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FOREWORD

- 1. PURPOSE. This study guide provides guidance for persons who conduct annual and progressive inspections and approve major repairs and/or major alterations of aircraft. The guide is primarily intended for mechanics who hold or who are preparing to take the test for an inspection authorization (IA). The guide stresses the important role that certificated mechanics who hold an inspection authorization have in air safety.
- 2. CANCELLATION. Advisory Circular (AC) 65-19D, Inspection Authorization Study Guide, dated 1990, is canceled.
- 3. BACKGROUND. Due to the implementation of a new inspection authorization written test format, text of the advisory circular that outlines testing procedure and describes the test is revised to reflect those changes.
- 4. REFERENCES. Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 65, Certification: Airmen Other Than Flight Crewmembers, sets forth the privileges of mechanics holding an inspection authorization. FAR Part 43, Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance, Rebuilding, and Alteration, sets forth maintenance rules and standards of performance.
- 5. HOW TO GET THIS STUDY GUIDE. Order AC 65-19E from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

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CHAPTER 1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION Joseph P. Kline This certifies that holder of Mechanic Certificate No. 123456789 has been authorized to exercise the privileges of Federal Aviation Regulation 65.95. This authority expires March 31, 1987 unless sooner revoked by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration or extended by endorsement on the reverse of this card. DATE ISSUED SIGNATURE, FLT. STDS. INSPECTOR 3-15-86 FAA FORM 8310-5 (8-80) SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS EDITION

CHAPTER 1. ELIGIBILITY, ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND CHANGE OF FIXED BASE

- ELIGIBILITY. Applicants are eligible for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspection authorization if they meet the requirements of FAR Section 65.91, which include the following:
 - a. Hold a currently effective mechanic certificate with both an airframe and a powerplant rating, each of which is currently effective and has been in effect for a total of at least 3 years.
 - Have been actively engaged, for at least the 2-year period before the date of application, in maintaining civil aircraft. (NOTE: Actively engaged means employed in the aviation industry and exercising the privileges of their mechanic certificate.)
 - c. Have a fixed base of operations where they can be located in person or by telephone during the normal working week.
 - d. Have the necessary equipment, facilities, and inspection data available to properly inspect airframes, powerplants, propellers, or any related parts or appliances.
 - e. Pass a written test.
- ISSUANCE. FAR Section 65.91 provides that an application for an inspection authorization (IA) is made on a form and in a manner prescribed by the FAA. (NOTE: Through the remainder of this text, an inspection authorization will be referred to as an IA.)

- a. Apply for an IA at the nearest FAA General Aviation District Office or Flight Standards District Office. Applicants outside the United States should apply to the nearest International Field Office.
- b. The applicant must fill out, in duplicate, FAA Form 8610-1, Mechanic's Application for Inspection Authorization. (See appendix 1, figure 1 for a sample application.) After reviewing the application, an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector (Airworthiness) will assign a date the IA test will be given to the applicant.
- c. An applicant is required to have all the reference material needed for the test. A list of materials is located in appendix 2 of this study guide. The reference material must be "unmarked." Samples of IA test questions and answers from commercially available sources are not permitted to be used during the test.
- d. An IA test usually takes a minimum of 5 hours. The test is designed to determine the ability of the applicant to accurately use the proper technical data while inspecting an aircraft, and while approving major repairs and alterations. It is important that the applicant knows how to use the reference indexes in order to locate specific information.
- e. An IA test is composed of two parts:
 - (1) Part I of the test consists of 10 multiple choice questions to be answered in 2 hours. The questions are based on the privileges, limitations, and basic functions of an IA. No reference materials are permitted when taking Part I of the test.
 - (2) Part II has a 4-hour time limit. It covers situations applicants are likely to encounter while doing annual and progressive inspections and while approving major repairs and major alterations. Some questions will relate to a specific aircraft assigned by the FAA inspector who administers the test. Applicants are expected to use or be familiar with the following:
 - (i) FAR's pertaining to aircraft maintenance and certification.
 - (II) Specifications: Aircraft, engine, and propeller.
 - (iii) Type Certificate Data Sheets: Aircraft, engine, and propeller.
 - (iv) Procedures for conducting annual and progressive inspections.
 - (v) Airworthiness Directives (AD's).
 - (3) The minimum passing grade of 70 percent is required on both Parts I and II. Applicants must take the written test parts in sequence. Part II cannot be taken unless Part I has been passed. When an applicant passes both parts of an IA test, the FAA inspector will, prior to issuance of the IA, discuss any questions the applicant

answered incorrectly to ensure that the applicant clearly understands the duties, privileges, and limitations of the authorization. If an applicant fails one part of an IA test, the FAA inspector will stop any further testing and issue FAA Form 8060-5, Notice of Disapproval of Application. The applicant may not apply for retesting until at least 90 days after failing the test

