

The Stinson Model 108 Baggage Compartment behind the rear passenger seats with the external baggage door

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Model 108 - the 1946 Stinson 108 did NOT have an external baggage compartment and door. Baggage capacity was limited, available only in the passenger cabin. Model 108 serial numbers are from 108-1 through 108-742, minus 108-11 (108-11 is the prototype for the model 108-1), for a total of 741 straight model 108 aircraft.

Model 108-1 - the Stinson sales brochures for both the model 108 and 108-1 do NOT show an external baggage compartment door. Checking the parts manual reveals there was no baggage compartment behind the rear passenger seat or external baggage compartment door through serial number 108-1469. Beginning with serial number 108-1470 the baggage compartment was added during production of the model 108-1. Model 108-1 serial numbers are 108-11 (the 108-1 prototype) plus 108-743 through 108-2249, and minus 108-1474, for a total of 1507 aircraft manufactured by Stinson.. Approximately half the model 108-1 (serial numbers 108-1470 and above) have the rear baggage compartment with external baggage compartment door.

The sales brochures for the model 108-2 and 108-3 show both the Voyager and Flying Station Wagon with the baggage compartment with external door on the right side of the fuselage. Sales brochures for the Piper-Stinson show the baggage compartment with external baggage door.

Model 108-2 - all model 108-2 serial numbers have the rear baggage compartment with external baggage compartment door. Model 108-2 aircraft are serial numbers 108-2250 thru 108-3500 plus 108-1474, for a total of 1252 airplanes.

Model 108-3 - all model 108-3 serial numbers have the rear baggage compartment with external baggage compartment door. Model 108-3 aircraft are serial numbers 108-3501 thru 108-5260 minus 108-4693 (which was the 108-4 prototype), for a total of 1759 airplanes.

Model 108-4, serial number 108-4693, had the rear baggage compartment with external door. The 108-4 was a prototype only, never certified. Stinson did NOT publish a brochure for the model 108-4.

Model 108-5, serial number 108-5001 (a duplicate serial number previously used for a 108-3) built by Univair had the rear baggage compartment with external door. I'm unaware of any brochure published for the 108-5.