Airworthiness Requirements

Objective

To understand the requirements and documents that proves that our airplane is airworthy, both from a legal perspective and a safety perspective.

Motivation

A pilot should be able to determine the airworthiness status of an airplane given the logbooks and maintenance records to determine if it is safe and legal to fly.

Overview

- Type certificates and airworthiness certificates
- ARROWS documents in the plane
- AV1ATED checklist maintain the plane
- Aircraft logbooks
- Aircraft equipment lists
- 91.205, required VFR equipment
- Kind of Equipment List (KOEL)
- Minimum Equipment List (MEL), 91.213
- Special Flight Permits
- Preventative Maintenance

Airworthiness Definition

Airworthiness means the aircraft is legal to fly, meeting the airworthiness criteria defined by the FAA.

Who is responsible for determining airworthiness?

Per 91.7:

The pilot in command of a civil aircraft is responsible for determining whether that aircraft is in condition for safe flight. The pilot in command shall discontinue the flight when unairworthy mechanical, electrical, or structural conditions occur.

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WARNING: Use of alcohol-based fuels can cause serious performance degradation and fuel system component damage and is therefore prohibited on Cessna airplanes.

TYPE CERTIFICATE DATA SHEET NO. 3A13

This data sheet which is part of Type Certificate No. 3A13 prescribes conditions and limitations under which the product for which the type certificate was issued meets the airworthiness requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Aircraft Certification

- When an aircraft is designed it undergoes a certification process for the model being produced
- Following certification, the model receives a type certificate and authorization for production
- When that model of aircraft is manufactured they receive an airworthiness certificate
- Each type has a type certificate data sheet (TCDS), which includes various information about the type

Standard vs Special Airworthiness Certificate

- Standard Airworthiness Certificate: "Certified" aircraft
- Special Airworthiness Certificate, other types of aircraft:
 - Experimental
 - Restricted
 - Limited
 - Provisional
 - Light-Sport Aircraft (LSA)

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Supplemental Type Certificates - Changes to Original Designs

- Used for major modifications to an existing certified aircraft
- Requires engineering work to prove the safety of the aircraft following the change
- Examples:
 - Retrofit avionics and autopilots
 - Different engines or propellers
 - After-market turbochargers

What documents do we need to legally fly?

ARROW:

- 1. Airworthiness certificate: Displayed where passengers can see it
- 2. Registration certificate: State and local
- 3. Radio station license from FCC, for flight outside the U.S.
- 4. Operating Limitations: AFM/POH, placards, markings
- 5. Weight and balance information: Latest measurements
- 6. **S**erial number data plate

A - Airworthiness Certificates

- Issued with the airframe when it was manufactured
- No expiration date: Good as long as the aircraft is maintained in an airworthy condition
- Required per 91.203(a)



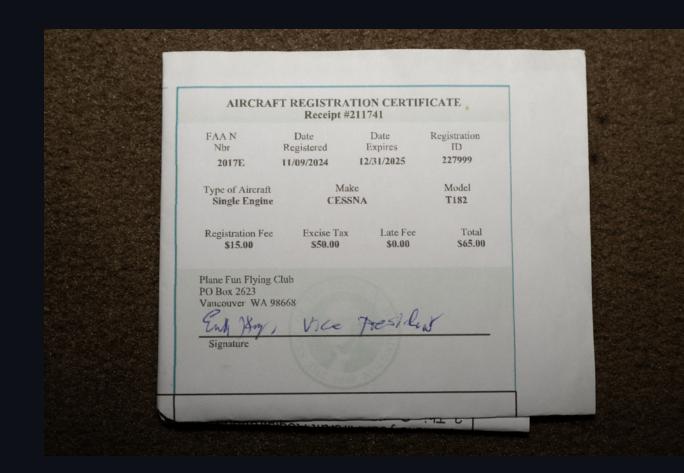


R - Registration Certificate

- Federal aircraft registration for a given N-number
- Good for 3 years from issuance (47.31)
- Required per 91.203(a)

R - State Registration Certificate

- Some states require their own registration certificate
- Varies between states



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit

ATTN: FELIPE I SANTIAGO SANTIAGO, FELIPE I 14150 SW 129 ST MIAMI, FL 33186

FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0024543829

NONE		O.	
Grant Date	Effective Date	Print Date	Expiration Date
06-16-2015	09-30-2020	09-30-2020	
File Number	Serial N	umber	

Special Conditions / Endorsements

Licensee: This is your radio authorization in sizes suitable for your wallet and for framing. Carefully cut the documents along the lines as indicated and sign immediately upon receipt. They are not valid until signed.