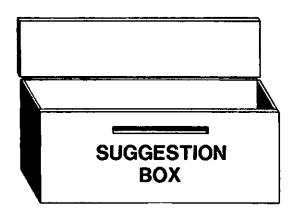
- 3. DURATION. Each IA expires on March 31 of each year. However, the holder may exercise the privileges of that authorization only while holding a currently effective mechanic certificate with both currently effective airframe and powerplant ratings. An IA ceases to be effective whenever any of the following occurs:
 - a. The authorization is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.
 - b. The holder no longer has a fixed base of operation.
 - c. The holder no longer has equipment, facilities, and inspection data required for issuance of the authorization available to him or her.
 - **d.** One or both of his or her mechanic rating(s) is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.
- 4. RENEWAL. To be eligible for renewal of an IA for a 1-year period, an applicant must present evidence annually during the month of March at an FAA General Aviation District Office, Flight Standards District Office, or International Field Office, that the applicant still meets the requirements of FAR Section 65.91 paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) and must show that during the current period the applicant held an IA certification the applicant has:
 - Performed at least one annual inspection for each 90 days the applicant held the current authority; or
 - Performed inspections of at least two major repairs or major alterations for each 90 days that the applicant held the current authority; or
 - Performed or supervised and approved at least one progressive inspection; or
 - d. Attended and successfully completed a refresher course, acceptable to the Administrator, of at least 8 hours of instruction; or
 - e. Passed an oral test given by an FAA inspector.

Acceptable training courses may be FAA sponsored seminars designed to update the IA holder's knowledge or courses sponsored by industry and professional organizations that are designed to upgrade the IA's knowledge and skills in order to improve their performance.

When the applicant has satisfied all the renewal requirements, the FAA inspector will sign and date the reverse side of FAA Form 8310-5, Inspection Authorization. (See appendix 1, figure 2.)

5. CHANGE OF FIXED BASE. The holder of an IA may not exercise the privileges of the authorization following a change of address of a fixed base of operations until notification of the change has been made, in writing, to the FAA General Aviation District Office or Flight Standards District Office or International Field Office for the area in which the new base is located.

CHAPTER 2

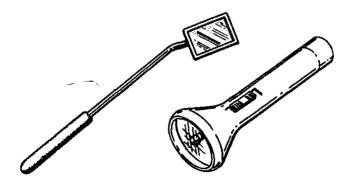


CHAPTER 2. TEN SUGGESTIONS FOR TAKING THE IA TEST

- 1. STUDY all the regulations and technical data listed in appendix 2.
- LEARN to use the indexes in the publications in order to find the required reference quickly.
- 3. MAKE SURE all the publications have the latest revision date.
- STUDY FAR PART 43, APPENDIXES A, B, AND D for detailed information regarding major repairs, major alterations, and annual inspections.
- 5. LEARN TO USE the graphs and tables in AC 43.13-1A, Acceptable Methods, Techniques and Practices—Aircraft Inspection and Repair, and AC 43.13-2A, Acceptable Methods, Techniques, and Practices—Aircraft Alterations.
- 6. PRACTICE RESEARCHING AD'S AND TYPE CERTIFICATE DATA OR SPECIFICATION SHEETS on different makes and models of aircraft, engines, and propellers.
- 7. PRACTICE FILLING OUT FAA FORM 337, MAJOR REPAIR AND MAJOR ALTERATION (AIRFRAME, POWERPLANT, PROPELLER, OR APPLIANCE). AC 43.9-1E, or subsequent revision, Instructions for Completion of FAA Form 337, will provide guidance in this area.
- 8. PRACTICE FILLING OUT MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORD ENTRIES in accordance with FAR Section 43.11.

- 9. A NONPROGRAMMABLE, HAND-HELD CALCULATOR is an excellent aid in solving weight and balance problems.
- 10. PRACTICE making changes to an aircraft weight and balance report by simulating installing or removing equipment and then computing the forward, aft, and empty weight center of gravity (CG).

CHAPTER 3



CHAPTER 3. BASIC FUNCTIONS OF AN IA

 GENERAL. The basic functions of the holder of an IA are set forth in FAR Section 65.95. With the exception of aircraft maintained in accordance with a Continuous Airworthiness Program under FAR Part 121 or 127, an IA may inspect and approve for return to service any aircraft or related part or appliance after a major repair or major alteration.

Also the holder of an IA may perform an annual inspection and he or she may supervise or perform a progressive inspection.

- 2. APPROVING MAJOR REPAIRS AND MAJOR ALTERATIONS. A primary responsibility of the holder of an IA is to determine airworthiness by inspecting repairs or alterations for conformity to approved data, and assuring that the aircraft is in a condition for safe operation. During inspection of major repairs or major alterations, the holder of an IA should also determine that they are compatible with previous repairs and alterations that have been made to the aircraft.
 - a. The holder of an IA must personally perform the inspection. The regulations do not provide for delegation of this responsibility.
 - b. Approving major repairs and major alterations is a serious responsibility. The approval action should consist of a detailed investigation to establish, at least that:
 - (1) The materials or parts are approved.
 - (2) Workmanship meets the requirements of FAR Section 43.13.
 - (3) The data used are appropriate to the aircraft certification rule (e.g. CAR 3, FAR Part 23).

