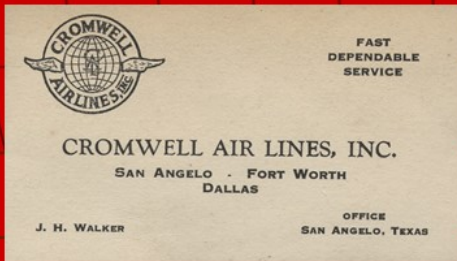


## The Cromwell Airlines' Aircraft Fleet



**SM-6B Detroit**



**Lockheed Vega**

The Cromwell Airlines' aircraft fleet consisted of two Stinson SM-6B Detroiters and a Lockheed Vega 5-B Vega used primarily as a backup aircraft. Note 1.

Built by the Stinson Aircraft Company in Wayne, Michigan, the SM-6B Detroit was an eight-passenger, tail dragging, single engine, high-wing, monoplane with an enclosed cockpit. It had a wingspan of 52-feet, 8-inches; a height of 9-feet, 8-inches; and a length of 34-feet, 4-inches. The SM-6B was powered by a 425-horsepower Pratt and Whitney Wasp engine with a cruising speed of 128 miles per hour.

The Lockheed 5B Vega was a seven-passenger, tail dragging, single engine, high-wing, monoplane with an enclosed cockpit. The Vega had a wingspan of 41-feet; a height of 8-feet, 6-inches; and a length of 27-feet, 6-inches. This aircraft was powered by a 450-horsepower Pratt and Whitney Wasp engine with a cruising speed of 155 miles per hour.



The paint scheme for Cromwell Airlines consisted of a red fuselage with white cheat lines starting at the engine and ending at the tail wheel. The livery was both unique and complex. The words Cromwell Airlines, Inc. sat atop and below a globe made up of latitude and longitude lines. Small white wings protruded from the equator of the globe. Superimposed over the globe design were the capital letters C, A, and L interconnected. Note 2.

Note 1: This information is extracted in total from the article: Carl G. Cromwell and Cromwell Airlines: The Dawn of Commercial Aviation in West Texas, 1928-193. Author: Erik Carlson

Note 2: The author used photographs from the Darnell Collection to describe the appearance of the aircraft flown by Cromwell Airlines.