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SUBPART A—AIRWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS
GENERAL

§ 3.1 Scope. An airplane which has no features or characteristics rendering it unsafe for the category for which it is to be certificated is eligible for type and airworthiness certification, if it complies with all applicable provisions of this part, or, in the event it does not so comply, if it is shown to meet the same level of safety as that provided for in this part.

§ 3.2 *Date of effectiveness.* (a) Airplanes certificated as a type on or after November 13, 1945, shall comply either with (1) the entire provisions of Part 4a of this chapter in effect immediately prior to November 9, 1945, or (2) the entire provisions prescribed in this part, except that airplanes certificated under (1) may

incorporate provisions of (2) when the Administrator finds the standard of safety to be equivalent to the particular and all related items of the latter.

(b) Airplanes certificated as a type on or after January 1, 1947, shall comply with the provisions contained in this part. If the prototype is not flown prior to January 1, 1947, and satisfactory evidence is presented indicating that the design work of the type was well advanced prior to November 13, 1945, and the delay of completion of the airplane was due to causes beyond the manufacturer's control, the Administrator may certificate the airplane as a type under the provisions of Part 4a of this chapter which were in effect prior to November 9, 1945.

(c) Unless otherwise specified, compliance with an amendment to this part shall be mandatory only for airplanes for which application for a type certificate has been received subsequent to the effective date of such amendment.

AIRPLANE CATEGORIES

§ 3.6 *Airplane categories.* (a) In this part airplanes are divided upon the basis of their intended operation into the following categories for the purpose of certification.

(1) *Normal—Suffix "N"*. Airplanes in this category are intended for nonacrobatic, nonscheduled passenger, and nonscheduled cargo operation.

(2) *Utility—Suffix "U"*. Airplanes in this category are intended for normal operations and limited acrobatic maneuvers. These airplanes are not suited for use in snap or inverted maneuvers.

NOTE: The following interpretation of paragraph (a) (2) was issued May 15, 1947, 12 F.R. 3434:

The phrase "limited acrobatic maneuvers" as used in § 3.6 is interpreted to include steep turns, spins, stalls (except whip stalls), lazy eights, and chandelles.

(3) *Acrobatic—Suffix "A"*. Airplanes in this category will have no specific restrictions as to type of maneuver permitted unless the necessity therefor is disclosed by the required flight tests.

(4) *Restricted purpose—Suffix "R"*.

Airplanes in this category are intended to be operated for restricted purposes not logically encompassed by the foregoing categories. The requirements of this category shall consist of all of the provisions for any one of the foregoing categories which are not rendered inapplicable by the nature of the special purpose involved, plus suitable operating restrictions which the Administrator finds will provide a level of safety equivalent to that contemplated for the foregoing categories.

(b) An airplane may be certificated under the requirements of a particular category, or in more than one category, provided that all of the requirements of such categories are met. Sections of this part which apply to only one or more, but not all, categories are identified in this part by the appropriate suffixes, as indicated above, added to the section number. All sections not identified by a suffix are applicable to all categories except as otherwise specified.

NOTE: For rules governing the eligibility of airplanes certificated under this part for use in air carrier operations see Parts 40, 41, 42, and 61 of this chapter.

AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATES

§ 3.11 *Classification.* (a) Airworthiness certificates are classified as follows:

(1) *NC (standard) certificates.* In order to become eligible for an NC (standard) certificate, an airplane must be shown to comply with the requirements contained in this part for at least one category, but not the restricted-purpose category.

(2) *NR (restricted) certificates.* In order to become eligible for an NR (restricted) certificate, an airplane must be shown to comply with the requirements of the restricted purpose category.

(3) *NX (experimental) certificates.* An airplane will become eligible for an NX (experimental) certificate when the applicant presents satisfactory evidence that the airplane is to be flown for experimental purposes and the Administrator finds it may, with appropriate restrictions, be operated for that purpose in a manner which does not endanger the general public. Airplanes used in racing and exhibition flying may be issued NX (experimental) certificates under the terms of this section. The applicant shall submit sufficient data, such as

photographs, to identify the airplane satisfactorily and, upon inspection of the airplane, any pertinent information found necessary by the Administrator to safeguard the general public.

(b) An airplane manufactured in accordance with a type certificate (see §§ 3.15-3.19) and conforming with the type design will become eligible for an airworthiness certificate when, upon inspection of the airplane, the Administrator determines it so to conform and that the airplane is in a condition for safe operation. For each newly manufactured airplane this determination shall include a flight check by the applicant.

[Amdt. 03-0, 11 F.R. 133.68, as amended by Amdt. 03-4, 13 F.R. 2965]

TYPE CERTIFICATES

§ 3.15 *Requirements for issuance.* A type certificate will be issued when the following requirements of §§ 3.16 to 3.19 are met.

§ 3.16 *Data required for NC and NR certification.* The applicant for a type certificate shall submit to the Administrator such descriptive data, test reports, and computations as are necessary to demonstrate that the airplane complies with the airworthiness requirements. The descriptive data shall be known as the type design and shall consist of drawings and specifications disclosing the configuration of the airplane and all design features covered in the airworthiness requirements as well as sufficient information on dimensions, materials, and processes to define the strength of the structure. The type design shall describe the airplane in sufficient detail to permit the airworthiness of subsequent airplanes of the same type to be determined by comparison with the type design.

[Amdt. 03-0, 11 F.R. 13368, as amended by Amdt. 03-4, 13 F.R. 2965]

§ 3.17 *Inspection and tests for NC and NR certification.* The authorized representatives of the Administrator shall have access to the airplane and may witness or conduct such inspections and tests as are necessary to determine compliance with the airworthiness requirements.

[Amdt. 03-0, 11 F.R. 13368, as amended by Amdt. 03-4, 13 F.R. 2965]

§ 3.18 *Inspection.* Inspections and tests shall include all those found necessary by the Administrator to insure that the airplane conforms with the following:

(a) All materials and products are in accordance with the specification given in the type design.

(b) All parts of the airplane are constructed in accordance with the drawings contained in the type design.

(c) All manufacturing processes, construction, and assembly are such that the design strength and safety contemplated by the type design will be realized in service.

§ 3.19 *Flight tests.* (Applicable to all airplanes certificated as a type on or after May 15, 1947.) After proof of compliance with the structural requirements contained in this part, and upon completion of all necessary inspection and testing on the ground, and proof of the conformity of the airplane with the type design, and upon receipt from the applicant of a report of flight tests conducted by him, there shall be conducted such official flight tests as the Administrator finds necessary to determine compliance with §§ 3.61 through 3.780. After the conclusion of these flight tests such additional flight tests shall be conducted as the Administrator finds necessary to ascertain whether there is reasonable assurance that the airplane, its components, and equipment are reliable and function properly. The extent of such additional flight tests shall depend upon the complexity of the airplane, the number and nature of new design features, and the record of previous tests and experience for the particular airplane model, its components, and equipment. If practicable, the flight tests performed for the purpose of ascertaining the reliability and proper functioning shall be conducted on the same airplane which was used in flight tests to show compliance with §§ 3.61 through 3.780.

[Amdt. 03-1, 12 F.R. 1028, as amended by Amdt. 03-2, 12 F.R. 2086]

CHANGES

§ 3.23 *Changes.* Changes shall be substantiated to demonstrate compliance of the airplane with the appropriate airworthiness requirements in effect when the particular airplane was certificated as a type, unless the

holder of the type certificate chooses to show compliance with the currently effective requirements subject to the approval of the Administrator, or unless the Administrator finds it necessary to require compliance with current airworthiness requirements.

§ 3.24 *Minor changes.* Minor changes to certificated airplanes which obviously do not impair the condition of the airplane for safe operation shall be approved by the authorized representatives of the Administrator prior to the submittal to the Administrator of any required revised drawings.

§ 3.25 *Major changes.* A major change is any change not covered by minor changes as defined in § 3.24.

§ 3.26 *Service experience changes.* When experience shows that any particular part of characteristic of an airplane is unsafe, the holder of the type certificate for such airplane shall submit for approval of the Administrator the design changes which are necessary to correct the unsafe condition after the unsafe condition becomes known the Administrator shall withhold the issuance of airworthiness certificates for additional airplanes of the type involved until he has approved the design changes and until the additional airplanes are modified to include such changes. Upon approval by the Administrator the design changes shall be considered as a part of the type design, and descriptive data covering these changes shall be made available by the holder of the type certificate to all owners of airplanes previously certificated under such type certificate.

§ 3.27 *Application to earlier airworthiness requirements.* In the case of airplanes approved as a type under the terms of earlier airworthiness requirements, the Administrator may require that an airplane submitted for an original airworthiness certificate comply with such portions of the currently effective airworthiness requirements as may be necessary for safety.

APPROVAL OF MATERIALS, PARTS, PROCESSES, AND APPLIANCES

§ 3.31 *Specifications.* (a) Materials, parts, processes, and appliances shall be approved upon a basis and in a manner found necessary by the Administrator to implement the pertinent

provisions of this subchapter. The Administrator may adopt and publish such specifications as he finds necessary to administer this section, and shall incorporate therein such portions of the aviation industry, Federal, and military specifications respecting such materials, parts, processes, and appliances as he finds appropriate.

(b) Any material, part, process, or appliance shall be deemed to have met the requirements for approval when it meets the pertinent specifications adopted by the Administrator, and the manufacturer so certifies in a manner prescribed by the Administrator.

[Amdt. 03-3, 12 F.R. 7898]

DEFINITIONS

§ 3.41 *Standard atmosphere.* The standard atmosphere shall be based upon the following assumptions:

- (a) The air is a dry perfect gas.
- (b) The temperature at sea level is 59° F.
- (c) The pressure at sea level is 29.92 inches Hg.
- (d) The temperature gradient from sea level to the altitude at which the temperature becomes -67° F. is -0.003566° F. per foot and zero there above.

(e) The density ρ at sea level under the above conditions is 0.002378 lbs. sec.²/ft.⁴.

§ 3.42 *Hot-day condition.* See § 3.583.

§ 3.43 *Airplane configuration.* This term refers to the position of the various elements affecting the aerodynamic characteristics of the airplane, such as landing gear and flaps.

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Design landing weight: The weight used in the structural investigation of the airplane for normal landing conditions. Under the provisions of § 3.242, this weight may be equal to or less than the maximum design weight.....	3.242
Unit weights for design purposes:	
Gasoline.....	6 pounds per United States gallon.
Lubricating oil.....	7.5 pounds per United States gallon.
Crew and passengers....	170 pounds per person.

§ 3.45 *Power.*

One horsepower: 33,000 foot-pounds per minute.

Take-off power: the take-off rating of the engine established in accordance with Part 13, Aircraft Engine Airworthiness.

Maximum continuous power: The maximum continuous rating of the engine established in accordance with Part 13, Aircraft Engine Airworthiness.

§ 3.46 *Speeds.*

V_t True air speed of the airplane relative to the undisturbed air.

In the following symbols having subscripts, V denotes:

(a) "Equivalent" air speed for structural design purposes equal to $V_t \sqrt{\rho/\rho_0}$.

(b) "True indicated" or "calibrated" air speed for performance and operating purposes equal to indicator reading corrected for position and instrument errors.

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V_h maximum speed in level flight at maximum continuous power.	

§ 3.47 *Structural terms.*

Structure: Those portions of the airplane the failure of which would seriously endanger the safety of the airplane.

Design wing area, S : The area enclosed by the wing outline (including ailerons, and flaps in the retracted position, but ignoring fillets and fairings) on a surface containing the wing chords. The outline is assumed to extend through the nacelles and fuselage to the centerline of symmetry.

Aerodynamic coefficients: C_L, C_N, C_M , etc., used in this part, are nondimensional coefficients for the forces and moments acting on an airfoil, and correspond to those adopted by the United States National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

C_L = airfoil lift coefficient.

C_N = airfoil normal force coefficient (normal to wing chord line).

C_{NA} = airplane normal force coefficient (based on lift of complete airplane and design wing area).

C_M = pitching moment coefficient.

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Load factor or acceleration factor, *n*: The ratio of the force acting on a mass to the weight of the mass. When the force in question represents the net external load acting on the airplane in a given direction, *n* represents the acceleration in that direction in terms of the gravitational constant.

Limit load factor: The load factor corresponding to limit load.

Ultimate load factor: The load factor corresponding to ultimate load.

§ 3.48 *Susceptibility of materials to fire.* Where necessary for the purpose of determining compliance with any of the definitions in this section, the Administrator shall prescribe the heat conditions and testing procedures which any specific material or individual part must meet.

(a) *Fireproof.* "Fireproof" material means a material which will withstand heat equally well or better than steel in dimensions appropriate for the purpose for which it is to be used. When applied to material and parts used to confine fires in designated fire zones "fireproof" means that the material or part will perform this function under the most severe conditions of fire and duration likely to occur in such zones.

(b) *Fire-resistant.* When applied to sheet or structural members, "fire-resistant" material shall mean a material which will withstand heat equally well or better than aluminum alloy in dimensions appropriate for the purpose for which it is to be used. When applied to fluid-carrying lines, this term refers to a line and fitting assembly which will perform its intended protective functions under the heat and other conditions likely to occur at the particular location.

(c) *Flames-resistant.* "Flame-resistant" material means material which will not support combustion to the point of propagating, beyond safe limits, a flame after removal of the ignition source.

(d) *Flash-resistant.* "Flash-resistant" material means material which will not burn violently when ignited.

(e) *Inflammable.* "Inflammable" fluids or gases means those which will ignite readily or explode.

SUBPART B—FLIGHT REQUIREMENTS GENERAL

§ 3.61 *Policy re proof of compliance.* Compliance with the requirements specified in this subpart governing functional characteristics shall be demonstrated by suitable flight or other tests conducted upon an airplane of the type, or by calculations based upon the test data referred to above, provided that the results so obtained are substantially equal in accuracy to the results of direct testing. Compliance with each requirement must be provided at the critical combination of airplane weight and center of gravity position within the range of either for which certification is desired. Such compliance must be demonstrated by systematic investigation of all probable weight and center of gravity combinations or must be reasonably inferable from such as are investigated.

§ 3.62 *Flight test pilot.* The applicant shall provide a person holding an appropriate pilot certificate to make the flight tests, but a designated representative of the Administrator may pilot the airplane insofar as that may be necessary for the determination of compliance with the airworthiness requirements.

§ 3.63 *Noncompliance with test requirements.* Official type tests will be discontinued until corrective measures have been taken by the applicant when either:

(a) The applicant's test pilot is unable or unwilling to conduct any of the required flight tests; or

(b) Items of noncompliance with requirements are found which may render additional test data meaningless or are of such nature as to make further testing unduly hazardous.

§ 3.64 *Emergency egress.* Adequate provisions shall be made for emergency egress and use of parachutes by members of the crew during the flight tests.

§ 3.65 *Report.* The applicant shall submit to the representative of the Administrator a report covering all computations and tests required in connection with calibration of instruments used for test purposes and correction of test results to standard atmospheric conditions. The representative of the Administrator will conduct any flight tests which

he finds to be necessary in order to check the calibration and correction report.

WEIGHT RANGE AND CENTER OF GRAVITY

§ 3.71 *Weight and balance.* (a) There shall be established, as a part of the type inspection, ranges of weight and center of gravity within which the airplane may be safely operated.

(b) When low fuel adversely affects balance or stability, the airplane shall be so tested as to simulate the condition existing when the amount of usable fuel on board does not exceed 1 gallon for every 12 maximum continuous horsepower of the engine or engines installed.

§ 3.72 *Use of ballast.* Removable ballast may be used to enable airplanes to comply with the flight requirements in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) The place or places for carrying ballast shall be properly designed, installed, and plainly marked as specified in § 3.766.

(b) The Airplane Flight Manual shall include instructions regarding the proper disposition of the removable ballast under all loading conditions for which such ballast is necessary, as specified in § 3.755-3.770.

§ 3.73 *Empty weight.* The empty weight and corresponding center of gravity location shall include all fixed ballast, the unusable fuel supply (see § 3.437), undrainable oil, full engine coolant, and hydraulic fluid. The weight and location of items of equipment installed when the airplane is weighed shall be noted in the Airplane Flight Manual.

§ 3.74 *Maximum weight.* The maximum weight shall not exceed any of the following:

- (a) The weight selected by the applicant.
- (b) The design weight for which the structure has been proven.
- (c) The maximum weight at which compliance with all of the requirements specified is demonstrated, and shall not be less than the sum of the weights of the following:

- (1) The empty weight as defined by § 3.73.
- (2) One gallon of usable fuel (see § 3.437) for every seven maximum continuous horsepower for which the airplane is certificated.

(3) The full oil capacity.

(4) 170 pounds in all seats (normal category) or 190 pounds in all seats (utility and acrobatic category) unless placarded otherwise.

§ 3.75 *Minimum weight.* The minimum weight shall not exceed the sum of the weights of the following:

- (a) The empty weight is defined by § 3.73.
- (b) The minimum crew necessary to operate the airplane (170 pounds for each crew member).
- (c) One gallon of usable fuel (see § 3.437) for every 12 maximum continuous horsepower for which the airplane is certificated.

(d) Either 1 gallon of oil for each 25 gallons of fuel specified in (c) or 1 gallon of oil for each 75 maximum continuous horsepower for which the airplane is certificated, whichever is greater.

§ 3.76 *Center of gravity position.* If the center of gravity position under any possible loading condition between the maximum weight as specified in § 3.74 and the minimum weight as specified in § 3.75 lies beyond (a) the extremes selected by the applicant, or (b) the extremes for which the structure has been proven, or (c) the extremes for which compliance with all functional requirements were demonstrated, loading instructions shall be provided in the Airplane Flight Manual as specified in § 3.777-3.780.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

§ 3.81 *Performance.* The following items of performance shall be determined and the airplane shall comply with the corresponding requirements in standard atmosphere and still air.

§ 3.82 *Definition of stalling speeds.* (a) V_{so} denotes the true indicated stalling speed, if obtainable, or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable, in miles per hour, with:

- (1) Engines idling, throttles closed (or not more than sufficient power for zero thrust),
- (2) Propellers in position normally used for take-off,
- (3) Landing gear extended,
- (4) Wing flaps in the landing position,
- (5) Cowl flaps closed,

(6) Center of gravity in the most unfavorable position within the allowable landing range,

(7) The weight of the airplane equal to the weight in connection with which V_{SO} is being used as a factor to determine a required performance.

