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SUBJECT : THE USE OF VIEW LIMITING DEVICES ON AIRCRAFT

1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory circular alerts pilots to the continuing need to make judicious and cautious use of all view limiting devices on aircraft.
2. **BACKGROUND.** The problem of "near midair collisions" is causing increasing concern in all aviation circles. It is possible that the use of certain sun visors, aircraft curtains, instrument simulation slats or other similar view limiting devices may contribute to a "near miss" by seriously diminishing the pilot's or safety pilot's field of vision.
3. **RECOMMENDATION.** To insure maximum field of vision at all times, it is recommended that sun visors and curtains be placed in the retracted position when not actually needed and being used to protect the pilot's eyes. Prior to using view limiting devices to simulate IFR conditions, ascertain that the safety pilot has adequate vision forward and to each side of the aircraft, or provide a competent observer in the aircraft to adequately supplement the vision of the safety pilot, as required by FAR 91.21(b)(2).


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