

Your INVITATION
TO A NEW
EXCITING WORLD
OF AMPHIBIAN FLYING
IN A 4 PLACE *Lake* LA-4



Made for land and water,
the Lake Amphibian can take
you more places and safely
bring you back than any
land or water plane can do!

Flying is easy. Flying is fun. But you'll know, best of all, that flying is practical *for you* when you give yourself the pleasure of a test run in the Lake Amphibian with *you* at the controls.

Isn't it true? In all your big experiences with life, it's not what somebody tells you that counts. It's the things you find out for yourself that you know are so. Find out for yourself what it's like to fly the big Lake Amphibian. You'll know here's the special kind of plane you're looking for . . . for a good and special reason:

The Lake . . . America's one-and-only single-engined amphibian . . . is made for *land and water*. Take off from either . . . it jumps up into the air, in seconds, and climbs as if it couldn't wait to get upstairs. It cruises long-range *fast* to stretch time and whittle down distance. Coming down, it glides like a feather, even with engine off, to a short, safe landing on a patch of earth or a puddle.

More places in the world are yours to get in and out of, safely, with a Lake than with any other plane. Pond, cove or rough airstrip, it's at home on all of them. And you're at home in it.

A good-looking piece of equipment? You'll tell *us* that. (There's no other profile like it.) Made for big people? Lake's cabin is a "living room" for four. And you'll be safer only in bed. The Lake is a forgiving plane, amiable toward error, with peace-of-mind built right into it.

Made to do man's big work in tight places around the world . . . in lumbering operations, in oil exploration, mining, construction, police service, transport . . . the Lake has a light-hearted handling ease and maneuverability land planes can envy. Because *it is amphibian*, it is also a heavier plane, far more strongly built, to take the stress of tough duty on both land and water. You enjoy a comfortable "multi-engined" feel and stability, even in the roughest air.

You have to fly it to believe it. *Fly it!* Find out how this one-and-only airplane of its kind makes air not something just to breathe . . . but a whole new world *for you* to get around in—for business and your pleasure, too.



Doctor, lawyer, business executive . . . or a man who likes the world and wants to see more of it . . . the Lake Amphibian is your personalized air transport, often right at your back door. Here it has been powered right up on the beach, ready to taxi back into the water and take off at the turn of the ignition key.

The unique ability of this plane to be at home on either land or water makes the Lake the agile ever-ready partner of men in business, industry and the professions who do big work around the world . . . and the good companion of sportsmen, too. Fishing-minded? Skim down on the water . . . then *walk around* the plane. You can fish off cabin top, wings or nose.



"See-for-yourself" is nowhere more important than it is in aviation. See for yourself the good things like these that make the big Lake Amphibian *the plane* you . . . or your company . . . are looking for:



TAKE-OFF On land the Lake is airborne in 650 feet with full load. The moment you leave the deck, you enjoy maximum rate of climb. This efficient response, so important to safety, results from Lake's positive high lift NACA slotted flaps; 24½ square feet in area, these flaps extend along 80% of each wing. When a Lake Amphibian starts to climb, it means business—it heads for the sky as if it had its home up there.

WATER HANDLING Take-off from water is easy. With a hull built like a boat, it handles like a boat . . . then, with power applied, it rides up on its step and rises out of the water easily, like a bird. Taxiing is simple, even under cross or downwind conditions; 180-degree turns are no problem. There is no tendency to tip over; the floats at the wing tips always ride on top of the water. Let down the wheels and run it up onto the beach or a ramp when the flight is over!



EASY TO FLY The Lake has no "dirty habits," like sharp stall, violent pitch in a stall, or bouncing on touch-down. It is described by veteran pilots as having "gentlemanly ways." It allows wide margin for pilot error and is easy to learn to fly, even for those who have never been at the controls of a plane before. Extra-wide landing gear is the basis for superior cross wind performance which contributes to safe, smooth landings.



SPEED AND RANGE Cruising speed up to 131 MPH. Long range compares favorably with land planes of equal horsepower.



BIG ROOM Lake's big cabin compares favorably with that in the biggest single-engined land planes. It provides "living room" in which four big people can relax in comfort on long flights. Lake's cabin is

appointed like a modern car. Front seats are adjustable; the rear seats and the seat beside the pilot may be removed to provide large cargo area more than eight feet long.

JET VISIBILITY Visibility is unsurpassed. The pilot rides ahead of wings and engine, as in a jet.



AGILITY In part, Lake's responsiveness in the air is due to an 81 MPH differential between stalling and cruising speeds. This means you have wide choice in the speed you travel, in keeping with flying conditions. As an added safety factor, it permits easy approach on landing.



GLIDE A very comfortable margin of safety is engineered into Lake's design itself. This is nowhere more evident than in its glide characteristics. Unlike any other amphibian you ever saw or heard about, or may have flown, this plane glides like a feather.

TOUCH-DOWN The Lake has short roll-out characteristics; the extra-wide-tread tricycle landing gear also contributes to positive control on the ground. Slow landing speed permits the Lake to use small fields and rough airstrips which other planes can't handle. On water all you do is touch down, close the throttle—the plane comes to a gentle stop by itself.