(b) V_{S_I} denotes the true indicated stalling speed, if obtainable, otherwise the calculated value in miles per hour, with:

(1) Engines idling, throttles closed (or not more than sufficient power for zero thrust),

(2) Propellers in position normally used for take-off, the airplane in all other respects (flaps, landing gear, etc.) in the particular condition existing in the particular test in connection with which V_{S_I} is being used,

(3) The weight of the airplane equal to the weight in connection with which V_{S_I} is being used as a factor to determine a required performance.

(c) These speeds shall be determined by flight tests using the procedure outlined in §3.120.

§ 3.83 *Stalling speed.* V_{SO} at maximum weight shall not exceed 70 miles per hour for (1) single-engine airplanes and (2) multiengine airplanes which do not have the rate of climb with critical engine inoperative specified in §3.85 (b).

TAKE-OFF

§ 3.84 *Take-off.* (a) The distance required to take off and climb over a 50-foot obstacle shall be determined under the following conditions:

(1) Most unfavorable combination of weight and center of gravity location,

(2) Engines operating within the approved limitations,

(3) Cowl flaps in the position normally used for take-off.

(b) Upon obtaining a height of 50 feet above the level take-off surface, the airplane shall have attained a speed of not less than $1.3 V_{S_I}$ unless a lower speed of not less than V_x plus 5 can be shown to be safe under all conditions, including turbulence and complete engine failure.

(c) The distance so obtained, the type of surface from which made, and the pertinent information with respect to the cowl flap position, the use of flight-path control devices and landing gear retraction system shall be entered in the Airplane Flight Manual. The take-off shall be made in such a manner that its reproduction shall not require an exceptional degree of skill on the part of the pilot or exceptionally favorable conditions.

CLIMB

§ 3.85 *Climb—(a) Normal climb condition.* The steady rate of climb at sea level shall be at least 300 feet per minute, and the steady angle of climb at least 1:12 for landplanes or 1:15 for seaplanes with:

(1) Not more than maximum continuous power on all engines,

(2) Landing gear fully retracted,

(3) Wing flaps in take-off position,

(4) Cowl flaps in the position used in cooling tests specified in §§ 3.581-3.596.

(b) *Climb with inoperative engine.* All multiengine airplanes having a stalling speed V_{SO} greater than 70 miles per hour or a maximum weight greater than 6,000 pounds shall have a steady rate of climb of at least $0.02 V_{SO}$ in feet per minute at an altitude of 5,000 feet with the critical engine inoperative and:

(1) The remaining engines operating at not more than maximum continuous power,

(2) The inoperative propeller in the minimum drag position,

(3) Landing gear retracted,

(4) Wing flaps in the most favorable position,

(5) Cowl flaps in the position used in cooling tests specified in §§ 3.581-3.596.

(c) *Balked landing conditions.* The steady angle of climb at sea level shall be at least 1:30 with:

(1) Take-off power on all engines,

(2) Landing gear extended,

(3) Wing flaps in landing position.

If rapid retraction is possible with safety without loss of altitude and without requiring sudden changes of angle of attack or exceptional skill on the part of the pilot, wing flaps may be retracted.

LANDING

§ 3.86 *Landing (a)* The horizontal distance required to land and to come to a complete stop (to a speed of approximately 3 miles per hour for seaplanes or float planes) from a point at a height of 50 feet above the landing surface shall be determined as follows:

(1) Immediately prior to reaching the 50-foot altitude, a steady gliding approach shall have been maintained, with a true indicated air speed of at least 1.3 V_{so} .

(2) The landing shall be made in such a manner that there is no excessive vertical acceleration, no tendency to bounce, nose over, ground loop, porpoise, or water loop, and in such a manner that its reproduction shall not require any exceptional degree of skill on the part of the pilot or exceptionally favorable conditions.

(b) The distance so obtained, the type of landing surface on which made and the pertinent information with respect of cowl flap position, and the use of flight path control devices shall be entered in the Airplane Flight Manual.

FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

§ 3.105 *Requirements.* The airplane shall meet the requirements set forth in §§ 3.106 to 3.124 at all normally expected operating altitudes under all critical loading conditions within the range of center of gravity and, except as otherwise specified, at the maximum weight for which certification is sought.

CONTROLLABILITY

§ 3.106 *General.* The airplane shall be satisfactorily controllable and maneuverable during take-off, climb, level flight, drive, and landing with or without power. It shall be possible to make a smooth transition from one flight condition to another, including turns and slips, without requiring an exceptional degree of skill, alertness, or strength on the part of the pilot, and without danger of exceeding the limit load factor under all conditions of operation probable for the type, including for multiengine airplanes those conditions normally encountered

in the event of sudden failure of any engine. Compliance with "strength of pilots" limits need not be demonstrated by quantitative tests unless the Administrator finds the condition to be marginal. In the latter case they shall not exceed maximum values found by the Administrator to be appropriate for the type but in no case shall they exceed the following limits:

	Pitch	Roll	Yaw
(a) For temporary application:			
Stick.....	60	30	150
Wheel ¹	75	60	150
(b) For prolonged application.....	10	5	20

¹Applied to rim.

§ 3.107-U *Approved acrobatic maneuvers.* It shall be demonstrated that the approved acrobatic maneuvers can be performed safely. Safe entry speeds shall be determined for these maneuvers.

§ 3.108-A *Acrobatic maneuvers.* It shall be demonstrated that acrobatic maneuvers can be performed readily and safely. Safe entry speeds shall be determined for these maneuvers.

§ 3.109 *Longitudinal control.* The airplane shall be demonstrated to comply with the following requirements:

(a) It shall be possible at all speeds below V_x to pitch the nose downward so that the rate of increase in air speed is satisfactory for prompt acceleration of V_x with:

(1) Maximum continuous power on all engines, the airplane trimmed at V_x .

(2) Power off, the airplane trimmed at 1.4 V_{s1} .

(3) (i) Wing flaps and landing gear extended and

(ii) Wing flaps and landing gear retracted.

(b) During each of the controllability demonstrations outlined below it shall not require a change in the trim control or the exertion of more control force than can be readily applied with one hand for a short period. Each maneuver shall be performed with the landing gear extended.

(1) With power off, flaps retracted, and the airplane trimmed at 1.4 V_{s1} , the flaps shall be

extended as rapidly as possible while maintaining the air speed at approximately 40 percent above the instantaneous value of the stalling speed.

(2) Same as subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, except the flaps shall be initially extended and the airplane trimmed at $1.4 V_{S_I}$, then the flaps shall be retracted as rapidly as possible.

(3) Same as subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, except maximum continuous power shall be used.

(4) With power off, the flaps retracted, and the airplane trimmed at $1.4 V_{S_I}$, take-off power shall be applied quickly while the same air speed is maintained.

(5) Same as subparagraph (4) of this paragraph, except with the flaps extended.

(6) With power off, flaps extended, and the airplane trimmed at $1.4 V_{S_I}$, air speeds within the range of $1.1 V_{S_I}$ to $1.7 V_{S_I}$ or V_f whichever is the lesser, shall be obtained and maintained.

(c) It shall be possible without the use of exceptional piloting skill to maintain essentially level flight when flap retraction from any position is initiated during steady horizontal flight at $1.1 V_{S_I}$ with simultaneous application of not more than maximum continuous power.

§ 3.110 *Lateral and directional control.*

(a) It shall be possible with multiengine airplanes to execute 15-degree banked turns both with and against the inoperative engine from steady climb at $1.4 V_{S_I}$ or V_y for the condition with:

(1) Maximum continuous power on the operating engines,

(2) Rearmost center of gravity,

(3) (i) Landing gear retracted and (ii) Landing gear extended.

(4) Wing flaps in most favorable climb position,

(5) Maximum weight,

(6) The inoperative propeller in its minimum drag condition.

(b) It shall be possible with multiengine airplanes, while holding the wings level laterally within 5 degrees, to execute sudden changes in heading in both directions without dangerous characteristics being encountered. This shall be demonstrated at $1.4 V_{S_I}$ or V_y up to heading

changes of 15 degrees, except that the heading change at which the rudder force corresponds to that specified in § 3.106 need not be exceeded, with:

(1) The critical engine inoperative,

(2) Maximum continuous power on the operating engine(s),

(3) (i) Landing gear retracted and (ii) Landing gear extended,

(4) Wing flaps in the most favorable climb position,

(5) The inoperative propeller in its minimum drag condition,

(6) The airplane center of gravity at its rearmost position.

§ 3.111 *Minimum control speed (V_{mc}).* (a)

A minimum speed shall be determined under the conditions specified below, such that when any one engine is suddenly made inoperative at that speed, it shall be possible to recover control of the airplane, with the one engine still inoperative, and to maintain it in straight flight at that speed, either with zero yaw or, at the option of the applicant, with a bank not in excess of 5 degrees. Such speed shall not exceed $1.3 V_{S_I}$, with:

(1) Take-off or maximum available power on all engines,

(2) Rearmost center of gravity,

(3) Flaps in take-off position,

(4) Landing gear retracted.

(b) In demonstrating this minimum speed, the rudder force required to maintain it shall not exceed forces specified in § 3.106, nor shall it be necessary to throttle the remaining engines. During recovery the airplane shall not assume any dangerous attitude, nor shall it require exceptional skill, strength, or alertness on the part of the pilot to prevent a change of heading in excess of 20 degrees before recovery is complete.

TRIM

§ 3.112 *Requirements.* (a) The means used for trimming the airplane shall be such that, after being trimmed and without further pressure upon

or movement of either the primary control or its corresponding trim control by the pilot or the automatic pilot, the airplane will maintain:

(1) Lateral and directional trim in level flight at a speed of $0.9 V_h$ or at V_c , if lower, with the landing gear and wing flaps retracted:

(2) Longitudinal trim under the following conditions:

(i) During a climb with maximum continuous power at a speed between V_x and $1.4 V_{S_1}$,

(a) With landing gear retracted and wing flaps retracted,

(b) With landing gear retracted and wing flaps in the take-off position.

(ii) During a glide with power off at a speed not in excess of $1.4 V_{S_1}$,

(a) With landing gear extended and wing flaps retracted,

(b) With landing gear extended and wing flaps extended under the forward center of gravity position approved with the maximum authorized weight.

(c) With landing gear extended and wing flaps extended under the most forward center of gravity position approved, regardless of weight.

(iii) During level flight at any speed from $0.9 V_h$ to V_x or $1.4 V_{S_1}$ with landing gear and wing flaps retracted.

(b) In addition to the above, multiengine airplanes shall maintain longitudinal and directional trim at a speed between V_y and $1.4 V_{S_1}$ during climbing flight with the critical of two or more engines inoperative, with:

(1) The other engine(s) operating at maximum continuous power.

(2) The landing gear retracted,

(3) Wing flaps retracted,

(4) Bank not in excess of 5 degrees.

STABILITY

§ 3.113 *General.* The airplane shall be longitudinally, directionally, and laterally stable in accordance with the following sections. Suitable stability and control "feel" (static stability) shall be required in other conditions

normally encountered in service, if flight tests show such stability to be necessary for safe operation.

§ 3.114 *Static longitudinal stability.* In the configurations outlined in § 3.115 and with the airplane trimmed as indicated, the characteristics of the elevator control forces and the friction within the control system shall be such that:

(a) A pull shall be required to obtain and maintain speeds below the specified trim speed and a push to obtain and maintain speeds above the specified trim speed. This shall be so at any speed which can be obtained without excessive control force, except that such speeds need not be greater than the appropriate maximum permissible speed or less than the minimum speed in steady unstalled flight.

(b) The air speed shall return to within 10 percent of the original trim speed when the control force is slowly released from any speed within the limits defined in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 3.115 *Specific conditions.* In conditions set forth in this section, within the speeds specified, the stable slope of stick force versus speed curve shall be such that any substantial change in speed is clearly perceptible to the pilot through a resulting change in stick force.

(a) *Landing.* The stick force curve shall have a stable slope and the stick force shall not exceed 40 lbs. at any speed between $1.1 V_{S_1}$ and $1.3 V_{S_1}$ with:

(1) Wing flaps in the landing position,

(2) The landing gear extended,

(3) Maximum weight,

(4) Throttles closed on all engines,

(5) The airplane trimmed at $1.4 V_{S_1}$ with throttles closed.

(b) *Climb.* The stick force curve shall have a stable slope at all speeds between $1.2 V_{S_1}$ and $1.6 V_{S_1}$ with:

(1) Wing flaps retracted,

(2) Landing gear retracted,

(3) Maximum weight,

(4) 75 percent of maximum continuous power,

(5) The airplane trimmed at $1.4 V_{S1}$.

(c) *Cruising.* (1) Between $1.3 V_{S1}$ and the maximum permissible speed, the stick force curve shall have a stable slope at all speeds obtainable with a stick force not in excess of 40 pounds with:

- (i) Landing gear retracted,
- (ii) Wing flaps retracted,
- (iii) Maximum weight,
- (iv) 75 percent of maximum continuous power,
- (v) The airplane trimmed for level flight with 75 percent of the maximum continuous power.

(2) Same as subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, except that the landing gear shall be extended and the level flight trim speed need not be exceeded.

§ 3.116 *Instrumented stick force measurements.* Instrumented stick force measurements need not be made when changes in speed are clearly reflected by changes in stick forces and the maximum forces obtained in the above conditions are not excessive.

§ 3.117 *Dynamic longitudinal stability.* Any short period oscillation occurring between stalling speed and maximum permissible speed shall be heavily damped with the primary controls (1) free, and (2) in a fixed position.

§ 3.118 *Directional and lateral stability—*
(a) *Three-control airplanes.* (1) The static directional stability, as shown by the tendency to recover from a skid with rudder free, shall be positive for all flap positions and symmetrical power conditions, and for all speeds from $1.2 V_{S1}$ up to the maximum permissible speed.

(2) The static lateral stability as shown by the tendency to raise the low wing in a sideslip, for all flap positions and symmetrical power conditions, shall:

- (i) Be positive at the maximum permissible speed.
- (ii) Not be negative at a speed equal to $1.2 V_{S1}$.

(3) In straight steady sideslips (unaccelerated forward slips), the aileron and rudder control movements and forces shall increase steadily, but not necessarily in constant proportion, as the angle of sideslip is increased;

the rate of increase of the movements and forces shall lie between satisfactory limits up to sideslip angles considered appropriate to the operation of the type. At greater angles, up to that at which the full rudder control is employed or a rudder pedal force of 150 pounds is obtained, the rudder pedal forces shall not reverse and increased rudder deflection shall produce increased angles of sideslip. Sufficient bank shall accompany sideslipping to indicate adequately any departure from steady unyawed flight.

(4) Any short-period oscillation occurring between stalling speed and maximum permissible speed shall be heavily damped with the primary controls (i) free and (ii) in a fixed position.

(b) *Two-control (or simplified) airplanes.* (1) The directional stability shall be shown to be adequate by demonstrating that the airplane in all configurations can be rapidly rolled from a 45-degree bank to a 45-degree bank in the opposite direction without exhibiting dangerous skidding characteristics.

(2) Lateral stability shall be shown to be adequate by demonstrating that the airplane will not assume a dangerous attitude or speed when all the controls are abandoned for a period of 2 minutes. This demonstration shall be made in moderately smooth air with the airplane trimmed for straight level flight at $0.9 V_h$ (or at V_c , if lower), flaps and gear retracted, and with rearward center of gravity loading.

(3) Any short period oscillation occurring between the stalling speed and the maximum permissible speed shall be heavily damped with the primary controls (i) free and (ii) in a fixed position.

STALLS

§ 3.120 *Stalling demonstration.* (a) Stalls shall be demonstrated under two conditions:

- (1) With power off.
- (2) With the power setting not less than that required to show compliance with § 3.85 (a).

(b) In either condition it shall be possible, with flaps and landing gear in any position, with center of gravity in the position least favorable for recovery, and with appropriate airplane weights for: (1) Airplanes having independently controlled rolling and directional controls to produce and to correct roll by unreversed use of

the rolling control and to produce and to correct yaw by unreversed use of the directional control during the maneuvers described below up to the time when the airplane pitches, (2) two-control airplanes having either interconnected lateral and directional controls or providing only one of these controls to produce and to correct roll by unreversed use of the rolling control without producing excessive yaw during the maneuvers described below up to the time the airplane pitches.

(c) During the recovery portions of the maneuver, pitch shall not exceed 30 degrees below level, there shall be no loss of altitude in excess of 100 feet, and not more than 15 degrees roll or yaw shall occur when controls are not used for 1 second after pitch starts and are used thereafter only in a normal manner.

(d) Where clear and distinctive stall warning is apparent to the pilot at a speed at least 5 percent above the stalling speed with flaps and landing gear in any position, both in straight and turning flight, these requirements are modified as follows:

(1) It shall be possible to prevent more than 15 degrees roll or yaw by the normal use of controls.

(2) Any loss of altitude in excess of 100 feet or any pitch in excess of 30 degrees below level shall be entered in the Airplane Flight Manual.

(e) In demonstrating the qualities set forth in paragraph (d) of this section, the order of events shall be:

(1) With trim controls adjusted for straight flight at a speed of approximately $1.4 V_{S1}$, reduce speed by means of the elevator control until the speed is steady at slightly above stalling speed, then

(2) Pull elevator control back at a rate such that the airplane speed reduction does not exceed 1 mile per hour per second until a stall is produced as evidenced by an uncontrollable downward pitching motion of the airplane, or until the control reaches the stop. Normal use of the elevator control for recovery may be made after such pitching motion is unmistakably developed.

§ 3.121 *Climbing stalls.* When stalled from an excessive climb attitude it shall be possible to recover from this maneuver without exceeding

the limiting air speed or the allowable acceleration limit.

§ 3.122 *Turning flight stalls.* When stalled during a coordinated 30-degree banked turn with 75 percent maximum continuous power on all engines, flaps and landing gear retracted, it shall be possible to recover to normal level flight without encountering excessive loss of altitude, uncontrollable rolling characteristics, or uncontrollable spinning tendencies. These qualities shall be demonstrated by performing the following maneuver: After a steady curvilinear level coordinated flight condition in a 30-degree bank is established and while maintaining the 30-degree bank, the airplane shall be stalled by steadily and progressively tightening the turn with the elevator control until the airplane is stalled or until the elevator has reached its stop. When the stall has fully developed, recovery to level flight shall be made with normal use of the controls.