(4) Work is complete and compatible with other structures or systems.

(5) The aircraft or product is equal to its original or

properly altered condition.

- repairs or major alterations. They may, however, inspect to see that alterations conform to data PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR (FAR Section 65.95). This means the holder of an IA must assure that approved data are available and are used as a basis for the approval. This availability determination should be made prior to beginning the repair or alteration. If data are unavailable, or if the holder of an IA is unsure of the acceptability of the available data, the local FAA inspector should be consulted. The FAA inspector may, as the circumstances warrant, be able to:
 - (1) Establish an acceptable basis for approval;

(2) Approve the data; or

- (3) Recommend application for a supplemental type certificate.
- d. Quite often major repairs are performed that are eventually covered by fabric, metal skin, or another structure. When this situation exists, the holder of an IA should have a clear understanding with the mechanic performing the repair that a precover inspection is necessary. The inspection should assure that the repair was made in accordance with acceptable methods, techniques, and practices prescribed by FAR Part 43 and the structure to be covered is free from defects, corrosion, or wood dry rot, and is protected from the elements. In addition, the holder of an IA should inspect other affected areas for hidden damage, if the aircraft has been involved in an accident or incident. An entry is required to be made in the maintenance record and FAA Form 337 must be completed. (See appendix 1, figure 4, back side FAA Form 337 showing typical entries.)
- e. Minor deviation from approved data is permissible IF the change is one that could be approved as a minor alteration when considered by itself. Be sure to list the deviations on FAA Form 337 and the maintenance record entry when completing the aircraft records. When in doubt, contact the local FAA inspector who may decide the change is not minor and would need specific approval or amendment of the original approval.
- f. Approved data to be used for major repairs and major alterations may be one or more of the following:
 - (1) TYPE CERTIFICATE DATA SHEETS
 - (2) AIRCRAFT SPECIFICATIONS
 - (3) SUPPLEMENTAL TYPE CERTIFICATES (STC'S)
 - (4) AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES
 - (5) FAA FIELD APPROVAL (FAA FORM 337)

- (6) MANUFACTURER'S FAA APPROVED DATA (DOA)
- (7) DESIGNATED ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE (DER) APPROVED DATA WITH FAA FORM 8110-3, STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE
- (8) DESIGNATED ALTERATION STATION (DAS)
 APPROVED DATA
- (9) APPLIANCE MANUFACTURER'S MANUALS (even though they are not marked specifically as FAA approved).
- g. AC 43.13-1A may be used as approved data when appropriate to the product being repaired, directly applicable to the repair being made, and not contrary to manufacturer's data.
- h. Inspecting repairs or alterations consists of these basic operations:
 - Determine that the repair or alteration data has FAA approval.
 - (2) Inspect the configuration of the repair or alteration for conformity to the approved data and the performance standards of FAR Part 43. At the same time, the aircraft should still comply with applicable airworthiness requirements and the repair or alteration should be compatible with all other installations.
 - (3) All operating limitations affected by an alteration should be appropriately revised. Sometimes limitations are in the form of flight manual supplements, instrument range markings, placards, or combinations of these. See the local FAA inspector for limitations on changes which can be made.
 - (4) Determine that aircraft record entries have been made and the weight and balance data and equipment list revised, when appropriate. There should be a statement on the FAA Form 337 to the effect that the weight and balance data and equipment list have been revised. When an alteration results in a change in the CG position, the affected CG limit should investigated under adverse loading conditions unless the new CG falls within an approved empty CG range. For instance, if the CG has shifted aft, the loading conditions should be computed to see that the aircraft does not exceed the aft CG limit. It is the pilot's responsibility to have the aircraft correctly loaded. However, when approving an alteration, it is the IA's responsibility to see that weight and balance data have been revised. The aircraft record entries may refer to the FAA Form 337 for details such as: "Installed STOL kit in accordance with STC SA 940 CE drawing number 5084 dated April 24, 1986. See FAA Form 337 this date for details."

