1943 Taylorcraft L-2B Grasshopper - DCO-65

Dealer Info

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Enter Aircraft Information

Title:	1943 Taylorcraft L-2B Grasshopper - DCO-65
Aircraft Type:	Single Engine

Common

Color:	Dark Green
Year:	1943
Condition:	Used
Price:	$ 69,500
Engine:	Continental 0-200A

Description:

1943 Taylorcraft L-2B Grasshopper DCO-65

N 50845 / SN: 0-4538

Times:

Airframe Time: 1569 TTSN – Rebuilt / Recovered in 2019
Engine: 45 SMOH – O-200A Continental
Propeller: 1569 TTSN – Mc Cauley 6948

Avionics:

VFR Only

Flightline 760 Radio

Exterior:

10 / 10 -
Colors: Dark Green

Interior:

9.5 / 10
Colors: Black
Material: Vinyl

Options:

Invasion Stripes
Metal Prop
Battery – No Charging System

Remarks:

Taylorcraft DCO 65 L2B - S/N 04538 N 50845 (formerly 50846 removed from registry in 1966 and since reregistered to another aircraft).
New registration reissued as 50845 in 1995
Documented year of manufacture - 6-13-1942
Restoration in 2019
Continental O200A – 100 HP - w/STC
New ignition leads 2018
Mags overhaul 2019
Carb overhaul 2019
New fabric Polyfiber w/Polytone 2019
(2) 8.75-gal wing tanks (STC)
New tail brace wires
New Brake lining
New tires 8.50X6 STC
B&C starter w/Odessy Batt (no charging system)
New windscreen, side plastics, observer rear window
Flightline 760 Radio
Bracket Filter
ACK E-04 ELT (New Batt March 2024)
Standard Airworthiness Certificate issued on 10/07/96
Logs 1949 -1965 reregistered 1996 New log started 2019
Have original Bill of Sale from Defense Plant Corp Dated Mar 16 1945 for $634.00
4-11-06 – 1690 TTSN - Engine SMOH, 0 STOH
6-22-19 Eng overhaul, new rings, rod and main bearings, seals and gaskets, cam inspected.
Annual inspection May 8, 2024, cold compressions over 80 LBS. - 72, 74, 74,76
Prop Log started June 2021, last entry may 8, 2024, all Ads checked, found airworthy

Next Annual Date – May 2025

Damage History:

No

General Condition:

This aircraft is in Very Good condition – Always hangared

Background:

The Taylorcraft L-2 Grasshopper is an American observation and liaison aircraft built by Taylorcraft for the United States Army Air Forces in World War II.
In 1941 the United States Army Air Force ordered four Taylorcraft Model Ds with the designation YO-57. They were evaluated in the summer of 1941 during maneuvers in Louisiana and Texas where they were used for support purposes such as light transport and courier. General Innis P. Swift, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, coined the 'grasshopper' name after witnessing a bumpy landing. This led to a production order under the designation O-57 Grasshopper. In 1942 the designation was changed to L-2 Grasshopper).
In World War II, the AAF began using the L-2 in much the same manner as the observation balloon was used in France during World War I--spotting enemy troop and supply concentrations and directing artillery fire on them. It was also used for other types of liaison and transport duties and short-range reconnaissance which required airplanes that could land and take off in minimum distances from unprepared landing strips.
Postwar, a number of L-2s were converted for civilian use and are operated by private pilot owners in the United States as the Model DCO-65.

Owner Notes:

Based in FL

Great flying Bird!

N 50845- Price: $69.5K

(Specifications, performance, equipment, available avionics equipment, STC'd equipment, included STC'd equipment, component times, damage history and condition subject to verification upon inspection)

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