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
 - \circ Restricted
 - Limited
 - Provisional
 - Light-Sport Aircraft (LSA)



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:
 - $\circ\,$ 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. Serial 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)

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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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R - Radio Station License - FCC

- Required for flights outside the U.S.
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O - Operating Limitations / 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

- 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. VOR test
- 3. 100-hour inspection
- 4. Altimeter/pitot-static inspection
- 5. Transponder inspection
- 6. **E**LT
- 7. Directives Airworthiness directives and life-limited parts

A - Annual Inspection - Every 12 months

- 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 - IFR flight only - Every 30 days

- 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 or hire - Every 100 hours

- 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

IFR flight only - 24 months

- 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
 - $\circ\,$ Operation of the crash sensor
 - $\circ\,$ 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:

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.

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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
 - $\circ\,$ 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. VOR test 30 days
- 3. 100-hour inspection 100 hours
- 4. Altimeter/pitot-static inspection 24 months
- 5. Transponder inspection 24 months
- 6. ELT 12 months, plus battery requirements
- 7. Directives ADs/Life-limited parts As needed

DATE	TOTAL TIME IN SERVICE		DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK PERFORMED	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	
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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
- Airspeed indicator
- Temperature gauge
 - $\circ\,$ For each liquid-cooled engine
- Oil temperature gauge

- Fuel gauge for each tank
- Landing gear position indicator
- Anti-collision lights
- Magnetic compass
- ELT
- Seat belts

Required Equipment - Night VFR

- All the day VFR required equipment (ATOMATOFLAMES), plus
- 91.205(c) FLAPS
 - \circ Fuses
 - Landing light (if flown for hire)
 - $\circ\,$ Anti-collision lights beacon or strobes
 - $\circ~\ensuremath{\text{Position}}$ lights / nav lights red and green
 - $\circ~\textbf{S}ource~of~power$

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:
 - $\circ\,$ Fix the piece of equipment
 - $\circ\,$ 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 DesignSection 2SR22Limitations							
System,	Kinds of Operation				Remarks,		
and/or Equipment	VFR Day	VFR Nt.	IFR Day	IFR Nt.	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
 - ∘ IFR
 - \circ 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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				higher.			

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





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:
 - \circ 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
 - $\circ\,$ Remove, install, and repair landing gear tires
 - $\circ\,$ Service landing gear wheel bearings
 - Replenish hydraulic fluid
 - Replace safety belt
 - $\circ\,$ Replace bulbs, reflectors, and lenses of lights
 - Replace or clean spark plugs
 - $\circ\,$ Replace and service batteries
 - $\circ\,$ 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?