- (5) Indicate approval in block 7 of FAA Form 337, and return both copies to the person who performed the work for disposition in accordance with appendix B of FAR Part 43.
- ANNUAL AND PROGRESSIVE INSPECTIONS. The procedures and scope for annual inspections are set forth in appendix D of FAR Part 43, and should be followed in detail. The scope and detail for a progressive inspection must be set by the owner or operator in accordance with FAR Section 91.409(d). There are additional requirements for annual and progressive inspections listed in FAR Section 43.15. The scope and detail of 100 hour and annual inspections are the same. Record entries are very important as they are the only evidence an aircraft owner has to show compliance with the inspection requirements of FAR Section 91.409 (see appendix 1, figure 5). The following reminders should help in determining that the aircraft complies with all airworthiness requirements (ref. FAR Section 43.15(a)):
 - a. Configuration. The aircraft should conform to the aircraft specification or type certificate data sheet. When the aircraft does not conform, use the "unairworthy" procedures of FAR Section 43.11(a)(5).
 - Alterations to the product may have changed some of the operating limitations.
 - (2) Unrecorded alterations or repairs may have been made in the past and warrant one of the following:
 - (i) Contact owner for pertinent information.
 - (II) If approved data are available, conduct inspection and personally approve for return to service by completing FAA Form 337.
 - (III) Contact local FAA inspector for assistance.
 - (3) The aircraft specification or data sheet indicates when a flight manual is required. It also identifies limitations which must be displayed in the form of markings and placards.
 - (4) Type certificate data sheets do not contain a list of equipment approved for a particular aircraft as did the specifications. The list of required and optional equipment can be found in the equipment list furnished by the manufacturer of the aircraft. Sometimes a later issue of the list is needed to cover recently approved items. Serial number eligibility should always be considered.
 - b. Condition. The holder of an IA may use the checklist in FAR Part 43, appendix D, the manufacturer's inspection sheets, or a checklist designed by the holder of an IA, that includes the scope and detail of the items listed in appendix D, to check the condition of the entire aircraft. This includes checks of the various systems listed in FAR Section 43.15.

- (1) Routine servicing is NOT a part of the annual inspection. The inspection itself is essentially a visual evaluation of the condition of the aircraft and its components and certain operational checks. The manufacturer may recommend certain services to be performed at various operating intervals. These can often be done conveniently at this time, and in fact should be done, but are not considered to be a part of the inspection itself.
- (2) It is very important that the holder of an IA be familiar with the manufacturer's service manuals, bulletins, letters, etc., for the product being inspected. Use these publications to avoid overlooking problem areas.
- (3) AC 43-16, FAA General Aviation Airworthiness Alerts, is also an important source of service experience. The alerts are selected service difficulties reported to the FAA on FAA Form 8010-4, Malfunction or Defect Reports. Monthly copies of the alerts are provided free of charge to all holders of an IA, repair stations, air taxis, and FAA certificated aviation maintenance technician schools.
- (4) When the holder of an IA approves an aircraft for return to service, he or she will be held responsible for the condition of the aircraft AS OF THE TIME OF APPROVAL.
- c. Airworthiness Directives (AD's). The holder of an IA should determine that all applicable AD's for aircraft, powerplants, propellers, instruments, and appliances have been accomplished.
 - (1) If the maintenance records indicate compliance with an AD, the holder of an IA should make a reasonable attempt to verify the compliance. It is not uncommon for a component to have an AD complied with and properly recorded then later be replaced by another component on which the AD has not been accomplished. The holder of an IA is not expected to disassemble major components such as cylinders or crankcases, etc., if adequate records of compliance exist.
 - (2) When the maintenance records DO NOT contain indications of AD compliance, the holder of an IA should:
 - (i) Make the AD note an item on a discrepancy list provided to the owner in accordance with FAR Section 43.11(b);
 - (ii) With the owner's concurrence, do whatever disassembly is required to determine the status of compliance; or
 - (III) Obtain concurrence of the owner to comply with the AD.

(3) Often an AD calls for an inspection at one time with a modification or inspection required at a later date. It is very important to identify, in the maintenance record entry, the portion of the AD complied with and the exact method of compliance.

(4) FAR Section 91.417(a)(2)(v) requires each registered owner or operator to keep a record of the current status of applicable AD's. This status includes, for each, the method of compliance, AD number, and revision date. If the AD involves recurring action, the time and date should be recorded when the next action is required. As a vital part of the services performed, the holder of

an IA may wish to provide the information an owner is expected to keep. (See appendix 1, figure 6.)

(5) The owner should also be informed if there are subsequent requirements of an AD or that reinspection is required at operating intervals other than at annual inspections. Often the subsequent requirements are at 100-hour intervals and will need to be done whether or not the aircraft is required to have 100-hour

inspections.

d. Malfunction or Defect Reports. All malfunctions or defects that come to the attention of a holder of an IA should be reported on FAA Form 8010-4. (See appendix 1, figure 7.) Copies of the form are available at all FAA district offices, are easy to fill out, and need no addressing or postage. Prompt reporting will contribute much toward improving air safety by helping correct unsafe conditions.

Paperwork Review. The owner or operator is responsible for maintaining the equipment list, center-of-gravity and weight distribution computations, and loading schedules, if

necessary.

(1) The holder of an IA should determine that the required placards and documents set forth in the aircraft specification or data sheet are available and current. The aircraft should be reported as "unairworthy" if these placards and documents are not available. Missing, incorrect, or improperly located placards should be regarded as a discrepancy and the owner or operator should be informed that under FAR Section 91.9 the aircraft should not be operated until they are available.