The Commission suggests that the wallet size version be laminated (or another similar document protection process) after signing. The Commission has found under certain circumstances, laser print is subject to displacement.

Grant Date Effective Date Print Date Expiration Date

06-16-2015 09-30-2020 09-30-2020

File Number Serial Number

THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

(Licensee's Signature)

FCC 605-FRC - May 2007

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Serial Number Grant Date Expiration Date 09-30-2020 09-30-2020

FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Special Conditions / Endorsements:

NONE

Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit

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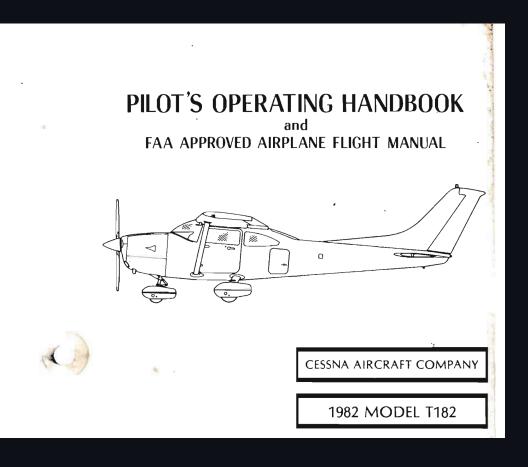
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R - Radio Station License - FCC

- Required for flights outside the U.S.
- 87.18



O - Operating Limitations *I* Approved Flight Manual

- Aircraft produced since 1979 should have an approved flight manual (AFM)
- These are standardized into common chapters (general, limitation, performance)
- Limitation are in conjunction with placards in the aircraft
- Standardized by 21.5

W - Weight and Balance



NORTHWEST AIRTECH



WEIGHT & BALANCE AND EQUIPMENT LIST AMENDMENT

DATE					
DATE	WO#	OWNER	REG.#	MAKE & MODEL	SERIAL#
4/1/2024	4626	Plane Fun	N2017E	Cessna T182	18268183

ITEM	WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT
Previous empty weight as of 4/10/2020	1911.0		69891.300
Remove Nose Wheel Pant:	-3.9	-6.00	23.400
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- Current weight and balance information including:
 - Latest empty weight
 - Latest empty moment
 - Latest empty CG location (inches aft of datum)



S - Serial Number and External Data Plate

• Required per 45.11(a)

Airworthiness Checklist

- 1. Annual inspection
- 2. **V**OR test
- 3. 100-hour inspection
- 4. Altimeter/pitot-static inspection
- 5. Transponder inspection
- 6. **E**LT
- 7. **D**irectives Airworthiness directives and life-limited parts

A - Annual Inspection - Every 12 months

Reliant Aircraft Services LLC 14209 SW Tewkesbury DR Portland, OR 97224 503-799-9834	Reliant Aircraft Services LLC	Logbook Insert Airframe	
Model: Cessna T182	Airframe	Date: 03-12-2025	
Reg #: N2017E	SN# 18268183	Total Time: 2832.8	
Tach: 2832.8		Hour meter: N/A	

Completed an annual inspection with reference to a checklist and FAR 43 App. D. ELT checked IAW FAR 91.207. and self-test from the panel switch, no defects noted, battery expires 01/26/2029. Replaced induction air filter with new. Checked all flight controls for proper travel. CW AD 2011-10-09 effective date 06-17-2011 seat rail inspection. Inspected per AD fig 1-5 and using CAMM Go/No-go gauges. Seat rails, rollers, and locking pins are in spec. Next due at annual or tach 2932.8. Researched AD's with current Veryon subscription current through 03/11/2025. Replaced window spring in pilot door. Repaired nose wheel pant and installed. Cleaned, inspected and repacked all wheel bearings. Inspected brake pads and lubricated brake guide pins. Ground run and leak checks performed with no discrepancies noted. I certify this aircraft has been inspected IAW an annual inspection and was determined to be in an airworthy condition as of this date.

