

By the Numbers: Power, Attitude, Configuration (PAC) Chart

E-Series Bonanza E185-1 and E185-8

CONDITION	MP	RPM	ATTITUDE	GEAR	FLAPS	МРН	VSI	TRIM
Initial dimb	FT	2050	+10°	UP upon positive rate	UP	Per POH	†xxx	Per POH
Cruise dimb	FT	2050	+5°	UP	UP	120-130	†xxx	As req'd
Cruise	As desired	As desired	Level	UP	UP	XXX	0	0 to 2 down
En route descent	As desired	As desired	-2°	UP	UP	Green arc	As desired	As needed
Approach (level)	15" 17"	2050	+0° +2°	UP	UP 10°	105	0	+3° to +5°
Precision descent	15" 17"	2050	+0° +2°	DOWN	UP 10°	105	↓500 - 600 fpm	+0° to -3°
Nonprecision descent	13" 15"	2050	+0° +2°	DOWN	UP 10°	105	↓800 - 1000 fpm	+3° to +5°
MDA level	20" 22"	2050	+0° +2°	DOWN	UP 10°	105	0	+3° to +5°
Missed approach	FT	2050	+7°	UP	UP	105	†xxx	+3° to +5°

Reducing manifold pressure by one inch results in a roughly 100-fpm descent.

A 5-inch reduction in MP results in a 500 fpm descent.

Modification to an oil-controlled propeller does not change propeller rpm limitations.

The "By the Numbers" technique has been taught since World War II to provide a simple, consistent way to conduct flight, especially instrument flight, yet it is not widely taught to pilots of personal airplanes like the Bonanza. For attitude reference, adjust the airplane bar to the horizon during level cruise flight and do not adjust further. Power settings and airplane configurations will result in the approximate performance tabulated. Adjust these numbers as necessary for your airplane under current conditions.