(2) The holder of an IA should refer to the registration and airworthiness certificates for the owner's name and address and for the aircraft make, model, registration, and serial numbers needed for recording purposes. Be sure not to use manufacturers' trade names as they do not always coincide with the actual model designation (Cessna Skylane is 182, Piper Seneca III is PA 34 220T, etc.). If registration and airworthiness certificates

are not available, the aircraft need not be reported unairworthy: however, the owner or operator should be informed that the documents must be in the aircraft and the airworthiness certificate displayed as required in FAR Section 91.203 WHEN THE AIRCRAFT IS OPERATED.

(3) Another document which is often needed but not a part of the airworthiness requirement might be a State registration. The owner or operator is responsible for the proper display of this document. However, the holder of an IA will be performing an appreciated service by informing the operator of any deficiencies in the display and carriage of this document.

(4) On aircraft for which no approved flight manual is required, the operating limitations prescribed during original certification, and as required by FAR Section 91.9, must be carried in or be affixed to the aircraft. Range markings on the instruments, placards. and listings must be worded and located as specified in the type certificate data sheet. (See appendix 1. figure 8.)

f. Aircraft Markings. Required aircraft identification markings are discussed in FAR Part 45. It is the owner or operator's responsibility to have the nationality and registration markinos properly displayed on the aircraft Section 91.9(c)). The holder of an IA can, and should, offer advisory service to owners and operators in regard to any deficiencies in markings; however, such deficiencies are not

cause to report an aircraft "unairworthy."

Unairworthy Aircraft. If the aircraft is not approved for g. return to service after a required inspection, use the procedures specified in FAR Section 43.11. This will permit owner to assume responsibility for having discrepancies corrected prior to operating the aircraft.

(1) The discrepancies can be cleared by a person who is authorized by FAR Part 43 to do the work. Preventive maintenance items could be cleared by a pilot who owns or operates the aircraft, provided the aircraft is not used under Parts 121, 127, 129, or 135; (except that approval may be granted to allow a pilot operating a rotorcraft in a remote area under FAR Part 135 to perform preventive maintenance).

The owner may want the aircraft flown to another location to have repairs completed, in which case the owner should be advised that issuance of FAA Special Form 8130-7. Airworthiness Certificate. commonly called a ferry permit, is necessary. certificate may be obtained at an FAA Flight Standards

District Office or Aircraft Certification Office.

(3) If the aircraft is found to be "unairworthy," this means that the aircraft will be eligible to be operated, and airworthy, when the list of items on the discrepancy list is corrected. (See appendix 1, figures 9 and 10.)

n. Incomplete Inspection. If an annual inspection is not

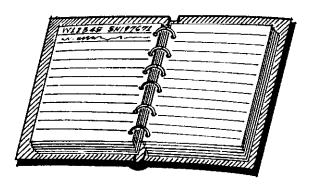
completed, the holder of an IA should:

(1) Indicate in the aircraft records any discrepancies found.

(2) NOT indicate that an annual inspection was conducted.

(3) Indicate in the aircraft records the extent of the inspection and all work accomplished.

CHAPTER 4



CHAPTER 4. MAINTENANCE RECORDS

 MAINTENANCE RECORDS. The holder of an IA and other maintenance personnel or agencies are required to record maintenance, inspections, or alterations performed or approved in accordance with the requirements of FAR Sections 43.9 and 43.11. The owner or operator is required by FAR Section 91.417 to keep maintenance records. The holder of an IA is also required to indicate the time in service when a required inspection is done.

Significance of Maintenance Record Entries. Responsibility for maintenance work performed rests with the person whose name is entered on the appropriate maintenance record and/or forms. The responsibility for annual and progressive inspections and approval for return to service of major repairs or major alterations is assumed by the holder of an IA whose signature appears on the appropriate maintenance records.

- 2. COMPLETION OF FAA FORM 337. FAA Form 337 serves two purposes. One is to provide owners and operators a record of major repairs and major alterations, indicating details and approval. The other purpose is to provide the FAA with a copy for the aircraft records. A sample of a typical completed FAA Form 337 is provided in appendix 1, figures 3 and 4.
 - a. The person who performed or supervised the major repair or major alteration prepares the original FAA Form 337 (two copies). The holder of an IA then further processes the forms when they are presented for approval.
 - Instructions for the completion of FAA Form 337 appear in AC 43.9-1E, or subsequent revisions.

