



The fuel system on this aircraft is comprised of four equi-sized tanks, two in each wing, which contain a total of 96.8 useable gallons (imperial) of fuel. The five position fuel selector is centrally mounted on the floor of the cockpit and tank contents are displayed on a group of 4 gauges, of similar appearance and with French annotation, which themselves form part of a bank of seven. Low level warning lights are provided for each tank and illuminate when approximately 5 gallons remain. The system is such that surplus fuel supplied to the fuel injected engine is always returned to the left inner tank and a placard next to the fuel selector states 'use left main tank first' to reduce the possibility of excess fuel being dumped overboard.

An examination of the aircraft revealed no faults in the fuel tank contents transmitter units or low level switching functions and indicator lights. However, owing to the level of disassembly of the aircraft at the time of examination a check on the accuracy of the complete contents indication system could not be carried out. At the time of the accident the pilot reported that the aircraft had a total of 340 lbs of fuel on board.