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- Required per 91.409
- Check of the aircraft systems by an authorized mechanic
- Details of work in Part 43 Appendix D
- Airframe, propeller, and engine have separate annuals (usually done at the same time)

V - VOR test - Every 30 days (IFR flight only)

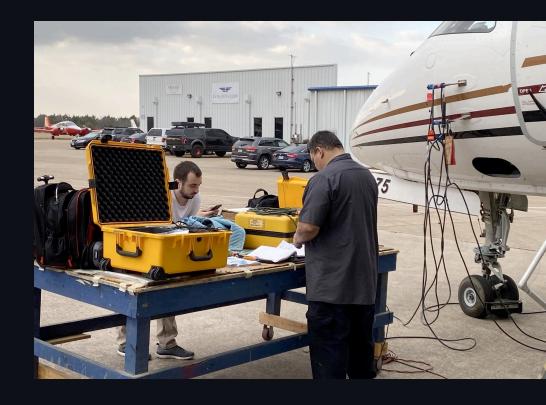
- 91.171
- Only required for IFR flight
- Check of the accuracy of the VOR receiver
- Can be done by a pilot

1 - 100-hour inspection (Compensation/hire only)

- 91.409(b)
- Required for airplanes flying for hire, or for flight instruction if the instructor is providing the aircraft
- Can be exceeded by 10 hours, to relocate to a location where the inspection can be done
- Good for 24 months, to the end of the month
- Tachometer time (not Hobbs time)
- Same inspection as annual, details in Part 43 Appendix D

A - Altimeter/Pitot-Static - 24 months (IFR flight only)

- Required per 91.411
- Ensure the accuracy of the altimeter, airspeed indictor, VSI
- Only needed for IFR flight



T - Transponder - 24 months

- Required per 91.413
- Tests the operation of the transponder radio
- Often done concurrently with the pitot-static test



E - ELT - 12 months

- Required per 91.207
- Inspection of the ELT, including
 - Installation
 - Battery corrosion
 - Operation of the crash sensor
 - Signal from the antenna



E - ELT - Battery Requirements

The battery for an ELT must be replaced (or recharged) after:

- 1 hour of cumulative use
- When 50% of its useful life has been consumed
 - Batteries are rated for a certain lifespan (2year battery, etc.)
- This is separate from the ELT test

D - Airworthiness Directives

- Airworthiness directives are legally-required mandates made by the FAA to correct an unsafe condition in a product
- Used to correct deficiencies after an airplane has been certified
- Can require a one-time fix or inspection
- May require a recurring inspection
- Two types:
 - Emergency issue: Addressing a urgent, safety-of-flight issue
 - Example: 737 MAX groundings
 - Normal issue: Less urgent, usually requires compliance within a specified period

Example A.D.

Details

AD Number:

98-16-04

Document Type:

AD Final Rules

Docket Number:

97-CE-14-AD

Subject Heading:

Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Models 180, 182, and 185 Series Airplanes

Subject:

Inspect Angle Stiffener Along Lower Spar Cap

Status:

Current

Compliance: Required within the next 50 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent wing failure during flight caused by the absence of an angle stiffener, which could cause loss of control of the airplane, accomplish the following:

- (a) Inspect inside the left and right wings, aft of the spar, closest to where the strut connects to the wing, for an angle stiffener along the lower spar cap between Wing Station (W.S.) 90 and W.S. 110 in accordance with Part A of the Accomplishment Instructions of Air Research Technology, Inc. (ART) Service Bulletin (SB) No. SB-1-96, Issue 1, dated April 11, 1996.
- (b) If an angle stiffener is not installed, prior to further flight, install a stainless steel reinforcement strap on the underside of each wing, along the spar at W.S. 100.50 in accordance with Part B of the Accomplishment Instructions of ART SB No. SB-1-96, Issue 1, dated April 11, 1996.



