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| **Weight and Balance** |

Procedure

1. Determine if the aircraft below is loaded within the manufacturer’s recommendation. The pilot weights 185 lb and there is no co-pilot. The rear seat passengers weigh 231 and 296 lb. There is 88 lb of baggage and 68 lb of fuel onboard.

**NOTE: All passengers, baggage and fuel must remain on board.**

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| Item | Force  Weight (lb) | Distance  Arm (in.) | Moment (in.-lb)  M = Fd  M = weight ● arm |
| Empty Weight | 1,460 | 37.4 |  |
| Pilot |  | 37.0 |  |
| Co-Pilot |  | 37.0 |  |
| Fuel |  | 45.3 |  |
| Rear seat passenger(s) |  | 72.8 |  |
| Baggage |  | 94.9 |  |
| Total |  |  |  |

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1. If the aircraft is not loaded according to the manufacturer’s recommendation then suggest an alternative loading scenario so that the aircraft is safely loaded.

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| Baggage |  | 94.9 |  |
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1. Determine if the aircraft below is loaded within the manufacturer’s recommendation. The pilot weights 215 lb and co-pilot weights 154 lb. The rear seat passengers weigh 181 and 196 lb. There is 107 lb of baggage and 76 lb of fuel onboard.

**NOTE: All passengers, baggage and fuel must remain on board.**

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| Empty Weight | 1,460 | 37.4 |  |
| Pilot |  | 37.0 |  |
| Co-Pilot |  | 37.0 |  |
| Fuel |  | 45.3 |  |
| Rear seat passenger(s) |  | 72.8 |  |
| Baggage |  | 94.9 |  |
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**Answer – Yes or No!**

**Conclusion**

1. What factors will affect the center of gravity and weight and balance of an aircraft?
2. Explain why calculating the weight and balance of an aircraft is so important?