- c. Disposition of FAA Form 337.
 - (1) The holder of an IA who has found a major alteration or a major repair to be in conformity with FAA-approved data, should review the FAA Form 337 for completeness and accuracy, and complete item 7.
 - (2) The person performing a major repair or major alteration shall:
 - (i) Give a signed copy of FAA Form 337 to the aircraft owner.
 - (ii) Make the proper entry in the maintenance records.
 - (III) Forward the duplicate copy to the local FAA district office within 48 hours.
 - (3) The holder of an IA should ensure that the duplicate copy is an exact and legible reproduction of the original. The signatures should not be carbon copies but original signatures written in ink.
 - (4) If the FAA Form 337 has been completed for spare parts or components, both copies of the form, with the approval portion completed, should be attached to the part or component until it is installed on an aircraft.
 - (i) The mechanic who makes the installation will complete both copies of the FAA Form 337 by filling in blocks 1 and 2 and sign for the installation in the aircraft records, making reference to the FAA Form 337 in the record entry.
 - (II) Give a copy to the owner and forward a copy to the FAA district office for the area where the installing mechanic is operating.
- 3. WEIGHT AND BALANCE. Weight and balance data are no longer required to be entered on the FAA Form 337. It is imperative that weight and balance checks and computations be made very carefully. Since practically every aircraft manufacturer uses a different method of weight and balance control, it would be impossible to provide a universally adaptable method. The example provided in appendix 1, figure 11, is general in nature and can be modified or revised as needed to fit the aircraft involved. When revising weight and balance data, these general guidelines should be followed:
 - The weight and balance data should be kept together in the aircraft records.
 - b. When making revisions, use a permanent, easily identified method, with full-size sheets of paper large enough to contain complete computations and minimize the possibility of becoming detached or lost.
 - c. Each page should be identified with the aircraft by make, model, serial number, and registration number.
 - d. The pages should be signed and dated by the person making the revision.
 - e. The nature of the weight change should be described.

f. The old weight and balance data should be marked "superseded" and dated.

g. A new page should show the date of the old figures it

supersedes.

h. Appropriate fore and/or aft extreme loading conditions should be investigated and the computations shown.

i. Sample loading computations may be helpful.

 On large aircraft, be careful to distinguish between empty weight and operating weights that may include items such as commissary supplies, spare parts, lavatory water, etc.

k. On small aircraft it is often convenient to post a placard in the aircraft indicating the empty weight, useful load, and empty CG, along with sample loadings or general instructions, to cover the most likely loading conditions. (Ref. FAR Section 91.9(b)(2).) AC 120-27A, Aircraft Weight and Balance Control, and AC 91-23A, Pilot's Weight and Balance Handbook, contain useful information applicable to the functions performed by the holder of an IA on general aviation aircraft.

CHAPTER 5



CHAPTER 5. SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVELOPING GOOD OWNER/IA RELATIONS

GET IT STRAIGHT. Be sure to come to a mutual agreement with the aircraft owner concerning exactly what work is to be performed. Misunderstandings usually result from a lack of clear communications. Attention to the following details will usually avoid the ill-will a later disagreement may generate:

1. Itemize the work to be done so the owner will have a clear

understanding of the work order.

Establish a firm understanding about the cost, or range of cost, anticipated for the lob.

- If an annual inspection is involved, indicate that certain maintenance is required to perform the inspection, such as:
 - Removing cowling and fairing, opening inspection plates, etc.

b. Cleaning the aircraft and engine.

- Disassembling wheels and other components to determine their condition.
- Advise the owner that an annual inspection involves determination of compliance with aircraft specifications and AD's.
- 5. Agree whether routine servicing is to be included as part of the inspection or is to be performed separately. Such servicing is not a part of the inspection, but may be conveniently done while conducting the inspection. Such items might be:

a. Cleaning spark plugs.

b. Servicing landing gear shock struts.

c. Changing oil.

d. Making minor adjustments.

e. Servicing the brakes.

f. Dressing nicked propeller blades.

g. Lubricating where necessary.

- Stop drilling small cracks and minor patching of cowling and baffles.
- 6. Make a written list of all discrepancies found on the aircraft indicating if and how corrected. Give the list to the owner and record the discrepancies in the maintenance records. The owner should be informed that the aircraft should not be operated until the discrepancies are corrected.
- Establish a reasonable time period to accomplish the inspection.
- 8. Request the owner to supply the complete aircraft records (airframe, engines, and propellers) for study, review, and entries. Point out that this is necessary to properly conduct an annual inspection.
- 9. Complete the inspection as soon as practicable. Often an aircraft will sit around the shops waiting for parts, etc., even though the inspection was actually finished. In these cases, it is advisable to officially report the aircraft unairworthy. (Ref. FAR Section 43.11(a)(5).) When the parts arrive, the repairs can be completed and the aircraft approved for return to service in the usual manner by the person who makes the repairs. The time lapse may represent several weeks, or even months, and things can deteriorate on the aircraft. Also, there is the chance that an AD involving some part of the aircraft may have been issued in the interim. In these cases, it might be unwise to complete the repairs originally intended and sign off the aircraft as "airworthy" without doing another complete inspection.
- 10. Complete the aircraft record entries as required by FAR Sections 43.9 and 43.11 and provide sufficient information for the owner to comply with FAR Section 91.417(a)(2)(i). Make adequate descriptions of repairs or alterations if accomplished along with the inspection.
- 11. Record compliance with all AD's actually accomplished. Provide sufficient information for the owner to comply with FAR Section 91.417(a)(2)(v). A general statement such as "All AD's complied with" is NOT an adequate entry and should be avoided. Many owners keep a separate record of AD compliance in the back of the logbook or a specially provided section. This is a good place to identify the AD's of a recurring nature and show when the next compliance is required. (See appendix 1, figures 12 and 13, for typical entries.)
- 12. When approving repairs and alterations, the holder of an IA should be available as work progresses on major jobs. This way, affected areas and structures can be seen more readily than after completion of the entire job. In many cases, the workmanship can be inspected and improved more easily during the process of the job rather than having to redo it later.