D - Life-Limited Parts

- Parts that have a fixed lifetime and must be replaced at some interval in the life of an aircraft
- Life-limited parts may be required per the original type certificate or an AD
 - Listed in the type certificate data sheet
- Examples: Helicopter rotor blades, turbine fan blades
- Less common on light airplanes

Service Bulletins (S.B.'s)

- Service bulletins are issued by the manufacturer
- Describe recommended inspections or maintenance
- Not regulatory
- Some SB's are labelled as "Mandatory Service Bulletins", which usually affect flight safety
- A.D.'s often start as service bulletins

Time Between Overhauls (TBO)

- Aircraft engines have recommended hours between engine overhauls
- An engine overhaul usually requires a replacement or rebuild
- TBOs for reciprocating engines are around
 1,200 to 2,000 hours
- Specific aircraft will list the time since major overhaul (SMOH)
- Not required for Part 91 operators



Airworthiness Checklist Review

- 1. Annual inspection 12 month
- 2. **V**OR test 30 days
- 3. 100-hour inspection 100 hours
- 4. Altimeter/pitot-static inspection 24 months
- 5. Transponder inspection 24 months
- 6. **E**LT 12 months, plus battery requirements
- 7. **D**irectives ADs/Life-limited parts As needed

DATE	TOTAL TIME IN SERVICE		DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK PERFORMED	AUTHORIZED SIGNATUR
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Aircraft Logbooks

- Often broken down into separate logbooks for airframe, propeller, engine, and sometimes avionics
- A&P: Airframe and powerplant mechanic
- I.A.: Inspection authorization, an A&P allowed to sign-off annuals

Required Equipment



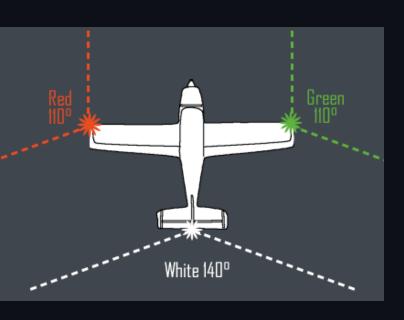
- What equipment is required to be in the airplane?
- What do we do if we find equipment that's inoperative?

Required Equipment - Day VFR

91.205(b) - ATOMATOFLAMES

- Altimeter
- Tachometer
- Oil pressure gauge
- Manifold pressure gauge
 - For each altitude engine (turbocharged)
- Airspeed indicator
- Temperature gauge
 - For each liquid-cooled engine
- Oil temperature gauge

- Fuel gauge for each tank
- Landing gear position indicator
- Anti-collision lights
- Magnetic compass
- ELT
- **S**eat belts with shoulder restraint system



Required Equipment - Night VFR

- All the day VFR required equipment (ATOMATOFLAMES), plus
- 91.205(c) FLAPS
 - Fuses
 - Landing light if the aircraft is operated for hire
 - Anti-collision lights beacon or strobes
 - Position lights / nav lights red and green
 - Source of power

Inoperative Equipment

- Under 14 CFR, all installed equipment must be operational prior to a flight
- If a piece of equipment is not operational we can:
 - Fix the piece of equipment
 - Defer maintenance of the item, for some items

Equipment We Have to Fix (91.213(d)(2))

- Those required for specific operations by Part 91, including:
 - Day VFR equipment 91.205(b) ATOMATOFLAMES
 - Night VFR equipment 91.205(c) FLAPS
- Those required per the Kinds of Operations Equipment List (KOEL), if present
- Those required by an AD to be operative

Cirrus Design SR22

Section 2 Limitations

System,	Ki	nds of	Remarks,		
Instrument, and/or Equipment	VFR Day	VFR Nt.	IFR Day	IFR Nt.	Notes, and/or Exceptions
Ice & Rain Protection					
Alternate Engine Air Induction System	1	1	1	1	
Alternate Static Air Source	1	1	1	1	
Pitot Heater	_	_	1	1	
Landing Gear					
Wheel Pants	_	_	_	_	May be removed.
Lights					
Anticollision Lights	2	2	2	2	
Instrument Lights	_	*	_	*	❖-Must be operative.
Navigation Lights	_	2	_	2	
Landing Light	_	1	_	1	For hire operations.