§ 3.123 *One-engine-inoperative stalls.* Multiengine airplanes shall not display any undue spinning tendency and shall be safely recoverable without applying power to the inoperative engine when stalled with:

- (a) The critical engine inoperative,
- (b) Flaps and landing gear retracted,

(c) The remaining engines operating at up to 75 percent of maximum continuous power, except that the power need not be greater than that at which the use of maximum control travel just holds the wings laterally level in approaching the stall. The operating engines may be throttled back during the recovery from the stall.

SPINNING

§ 3.124 *Spinning—(a) Category N.* All airplanes of 4,000 pounds or less maximum weight shall recover from a one-turn spin with controls assisted to the extent necessary to overcome friction in not more than one and one-half additional turns and without exceeding either the limiting air speed or the limit positive maneuvering load factor for the airplane. It shall not be possible to obtain uncontrollable spins by means of any possible use of the controls. Compliance with the above shall be demonstrated at any permissible combination of weight and center of gravity positions obtainable with all or part of the design useful load. All airplanes in

this category, regardless of weight, shall be placarded against spins or demonstrated to be "characteristically incapable of spinning" in which case they shall be so designated. (See paragraph (d) of this section.)

(b) *Category U.* Airplanes in this category shall comply with either the entire requirements of paragraph (a) of this section or the entire requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Category A.* All airplanes in this category must be capable of spinning and shall comply with the following:

(1) At any permissible combination of weight and center of gravity position obtainable with all or part of the design useful load, the airplane shall recover from a six-turn spin with controls free in not more than four additional turns after releasing the controls. If the airplane will not recover as prescribed with controls free but will recover with the controls assisted to the extent necessary to overcome friction, the airplane may be certificated with the rearmost center of gravity position 2 percent forward of the position used in the test.

(2) It shall be possible to recover at any point in the spinning described above by using the controls in a normal manner for that purpose in not more than one and one-half additional turns, and without exceeding either the limiting air speed or the limit positive maneuvering load factor for the airplane. It shall not be possible to obtain uncontrollable spins by means of any possible use of the controls.

(d) *Category NU.* When it is desired to designate an airplane as a type "characteristically incapable of spinning," the flight tests to demonstrate this characteristic shall also be conducted with:

(1) A maximum weight 5 percent in excess of the weight for which approval is desired,

(2) A center of gravity at least 3 percent aft of the rearmost position for which approvals is desired,

(3) An available up-elevator travel 4 degrees in excess of that to which the elevator travel is to be limited by appropriate stops.

(4) An available rudder travel 7 degrees, in both directions, in excess of that to which the

rudder travel is to be limited by appropriate stops.

GROUND AND WATER CHARACTERISTICS

§ 3.143 *Requirements.* All airplanes shall comply with the requirements of §§ 3.144 to 3.147.

§ 3.144 *Longitudinal stability and control.* There shall be no uncontrollable tendency for landplanes to nose over in any operating condition reasonably expected for the type, or when rebound occurs during landing or take-off. Wheel brakes shall operate smoothly and shall exhibit no undue tendency to induce nosing over. Seaplanes shall exhibit no dangerous or uncontrollable proposing at any speed at which the airplane is normally operated on the water.

§ 3.145 *Directional stability and control.*
(a) There shall be no uncontrollable looping tendency in 90-degree cross winds up to a velocity equal to 0.2 V_{so} at any speed at which the aircraft may be expected to be operated upon the ground or water.

(b) All landplanes shall be demonstrated to be satisfactorily controllable with no exceptional degree of skill or alternates on the part of the pilot in power-off landings at normal landing speed and during which brakes or engine power are not to maintain a straight path.

(c) Means shall be provided for adequate directional control during taxiing.

§ 3.146 *Shock absorption.* The shock absorbing mechanism shall not produce damage to the structure when the airplane is taxied on the roughest ground which it is reasonable to expect the airplane to encounter in normal operation.

§ 3.147 *Spray characteristics.* For seaplanes, spray during taxiing, take-off, and landing shall at no time dangerously obscure the vision of the pilots nor produce damage to the propeller or other parts of the airplane.

FLUTTER AND VIBRATION

§ 3.159 *Flutter and vibration.* All parts of the airplane shall be demonstrated to be free from flutter and excessive vibration under all speed and power conditions appropriate to the operation of the airplane up to at least the minimum value permitted for V_d in § 3.184. There shall also be no buffeting condition in any normal

flight condition severe enough to interfere with the satisfactory control of the airplane or to cause excessive fatigue to the crew or result in structural damage. However, buffeting as stall warning is considered desirable and discouragement of this type of buffeting is not intended.

SUBPART C—STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

§ 3.171 *Loads.* (a) Strength requirements are specified in terms of limit and ultimate loads. Limit loads are the maximum loads anticipated in service. Ultimate loads are equal to the limit loads multiplied by the factor of safety. Unless otherwise described, loads specified are limit loads.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, the specified air, ground, and water loads shall be placed in equilibrium with inertia forces, considering all items of mass in the airplane. All such loads shall be distributed in a manner conservatively approximating or closely representing actual conditions. If deflections under load would change significantly the distribution of external or internal loads, such redistribution shall be taken into account.

§ 3.172 *Factor of safety.* The factor of safety shall be 1.5 unless otherwise specified.

§ 3.173 *Strength and deformations.* The structure shall be capable of supporting limit loads without suffering detrimental permanent deformations. At all loads up to limit loads, the deformation shall be such as not to interfere with safe operation of the airplane. The structure shall be capable of supporting ultimate loads without failure for at least 3 seconds, except that when proof of strength is demonstrated by dynamic tests simulating actual conditions of load application, the 3-second limit does not apply.

§ 3.174 *Proof of structure.* Proof of compliance of the structure with the strength and deformation requirements of § 3.173 shall be made for all critical loading conditions. Proof of compliance by means of structural analysis will be accepted only when the structure conforms with types for which experience has shown such methods to be reliable. In all other cases substantiating load tests are required. In all cases certain portions of the structure must be subjected to tests as specified in Subpart D.

FLIGHT LOADS

§ 3.181 *General.* Flight load requirements shall be complied with at critical altitudes within the range in which the airplane may be expected to operate and at all weights between the minimum design weight and the maximum design weight, with any practicable distribution of disposable load within prescribed operating limitations stated in § 3.777-3.780.

§ 3.182 *Definition of flight load factor.* The flight load factors specified represent the acceleration component (in terms of the gravitational constant g) normal to the assumed longitudinal axis of the airplane, and equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the airplane inertia load factor at the center of gravity.

SYMMETRICAL FLIGHT CONDITIONS (FLAPS RETRACTED)

§ 3.183 *General.* The strength requirements shall be met at all combinations of air speed and load factor on and within the boundaries of a pertinent V-n diagram, constructed similarly to the one shown in Figure 3-1, which represents the envelope of the flight loading conditions specified by the maneuvering and gust criteria of §§ 3.185 and 3.187. This diagram will also be used in determining the airplane structural operating limitations as specified in Subpart G.

§ 3.184 *Design air speeds.* The design air speeds shall be chosen by the designer except that they shall not be less than the following values:

$$\begin{aligned} & V_c \text{ (design cruising speed)} \\ & = 38 \sqrt{\frac{W/S}{\text{NU}}} \quad (\text{NU}) \\ & = 42 \sqrt{\frac{W/S}{\text{A}}} \quad (\text{A}) \end{aligned}$$

except that for values of W/S greater than 20, the above numerical multiplying factors shall be decreased linearly with W/S to a value of 33 at $W/S=100$: *And further provided*, That the required minimum value need be no greater than $0.9 V_h$ actually obtained at sea level.

$$\begin{aligned} & V_d \text{ (design dive speed)} \\ & = 1.40 V_c \text{ min (N)} \\ & = 1.50 V_c \text{ min (U)} \\ & = 1.55 V_c \text{ min (A)} \end{aligned}$$

except that for values of W/S greater than 20, the above numerical multiplying factors shall be decreased linearly with W/S to a value of 1.35 at

W/S=100. (Vc min is the required minimum value of design cruising speed specified above.)

$$V_p \text{ (design maneuvering speed)}$$

$$= V_s \sqrt{n} \quad \text{where:}$$

V_s = a computed stalling speed with flaps fully retracted at the design weight, normally based on the maximum airplane normal force coefficient, C_{NA}.

N = limit maneuvering load factor used in design,

except that the value of V_p need not exceed the value of V_c used in design.

§ 3.185 *Maneuvering envelope.* The airplane shall be assumed to subjected to symmetrical maneuvers resulting in the following limit load factors, except where limited by maximum (static) lift coefficients:

(a) The positive maneuvering load factor specified in § 3.186 at all speeds up to V_d,

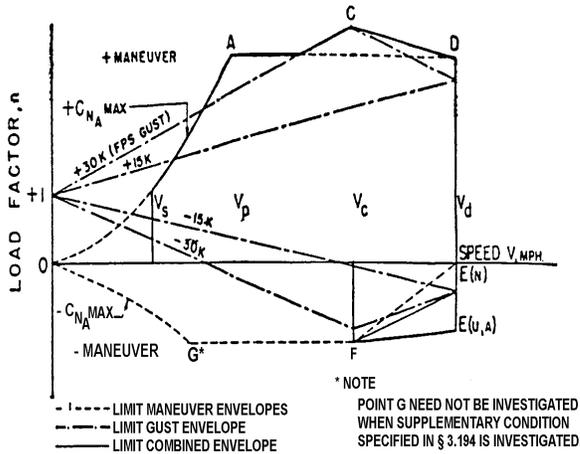


FIG. 3-1—(V-n) DIAGRAM (FLIGHT ENVELOPE)

(b) The negative maneuvering load factor specified in § 3.188 at speed V_c; and factors varying linearly with speed from the specified value at V_c to 0.0 at V_d for the N category and -1.0 at V_d for the A and U categories.

§ 3.186 *Maneuvering load factors.* (a) The positive limit maneuvering load factors shall not be less than the following values (see Fig. 3-2):

$$n = 2.1 + \frac{24,000}{W + 10,000} \text{ -----Category N}$$

except that n need not be greater than 3.8 and shall not be less than 2.5. For airplanes certificated as characteristically incapable of spinning, n need not exceed 3.5.

$$n = 4.4 \text{ -----Category U}$$

$$n = 6.0 \text{ -----Category A}$$

(b) The negative limit maneuvering load factors shall not be less than -0.4 times the positive load factor for the N and U categories, and shall not be less than -0.5 times the positive load factor for the A category.

(c) Lower values of maneuvering load factor may be employed only if it be proven that the airplane embodies features of design which make it impossible to exceed such values in flight. (See also § 3.106.)

§ 3.187 *Gust envelope.* The airplane shall be assumed to encounter symmetrical vertical gusts as specified below while in level flight and the resulting loads shall be considered limit loads:

(a) Positive (up) and negative (down) gusts of 30 feet per second nominal intensity at all speeds up to V_c,

(b) Positive and negative 15 feet per second gusts at V_d. Gust load factors shall be assumed to vary linearly between V_c and V_d.

§ 3.188 *Gust load factors.* In applying the gust requirements, the gust load factors shall be computed by the following formula:

$$n = 1 + \frac{KUV_m}{575 (W/S)}$$

where: K = 1/2 (W/S)^{1/4} (for W/S < 16 p.s.f.)

$$= 1.33 - \frac{2.67}{(W/S)^{1/4}} \text{ (for W/S > 16 p.s.f.)}$$

U = nominal gust velocity, f.p.s.

(Note that the "effective sharp-edged gust" equals KU.)

V = airplane speed, m.p.h.

m = slope of lift curve, C_L per radian, corrected for aspect ratio.

W/S = wing loading, p.s.f.

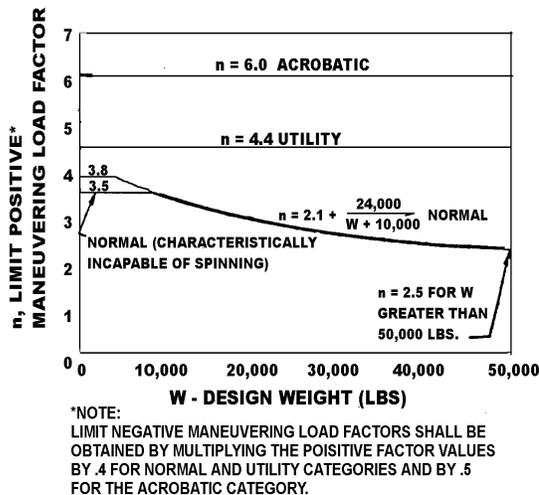


FIG. 3-2—LIMIT MANEUVERING LOAD FACTORS

§ 3.189 *Airplane equilibrium.* In determining the wing loads and linear inertia loads corresponding to any of the above specified flight conditions, the appropriate balancing horizontal tail load (see § 3.215) shall be taken into account in a rational or conservative manner.

Incremental horizontal tail loads due to maneuvering and gusts (see §§ 3.216 and 3.217) shall be reacted by angular inertia of the complete airplane in a rational or conservative manner.

FLAPS EXTENDED FLIGHT CONDITIONS

§ 3.190 *Flaps extended flight conditions.*
(a) When flaps or similar high lift devices intended for use at the relatively low air speeds of approach, landing, and take-off are installed, the airplane shall be assumed to be subjected to symmetrical maneuvers and gusts with the flaps fully deflected at the design flap speed V_f resulting in limit load factors within the range determined by the following conditions:

- (1) Maneuvering, to a positive limit load factor of 2.0.
- (2) Positive and negative 15-feet-per-second gusts acting normal to the flight path in level flight. The gust load factors shall be computed by the formula of § 3.188.

V_f shall be assumed not less than 1.4 V_s of 1.8 V_{sf} whichever is greater, where:

V_s = the computed stalling speed with flaps fully retracted at the design weight

V_{sf} = the computed stalling speed with flaps fully extended at the design weight

except that when an automatic flap load limiting device is employed, the airplane may be designed for critical combinations of air speed and flap position permitted by the device. (See also § 3.338.)

(b) In designing the flaps and supporting structure, slipstream effects shall be taken into account as specified in § 3.223.

Note: In determining the external loads on the airplane as a whole, the thrust, slip-stream, and pitching acceleration may be assumed equal to zero.

UNSYMMETRICAL FLIGHT CONDITIONS

§ 3.191 *Unsymmetrical flight conditions.*
The airplane shall be assumed to be subjected to rolling and yawing maneuvers as described in the following conditions. Unbalanced aerodynamic moments about the center of gravity shall be reacted in a rational or conservative manner considering the principal masses furnishing the reacting inertia forces.

(a) *Rolling conditions.* The airplane shall be designed for (1) unsymmetrical wing loads appropriate to the category, and (2) the loads resulting from the aileron deflections and speeds specified in § 3.222, in combination with an airplane load factor of at least two-thirds of the positive maneuvering factor used in the design of the airplane. Only the wing and wing bracing need be investigated for this condition.

Note: These conditions may be covered as noted below:

(a) Rolling accelerations may be obtained by modifying the symmetrical flight conditions shown in Figure 3-1 as follows:

(1) *Acrobatic category.* In conditions A and F assume 100 percent of the wing air load acting on one side of the plane of symmetry and 60 percent on the other.

(2) *Normal and utility categories.* In condition A, assume 100 percent of the wing air load acting on one side of the airplane and 70 percent on the other. For airplanes over 1,000 pounds design weight, the latter percentage may

be increased linearly with weight up to 80 percent at 25,000 pounds.

(b) The effect of aileron displacement on wing torsion may be accounted for by adding the following increment to the basic airfoil moment coefficient over the aileron portion of the span in the critical condition as determined by the note under § 3.222:

$$\Delta_{cm} = -.01\delta$$

where:

$$\Delta_{cm} = \text{moment coefficient increment}$$

δ = down aileron deflection in degrees in critical condition

(b) *Yawing conditions.* The airplane shall be designed for the yawing loads resulting from the vertical surface loads specified in §§ 3.219 to 3.221.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

§ 3.194 *Special condition for rear lift truss.* When a rear lift truss is employed, it shall be designed for conditions of reversed airflow at a design speed of:

$$V = 10 \sqrt{W/S} + 10 \text{ (m.p.h.)}$$

Note: It may be assumed that the value of C_L is equal to -0.8 and the chordwise distribution is triangular between a peak at the trailing edge and zero at the leading edge.

§ 3.195 *Engine torque effects.* (a) Engine mounts and their supporting structures shall be designed for engine torque effects combined with certain basic flight conditions as described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph. Engine torque may be neglected in the other flight conditions.

(1) The limit torque corresponding to take-off power and propeller speed acting simultaneously with 75 percent of the limit loads from flight condition A. (See Fig. 3-1.)

(2) The limit torque corresponding to maximum continuous power and propeller speed, acting simultaneously with the limit loads from flight condition A. (See Fig. 3-1.)

(b) The limit torque shall be obtained by multiplying the mean torque by a factor of 1.33 in the case of engines having 5 or more cylinders. For 4-, 3-, and 2-cylinder engines, the factor shall be 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

§ 3.196 *Side load on engine mount.* The limit load factor in a lateral direction for this condition shall be at least equal to one-third of the limit load factor for flight condition A (see Fig. 3-1) except that it shall not be less than 1.33. Engine mounts and their supporting structure shall be designed for this condition which may be assumed independent of other flight conditions.

CONTROL SURFACE LOADS

§ 3.211 *General.* The control surface loads specified in the following sections shall be assumed to occur in the symmetrical and unsymmetrical flight conditions as described in §§ 3.189-3.191. See Figures 3-3 to 3-10 for acceptable values of control surface loadings which are considered as conforming to the following detailed rational requirements.

§ 3.212 *Pilot effort.* In the control surface loading conditions described, the airloads on the movable surfaces and the corresponding deflections need not exceed those which could be obtained in flight by employing the maximum pilot control forces specified in Figure 3-11. In applying this criterion, proper consideration shall be given to the effects of control system boost and servo mechanisms, tabs, and automatic pilot systems in assisting the pilot.

§ 3.213 *Trim tab effects.* The effects of trim tabs on the control surface design conditions need be taken into account only in cases where the surface loads are limited on the basis of maximum pilot effort. In such cases the tabs shall be considered to be deflected in the direction which would assist the pilot and the deflection shall correspond to the maximum expected degree of "out of trim" at the speed for the condition under consideration.

HORIZONTAL TAIL SURFACES

§ 3.214 *Horizontal tail surfaces.* The horizontal tail surfaces shall be designed for the conditions set forth in §§ 3.215-3.218.

