The' Mad Major' had already released helpful tips for running rotary engines:

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DON'T open up straight away. It does not give the oil a chance to circulate, and ruins the obdurators

DON'T run your engine too long on the ground. It is only necessary to open up to full throttle for a few seconds

DON'T forget to test both magnetos when running on the ground and occasionally in the air.

DON'T exceed 1,250 r.p.m. at any time. It causes the ball-races to "creep" and other unpleasant things

DON'T allow your engine to "pop" or "bang" This is caused by too much petrol and damages the valves in addition to overheating.

DON'T "blip" except when throttled right down. It is extremely bad flying and puts unnecessary strain on the whole machine

DON'T switch off at any time in the air, or the plugs will oil up.

DON'T close the throttle when the petrol is turned off. Allow a cool draught to blow right through the engine by keeping it wide open.

DON'T miss a chance to let your engine cool down by a short glide after a long, stiff climb.

DON'T always set the control levers by the figures on the bracket, but by the sound of the engine. The ever-changing density of air requires an ever-changing mixture.

DON'T forget there will be no pressure in the tank after a long glide with the engine off.

DON'T condemn an engine immediately you are "Let Down."

DON'T forget that sympathy and a knowledge of all "work," especially carburation, is very important.

DON'T forget the oil pulsator.

DON'T BE TOO READY TO BLAME YOUR MECHANICS.