

Stinson 108 Trivia Question
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This Stinson model 108 Trivia Question originated with David Talley of San Antonio, Texas. My thanks to David for taking his time to send this to me.

This is the question!

Painted on the left door of Stinson model 108's (prior to the model 108-3) was an outline of a key. What was the purpose of this outline????

Here is the Answer

Answer from David Talley:

The hidden key...I learned this through Kelley Bare (now of Plant City, FL). He is a Stinson "guru" and knows his stuff. He currently owns NC9261K the 11th dash two built with the Franklin 165 HP engine.

He was invited to pick thru several wrecks in a field in Ohio back in the 70s. All of the Stinsons were wrecked in the 40's and early 50's. They were ORIGINAL in all respects, i.e., paint, interior, screws, etc. In other words, they were never restored.

It seems that on the left door (prior to dash 3s) there is a painted outline of a key. The factory would screw the spare key to the door underneath the upholstery. I have pictures of a door he gave me for proof. The doors are stored in my dad's hangar in Georgia.

David Talley



If you have a Stinson trivia question please forward it to me.

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