§ 3.215 *Balancing loads.* A horizontal tail balancing load is defined as that necessary to maintain the airplane in equilibrium in a specified flight condition with zero pitching acceleration. The horizontal tail surfaces shall be designed for the balancing loads occurring at any point on the limit maneuvering envelope, Figure 3-1, and in the flap conditions. (See § 3.190.)

Note: The distribution of Figure 3-7 may be used.

§ 3.216 *Maneuvering loads.* (a) At maneuvering speed V_p assume a sudden deflection of the elevator control to the maximum upward deflection as limited by the control stops or pilot effort, whichever is critical.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-8 may be used. In determining the resultant normal force coefficient for the tail under these conditions, it will be permissible to assume that the angle of attack of the stabilizer with respect to the resultant direction of air flow is equal to that which occurs when the airplane is in steady unaccelerated flight at a flight speed equal to V_p . The maximum elevator deflection can then be determined from the above criteria and the tail normal force coefficient can be obtained from the data given in NACA Report No. 688, "Aerodynamic Characteristics of Horizontal Tail Surfaces," or other applicable NACA reports.

(b) Same as case (a) except that the elevator deflection is downward.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-8 may be used.

(c) At all speeds above V_p the horizontal tail shall be designed for the maneuvering loads resulting from a sudden upward deflection of the elevator, followed by a downair deflection of the elevator such that the following combinations of normal acceleration and angular acceleration are obtained:

Condition	Airplane normal acceleration n	Angular acceleration radian/sec. ²
Down load ---	1.0	$+\frac{g}{V} n_m (\dot{\delta} - 1.5)$
Up load -----	n_m	$-\frac{g}{V} n_m \dot{\delta}_m - 1.5$

Acceptable values of limit average maneuvering control surface loadings can be obtained from Figure 3-3 (b) as follows:

HORIZONTAL TAIL SURFACES

- (1) Condition § 3.216 (a):
Obtain \bar{w} as function of W/S and surface deflection;
Use Curve C for deflection 10° or less;
Use Curve B for deflection 20°;

Use Curve A for deflection 30° or more;
(Interpolate for other deflections);
Use distribution of Figure 3-8.

- (2) Condition § 3.216 (b):
Obtain \bar{w} from Curve B. Use distribution of Figure 3-8.

VERTICAL TAIL SURFACES

- (3) Condition § 3.219 (a):
Obtain \bar{w} as function of W/S and surface deflection in same manner as outlined in (1) above, use distribution of Figure 3-8;
- (4) Condition § 3.219 (b):
Obtain \bar{w} from Curve C, use distribution of Figure 3-7;
- (5) Condition § 3.219 (c):
Obtain \bar{w} from Curve A, use distribution of Figure 3-9. (Note that condition § 3.220 generally will be more critical than this condition.)

AILERONS

- (6) In lieu of conditions § 3.222 (b):
Obtain \bar{w} from Curve B, acting in both up and down directions. Use distribution of Figure 3-10. where:

n_m = positive limit maneuvering load factor used in the design of the airplane.

V = initial speed in miles per hour.

FIG. 3-3(a)—LIMIT AVERAGE MANEUVERING CONTROL SURFACE LOADINGS

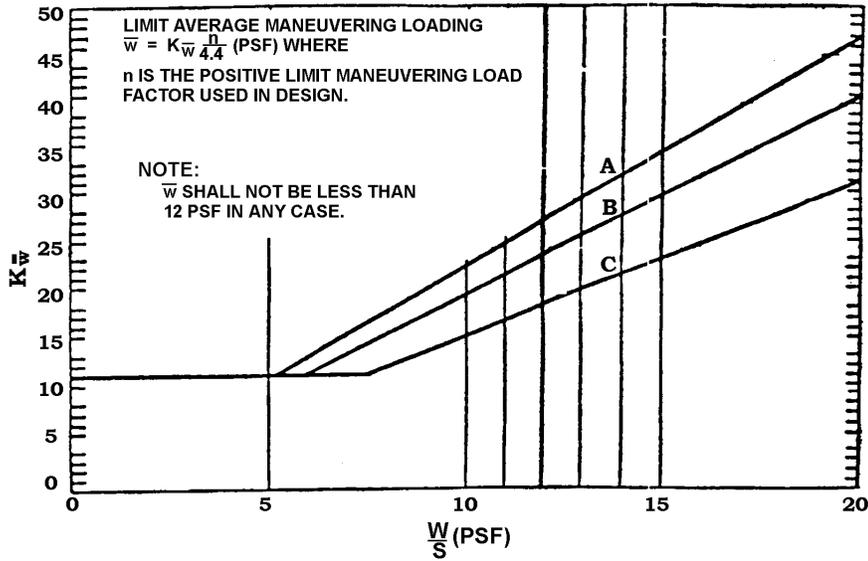


FIGURE 3-3(b) —LIMIT AVERAGE MANEUVERING CONTROL SURFACE LOADING

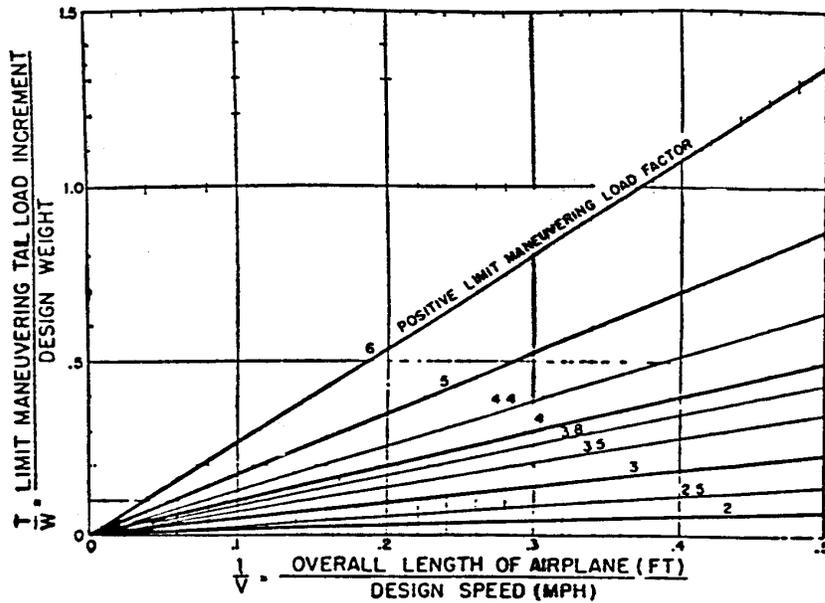


FIG. 3-4 — MANEUVERING TAIL LOAD INCREMENT (UP OR DOWN)

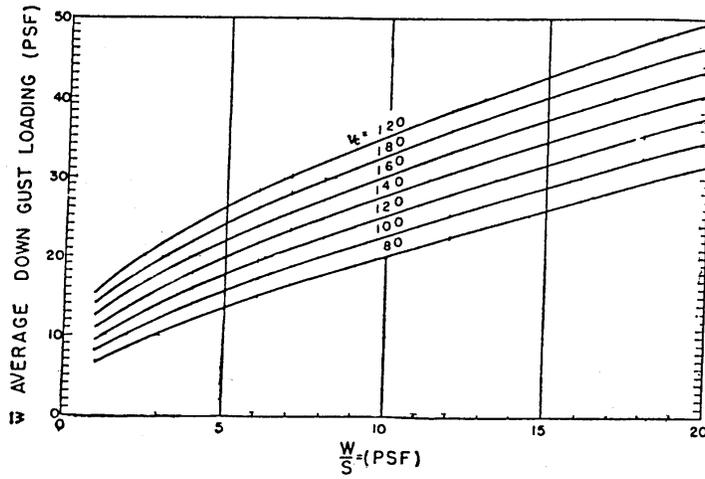


FIG. 3-5(a)—DOWN GUST LOADING ON HORIZONTAL TAIL SURFACE

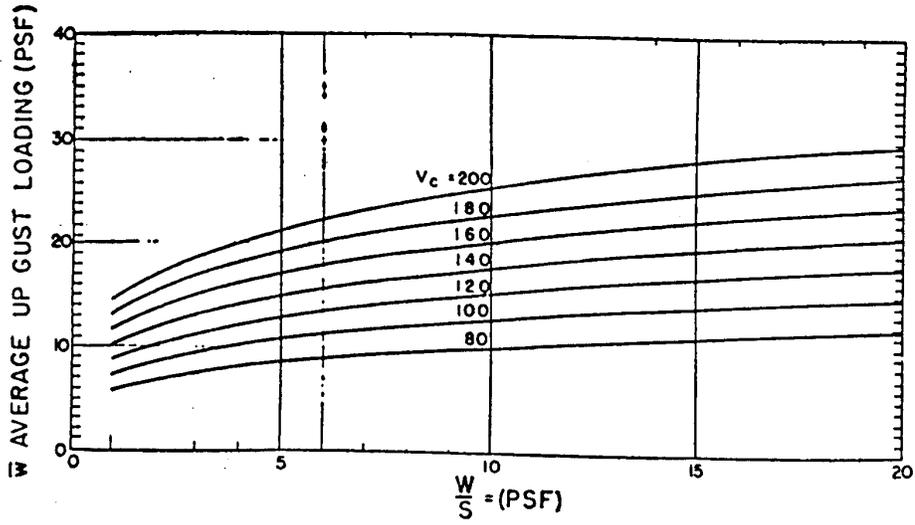


FIG. 3-5(b)—UP GUST LOADING ON HORIZONTAL TAIL SURFACE

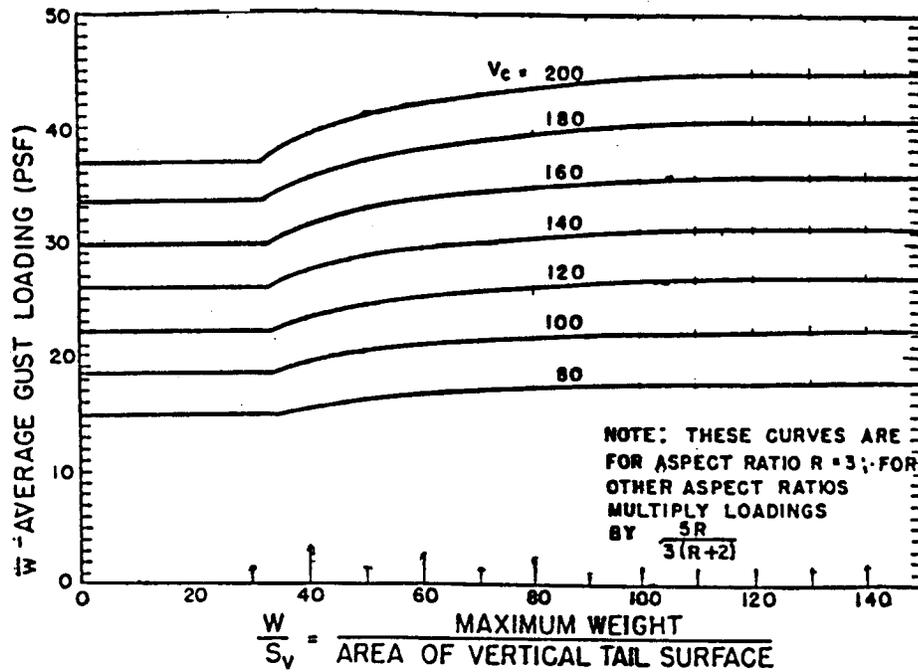
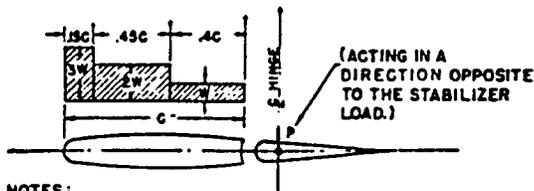


FIG. 3-6 — GUST LOADING ON VERTICAL TAIL SURFACE



NOTES:
(a) IN BALANCING CONDITIONS 03.2211
 $P = 40\%$ OF NET BALANCING LOAD
(FLAPS RETRACTED)
 $P = 0$ (FLAPS DEFLECTED)
(b) IN CONDITION 03.2221(b)
 $P = 20\%$ OF NET TAIL LOAD

FIG. 3-7 TAIL SURFACE LOAD DISTRIBUTION

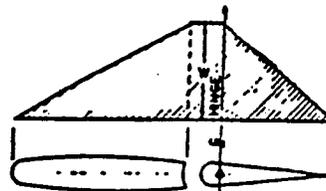


FIG. 3-8 TAIL SURFACE LOAD DISTRIBUTION

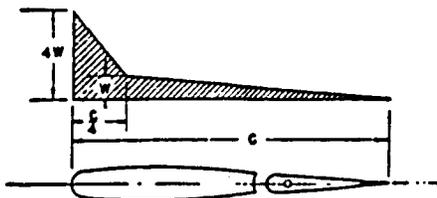


FIG. 3-9 TAIL SURFACE LOAD DISTRIBUTION

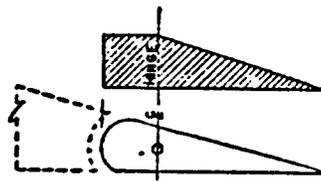


FIG. 3-10 AILERON LOAD DISTRIBUTION

(d) The total tail load for the conditions specified in (c) shall be the sum of: (1) The balancing tail load corresponding with the condition at speed V and the specified value of the normal load factor *n*, plus (2) the maneuvering load increment due to the specified value of the angular acceleration.

NOTE: The maneuvering load increment of Figure 3-4 and the distributions of Figure 3-8 (for downloads) and Figure 3-9 (for uploads) may be used. These distributions apply to the total tail load.

§ 3.217 *Gust loads.* The horizontal tail surfaces shall be designed for loads occurring in the following conditions:

(a) Positive and negative gusts of 30 feet per second nominal intensity at speed *V_c*, corresponding to flight condition § 3.187 (a) with flaps retracted.

NOTE: The average loadings of Figures 3-5 (a) and 3-5 (b) and the distribution of Figure 3-9 may be used for the total tail loading in this condition.

(b) Positive and negative gusts of 15 feet per second nominal intensity at speed *V_t*, corresponding to flight condition § 3.190 (b) with flaps extended. In determining the total load on the horizontal tail for these conditions, the initial balancing tail loads shall first be determined for steady unaccelerated flight at the pertinent design speeds *V_c* and *V_t*. The incremental tail load resulting from the gust shall then be added to the initial balancing tail load to obtain the total tail load.

Note: The incremental tail load due to the gust may be computed by the following formula:

$$\Delta^t = 0.1 K U V S_t a_t \left(1 - \frac{36 a_w}{R_w} \right)$$

where:

Δ^t = the limit gust load increment on the tail in pounds;

K = gust coefficient K in § 3.188,

U = nominal gust intensity in feet per second,

V = airplane speed in miles per hour,

S_t = tail surface area in square feet,

a_t = slope of lift curve of tail surface,

C_L per degree, corrected for aspect ratio,

a_w = slope of lift curve of wing, *C_L* per degree,

R_w = aspect ratio of the wing.

§ 3.218 *Unsymmetrical loads.* The maximum horizontal tail surface loading (load per unit area), as determined by the preceding sections, shall be applied to the horizontal surfaces on one side of the plane of symmetry and the following percentage of that loading shall be applied on the opposite side:

% = 100-10 (n-1) where:

n is the specified positive maneuvering load factor.

In any case the above value shall not be greater than 80 percent.

VERTICAL TAIL SURFACES

§ 3.219 *Maneuvering loads.* At all speeds up to *V_p*:

(a) With the airplane in unaccelerated flight at zero yaw, a sudden displacement of the rudder control to the maximum deflection as limited by the control stops or pilot effort, whichever is critical, shall be assumed.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-8 may be used.

(b) The airplane shall be assumed to be yawed to a sideslip angle of 15 degrees while the rudder control is maintained at full deflection (except as limited by pilot effort) in the direction tending to increase the sideslip.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-7 may be used.

(c) The airplane shall be assumed to be yawed to a sideslip angle of 15 degrees while the rudder control is maintained in the neutral position (except as limited by pilot effort). The assumed sideslip angles may be reduced if it is shown that the value chosen for a particular speed cannot be exceeded in the cases of steady slips, uncoordinated rolls from a steep bank, and sudden failure of the critical engine with delayed corrective action.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-9 may be used.

§ 3.220 *Gust loads.* (a) The airplane shall be assumed to encounter a gust of 30 feet per

second nominal intensity, normal to the plane of symmetry while in unaccelerated flight at speed V_c .

(b) The gust loading shall be computed by the following formula:

$$\overline{w} = \frac{KUVm}{575}$$

where:

\overline{w} = average limit unit pressure in pounds per square foot,

$K = 1.33 - \frac{4.5}{(WS_v)^{3/4}}$ except that K shall not be less than 1.0. A value of K obtained by rational determination may be used.

U = nominal gust intensity in feet per second,

V = airplane speed in miles per hour,

m = slope of lift curve of vertical surface, C_L per radian, corrected for aspect ratio,

W = design weight in pounds,

S_v = vertical surface area in square feet.

(c) This loading applies only to that portion of the vertical surfaces having a well-defined leading edge.

Note: The average loading of Figure 3-6 and the distribution of Figure 3-9 may be used.

§ 3.221 *Outboard fins.* When outboard fins are carried on the horizontal tail surface, the tail surfaces shall be designed for the maximum horizontal surface load in combination with the corresponding loads induced on the vertical surfaces by end plate effects. Such induced effects need not be combined with other vertical surface loads. When outboard fins extend above and below the horizontal surface, the critical vertical surface loading (load per unit area) as determined by §§ 3.219 and 3.220 shall be applied:

(a) To the portion of the vertical surfaces above the horizontal surface, and 80 percent of that loading applied to the portion below the horizontal surface,

(b) To the portion of the vertical surfaces below the horizontal surface, and 80 percent of that loading applied to the portion above the horizontal surface.

AILERONS, WING FLAPS, TABS, ETC.

§ 3.222 *Ailerons.* (a) In the symmetrical flight conditions (see §§ 3.183-3.189), the ailerons shall be designed for all loads to which they are subjected while in the neutral position.

(b) In unsymmetrical flight conditions (see § 3.191 (a)), the ailerons shall be designed for the loads resulting from the following deflections except as limited by pilot effort:

(1) At speed V_p it shall be assumed that there occurs a sudden maximum displacement of the aileron control. (Suitable allowance may be made for control system deflections.)

(2) When V_c is greater than V_p , the aileron deflection at V_c shall be that required to produce a rate of roll not less than that obtained in condition (1).

