

# Naval Air Training Command Flight Training Instructions for the North American T-28B/C Trojan



Back in the early 1980s, the North American T-28 Trojan was being used by only one U.S. Navy primary training squadron – namely Training Squadron TWENTY-SEVEN (VT-27), based at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. Indeed, VT-27, itself assigned to Training Wing FOUR (TW-4), was the last squadron of any type to employ this venerable radial engine aircraft. By 1984, the type, which by this time included only the B-model Trojan, would be gone altogether, replaced by the Beechcraft T-34C Turbo-Mentor.

In these waning days of the T-28, a Student Naval Aviator (SNA) who checked in to VT-27 was informed that all systems ground school was self-taught, consisting of a pile of pamphlets called Flight Training Instructions or FTIs. Although the course was self-paced, an SNA did have to complete all the FTIs by a certain stage of his or her training. It was a relatively simple process – read the FTI, answer all the questions along the way, and then take a criterion test – a crit. test – at the end of each FTI. When all FTIs were completed there was a comprehensive final.

Presented here are the FTIs for the T-28B and C model aircraft. As previously noted, the T-28C had been retired earlier due to fatigue issues related to carrier operations.

A side note: Contrary to popular belief, at this time an SNA with orders to VT-27 began training from Day One in the T-28. There was no introductory training in a smaller aircraft. SNAs with orders to VT-2, VT-3 or VT-6 – all assigned to TW-5 at NAS Whiting Field, Florida – conducted all their flight training in the T-34C.

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