LOW OPERATING COST

Operating cost—gas and oil—is about \$4 an hour. For those who are more accustomed to keeping automobile-expense records, the

total cost of flying the Lake Amphibian amounts to 13½ cents a mile, including depreciation, insurance and hangar fees.



INSTRUMENT FLYING For those who want to make serious use of air transport over and above "fair-weather" flying, the Lake is designed to take, and may readily be fitted with, optional equipment for instrument flight.



EASE OF MAINTENANCE Carefully engineered and constructed, the Lake is free of maintenance headaches and is easily pre-flighted. You can check it like your automobile, quickly, without getting dirty. Because of overhead location of the engine, propeller life is far beyond that of any land plane.



RUGGED CONSTRUCTION The Lake makes you feel at ease in the air under any condition. Ruggedly built for severe land and water service, it is honestly handcrafted from high-strength materials, with care for detail. Designed with a straight-through frame, it is tough like a fighter. All-metal construction includes five water-tight compartments.



There are more lakes than airports . . . and you'll go more places for more fun – more utility – more business

Amphibian flying in the LA-4 puts **all** the fun back into flying . . . but don't take our word for it. Arrange an appointment with your dealer and find out for yourself.

If you're in the market for a high performance aircraft with ideal IFR stability, long cross country capability, cabin comfort, then you'll like the Lake LA-4., and you get amphibious performance in the bargain.

You must compare the performance and ability of the Lake LA-4 to any other for price, speed, capability — then you'll know amphibian flying is fun, practical and profitable.



Any Body of Water — Any Airport — Is Your Pleasure Spot

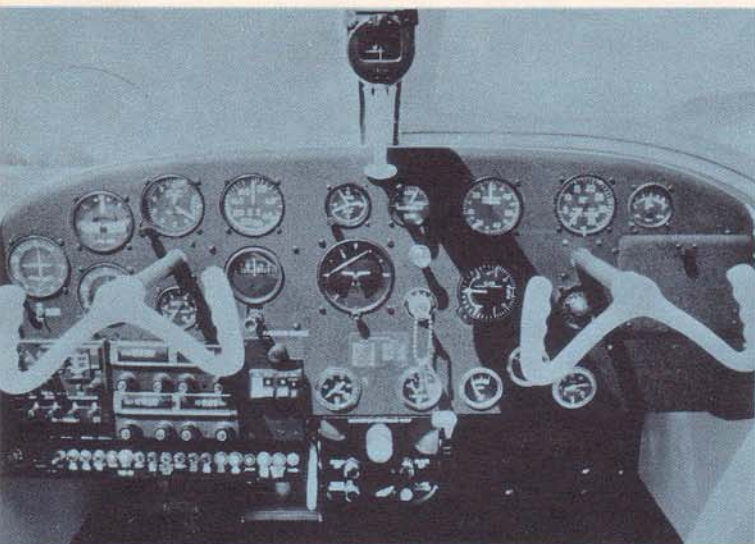
You can easily imagine the fun you'll have in a Lake LA-4. Go directly to your pleasure place. No landing miles and miles away . . . just set down and have fun. If your choice of water is small, you'll be amazed at the steep climbing turn you can make when leaving. Full flaps permit the steepest descent ever! OR, if you prefer, Lake's clean lines and new light wing loading permit sailplane — like glides . . . you come down when, where and how you want to.

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**There's No Limit to the Lake's
Versatility — Winter or Summer**

The Lake LA-4 is more than just amphibious. In winter, snow skis increase its versatility. You can still land on your favorite lake even if its frozen . . . plus other snow or ice bound places. And what's more, your Lake LA-4 won't strand you. The tried and proven Lycoming is a workhorse always ready to work.





Instrument panel is easy to read.

Instruments and gauges are conveniently grouped by function, on Lake's good looking instrument panel. You'll quickly learn to keep tabs on them as easily as you watch those in your car.

These Instruments Are Standard Equipment on Your Lake Amphibian

- RADIO
NARCO Mark 12A xtal
Omni and Comm, and
Narco VOA6 Omni
Converter
- Cabin Speaker
- Microphone
- VHF antennas (omni
and whip)
- Directional Gyro
- Artificial horizon
- Electrical bank and
turn indicator
- Outside air temperature
gauge
- Cylinder head tempera-
ture gauge
- Eight-day clock
- Suction gauge
- Magnetic compass
- Air speed indicator
- Sensitive altimeter
- Rate of climb indicator
- Tachometer-hour meter
- Manifold pressure gauge
- Fuel pressure gauge
- Fuel quantity gauge
- Hydraulic pressure gauge
- Ammeter
- Oil temperature gauge
- Oil pressure gauge
- Stall warning indicator
- Paddle

Other Standard Equipment Includes:

- Alodined and chromated corrosion-proofing
throughout (meets Federal Spec. MIL-C-5541)
- Three-color exterior—exterior paint scheme
- Two-tone interior
- Dual controls
- Hydraulically actuated elevator trim control
- Ball-bearing push rod control system
- 50 amp alternator
- Combination switch-circuit breakers

- Cockpit instrument light
- Four window sidevents
- Windshield defroster system
- Glove compartment
- Key-operated ignition and door locks
- Cigarette lighter and ash tray
- Tow bar, paddle and anchor
- Anchor light
- Removable rear seat
- Removable front seats
- Heated pitot
- Dry vacuum system
- Landing lights
- Rotating beacon
(fin mounted)
- Wing float and
tip bumpers

PRICE COMPLETELY EQUIPPED

\$29,950

INCLUDES WATER RATING

Prices and Specifications Subject to Change Without Notice.