(3) At speed V_d the aileron deflection shall be that required to produce a rate of roll not less than one-third of that which would be obtained at the speed and aileron deflection specified in condition (1).

Note: For conventional ailerons, the deflections for conditions (2) and (3) may be computed from:

$$\delta_2 = \frac{V_c}{V_d} \delta_1; \text{ and } \mathbf{d} = \frac{0.5V_c}{V_d} \mathbf{d}_1;$$

where:

\mathbf{d} = total aileron deflection (sum of both aileron deflections) in condition (1).

\mathbf{d}_1 = total aileron deflection in condition (2).

\mathbf{d}_2 = total deflection in condition (3). In the equation for \mathbf{d}_2 the 0.5 factor is used instead of 0.33 to allow for wing torsional flexibility.

(c) The critical loading on the ailerons should occur in condition (2) if V_d is less than $2V_c$ and the wing meets the torsional stiffness criteria. The normal force coefficient C_N for the ailerons may be taken as $0.04\mathbf{d}$ where \mathbf{d} is the deflection of the individual aileron in degrees. The critical condition for wing torsional loads will depend upon the basic airfoil moment coefficient as well as the speed, and may be determined as follows:

$$\frac{T_3}{T_2} = \frac{(C_m - D_1 \delta_{3_1}) V_d^2}{(C_m - D_1 \delta_{2_1}) V_c^2}$$

where:

T_3/T_2 is the ratio of wing torsion in condition (b) (3) to that in condition (b) (2).

d_1 and d_2 are the down deflections of the individual aileron in conditions (b) (2) and (3) respectively.

(d) When T_3/T_2 is greater than 1.0 condition (b) (3) is critical; when T_3/T_2 is less than 1.0 condition (b) (2) is critical.

(e) In lieu of the above rational conditions the average loading of Figure 3-3 and the distribution of Figure 3-10 may be used.

§ 3.223 *Wing flaps.* Wing flaps, their operating mechanism, and supporting structure shall be designed for critical loads occurring in the flap-extended flight conditions (see § 3.190) with the flaps extended to any position from fully retracted to fully extended; except that when an automatic flap load limiting device is employed these parts may be designed for critical combinations of air speed and flap position permitted by the device. (Also see §§ 3.338 and 3.339.) The effects of propeller slipstream corresponding to take-off power shall be taken into account at an airplane speed of not less than $1.4 V_s$ where V_s is the computed stalling speed with flaps fully retracted at the design weight. For investigation of the slipstream condition, the airplane load factor may be assumed to be 1.0.

§ 3.224 *Tabs.* Control surface tabs shall be designed for the most severe combination of air speed and tab deflection likely to be obtained within the limit V-n diagram (Fig. 3-1) for any usable loading condition of the airplane.

§ 3.225 *Special devices.* The loading for special devices employing aerodynamic surfaces, such as slots and spoilers, shall be based on test data.

CONTROL SYSTEM LOADS

§ 3.231 *Primary flight controls and systems.* (a) Flight control systems and supporting structure shall be designed for loads corresponding to 125 percent of the computed hinge moments of the movable control surface in the conditions prescribed in §§ 3.211 to 3.225, subject to the following maxima and minima:

- (1) The system limit loads need not exceed those which can be produced by the pilot and automatic devices operating the controls.
- (2) The loads shall in any case be sufficient to provide a rugged system for service use, including consideration of jamming, ground

gusts, taxiing tail to wind, control inertia, and friction.

(b) Acceptable maximum and minimum pilot loads for elevator, aileron, and rudder controls are shown in Figure 3-11. These pilot loads shall be assumed to act at the appropriate control grips or pads in a manner simulating flight conditions and to be reacted at the attachments of the control system to the control surface horn.

§ 3.232 *Dual controls.* When dual controls are provided, the systems shall be designed for the pilots operating in opposition, using individual pilot loads equal to 75 percent of those obtained in accordance with § 3.231, except that the individual pilot loads shall not be less than the minimum loads specified in Figure 3-11.

§ 3.233 *Ground gust conditions.* (a) The following ground gust conditions shall be investigated in cases where a deviation from the specific values for minimum control forces listed in Figure 3-11 is applicable. The following conditions are intended to simulate the loadings on control surfaces due to ground gusts and when taxiing with the wind.

(b) The limit hinge moment H shall be obtained from the following formula:

$$H = K_c S q$$

where:

H = limit hinge moment (foot-pounds).

c = mean chord of the control surface aft of the hinge line (feet).

S = area of control surface aft of the hinge line (square feet).

q = dynamic pressure (pounds per square foot) to be based on a design speed not less than $10\sqrt{W/S} + 10$ miles per hour, except that the design speed need not exceed 60 miles per hour.

K = factor as specified below:

<i>Surface</i>	<i>K</i>
(a) Aileron-----	+ 0.75
Control column locked or lashed in mid-position.	
(b) Aileron-----	± 0.50
Ailerons at full throw; + moment on one aileron, - moment on the other.	
(c) (d) Elevator-----	± 0.75
Elevator (c) full up (-), and (d) full down	

(+).

(e) (f) Rudder----- ± 0.75
Rudder (e) in neutral, and (f) at full throw.

(c) As used in paragraph (b) in connection with ailerons and elevators, a positive value of K indicates a moment tending to depress the surface while a negative value of K indicates a moment tending to raise the surface.

§ 3.234 *Secondary controls and systems.* Secondary controls, such as wheel brakes, spoilers, and tab controls, shall be designed for the loads based on the maximum which a pilot is likely to apply to the control in question.

GROUND LOADS

§ 3.241 *Ground loads.* The loads specified in the following conditions shall be considered as the external loads and inertia forces which would occur in an airplane structure if it were acting as a rigid body. In each of the ground load conditions specified the external reactions shall be placed in equilibrium with the linear and angular inertia forces in a rational or conservative manner.

§ 3.242 *Design weight.* The design weight used in the landing conditions shall not be less than the maximum weight for which certification is desired: *Provided, however,* That for multiengine airplanes meeting the one-engine-inoperative climb requirement of § 3.85 (b), the airplane may be designed for a design landing weight which is less than the maximum design weight, if compliance is shown with the following sections of Part 4b in lieu of the corresponding requirements of this part: the ground load requirements of § 4b.241, and shock absorption requirements of § 4b.371 and its related sections, the wheel and tire requirements of §§ 4b.391 and 4b.392, and the fuel jettisoning system requirements of § 4b.536.

§ 3.243 *Load factor for landing conditions.* In the following landing conditions the limit vertical inertia load factor at the center of gravity of the airplane shall be chosen by the designer but shall not be less than the value which would be obtained when landing the airplane with a descent velocity, in feet per second, equal to the following value:

$$V = 4.4 (W/S)^{1/4}$$

except that the descent velocity need not exceed 10 feet per second and shall not be less than 7

feet per second. Wing lift not exceeding two-thirds of the weight of the airplane may be assumed to exist throughout the landing impact and may be assumed to act through the airplane center of gravity. When such wing lift is assumed, the ground reaction load factor may be taken equal to the inertia load factor minus the ratio of the assumed wing lift to the airplane weight. (See § 3.354 for requirements concerning the energy absorption tests which determine the limit load factor corresponding to the required limit descent velocities.) In no case, however, shall the inertia load factor used for design purposes be less than 2.67, nor shall the limit ground reaction load factor be less than 2.0, unless it is demonstrated that lower values of limit load factor will not be exceeded in taxiing the airplane over terrain having the maximum degree of roughness to be expected under intended service use at all speeds up to take-off speed.

LANDING CASES AND ATTITUDES

§ 3.244 *Landing cases and attitudes.* For conventional arrangements of main and nose, or main and tail wheels, the airplane shall be assumed to contact the ground at the specified limit vertical velocity in the attitudes described in §§ 3.245-3.247. (See Figs. 3-12 (a) and 3-12 (b) for acceptable landing conditions which are considered to conform with §§ 3.245-3.247.)

§ 3.245 *Level landing*—(a) *Tail wheel type.* Normal level flight attitude.

(b) *Nose wheel type.* Two cases shall be considered:

(1) Nose and main wheels contacting the ground simultaneously,

(2) Main wheels contacting the ground, nose wheel just clear of the ground. (The

angular attitude may be assumed the same as in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph for purposes of analysis.)

(c) *Drag components.* In this condition, drag components simulating the forces required to accelerate the tires and wheels up to the landing speed shall be properly combined with

the corresponding instantaneous vertical ground reactions. The wheel spin-up drag loads may be based on vertical ground reactions, assuming wing lift and a tire-sliding coefficient of friction of 0.8, but in any case the drag loads shall not be less than 25 percent of the maximum vertical ground reactions neglecting wing lift.

LIMIT PILOT LOADS		
Control	Maximum loads for design weight W equal to or less than 5,000 lbs. ¹	Minimum loads. ²
Aileron:		
Stick-----	67 pounds-----	40 pounds.
Wheel ³ -----	53 D in-pounds ⁴ -----	40 D in-pounds.
Elevator:		
Stick-----	167 pounds-----	100 pounds.
Wheel-----	200 pounds-----	100 pounds.
Rudder-----	200 pounds-----	130 pounds.

¹For design weight W greater than 5,000 pounds the above specified maximum values shall be increased linearly with weight to 1.5 times the specified values at a design weight of 25,000 pounds.

²If the design of any individual set of control systems or surfaces is such as to make these specified minimum loads inapplicable, values corresponding to the pertinent hinge moments obtained according to § 3.233 may be used instead, except that in any case values less than 0.6 of the specified minimum loads shall not be employed.

³The critical portions of the aileron control system shall also be designed for a single tangential force having a limit value equal to 1.25 times the couple force determined from the above criteria.

⁴D = wheel diameter.

FIG. 3-11 —PILOT CONTROL FORCE LIMITS

§ 3.246 *Tail down*—(a) *Tail wheel type.* Main and tail wheels contacting ground simultaneously.

(b) *Nose wheel type.* Stalling attitude or the maximum angle permitting clearance of the ground by all parts of the airplane, whichever is the lesser.

(c) *Vertical ground reactions.* In this condition, it shall be assumed that the ground reactions are vertical, the wheels having been brought up to speed before the maximum vertical load is attained.

§ 3.247 *One-wheel landing.* One side of the main gear shall contact the ground with the airplane in the level attitude. The ground reactions shall be the same as those obtained on the one side in the level attitude. (See § 3.245.)

GROUND ROLL CONDITIONS

§ 3.248 *Braked roll.* The limit vertical load factor shall be 1.33. The attitude and ground contacts shall be those described for level

landings in § 3.245, with the shock absorbers and tires deflected to their static positions. A drag reaction equal to the vertical reaction at the wheel multiplied by a coefficient of friction of 0.8 shall be applied at the ground contact point of each wheel having brakes, except that the drag reaction need not exceed the maximum value based on limiting brake torque.

§ 3.249 *Side load.* Level attitude with main wheels only contacting the ground, with the shock absorbers and tires deflected to their static positions. The limit vertical load factor shall be 1.33 with the vertical ground reaction divided equally between main wheels. The limit side inertia factor shall be 0.83 with the side ground reaction divided between main wheels as follows:

- 0.5 W acting inboard on one side.
- 0.33 W acting outboard on the other side.

TAIL WHEELS

§ 3.250 *Supplementary conditions for tail*

wheels. The conditions in §§ 3.251 and 3.252 apply to tail wheels and affected supporting structure.

§ 3.251 *Obstruction load.* The limit ground reaction obtained in the tail down landing condition shall be assumed to act up and aft through the axle at 45 degrees. The shock absorber and tire may be assumed deflected to their static positions.

§ 3.252 *Side load.* A limit vertical ground reaction equal to the static load on the tail wheel, in combination with a side component of equal magnitude. When a swivel is provided, the tail wheel shall be assumed swiveled 90 degrees to the airplane longitudinal axis, the resultant ground load passing through the axle. When a lock steering device or shimmy damper is provided, the tail wheel shall also be assumed in the trailing position with the side load acting at the ground contact point. The shock absorber and tire shall be assumed deflected to their static positions.

NOSE WHEELS

§ 3.253 *Supplementary conditions for nose wheels.* The conditions set forth in §§ 3.254-3.256 apply to nose wheels and affected supporting structure. The shock absorbers and tires shall be assumed deflected to their static positions.

§ 3.254 *Aft load.* Limit force components at axle:

Vertical, 2.25 times static load on wheel, Drag, 0.8 times vertical load.

§ 3.255 *Forward load.* Limit force components at axle:

Vertical, 2.25 times static load on wheel, Forward, 0.4 times vertical load.

§ 3.256 *Side load.* Limit force components at ground contact:

Vertical, 2.25 times static load on wheel, Side, 0.7 times vertical load.

SKIPLANES

§ 3.257 *Supplementary conditions for skiplanes.* The airplane shall be assumed resting on the ground with one main ski frozen in the snow and the other main ski and the tail ski free to slide. A limit side force equal to P/3 shall be applied at the most convenient point near the tail assembly, where P is the static ground reaction on the tail ski. For this condition the factor of safety shall be assumed equal to 1.0.

WATER LOADS

§ 3.265 *General.* The requirements set forth in §§ 3.266-3.282 shall apply to the entire airplane, but have particular reference to hull structure, wing, nacelles, and float supporting structure.

DESIGN WEIGHT

§ 3.266 *Design weight.* The design weight used in the water landing conditions shall not be less than the maximum weight for which certification is desired for any operation.

BOAT SEAPLANES

§ 3.267 *Local bottom pressures—(a) Maximum local pressure.* The maximum value of the limit local pressure shall be determined from the following equation:

$$P_{\max} = 0.055 V_{s0}^{1.4} \left(1 + \frac{W}{50,000} \right)^{1/4}$$

where

P = pressure in pound per square inch.

V_{s0} = stalling speed, flaps down, power off, in miles per hour (to be calculated on the basis of wind tunnel data or flight tests on previous airplanes).

W = design weight.

(b) *Variation in local pressure.* The local pressures to be applied to the hull bottom shall vary in accordance with Figure 3-13. No variation from keel to chine (beamwise) shall be assumed, except when the chine flare indicates the advisability of higher pressures at the chine.

Condition	Tail wheel type		Nose wheel type		
	Level landing	Tail-down landing	Level landing with inclined reactions	Level landing with nose wheel just clear of ground	Tail-down landing
Reference section-----	§3.245(a)	§3.246(a)	§ 3.245 (b) (1)	§ 3.245 (b) (2)	§ 3.246 (b) (c)
Vertical component at c.g.-----	nW	nW	nW	nW	nW
Fore and aft component at c.g.-----	KnW	0	KnW	KnW	0
Lateral component in either direction at c.g.	0	0	0	0	0
Shock absorber extension (hydraulic shock absorber)-----	Note (2)	Note (2)	Note (2)	Note (2)	Note (2)
Shock absorber deflection (rubber or spring shock absorber)-----	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tire deflection-----	Static	Static	Static	Static	Static
Main wheel loads (both wheels)----- { V_f { D_f	nW Kv_r	nWb/d 0	nWb^f/d^f Kv_r	nW Kv_r	nW 0
Tail (nose) wheel loads ----- { V_f { D_f	0 0	nWa/d 0	nWa^f/d^f Kv_f	0 0	0 0
Notes-----	(1) and (3)	-----	(1)	(1) and (3)	(3)

Note (1).— K may be determined as follows: $K=0.25$ for $W=3,000$ pounds or less; $K=0.33$ for $W=6,000$ pounds or greater with linear variation of K between these weights.

Note (2).—For the purpose of design, the maximum load factor shall be assumed to occur throughout the shock absorber stroke from 25 percent deflection to 100 percent deflection unless demonstrated otherwise, and the load factor shall be used with whatever shock absorber extension is most critical for each element of the landing gear.

Note (3).—Unbalanced moments shall be balanced by a rational or conservative method.

FIG. 3-12(a)—BASIC LANDING CONDITIONS

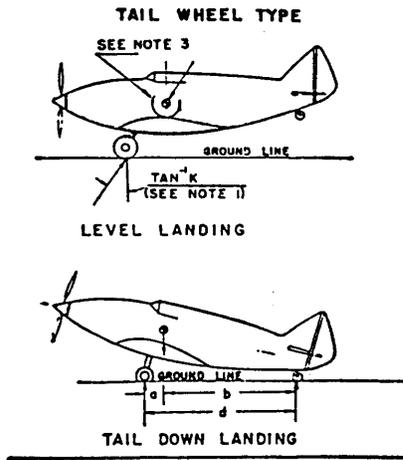
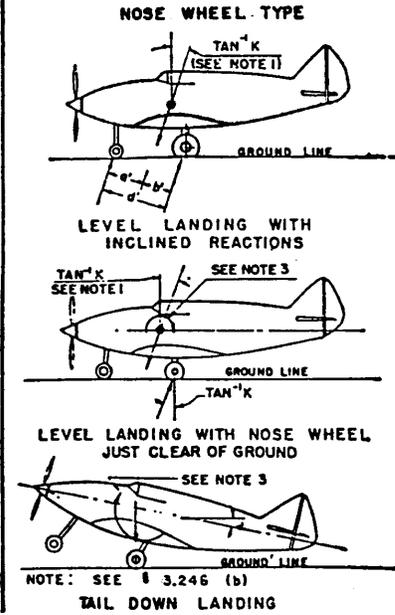
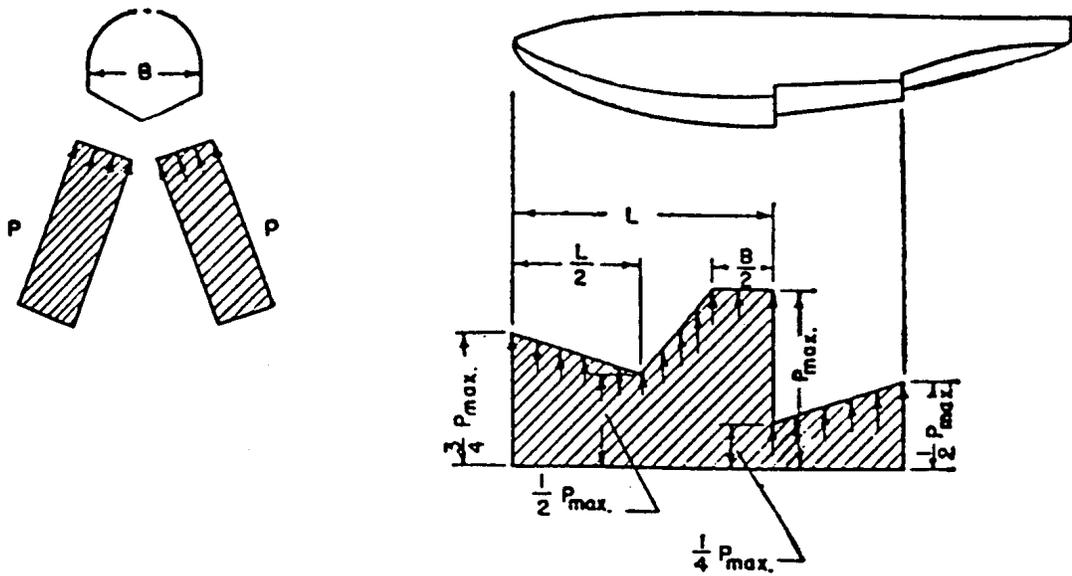


FIG. 3-12(b)
BASIC LANDING CONDITIONS





**FIG. 3-13 DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL PRESSURES
(BOAT SEAPLANES)**

(c) *Application of local pressure.* The local pressures determined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be applied over a local area in such a manner as to cause the maximum local loads in the hull bottom structure.