Kinds of Operation Equipment List

- Define what is required for the kind of operation being performed
 - Day
 - Night
 - o IFR
 - ∘ VFR



Deferral of Maintenance (91.213(d)(3))

If we deem the system is not required, we can:

- Remove it, or deactivated
- Placard it as inoperative

If the deactivation requires a mechanic, then it will need to be done by a mechanic and logged appropriately.

Note: Removal of equipment may change the W&B of the airplane.

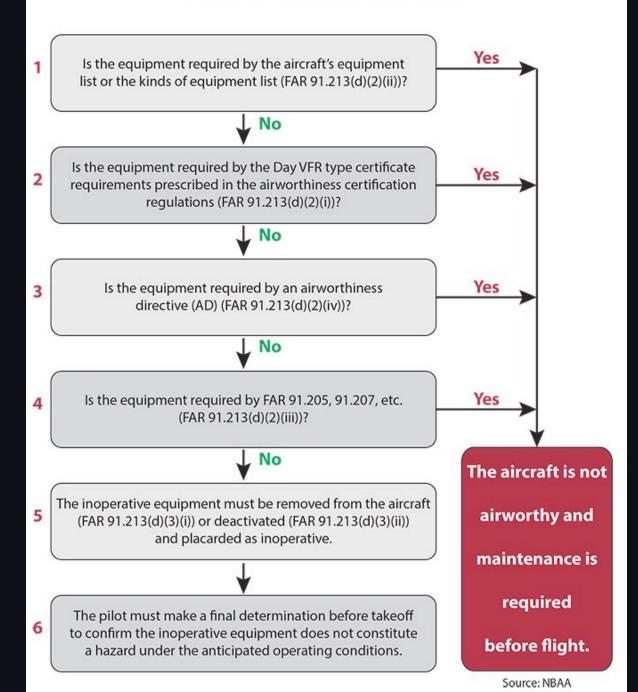
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Minimum Equipment List

If our aircraft has a minimum equipment list, refer to the list

- Gives specific instruction on what can be inoperative
- Inoperative equipment must be dealt with per the MEL (can't use the previous process)
- Master MELs (MMELs) are publish by the manufacturer
 - Operators can then create their own
 MEL for a specific aircraft

Inoperative Equipment Flowchart



Non-MEL Aircraft Flow Chart

Special Flight Permits

- What happens if we need to move the airplane to make repairs while it's not airworthy?
- A Special Flight Permit allows for a specific flight
- Can requested from the local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO)
- May require an A&P to determine the safety of flight
- Reasons for a permit:
 - o To fly to base where repairs, alterations, or maintenance can be done
 - Delivering or exporting an aircraft
 - Evacuating an aircraft from an area of impending danger
 - Allow an overweight aircraft to fly beyond its normal range over water

Preventative Maintenance

- As a private pilot, you are permitted to do some maintenance tasks on your airplane
- Permitted tasks are listed in Part 43 Appendix A
 - Remove, install, and repair landing gear tires
 - Service landing gear wheel bearings
 - Replenish hydraulic fluid
 - Replace safety belt
 - Replace bulbs, reflectors, and lenses of lights
 - Replace or clean spark plugs
 - Replace and service batteries
 - Replace hose connections, except hydraulic connection

Logging of Preventative Maintenance

Pilots who perform preventive maintenance must make an entry in the maintenance record:

Include the following information:

- 1. A description of the work, such as "changed oil (Shell Aero-50) at 2,345 hours"
 - Should be logged "in accordance with" a maintenance document
- 2. The date of completion of the work performed
- 3. The pilot's name, signature, certificate number, and type of certificate held

Summary

- Airworthiness certificate Valid as long as the aircraft is airworthy
- ARROW documents Documents the airplane needs to legally fly
- AV1ATED checklist Required inspections
- Aircraft logbooks Where we record maintenance performed
- 91.205, required VFR equipment
- Aircraft equipment lists
 - Kind of Equipment List (KOEL)
 - Minimum Equipment List (MEL), 91.213
- Special flight permits used to get to a shop
- Preventative Maintenance stuff we can do ourselves

You find an airplane with fuel gauge inoperative. Can you fly it?

What if we need to fly the airplane to another airport to get it fixed?

Can a private pilot do an oil change?

What about a student pilot?

Does a flight school's 172's need a 100-hour inspection?

What about a flying club?

Do you need a landing light to fly for flight instruction?