... picture yourself with a Lake!

From Alaska to Thailand to
South America . . . and here
at home . . . owners and users
praise the Lake Amphibian

PERFORMANCE AND SPECIFICATIONS

Gross Weight	2400 lbs.
Empty Weight	1555 lbs.
Useful Load	845 lbs.
Speed—Standard Air; Gross Weight:	
Normal Cruise,	
75% Power at 6000 ft.	131 MPH
Stalling Speed	50 MPH
Range—Full Fuel; Gross Weight:	
Maximum Range	627 miles
Normal Cruise,	
75% Power at 6000 ft.	500 miles
40 Gallons	4 hours
Rate of Climb at Sea Level	800 FPM
Take-Off Run—Standard Air;	
Gross Weight:	
Land	650 feet
Water	1125 feet
Landing Roll—Land	475 feet
Landing Run—Water	600 feet
Fuel Capacity:	
Maximum	40 gallons
Minimum Octane Rating	91/96
Oil Capacity	8 quarts
Power: Direct-Cooled, 4-Cylinder	
Lycoming O-360A1A Engine,	
rated (2700 RPM)	
at	180 HP
Power Loading—	
Pounds per HP	13.3 lbs.
Propeller: Forged Dural, Constant	
Speed Hartzell;	
Diameter	72 inches
Dimensions:	
Wing Span	38 ft.
Wing Area	170 sq. ft.
Wing Loading—Pounds per	
Square Foot	14.1 lbs.
Length	24 ft., 11 in.
Height	9 ft., 4 in.

BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT 200 lbs.

“ALWAYS READY TO GO . . .
UNDER THE WORLD’S
WORST FLYING CONDITIONS!”

*says Robert L. Hall
President, Kodiak Airways, Inc.
Kodiak, Alaska*

“In our business we need a single-engined plane suitable for land or water . . . always ready to go at a moment’s notice to transport people *right now* without waiting for a schedule. The Lake is that plane,” Mr. Hall reports.

“Since we first flew in with the Lake our customers, more often than not, request it over other type planes.

“Our flying conditions and the water we have to land in are about the worst in the world. We need a machine that is rugged and dependable. Again, the Lake Amphibian fits right in on this island where aircraft is the only means of travel.”

This comment is typical of that by owners and users who daily rely on the performance of the Lake Amphibian, often under the most demanding conditions. Get the opinion of the man who has actually flown this agile plane!



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**EARN YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE
ON LAND AND SEA! . . .
IN YOUR NEW LAKE AMPHIBIAN**

**Free amphibious flight instruction
opens up whole new
experience in flight . . .
to keep you ahead in aviation**

Although there are thousands of amphibians in the air throughout the world today, it remains a fact that to many flight-minded people, water-flying is an as yet untried experience. This often is true even of experienced pilots who have successfully earned their wings in land planes.

Lake invites you to take the lead. Stay ahead of the trend . . . be at home on both land and water.

If you say, "But I don't know how to fly a boat," there are three answers. One is, "You have lots of company." Second is, "It's simple."

Third and best is this: The factory-trained flight instructor at your Lake Dealer is ready to show each new owner how right now. There is no cost to you for this amphibious flight instruction. If you are now licensed to operate a land plane, you'll be flying your new Lake in a week — no more!

Ask your Lake Dealer about *free* amphibious flight instruction the very first time you go to him to see the Lake. This Lake-sponsored course of instruction, normally available at a cost of \$32 an hour, is yours at no charge . . . in the interest of good flying and your full and profitable enjoyment of your new investment in your Lake Amphibian.

**YOUR LAKE DEALER JOINS
US IN OUR INVITATION:**

**"You've got to fly it
to believe it"**

If you are one of the many new friends of America's *most useful plane*, this small folder may help to tell you more of the things you'd like to know about the Lake Amphibian. We thank you sincerely for your interest. If, as an old friend of ours, you also may read this report, it gives us the further opportunity to congratulate you on your recognition of the ever-growing importance of general aviation in this day when business and personal flying is an accepted fact in our national life.

Anything said here can only suggest the exciting new experience that is yours when you first fly the Lake Amphibian. There can be no substitute for your own experience. In your Lake Dealer you have a specialist in aviation who will gladly make this experience available to you. He can also be helpful in answering practical questions you may have about aviation.

As a Lake owner you will find your Dealer an invaluable source of advice and information on training, licensing, insurance, route-planning and service which are as important to flying as they are to you in the use of your car.

See him soon. Happy Landings!—you'll always have them with a Lake!

**You Can See The
LAKE AMPHIBIAN at**



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