§ 3.268 *Distributed bottom pressures.* (a) For the purpose of designing frames, keels, and chine structure, the limit pressures obtained from § 3.267 and Figure 3-13 shall be reduced to one-half the local values and simultaneously applied over the entire hull bottom. The loads so obtained shall be carried into the side-wall structure of the hull proper, but need not be transmitted in a fore-and-aft direction as shear and bending loads.

(b) *Unsymmetrical loading.* Each floor member or frame shall be designed for a load on one side of the hull center line equal to the most critical symmetrical loading, combined with a load on the other side of the hull center line equal to one-half of the most critical symmetrical loading.

§ 3.269 *Step loading condition—(a) Application of load.* The resultant water load shall be applied vertically in the plane of symmetry so as to pass through the center of gravity of the airplane.

(b) *Acceleration.* The limit acceleration shall be 4.33.

(c) *Hull shear and bending loads.* The hull shear and bending loads shall be computed from the inertia loads produced by the vertical water load. To avoid excessive local shear loads and bending moments near the point of water load application, the water load may be distributed over the hull bottom, using pressures not less than those specified in § 3.268.

§ 3.270 *Bow loading condition—(a) Application of load.* The resultant water load shall be applied in the plane of symmetry at a point one-tenth of the distance from the bow to the step and shall be directed upward and rearward at an angle of 30 degrees from the vertical.

(b) *Magnitude of load.* The magnitude of the limit resultant water load shall be determined from the following equation:

$$P_b = \frac{\eta_s W \theta}{2}$$

where:

P_b = the load in pounds

N_s = the step landing load factor.

W_e = an effective weight which is assumed equal to one-half the design weight of the airplane.

(c) *Hull shear and bending loads.* The hull shear and bending loads shall be determined by proper consideration of the inertia loads which resist the linear and angular accelerations involved. To avoid excessive local shear loads, the water reaction may be distributed over the hull bottom, using pressures not less than those specified in § 3.268.

§ 3.271 *Stern loading condition—(a) Application of load.* The resultant water load shall be applied vertically in the plane of symmetry and shall be distributed over the hull bottom from the second step forward with an intensity equal to the pressures specified in §§ 3.267-3.272.

(b) *Magnitude of load.* The limit resultant load shall equal three-fourths of the maximum design weight of the airplane.

(c) *Hull shear and bending loads.* The hull shear and bending loads shall be determined by assuming the hull structure to be supported at the wing attachment fittings and neglecting internal inertia loads. This condition need not be applied to the fittings or to the portion of the hull ahead of the rear attachment fittings.

§ 3.272 *Side loading condition—(a) Application of load.* The resultant water load shall be applied in a vertical plane through the center of gravity. The vertical component shall be assumed to act in the plane of symmetry and horizontal component at a point halfway between the bottom of the keel and the load water line at design weight (at rest).

(b) *Magnitude of load.* The limit vertical component of acceleration shall be 3.25 and the side component shall be equal to 15 percent of the vertical component.

(c) *Hull shear and bending loads.* The hull shear and bending loads shall be determined by proper consideration of the inertia loads or by introducing couples at the wing attachment points. To avoid excessive local shear loads, the water reaction may be distributed over the hull bottom, using pressures not less than those

specified by § 3.268.

FLOAT SEAPLANES

§ 3.273 *Landing with inclined reactions.*

(a) The vertical component of the limit load factor shall be 4.2 except that it need not exceed a value given by the following formula:

$$n = 3.0 + 0.133 W/S$$

(b) The propeller axis (or equivalent reference line) shall be assumed to be horizontal and the resultant water reaction to be acting in the plane of symmetry and passing through the center of gravity of the airplane, but inclined so that its horizontal component is equal to one-fourth of its vertical component. Inertia forces shall be assumed to act in a direction parallel to the water reaction.

(c) *Factors of safety.* For the design of float attachment members, including the members necessary to complete a rigid brace truss through the fuselage, the factor of safety shall be 1.85. For the remaining structural members, the factor of safety shall be 1.5.

§ 3.275 *Landing with vertical reactions.*

(a) The limit load factor shall be 4.33 acting vertically, except that it need not exceed a value given by the following formula:

$$n = 3.0 + 0.133 W/S$$

(b) The propeller axis (or equivalent reference line) shall be assumed to be horizontal, and the resultant water reaction to be vertical and passing through the center of gravity of the airplane.

(c) *Factors of safety.* The factors of safety shall be the same as those specified in §3.273(c).

§ 3.277 *Landing with side load.* The vertical component of the limit load factor shall be 4.0. The propeller axis (or equivalent reference line) shall be assumed to be horizontal and the resultant water reaction shall be assumed to be in the vertical plane which passes through the center of gravity of the airplane and is perpendicular to the propeller axis. The vertical load shall be applied through the keel or keels of the float or floats and evenly divided between the floats when twin floats are used. A side load equal to one-fourth of the vertical load shall be applied along a line approximately halfway between the bottom of the keel and the level of

the water line at rest. When twin floats are used, the entire side load specified shall be applied to the float on the side from which the water reaction originates.

§ 3.278 *Supplementary load conditions.* Each main float of a float seaplane shall be capable of carrying the following loads when supported at the attachment fittings as installed on the airplane:

(a) A limit load, acting upward, applied at the bow end of float and of magnitude equal to that portion of the airplane weight normally supported by the particular float.

(b) A limit load, acting upward, applied at the stern of magnitude equal to 0.8 times that portion of the airplane weight normally supported by the particular float.

(c) A limit load, acting upward, applied at the step and of magnitude equal to 1.5 times that portion of the airplane weight normally supported by the particular float.

§ 3.279 *Bottom loads.* (a) Main seaplane float bottoms shall be designed to withstand the following local pressures:

(1) A limit pressure of at least 10 pounds per square inch over that portion of the bottom lying between the first step and a section 25 percent of the distance from the step to the bow.

(2) A limit pressure of at least 5 pounds per square inch over that portion of the bottom lying between the section 25 percent of the distance from the strip to the bow and a section 75 percent of the distance from the step to the bow.

(3) A limit pressure of at least 3 pounds per square inch over that portion of the bottom aft of the step (aft of main step if more than one step is used).

(b) The local pressures determined in paragraph (a) (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be applied over local areas in such a manner as to cause the maximum loads in local structure such as bottom plating and stringers.

(c) For the purpose of designing frames, keels, and chine structure, distributed bottom pressures equal to one-half of the local values specified above shall be applied over the entire specified bottom areas.

WING-TIP FLOAT AND SEA WING LOADS

§ 3.280 *Wing-tip float loads.* Wing-tip floats and their attachment, including the wing structure, shall be analyzed for each of the following conditions:

(a) A limit load acting vertically up at the completely submerged center of buoyancy and equal to 3 times the completely submerged displacement.

(b) A limit load inclined upward at 45 degrees to the rear and acting through the completely submerged center of buoyancy and equal to 3 times the completely submerged displacement.

(c) A limit load acting parallel to the water surface (laterally) applied at the center of area of the side view and equal to 1.5 times the completely submerged displacement.

§ 3.281 *Wing structure.* The primary wing structure shall incorporate sufficient extra strength to insure that failure of wing-tip float attachment members occurs before the wing structure is damaged.

§ 3.282 *Sea wing loads.* Sea wing design loads shall be based on suitable test data.

SUBPART D—DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION GENERAL

§ 3.291 *General.* The suitability of all questionable design details or parts having an important bearing on safety in operation shall be established by tests.

§ 3.292 *Materials and workmanship.* The suitability and durability of all materials used in the airplane structure shall be established on the basis of experience or tests. All materials used in the airplane structure shall conform to approved specifications which will insure their having the strength and other properties assumed in the design data. All workmanship shall be of a high standard.

§ 3.293 *Fabrication methods.* The methods of fabrication employed in constructing the airplane structure shall be such as to produce consistently sound structure. When a fabrication process such as gluing, spot welding, or heat-treating requires close control to attain this objective, the process shall be performed in accordance with an approved process specification.

§ 3.294 *Standard fastenings.* All bolts,

pins, screws, and rivets used in the structure shall be of an approved type. The use of an approved locking device or method is required for all such bolts, pins, and screws. Self-locking nuts shall not be used on bolts subject to rotation during the operation of the airplane.

§ 3.295 *Protection.* All members of the structure shall be suitably protected against deterioration or loss of strength in service due to weathering, corrosion, abrasion, or other causes. In seaplanes, special precaution shall be taken against corrosion from salt water, particularly where parts made from different metals are in close proximity. Adequate provisions for ventilation and drainage of all parts of the structure shall be made.

§ 3.296 *Inspection provisions.* Adequate means shall be provided to permit the close examination of such parts of the airplane as require periodic inspection, adjustments for proper alignment and functioning, and lubrication of moving parts.

STRUCTURAL PARTS

§ 3.301 *Material strength properties and design values.* Material strength properties shall be based on a sufficient number of tests of material conforming to specifications to establish design values on a statistical basis. The design values shall be so chosen that the probability of any structure being understrength because of material variations is extremely remote. Values contained in ANC-5 and ANC-18 shall be used unless shown to be inapplicable in a particular case.

Note: ANC-5, "Strength of Aircraft Elements" and ANC-18, "Design of Wood Aircraft Structures" are published by the Army-Navy-Civil Committee on Aircraft Design Criteria and may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

§ 3.302 *Special factors.* Where there may be uncertainty concerning the actual strength of particular parts of the structure or where the strength is likely to deteriorate in service prior to normal replacement, increased factors of safety shall be provided to insure that the reliability of such parts is not less than the rest of the structure as specified in §§ 3.303-3.306.

§ 3.303 *Variability factor.* For parts whose strength is subject to appreciable variability due

to uncertainties in manufacturing processes and inspection methods, the factor of safety shall be increased sufficiently to make the probability of any part being under-strength from this cause extremely remote. Minimum variability factors (only the highest pertinent variability factor need be considered) are set forth in §§ 3.304-3.306.

§ 3.304 *Castings.* (a) Where visual inspection only is to be employed, the variability factor shall be 2.0.

(b) The variability factor may be reduced to 1.25 for ultimate loads and 1.15 for limit loads when at least three sample castings are tested to show compliance with these factors, and all sample and production castings are visually and radiographically inspected in accordance with an approved inspection specification.

(c) Other inspection procedures and variability factors may be used if found satisfactory by the Administrator.

§ 3.305 *Bearing factors.* (a) The factor of safety in bearing at bolted or pinned joints shall be suitably increased to provide for the following conditions:

(1) Relative motion in operation (control surface and system joints are covered in §§ 3.327-3.347).

(2) Joints with clearance (free fit) subject to pounding or vibration.

(b) Bearing factors need not be applied when covered by other special factors.

§ 3.306 *Fitting factor.* Fittings are denied as parts such as end terminals used to join one structural member to another. A multiplying factor of safety of at least 1.15 shall be used in the analysis of all fittings the strength of which is not proved by limit and ultimate load tests in which the actual stress conditions are simulated in the fitting and the surrounding structure. This factor applies to all portions of the fitting, the means of attachment, and bearing on the members joined. In the case of integral fittings, the part shall be treated as a fitting up to the point where the section properties become typical of the member. The fitting factor need not be applied where a type of joint design based on comprehensive test data is used. The following are examples: continuous joints in metal plating, welded joints, and scarf joints in wood, all made in accordance with approved practices.

§ 3.307 *Fatigue strength.* The structure shall be designed, insofar as practicable, to avoid points of stress concentration where variable stresses above the fatigue limit are likely to occur in normal service.

FLUTTER AND VIBRATION

§ 3.311 *Flutter and vibration prevention measures.* Wings, tail, and control surfaces shall be free from flutter, airfoil divergence, and control reversal from lack of rigidity, for all conditions of operation within the limit $V-n$ envelope, and the following detail requirements shall apply:

(a) Adequate wing torsional rigidity shall be demonstrated by tests or other methods found suitable by the Administrator.

(b) The mass balance of surfaces shall be such as to preclude flutter.

(c) The natural frequencies of all main structural components shall be determined by vibration tests or other methods found satisfactory by the Administrator.

WINGS

§ 3.317 *Proof of strength.* The strength of stressed-skin wings shall be substantiated by load tests or by combined structural analysis and tests.

§ 3.318 *Ribs.* (a) The strength of ribs in other than stressed-skin wings shall be proved by test to at least 125 percent of the ultimate loads for the most severe loading conditions, unless a rational load analysis and test procedure is employed and the tests cover the variability of the particular type of construction.

(b) The effects of ailerons and high lift devices shall be properly accounted for. Rib tests shall simulate conditions in the airplane with respect to torsional rigidity of spars, fixity conditions, lateral support, and attachment to spars.

§ 3.319 *External bracing.* When wires are used for external lift bracing they shall be double unless the design provides for a lift-wire-cut condition. Rigging loads shall be taken into account in a rational or conservative manner. The end connections of brace wires shall be such as to minimize restraint against bending or vibration. When brace struts of large fineness ratio are used, the aerodynamic forces on such

struts shall be taken into account.

§ 3.320 *Covering.* Strength tests of fabric covering shall be required unless approved grades of cloth, methods of support, attachment, and finishing are employed. Special tests shall be required when it appears necessary to account for the effects of unusually high design air speeds, slipstream velocities, or other unusual conditions.

CONTROL SURFACES (FIXED AND MOVABLE)

§ 3.327 *Proof of strength.* Limit load tests of control surfaces are required. Such tests shall include the horn or fitting to which the control system is attached. In structural analyses, rigging loads due to wire bracing shall be taken into account in a rational or conservative manner.

§ 3.328 *Installation.* Movable tail surfaces shall be so installed that there is no interference between the surfaces or their bracing when each is held in its extreme position and all others are operated through their full angular movement. When an adjustable stabilizer is used, stops shall be provided which, in the event of failure of the adjusting mechanism, will limit its travel to a range permitting safe flight and landing.

§ 3.329 *Hinges.* Control surface hinges, excepting ball and roller bearings, shall incorporate a multiplying factor of safety of not less than 6.67 with respect to the ultimate bearing strength of the softest material used as a bearing. For hinges incorporating ball or roller bearings, the approved rating of the bearing shall not be exceeded. Hinges shall provide sufficient strength and rigidity for loads parallel to the hinge line.

CONTROL SYSTEMS

§ 3.335 *General.* All controls shall operate with sufficient ease, smoothness, and positiveness to permit the proper performance of their function and shall be so arranged and identified as to provide convenience in operation and prevent the possibility of confusion and subsequent inadvertent operation. (See § 3.384 for cockpit controls.)

§ 3.336 *Primary flight controls.* (a) Primary flight controls are defined as those used by the pilot for the immediate control of the pitching, rolling, and yawing of the airplane.

(b) For two-control airplanes the design

shall be such as to minimize the likelihood of complete loss of the lateral directional control in the event of failure of any connecting or transmitting element in the control system.

§ 3.337 *Trimming controls.* Proper precautions shall be taken against the possibility of inadvertent, improper, or abrupt tab operations. Means shall be provided to indicate to the pilot the direction of control movement relative to airplane motion and the position of the trim device with respect of the range of adjustment. The means used to indicate the direction of the control movement shall be adjacent to the control, and the means used to indicate the position of the trim device shall be easily visible to the pilot and so located and operated as to preclude the possibility of confusion. Trimming devices shall be capable of continued normal operation notwithstanding the failure of any one connecting or transmitting element in the primary flight control system. Tab controls shall be irreversible unless the tab is properly balanced and possesses no unsafe flutter characteristics. Irreversible tab systems shall provide adequate rigidity and reliability in the portion of the system from the tab to the attachment of the irreversible unit to the airplane structure.

§ 3.338 *Wing flap controls.* The controls shall be such that when the flap has been placed in any position upon which compliance with the performance requirements is based, the flap will not move from that position except upon further adjustment of the control or the automatic operation of a flap load limiting device. Means shall be provided to indicate the flap position to the pilot. If any flap position other than fully retracted or extended is used to show compliance with the performance requirements, such means shall indicate each such position. The rate of movement of the flaps in response to the operation of the pilot's control, or of an automatic device shall not be such as to result in unsatisfactory flight or performance characteristics under steady or changing conditions of air speed, engine power, and airplane attitude (See § 3.109 (b) and (c).)

§ 3.339 *Flap interconnection.* (a) The motion of flaps on opposite sides of the plane of symmetry shall be synchronized by a mechanical interconnection, unless the airplane is demonstrated to have safe flight characteristics

while the flaps are retracted on one side and extended on the other.

(b) Where an interconnection is used, in the case of multienGINE airplanes, it shall be designed to account for the unsymmetrical loads resulting from flight with the engines on one side of the plane of symmetry inoperative and the remaining engines at take-off power. For single-engine airplanes, it may be assumed that 100 percent of the critical air load acts on one side and 70 percent on the other.

§ 3.340 *Stops.* All control systems shall be provided with stops which positively limit the range of motion of the control surfaces. Stops shall be so located in the system that wear, slackness, or take-up adjustments will not appreciably affect the range of surface travel. Stops shall be capable of withstanding the loads corresponding to the design conditions for the control system.

§ 3.341 *Control system locks.* When a device is provided for locking a control surface while the airplane is on the ground or water:

(a) The locking device shall be so installed as to provide unmistakable warning to the pilot when it is engaged, and

(b) Means shall be provided to preclude the possibility of the lock becoming engaged during flight.