- 13. Remind the owners or operators that they are responsible for operational requirements such as:
 - a. VOR equipment checked in accordance with FAR Section 91.171.
 - b. Altimeter and altitude reporting equipment test and inspections in accordance with FAR Section 91.411.
 - c. ATC transponder inspection in accordance with FAR Section 91.413. These tests and inspections are not part of the annual inspection.

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FIGURE 1. FAA Form 8610-1, Mechanic's Application for inspection Authorization.

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FIGURE 2. FAA Form 8310-5, Inspection Authorization.

Sample completed front of FAA Form 337, showing FAA inspector's data approval for a major repair (block 3). Detailed instructions for the use of this form are in FAR Part 43, and AC 43.9-1E, or subsequent revision.

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FIGURE 3. FAA Form 337, Major Repair and Alteration (Airframe, Powerplant, Propeller, or Appliance), (Front).

Appendix 1

Back side of FAA Form 337, showing typical entries. Note the specific references in identifying FAA approved or acceptable data. Also note entry regarding inspection of the repair by the holder of an IA prior to the cover being applied and an inspection of the wing assembly for hidden damage and condition.

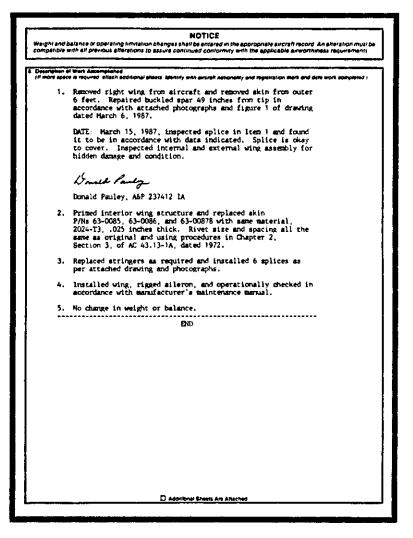


FIGURE 4. FAA Form 337, Major Repair and Alteration (Airframe, Powerplant, Propeller, or Appliance), (Back).

Sample maintenance record entry for an annual Inspection that resulted in an "airworthy" aircraft. Note that the date, aircraft total times, and tach or recorder reading are included. The tach or recorder readings should not be confused with the total time and should only be shown in ADDITION to the total time entry. Note the mechanic's certificate number is suffixed by the letters "IA" indicating that the mechanic is the holder of an inspection authorization. Note also that maintenance done in conjunction with the inspection is also recorded.

January 18, 1986. Total aircraft time 1853.00 hours tach reading 975.42. Replace right main landing gear wheel bearing PN-W77414, replaced eight sparkplugs REM 40E, replaced both brake linings on right wheel. I certify that this aircraft has been inspected in accordance with an annual inspection and was determined to be in an airworthy condition.

Joseph P. Kline, A&P 123456789 IA

FIGURE 5. Sample Maintenance Record Entry.

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AD NOTES COMPLIANCE RECORD

A/C Cert. Date 12-78 Eng. Model 0-360-A4M Prop. Model 76EM8S5

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FIGURE 6. Airworthiness Directive Compliance Record (Suggested Format).

This is a typical FAA Form 8010-4, Malfunction or Defect Report. Holders of IA are urged to use this form for all malfunctions or defects that cannot be attributed to poor maintenance procedures. Provide the information requested on the form. It is not necessary to furnish models and serial numbers when they are not pertinent. Note that item 8A requests information concerning how the defect can be corrected.

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FIGURE 7. FAA Form 8010-4, Malfunction or Defect Report.

Appendix 1

Sample operating limitations placard for a typical light aircraft certificated under FAR Part 23.

Operating Limitations	Zeph-Air 63-1A N40023
RPM	Do not exceed 2300
Oil Temp	212° max.
Airspeed limits do not exceed	:
Level flight or climb	95 m.p.h.
Glide or dive	129 m.p.h.
Gross weight	1,220 lbs.
Empty C.G.	14.4" aft of datum
Useful load	453 lbs.
Kinds of operation	VFR-Day
Maximum baggage:	40 lbs. solo front
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FIGURE 8. Sample Operating Limitations Placard.

May 30, 1986. Total aircraft time 1853.00 hours. Tach reading 975.80. I certify that this aircraft has been inspected in accordance with an annual inspection and a list of discrepancies and unairworthy items dated May 30, 1986, have been provided for the aircraft owner.

Joseph P. Kline, A&P 123456789 IA

FIGURE 9. Sample Record Entry for an Annual Inspection in which the Aircraft was Found to be Unairworthy.

April 15, 1986. Aircraft total time 740 hours. Complied with AD 84-27-2, rubber float and float bowl screw by inspection of float, 84 stamped on name plate.

