quiet it is until you have flown in it. The sound of speed becomes a whisper. The bothers of other ways of travel become memories.

Here's the NEW BARON!

The Ultimate

WITH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE,

BARON!

LIGHT TWIN

COMFORT, SAFETY, QUALITY, ECONOMY AND VALUE!



Cruising swiftly and silently at speeds up to 236 miles per hour, the Baron presents a picture of sleek efficiency to all it passes. Even at its normal climb speed of 160 mph (almost as fast as some light twins cruise) it gains altitude at a solid 1,000 feet per minute, and its maximum rate of climb is over 1,700 feet per minute! Capable of operation through a wide range of cruising speeds, this remarkable twin can swiftly span distances well over 1,000 miles without refueling. And when it comes to carrying loads, the Baron's efficiency, strength and *available room* permit it to carry more people and their luggage farther and faster than any other light twin. Superior

stability, inherent in the design of the Baron, helps to make it an excellent airplane for operation in instrument flying conditions. Anti-icing and de-icing equipment is available, of course, for maximum all-weather utility. No other plane in its field combines so much speed, range, fast climb-out, big load capacity, amazing fuel economy, high structural strength, and so many deluxe features included in its standard price. And no other plane matches Beechcraft's high trade-in value! When you compare planes, not claims, it's easy to see why so many professional pilots say the Beechcraft Baron is the best investment, dollar for dollar, that you can make in a light twin.

THE WORLD IS SMALL WHEN YOU FLY A BEECHCRAFT



WHEREVER YOU FLY YOUR BARON, you will find the alert, well-trained Beechcraft Distributor/Dealer organization ready to serve you. Beechcraft airplanes are manufactured by Beech Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A.

New long-lasting enamels give the Baron a lustrous, enduring finish, tough and chip-resistant, which actually improves with age. An infinite variety of color combinations is yours.



Two big baggage compartments carry up to 670 pounds! Both compartments are weathertight, easily loaded, and can be locked to protect contents when plane is unattended. Rear baggage door has a new separate latch and lock mechanism. Door opens easier and latch operates independently of the lock.



Openable center cabin windows enable Baron passengers to enjoy outdoor fresh air ventilation while plane is on the ground.



New! Widest cargo door of any light twin is an optional convenience that Baron owners find useful when transporting bulky loads. Measuring 22½ inches high by 38 inches wide, the door can easily accommodate a litter patient when the Baron is used as an ambulance aircraft.



New optional rear luggage compartment is recessed aft of the usual baggage area or fifth and sixth seats to add 10½ cubic feet of space.



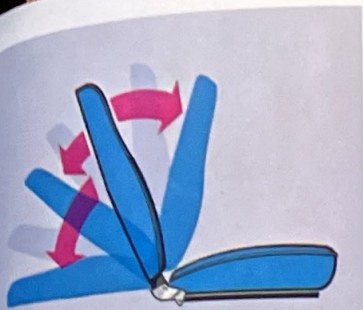
Hinged flight instrument panel speeds service and inspection. Radio and navigation panel is instantly removable, too . . . a time-saving convenience for owners wanting to service or add to their nav/comm equipment.

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Infinite range of comfort adjustments . . . at a finger's touch, your seat back reclines to the position most comfortable for you . . . then returns upright at another touch. The seat itself is track-mounted so each passenger can adjust to his own leg-room requirements.

New increase of 85 pounds in useful load means the Baron can easily transport passengers, baggage and fuel weighing over a ton! Because of its superior strength and design, more space is usable space, giving more utility, more value.

Rugged, dependable landing gear retracts in only 4½ seconds for fastest acceleration to climb speed of any light twin! And it can be lowered at 165 mph for speed-brake deceleration! Proven on over 9,000 Beechcraft planes in daily service all over the world.



Mountain airstrips or jet terminals — the versatile Baron looks and is "at home" wherever you choose to go. Rugged and powerful, it is also superbly manageable at low air speeds often required in short field operations. The wide tread and long wheelbase of the rugged, shock absorbing landing gear combine to give the Baron superior stability and riding qualities.



You can't resist wanting to fly this Baron, once you are seated behind the wheel. Everything is simple and well marked . . . and located where you, yourself, would arrange it most likely, for this is the panel business pilots designed. Throttles, mixture, and propeller controls are at your natural eye level and aligned with the instruments they control. The flight instrument group faces you in its own shock-mounted panel. Radio and navigation heads are slant-mounted toward the pilot on their own easily removable panel. With the exclusive Beechcraft throw-over control column, either front seat occupant may fly or rest without the intrusion of a second control system. The right side rudder pedals retract for stretch-out foot room. Left rudder pedals are adjustable to accommodate any size pilot. The entire flight instrument group panel is hinged for quick removal to speed service and inspection. The molded control wheel, a Beechcraft exclusive design, "fits like a glove" and helps make you feel that this lively and responsive airplane is a part of you. For night flight, the level of light is easily controlled for perfect visibility of all instruments, radios, circuit breakers, switches, and indicators, and a clear light source for chart reading is a standard convenience.



The nose is news! The new Baron's nose cone is longer, more gracefully streamlined, giving the Baron a sleek, smart, new profile. More importantly, the inside volume is greater by 50 per cent — room for more luggage and all the electronic "black boxes" you would ever want to add.



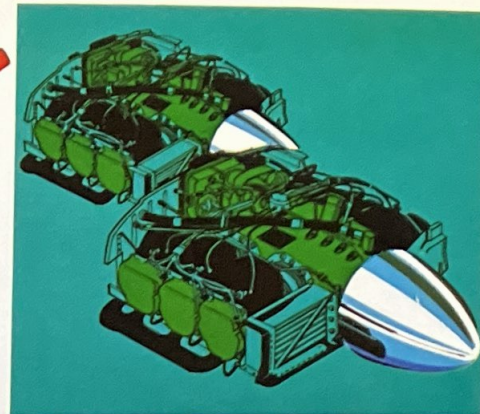
There's even more room for baggage in the Baron nose compartment, now that all radio equipment can be accommodated forward in the new longer nose cone. Five or six pieces, totalling up to 270 pounds, can be carried.



Tough fiberglass nose shell is easily and quickly removable, giving unobstructed access to the bench-height radio equipment deck as well as the 50,000 BTU heating plant . . . a time-saving advantage when servicing or adding new equipment.



Now, choose the propeller that suits your own preference, either standard two-blade or new optional three-blade — a choice offered in the light twin class only by Baron!



Smooth dependable power for the Baron is assured by its twin fuel injection Continentals. Rated at 260 hp each, these fine power plants have been service-proven on all previous Barons. While producing an abundance of go-power performance, they can also "pinch pennies" for unprecedented operating economy. 24-volt electrical power is standard.



New, lightweight propellers increase efficiency and mean even greater cruising range and climb performance for this new, versatile Beechcraft B55 Baron!



Spacious elegance will be your first and lasting impression of the smart new Baron interior. The look and feel of quality is there in every detail, as you would expect. Styling is functional, but with a decided flair. The Baron chair coverings are of selected leathers and high-quality fabrics, chosen by designers for their durability and resistance to stain and fade — and of course for their distinctive tailored appearance. You may custom design your own Baron interior, contrasting or matching smart, textured Jupiter tweeds in your choice of many colors, with rich genuine leathers in harmonizing hues. Sidewalls, carpets and other appointments enhance the feeling of practical luxury. Thousands and thousands of miles after it leaves the hands of skilled Beechcraftsmen, you will enjoy the enduring beauty of your Baron interior.