§ 3.342 *Proof of strength.* Tests shall be conducted to prove compliance with limit load requirements. The direction of test loads shall be such as to produce the most severe loading of the control system structure. The tests shall include all fittings, pulleys, and brackets used to attach the control system to the primary structure. Analyses or individual load tests shall be conducted to demonstrate compliance with the multiplying factor of safety requirements specified for control system joints subjected to angular motion.

§ 3.343 *Operation test.* An operation test shall be conducted by operating the controls from the pilot compartment with the entire system so loaded as to correspond to the limit air loads on the surface. In this test there shall be no jamming, excessive friction, or excessive deflection.

CONTROL SYSTEM DETAILS

§ 3.344 *General.* All control systems and

operating devices shall be so designed and installed as to prevent jamming, chafing, or interference as a result of inadequate clearances or from cargo, passengers, or loose objects. Special precautions shall be provided in the cockpit to prevent the entry of foreign objects into places where they might jam the controls. Provisions shall be made to prevent the slapping of cables or tubes against parts of the airplane.

§ 3.345 *Cable systems.* Cables, cable fittings, turnbuckles, splices, and pulleys shall be in accordance with approved specifications. Cables smaller than 1/8-inch diameter shall not be used in primary control systems. The design of cable systems shall be such that there will not be hazardous change in cable tension throughout the range of travel under operating conditions and temperature variations. Pulley types and sizes shall correspond to the cables with which they are used, as specified on the pulley specification. All pulleys shall be provided with satisfactory guards which shall be closely fitted to prevent the cables becoming misplaced or fouling, even when slack. The pulleys shall lie in the plane passing through the cable within such limits that the cable does not rub against the pulley flange. Fairleads shall be so installed that they are not required to cause a change in cable direction of more than 3 degrees. Clevis pins (excluding those not subject to load or motion) retained only by cotter pins shall not be employed in the control system. Turnbuckles shall be attached to parts having angular motion in such a manner as to prevent positively binding throughout the range of travel. Provisions for visual inspection shall be made at all fairleads, pulleys, terminals, and turnbuckles.

§ 3.346 *Joints.* Control system joints subject to angular motion in push-pull systems, excepting ball and roller bearing systems, shall incorporate a multiplying factor of safety of not less than 3.33 with respect to the ultimate bearing strength of the softest material used as a bearing. This factor may be reduced to 2.0 for such joints in cable control systems. For ball or roller bearings the approved rating of the bearing shall not be exceeded.

§ 3.347 *Spring devices.* The reliability of any spring devices used in the control system shall be established by tests simulating service conditions, unless it is demonstrated that failure of the spring will not cause flutter or unsafe flight

characteristics.

LANDING GEAR SHOCK ABSORBERS

§ 3.351 *Tests.* Shock absorbing elements in main, nose, and tail wheel units shall be substantiated by the tests specified in the following section. In addition, the shock absorbing ability of the landing gear in taxiing must be demonstrated in the operational tests of § 3.146.

§ 3.352 *Shock absorption tests.* (a) It shall be demonstrated by energy absorption tests that the limit load factors selected for design in accordance with § 3.243 will not be exceeded in landings with the limit descent velocity specified in that section.

(b) In addition, a reserve of energy absorption shall be demonstrated by a test in which the descent velocity is at least 1.2 times the limit descent velocity. In this test there shall be no failure of the shock absorbing unit, although yielding of the unit will be permitted. Wing lift equal to the weight of the airplane may be assumed for purposes of this test.

§ 3.353 *Limit drop tests.* (a) If compliance with the specified limit landing conditions of § 3.352 (a) is demonstrated by free drop tests, these shall be conducted on the complete airplane, or on units consisting of wheel, tire, and shock absorber in their proper relation, from free drop heights not less than the following:

$$h \text{ (inches)} = 3.6 (W/S)^{0.5}$$

except that the free drop height shall not be less than 9.2 inches and need not be greater than 18.7 inches.

(b) In simulating the permissible wing lift in free drop tests, the landing gear unit shall be dropped with an effective mass equal to:

$$W_e = W \left[\frac{h + (1-L) d}{h + a} \right]$$

where

W_e = the effective weight to be used in the drop test.

h = specified height of drop in inches.

d = deflection under impact of the tire (at the approved inflation pressure) plus the vertical component of the axle travel relative to the drop mass. The value of d used in the computation of

W_e shall not exceed the value actually obtained in the drop tests.

$W = W_M$ or main gear units, and shall be equal to the static weight on the particular unit with the airplane in the level attitude (with the nose wheel clear, in the case of nose wheel clear, in the case of nose wheel type airplanes).

$W = W_T$ for tail gear units, and shall be equal to the static weight on the tail unit with the airplane in the tail down attitude.

$W = W_N$ for nose wheel units, and shall be equal to the static reaction which will exist at the nose wheel when the mass of the airplane is concentrated at the center of gravity and exerts a force of 1.0g downward and 0.33g forward.

$L =$ ratio of assumed wing lift to airplane weight, not greater than 0.667.

The attitude in which the landing gear unit is drop tested shall be such as to simulate the airplane landing condition which is critical from the standpoint of energy to be absorbed by the particular unit.

§ 3.354 *Limit load factor determination.* In determining the limit airplane inertia load factor n from the free drop test described above, the following formula shall be used:

$$n = n_j \frac{W_e}{W} + L$$

where

$n_j =$ the load factor developed in the drop test, i.e., the acceleration (d_v/dt) in g 's recorded in the drop test, plus 1.0.

The value of n so determined shall not be greater than the limit inertia load factor used in the landing conditions, § 3.243.

§ 3.355 *Reserve energy absorption drop tests.* If compliance with the reserve energy absorption condition specified in § 3.352 (b) is demonstrated by free drop tests, the drop height shall be not less than 1.44 times the drop height specified in § 3.353. In simulating wing lift equal to the airplane weight, the units shall be dropped with an effective mass equal to

$$W_e = W \frac{h}{h+d}$$

where the symbols and other details are the same as in § 3.353.

RETRACTING MECHANISM

§ 3.356 *General.* The landing gear retracting mechanism and supporting structure shall be designed for the maximum load factors in the flight conditions when the gear is in the retracted position. It shall also be designed for the combination of friction, inertia, brake torque, and air loads occurring during retraction at any air speed up to $1.6V_{S1}$, flaps retracted and any load factors up to those specified for the flaps extended condition, § 3.190. The landing gear and retracting mechanism, including the wheel well doors, shall withstand flight loads with the landing gear extended at any speed up to at least $1.6 V_{S1}$ flaps retracted. Positive means shall be provided for the purpose of maintaining the wheels in the extended position.

§ 3.357 *Emergency operation.* When other than manual power for the operation of the landing gear is employed, an auxiliary means of extending the landing gear shall be provided.

§ 3.358 *Operation test.* Proper functioning of the landing gear retracting mechanism shall be demonstrated by operation tests.

§ 3.359 *Position indicator and warning device.* When retractable landing wheels are used, means shall be provided for indicating to the pilot when the wheels are secured in the extreme positions. In addition, landplanes shall be provided with an aural or equally effective warning device which shall function continuously after the throttle is closed until the gear is down and locked.

§ 3.360 *Control.* See § 3.384.

WHEELS AND TIRES

§ 3.361 *Wheels.* (a) Main landing gear wheels (i.e., those nearest the airplane center of gravity) shall be of an approved type.

(b) The rated static load of each main wheel shall not be less than the design weight for ground loads (§ 3.242) divided by the number of main wheels. Nose wheels shall have been tested for an ultimate radial load not less than the maximum nose wheel ultimate load obtained in the ground loads requirements, and for corresponding side and burst loads.

§ 3.362 *Tires.* A landing gear wheel may be equipped with any make or type of tire, provided that the approved tire rating is not exceeded under the following conditions:

(a) Load on main wheel tires equal to the airplane weight divided by the number of wheels,

(b) Load on nose wheel tires (to be compared with the dynamic rating established for such tires) equal to the reaction obtained at the nose wheel, assuming the mass of the airplane concentrated at the center of gravity and exerting a force of 1.0g downward and 0.31g forward, the reactions being distributed to the nose and main wheels by the principle of statics with the drag reaction at the ground applied only at those wheels having brakes. When specially constructed tires are used to support an airplane, the wheels shall be plainly and conspicuously marked to that effect. Such marking shall include the make, size, number of plies, and identification marking of the proper tire.

Note: Approved ratings are those assigned by the Tire and Rim Association or by the Administrator.

BRAKES

§ 3.363 *Brakes.* Brakes shall be installed which are adequate to prevent the airplane from rolling on a paved runway while applying take-off power to the critical engine, and of sufficient capacity to provide adequate speed control during taxiing without the use of excessive pedal or hand forces.

SKIS

§ 3.364 *Skis.* Skis shall be of an approved type. The approved rating of the skis shall not be less than the maximum weight of the airplane on which they are installed.

§ 3.365 *Installation.* (a) When type certificated skis are installed, the installation shall be made in accordance with the ski or airplane manufacturer's recommendations which shall have been approved by the Administrator. When other than type certificated skis are installed, data shall be submitted to the Administrator showing a dimensional drawing of the proposed method of attaching the skis, the sizes and material of the restraining members and attachment fittings.

(b) In addition to such shock cord(s) as may be provided, front and rear check cables shall be used on skis not equipped with special stabilizing devices.

§ 3.366 *Tests.* (a) If the airplane is of a model not previously approved with the specific

ski installation, it shall satisfactorily pass a ground inspection of the installation, demonstrate satisfactory landing and taxiing characteristics, and comply with such flight tests as are found necessary to indicate that the airplane's flight characteristics are satisfactory with the skis installed.

(b) If the airplane is of a model previously approved with the specific ski installation, it need pass satisfactorily only a ground inspection of the installation.

HULLS AND FLOATS

§ 3.371 *Buoyancy (main seaplane floats).*

(a) Main seaplane floats shall have a buoyancy in excess of that required to support the maximum weight of the airplane in fresh water as follows:

- (1) 80 percent in the case of single floats.
- (2) 90 percent in the case of double floats.

(b) Main seaplane floats for use on airplanes of 2,500 pounds or more maximum weight shall contain at least 5 watertight compartments of approximately equal volume. Main seaplane floats for use on airplanes of less than 2,500 pounds maximum weight shall contain at least four such compartments.

§ 3.372 *Buoyancy (boat seaplanes).* The hulls of boat seaplanes and amphibians shall be divided into watertight compartments in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) In airplanes of 5,000 pounds or more maximum weight, the compartments shall be so arranged that, with any two adjacent compartments flooded, the hull and auxiliary floats (and tires, if used) will retain sufficient buoyancy to support the maximum weight of the airplane in fresh water.

(b) In airplanes of 1,500 to 5,000 pounds maximum weight, the compartments shall be so arranged that, with any one compartment flooded, the hull and auxiliary floats (and tires, if used) will retain sufficient buoyancy to support the maximum weight of the airplane in fresh water.

(c) In airplanes of less than 1,500 pounds maximum weight, watertight subdivision of the hull is not required.

(d) Bulkheads may have watertight doors for the purpose of communication between compartments.

§ 3.373 *Water stability.* Auxiliary floats shall be so arranged that when completely submerged in fresh water, they will provide a righting moment which is at least 1.5 times the upsetting moment caused by the airplane being tilted. A greater degree of stability may be required by the Administrator in the case of large flying boats, depending on the height of the center of gravity above the water level, the area and location of wings and tail surfaces, and other considerations.

**FUSELAGE
PILOT COMPARTMENT**

§ 3.381 *General.* (a) The arrangement of the pilot compartment and its appurtenances shall provide a satisfactory degree of safety and assurance that the pilot will be able to perform all his duties and operate the controls in the correct manner without unreasonable concentration and fatigue.

(b) The primary flight control units listed on Figure 3-14, excluding cables and control rods, shall be so located with respect to the propellers that no portion of the pilot or controls lies in the region between the plane of rotation of any inboard propeller and the surface generated by a line passing through the center of the propeller hub and making an angle of 5° forward or aft of the plane of rotation of the propeller.

§ 3.382 *Vision.* The pilot compartment shall be arranged to afford the pilot a sufficiently extensive, clear, and undistorted view for the safe operation of the airplane. During flight in a moderate rain condition, the pilot shall have an adequate view of the flight path in normal flight and landing, and have sufficient protection from the elements so that his vision is not unduly impaired. This may be accomplished by providing an openable window or by a means for maintaining a portion of the windshield in a clear condition without continuous attention by the pilot. The pilot compartment shall be free of glare and reflections which would interfere with the pilot's vision. For airplanes intended for night operation, the demonstration of these qualities shall include night flight tests.

§ 3.383 *Pilot windshield and windows.* All glass panes shall be of a nonsplintering safety type.

§ 3.384 *Cockpit controls.* (a) All cockpit controls shall be so located and, except for those

the function of which is obvious, identified as to provide convenience in operation including provisions to prevent the possibility of confusion and consequent inadvertent operations. (See Fig. 3-14 for required sense of motion of cockpit controls.) The controls shall be so located and arranged that when seated it will be readily possible for the pilot to obtain full and unrestricted movement of each control without interference from either his clothing or the cockpit structure.

(b) Identical power-plant controls for the several engines in the case of multiengine airplanes shall be so located as to prevent any misleading impression as to the engines of which they relate.

Control	Movement and actuation
Primary:	
Aileron-----	Right (clockwise) for right wing down.
Elevator-----	Rearward for nose up.
Rudder-----	Right pedal forward for nose right.

Power plant:
Throttle----- Forward to open.

Figure 3-14 Cockpit Controls

§ 3.385 *Instruments and markings.* See § 3.661 relative to instrument arrangement. The operational markings, instructions, and placards required for the instruments and controls are specified in §§ 3.756 to 3.765.

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

§ 3.386 *Protection.* The fuselage shall be designed to give reasonable assurance that each occupant, if he makes proper use of belts or harness for which provisions are made in the design, will not suffer serious injury during minor crash conditions as a result of contact of any vulnerable part of his body with any penetrating or relatively solid object, although it is accepted that parts of the airplane may be damaged.

(a) The ultimate accelerations to which occupants are assumed to be subjected shall be as follows:

	N, U	A
Upward-----	3.0g	4.5g
Forward-----	9.0g	9.0g
Sideward-----	1.5g	1.5g

(b) For airplanes having retractable landing gear, the fuselage in combination with other portions of the structure shall be designed to

afford protection of the occupants in a wheels-up landing with moderate descent velocity.

(c) If the characteristics of an airplane are such as to make a turn-over reasonably probable, the fuselage of such an airplane in combination with other portions of the structure shall be designed to afford protection of the occupants in a complete turn-over.

Note: In § 3.386 (b) and (c), a vertical ultimate acceleration of 3g and a friction coefficient of 0.5 at the ground may be assumed.

§ 3.387 *Exits.* (a) Closed cabins on airplanes carrying more than 5 persons shall be provided with emergency exits consisting of movable windows or panels or of additional external doors which provide a clear and unobstructed opening, the minimum dimensions of which shall be such that a 19-by-26-inch ellipse may be completely inscribed therein. The exits shall be readily accessible, shall not require exceptional agility of a person using them, and shall be distributed so as to facilitate egress without crowding in all probable attitudes resulting from a crash. The method of opening shall be simple and obvious, and the exits shall be so arranged and marked as to be readily located and operated even in darkness. Reasonable provisions shall be made against the jamming of exits as a result of fuselage deformation. The proper functioning of exits shall be demonstrated by tests.

(b) The number of emergency exits required is as follows:

(1) Airplanes with a total seating capacity of more than 5 persons, but not in excess of 15, shall be provided with at least one emergency exit or one suitable door in addition to the main door specified in § 3.389. This emergency exit, or second door, shall be on the opposite side of the cabin from the main door.

(2) Airplanes with a seating capacity of more than 15 persons shall be provided with emergency exits or doors in addition to those required in paragraph (b) (1) of this section. There shall be one such additional exit or door located either in the top or side of the cabin for every additional 7 persons or fraction thereof above 15, except that not more than four exits, including doors, will be required if the arrangement and dimensions are suitable for quick evacuation of all occupants.

(c) If the pilot compartment is separated from the cabin by a door which is likely to block the escape in the event of a minor crash, it shall have its own exit, but such exit shall not be considered as an emergency exit for the passengers.

(d) In categories U and A exits shall be provided which will permit all occupants to bail out quickly with parachutes.

§ 3.388 *Fire precautions—(a) Cabin interiors.* Only materials which are flash-resistant shall be used. In compartments where smoking is to be permitted, the materials of the cabin lining, floors, upholstery, and furnishings shall be flame-resistant. Such compartments shall be equipped with an adequate number of self-contained ash trays. All other compartments shall be placarded against smoking.

(b) *Combustion heaters.* Gasoline operated combustion heater installations shall comply with applicable parts of the power-plant installation requirements covering fire hazards and precautions. All applicable requirements concerning fuel tanks, lines, and exhaust systems shall be considered.

PERSONNEL AND CARGO ACCOMMODATIONS

§ 3.389 *Doors.* Closed cabins on all airplanes carrying passengers shall be provided with at least one adequate and easily accessible external door. No passenger door shall be so located with respect to the propeller discs as to endanger persons using the door.

§ 3.390 *Seats and berths—(a) Passenger seats and berths.* All seats and berths and supporting structure shall be designed for a passenger weight of 170 pounds (190 pounds with parachute for the acrobatic and utility categories) and the maximum load factors corresponding to all specified flight and ground load conditions including the emergency conditions of § 3.386.

(b) *Pilot seats.* Pilot seats shall be designed for the reactions resulting from the application of the pilot forces to the primary flight controls as specified in § 3.231.

(c) *Categories U and A.* All seats designed to be occupied in the U and A categories under § 3.74 (c) (4) shall be designed to accommodate passengers wearing parachutes.

§ 3.391 *Safety belt or harness provisions.*

Provisions shall be made at all seats and berths for the installation of belts or harness of sufficient strength to comply with the emergency conditions of § 3.386.

§ 3.392 *Cargo compartments.* Each cargo compartment shall be designed for the placarded maximum weight of contents and critical load distributions at the appropriate maximum load factors corresponding to all specified flight and ground load conditions. Suitable provisions shall be made to prevent the contents of cargo compartments from becoming a hazard by shifting. Such provisions shall be adequate to protect the passengers from injury by the contents of any cargo compartment when the ultimate forward acting accelerating force is 4.5g.

§ 3.393 *Ventilation.* All passenger and crew compartments shall be suitably ventilated. Carbon monoxide concentration shall not exceed 1 part in 20,000 parts of air.