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FIGURE 12. Sample—One-Time Airworthiness Directive Compliance Entry.

April 1, 1986. Engine total time 720 hours. Complied with AD 82-27-03, Roto-Masters turbo chargers by inspection and found satisfactory. Next inspection due at 920 hours.

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Figure 13. Sample—Recurrent Airworthiness Directive Compliance Entry.

Subscription service will consist of the summary and automatic biweekly updates to each summary for a 2-year period. Make certified check or money order payable to the Federal Aviation Administration.

5. ADVISORY CIRCULARS.

- a. AC 43.13-1A, Acceptable Methods, Techniques and Practices—Aircraft Inspection and Repair.
- b. AC 43.13-2A, Acceptable Methods, Techniques, and Practices—Aircraft Alterations.
- c. AC 39-7B, Airworthiness Directives.
- d. AC 43-9B, Maintenance Records.
- e. AC 43.9-1E, Instructions for Completion of FAA Form 337, (OMB No. 2120-0020), Major Repair and Alternation (Airframe, Powerplant, Propeller, or Appliance).
- f. AC 65-19E, Inspection Authorization Study Guide.

Free advisory circulars may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Utilization and Storage Section, M-443.2, Washington, DC 20590. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to obtain future free AC's, send your request to M-443.2. The request must specify the subject matter area in which you may be interested, such as:

AC 00 General
AC 10 Procedural
AC 20 Aircraft (includes 30 and 40)
AC 60 Airmen
AC 70 Airspace
AC 90 General Operations
AC 120 Air Carrier and Commercial Operators

6. ORDERING INFORMATION. Refer to AC 00-2, Advisory Circular Checklist, for ordering instructions for both free and for-sale AC's. The checklist also gives stock numbers and prices for AC's sold by the Superintendent of Documents. AC 00-2 may be referred to in any FAA district office or may be ordered free from: U.S. Department of Transportation, Utilization and Storage Section, M-443.2, Washington, DC 20590.

Academy Aviation Hangar 4 North Philadelphia Airport Philadelphia, PA 19114

Mr. Morris McCell 1450 W. Cheltenham Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19125

Dear Mr. McCell:

This is to certify that on May 30, 1986, I completed an annual inspection on your aircraft, Condor 191B, S/N 3946, N1234, and found it to be in an unairworthy condition for the following reasons:

- Compression in number 3 cylinder read 30 over 80, which is below the manufacturer's recommended limits.
- 2. The muffler has a broken baffle plate which is blocking the engine exhaust outlet.
- 3. There is a six-inch crack on bottom of left wing just aft of main landing gear attach point.

Joseph P. Kline

Joseph P. Kline A&P 123456789 IA

FIGURE 10. Sample Discrepancy List to be Provided to an Aircraft Owner when Reporting an Aircraft Unairworthy after Completing an Annual Inspection.

Appendix 1

Note that computations are shown. Form is signed, dated, and identifies the computations or figures it supersedes. It is recommended that manufacturer's weight and balance data forms be used for specific aircraft.

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FIGURE 11. Sample Weight and Balance Revision for a Typical Light, Twin-Engine Aircraft.

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 Parts of FAR's which are most frequently amended are sold on
 subscription service basis (subscribers receive changes
 automatically as issued), while the less active parts are sold on
 a single-sale basis.

Changes to single-sale parts will be sold separately as issued. Information concerning these changes will be furnished by the FAA through AC 00-44, Status of Federal Aviation Regulations. Instructions for ordering this free-status list are given in front of each single-sale FAR Part and in paragraph 5 of this appendix.

2. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS.

FAR PART	
NUMBER	TITLE
1	Definitions and Abbreviations
21	Certification Procedures for Products and Parts
23	Airworthiness Standards: Normal, Utility, Acrobatic, and Commuter Category Airplanes
33	Airworthiness Standards: Aircraft Engines
35	Airworthiness Standards: Propellers
39	Airworthiness Directives
43	Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance, Rebuilding, and Alterations
45	Identification and Registration Markings
47	Aircraft Registration
65	Certification: Airmen Other Than Flight Crewmembers
91	General Operating and Flight Rules

- TECHNICAL DATA. The following technical data should be available when taking an IA written test:
 - a. Aircraft Type Certificate Data Sheets and Specifications. Type certificate data sheets and specifications are separated into six volumes. Volume titles and the contents of the five volumes required for an IA test are:
 - (1) Volume I (Single-Engine Airplanes) contains material for all single-engine, fixed-wing airplanes regardless of maximum certificated takeoff weight.
 - (2) Volume II (Small Multiengine Airplanes) contains material for multiengine, fixed-wing airplanes of 12,500 pounds or less maximum certificated takeoff weight.

Appendix 2

- (3) Volume IV (Rotorcraft, Gliders, and Balloons) contains material for all rotorcraft, gliders, and manned balloons.
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- (5) Volume VI (Aircraft Listing and Aircraft Engine and Propeller Listing) contains information pertaining to older aircraft, engines, and propellers which is not subject to frequent revision.
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