MISCELLANEOUS

§ 3.401 *Leveling marks.* Leveling marks shall be provided for leveling the airplane on the ground.

SUBPART E—POWER-PLANT INSTALLATIONS; RECIPROCATING ENGINES GENERAL

§ 3.411 *Components.* (a) The power plant installation shall be considered to include all components of the airplane which are necessary for its propulsion. It shall also be considered to include all components which affect the control of the major propulsive units or which affect their continued safety of operation.

(b) All components of the power-plant installation shall be constructed, arranged, and installed in a manner which will assure the continued safe operation of the airplane and power plant. Accessibility shall be provided to permit such inspection and maintenance as is necessary to assure continued airworthiness.

ENGINES AND PROPELLERS

§ 3.415 *Engines.* Engines installed in certificated airplanes shall be of a type which has been certificated in accordance with the provisions of Part 13 of this chapter.

§ 3.416 *Propellers.* (a) Propellers installed in certificated airplanes shall be of a type which has been certificated in accordance with the provisions of Part 14 of this chapter.

(b) The maximum engine power and propeller shaft rotational speed permissible for use in the particular airplane involved shall not exceed the corresponding limits for which the propeller has been certificated.

§ 3.417 *Propeller vibration.* In the case of airplanes equipped with metal propellers, the magnitude of the propeller blade vibration stresses under all normal conditions of operation shall be determined by actual measurements or by comparison with similar installations for which such measurements have been made. The vibration stresses thus determined shall not exceed values which have been demonstrated to be safe for continuous operation. Vibration tests may be waived and the propeller installation accepted on the basis of service experience, engine or ground tests which show adequate margins of safety, or other considerations which satisfactorily substantiate its safety in this respect. In addition to metal propellers, the Administrator may require that similar substantiation of the vibration characteristics be accomplished for other types of propellers, with the exception of conventional fixed-pitch wood propellers.

§ 3.418 *Propeller pitch and speed limitations.* The propeller pitch and speed shall be limited to values which will assure safe operation under all normal conditions of operation and will assure compliance with the performance requirements specified in §§ 3.81-3.86.

§ 3.419 *Speed limitations for fixed-pitch propellers, ground adjustable pitch propellers, and automatically varying pitch propellers which cannot be controlled in flight.* (a) During take-off and initial climb at best rate-of-climb speed, the propeller, in the case of fixed pitch or ground adjustable types, shall restrain the engine to a speed not exceeding its maximum permissible take-off speed and, in the case of automatic variable-pitch types, shall limit the maximum governed engine revolutions per minute to a speed not exceeding the maximum permissible take-off speed. In demonstrating compliance with this provision the engine shall be operated at full throttle or the throttle setting corresponding to the maximum permissible take-off manifold pressure.

(b) During a closed throttle glide at the placard, "never-exceed speed" (see § 3.739), the

propeller shall not cause the engine to rotate at a speed in excess of 110 percent of its maximum allowable continuous speed.

§ 3.420 *Speed and pitch limitations for controllable pitch propellers without constant speed controls.* The stops or other means incorporated in the propeller mechanism to restrict the pitch range shall limit (a) the lowest possible blade pitch to a value which will assure compliance with the provisions of § 3.419 (a), and (b) the highest possible blade pitch to a value not lower than the flattest blade pitch with which compliance with the provisions of § 3.419 (b) can be demonstrated.

§ 3.421 *Variable pitch propellers with constant speed controls.* (a) Suitable means shall be provided at the governor to limit the speed of the propeller. Such means shall limit the maximum governed engine speed to a value not exceeding its maximum permissible take-off revolutions per minute.

(b) The low pitch blade stop, or other means incorporated in the propeller mechanism to restrict the pitch range, shall limit the speed of the engine to a value not exceeding 103 percent of the maximum permissible take-off revolutions per minute under the following conditions:

(1) Propeller blade set in the lowest possible pitch and the governor inoperative.

(2) Engine operating at take-off manifold pressure with the airplane stationary and with no wind.

§ 3.422 *Propeller clearance.* With the airplane loaded to the maximum weight and most adverse center of gravity position and the propeller in the most adverse pitch position, propeller clearances shall not be less than the following, unless smaller clearances are properly substantiated for the particular design involved:

(a) *Ground clearance.* (1) Seven inches (for airplanes equipped with nose wheel type landing gears) or 9 inches (for airplanes equipped with tail wheel type landing gears) with the landing gear statically deflected and the airplane in the level normal take-off, or taxiing attitude, whichever is most critical.

(2) In addition to subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, there shall be positive clearance between the propeller and the ground when, with the airplane in the level take-off attitude, the

critical tire is completely deflated and the corresponding landing gear strut is completely bottomed.

(b) *Water clearance.* A minimum clearance of 18 inches shall be provided unless compliance with § 3.147 can be demonstrated with lesser clearance.

(c) *Structural clearance.* (1) One inch radial clearance between the blade tips and the airplane structure, or whatever additional radial clearance is necessary to preclude harmful vibration of the propeller or airplane.

(2) One-half inch longitudinal clearance between the propeller blades or cuffs and stationary portions of the airplane. Adequate positive clearance shall be provided between other rotating portions of the propeller or spinner and stationary portions of the airplane.

FUEL SYSTEM

§ 3.429 *General.* The fuel system shall be constructed and arranged in a manner to assure the provision of fuel to each engine at a flow rate and pressure adequate for proper engine functioning under all normal conditions of operation, including all maneuvers and acrobatics for which the airplane is intended.

ARRANGEMENT

§ 3.430 *Fuel system arrangement.* Fuel systems shall be so arranged as to permit any one fuel pump to draw fuel from only one tank at a time. Gravity feed systems shall not supply fuel to any one engine from more than one tank at a time unless the tank air spaces are interconnected in such a manner as to assure that all interconnected tanks will feed equally. (See also § 3.439.)

§ 3.431 *Multiengine fuel system arrangement.* The fuel systems of multiengine airplanes shall be arranged to permit operation in such a manner that the failure of any one component will not result in the loss of the power of more than one engine. Unless other provisions are made in order to comply with this requirement, the fuel system shall be arranged to permit supplying fuel to each engine through a system entirely independent of any portion of the system supplying fuel to the other engines.

§ 3.432 *Pressure cross feed arrangements.* Pressure cross feed lines shall not pass through portions of the airplane devoted to carrying

personnel or cargo, unless means are provided to permit the flight personnel to shut off the supply of fuel to these lines, or unless any joints, fittings, or other possible sources of leakage installed in such lines are enclosed in a fuel- and fume-proof enclosure which is ventilated and drained to the exterior of the airplane. Bare tubing need not be enclosed but shall be protected where necessary against possible inadvertent damage.

OPERATION

§ 3.433 *Fuel flow rate.* The ability of the fuel system to provide the required fuel flow rate and pressure shall be demonstrated when the airplane is in the attitude which represents the most adverse condition from the standpoint of fuel feed and quantity of unusable fuel in the tank. During this test fuel shall be delivered to the engine at the applicable flow rate (see §§ 3.434-3.436) and at a pressure not less than the minimum required for proper carburetor operation. A suitable mock-up of the system, in which the most adverse conditions are simulated, may be used for this purpose. The quantity of fuel in the tank being tested shall not exceed the amount established as the unusable fuel supply for that tank as determined by demonstration of compliance with the provisions of § 3.437 (see also §§ 3.440 and 3.672), plus whatever minimum quantity of fuel it may be necessary to add for the purpose of conducting the flow test. If a fuel flowmeter is provided, the meter shall be blocked during the flow test and the fuel shall flow through the meter bypass.

§ 3.434 *Fuel flow rate for gravity feed systems.* The fuel flow rate for gravity feed systems (main and reserve supply) shall be 1.2 pounds per hour for each take-off horsepower or 150 percent of the actual take-off fuel consumption of the engine, whichever is greater.

§ 3.435 *Fuel flow rate for pump systems.* The fuel flow rate for pump systems (main and reserve supply) shall be 0.9 pound per hour for each take-off horsepower or 125 percent of the actual take-off fuel consumption of the engine, whichever is greater. This flow rate shall be applicable to both the primary engine-driven pump and the emergency pumps and shall be available when the pump is running at the speed at which it would normally be operating during take-off. In the case of hand-operated pumps, this speed shall be considered to be not more

than 60 complete cycles (120 single strokes) per minute.

§ 3.436 *Fuel flow rate for auxiliary fuel systems and fuel transfer systems.* The provisions of § 3.434 or § 3.435, whichever is applicable, shall also apply to auxiliary and transfer systems with the exception that the required fuel flow rate shall be established upon the basis of maximum continuous power and speed instead of take-off power and speed. A lesser flow rate shall be acceptable, however, in the case of a small auxiliary tank feeding into a large main tank, provided a suitable placard is installed to require that the auxiliary tank must only be opened to the main tank when a predetermined satisfactory amount of fuel still remains in the main tank.

§ 3.437 *Determination of unusable fuel supply and fuel system operation on low fuel.* (a) The unusable fuel supply for each tank shall be established as not less than the quantity at which the first evidence of malfunctioning occurs under the conditions specified in this section. (See also § 3.440.) In the case of airplanes equipped with more than one fuel tank, any tank which is not required to feed the engine in all of the conditions specified in this section need be investigated only for those flight conditions in which it shall be used and the unusable fuel supply for the particular tank in question shall then be based on the most critical of those conditions which are found to be applicable. In all such cases, information regarding the conditions under which the full amount of usable fuel in the tank can safely be used shall be made available to the operating personnel by means of a suitable placard or instruction in the Airplane Flight Manual.

(b) Upon presentation of the airplane for test, the applicant shall stipulate the quantity of fuel with which he chooses to demonstrate compliance with this provision and shall also indicate which of the following conditions is most critical from the standpoint of establishing the unusable fuel supply. He shall also indicate the order in which the other conditions are critical from this standpoint:

(1) Level flight at maximum continuous power or the power required for level flight at V_c , whichever is less.

(2) Climb at maximum continuous power at

the calculated best angle of climb at minimum weight.

(3) Rapid application of power and subsequent transition to best rate of climb following a power-off glide at 1.3 V_{so} .

(4) Sideslips and skids in level flight, climb, and glide under the conditions specified in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph, of the greatest severity likely to be encountered in normal service or in turbulent air.

(c) In the case of utility category airplanes, there shall be no evidence of malfunctioning during the execution of all approved maneuvers included in the Airplane Flight Manual. During this test the quantity of fuel in each tank shall not exceed the quantity established as the unusable fuel supply, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, plus 0.03 gallon for each maximum continuous horsepower for which the airplane is certificated.

(d) In the case of acrobatic category airplanes, there shall be no evidence of malfunctioning during the execution of all approved maneuvers included in the Airplane Flight Manual. During this test the quantity of fuel in each tank shall not exceed that specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(e) If an engine can be supplied with fuel from more than one tank, it shall be possible to regain the full power and fuel pressure of that engine in not more than 10 seconds (for single-engine airplanes) or 20 seconds (for multiengine airplanes) after switching to any full tank after engine malfunctioning becomes apparent due to the depletion of the fuel supply in any tank from which the engine can be fed. Compliance with this provision shall be demonstrated in level flight.

(f) There shall be no evidence of malfunctioning during take-off and climb for 1 minute at the calculated attitude of best angle of climb at take-off power and minimum weight. At the beginning of this test the quantity of fuel in each tank shall not exceed that specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

§ 3.438 *Fuel system hot weather operation.* The fuel system shall be so arranged as to minimize the possibility of the formation of vapor lock in the system under all normal conditions of operation.

§ 3.439 *Flow between interconnected tanks.* In the case of gravity feed systems with tanks whose outlets are interconnected, it shall not be possible for fuel to flow between tanks in quantities sufficient to cause an overflow of fuel from the tank vent when the airplane is operated as specified in § 3.437 (a) and the tanks are full.

FUEL TANKS

§ 3.440 *General.* Fuel tanks shall be capable of withstanding without failure any vibration, inertia, and fluid and structural loads to which they may be subjected in operation. Flexible fuel tank liners shall be of an acceptable type. Integral type fuel tanks shall be provided with adequate facilities for the inspection and repair of the tank interior. The total usable capacity of the fuel tanks shall not be less than 1 gallon for each seven maximum continuous rated horsepower for which the airplane is certificated. The unusable capacity shall be considered to be the minimum quantity of fuel which will permit compliance with the provisions of § 3.437. The fuel quantity indicator shall be adjusted to account for the unusable fuel supply as specified in § 3.672. If the unusable fuel supply in any tank exceeds 5 percent of the tank capacity or 1 gallon, whichever is greater, a placard and a suitable notation in the Airplane Flight Manual shall be provided to indicate to the flight personnel that the fuel remaining in the tank when the quantity indicator reads zero cannot be used safely in flight. The weight of the unusable fuel supply shall be included in the empty weight of the airplane.

§ 3.441 *Fuel tank tests.* (a) Fuel tanks shall be capable of withstanding the following pressure tests without failure or leakage. These pressures may be applied in a manner simulating the actual pressure distribution in service:

(1) Conventional metal tanks and nonmetallic tanks whose walls are not supported by the airplane structure: A pressure of 3.5 psi or the pressure developed during the maximum ultimate acceleration of the airplane with a full tank, whichever is greater.

(2) Integral tanks: The pressure developed during the maximum limit acceleration of the airplane with a full tank, simultaneously with the application of the critical limit structural loads.

(3) Nonmetallic tanks the walls of which are supported by the airplane structure: Tanks

constructed of an acceptable basic tank material and type of construction and with actual or simulated support conditions shall be subjected to a pressure of 2 psi for the first tank of a specific design. Subsequent tanks shall be production tested to at least 0.5 psi. The supporting structure shall be designed for the critical loads occurring in the flight or landing strength conditions combined with the fuel pressure loads resulting from the corresponding accelerations.

(b) (1) Tanks with large unsupported or unstiffened flat areas shall be capable of withstanding the following tests without leakage or failure. The complete tank assembly, together with its supports, shall be subjected to a vibration test when mounted in a manner simulating the actual installation. The tank assembly shall be vibrated for 25 hours at a total amplitude of not less than 1/32 of an inch while filled 2/3 full of water. The frequency of vibration shall be 90 percent of the maximum continuous rated speed of the engine unless some other frequency within the normal operating range of speeds of the engine is more critical, in which case the latter speed shall be employed and the time of test shall be adjusted to accomplish the same number of vibration cycles.

(2) In conjunction with the vibration test, the tank assembly shall be rocked through an angle of 15° on either side of the horizontal (30° total) about an axis parallel to the axis of the fuselage. The assembly shall be rocked at the rate of 16 to 20 complete cycles per minute.

(c) Integral tanks which incorporate methods of construction and sealing not previously substantiated by satisfactory test data or service experience shall be capable of withstanding the vibration test specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) (1) Tanks with nonmetallic liners shall be subjected to the sloshing portion of the test outlined under paragraph (b) of this section with fuel at room temperature.

(2) In addition, a specimen liner of the same basic construction as that to be used in the airplane shall, when installed in a suitable test tank, satisfactorily withstand the slosh test with fuel at a temperature of 110°F.

§ 3.442 *Fuel tank installation.* (a) The method of support for tanks shall not be such as

to concentrate the loads resulting from the weight of the fluid in the tanks. Pads shall be provided to prevent chafing between the tank and its supports. Materials employed for padding shall be nonabsorbent or shall be treated to prevent the absorption of fluids. If flexible tank liners are employed, they shall be so supported that the liner is not required to withstand fluid loads. Interior surfaces of compartments for such liners shall be smooth and free of projections which are apt to cause wear of the liner, unless provisions are made for protection of the liner at such points or unless the construction of the liner itself provides such protection.

(b) Tank compartments shall be ventilated and drained to prevent the accumulation of inflammable fluids or vapors. Compartments adjacent of tanks which are an integral part of the airplane structure shall also be ventilated and drained.

(c) Fuel tanks shall not be located on the engine side of the fire wall. Not less than one-half inch of clear air space shall be provided between the fuel tank and the fire wall. No portion of engine nacelle skin which lies immediately behind a major air egress opening from the engine compartment shall act as the wall of an integral tank. Fuel tanks shall not be located in personnel compartments, except in the case of single-engine airplanes. In such cases fuel tanks the capacity of which does not exceed 25 gallons may be located in personnel compartments, if adequate ventilation and drainage are provided. In all other cases, fuel tanks shall be isolated from personnel compartments by means of fume and fuel proof enclosures.

§ 3.443 *Fuel tank expansion space.* Fuel tanks shall be provided with an expansion space of not less than 2 percent of the tank capacity, unless the tank vent discharges clear of the aircraft in which case no expansion space will be required. It shall not be possible inadvertently to fill the fuel tank expansion space when the airplane is in the normal ground attitude.

§ 3.444 *Fuel tank sump.* (a) Each tank shall be provided with a drainable sump having a capacity of not less than 0.25 percent of the tank capacity or 1/16 gallon, whichever is greater. The sump may be dispensed with if the fuel system is provided with a sediment bowl which will permit

visual ground inspection for accumulation of water or other foreign material. The sediment bowl shall also be readily accessible for drainage. The capacity of the sediment chamber shall not be less than 1 ounce per each 20 gallons of the fuel tank capacity.

(b) If a fuel tank sump is provided, the capacity specified above shall be effective with the airplane in the normal ground attitude.

(c) If a separate sediment bowl is provided, the fuel tank outlet shall be so located that water will drain from all portions of the tank to the outlet when the airplane is in the ground attitude.

§ 3.445 *Fuel tank filler connection.* (a) Fuel tank filler connections shall be marked as specified in § 3.767.

(b) Provision shall be made to prevent the entrance of spilled fuel into the fuel tank compartment or any portions of the airplane other than the tank itself. The filler cap shall provide a fuel-tight seal for the main filler opening. However, small openings in the fuel tank cap for venting purposes or to permit passage of a fuel gauge through the cap shall be permissible.

§ 3.446 *Fuel tank vents and carburetor vapor vents.* (a) Fuel tanks shall be vented from the top portion of the expansion space. Vent outlets shall be so located and constructed as to minimize the possibility of their being obstructed by ice or other foreign matter. The vent shall be so constructed as to preclude the possibility of siphoning fuel during normal operation. The vent shall be of sufficient size to permit the rapid relief of excessive differences of pressure between the interior and exterior of the tank. Air spaces of tanks the outlets of which are interconnected shall also be interconnected. There shall be no undrainable points in the vent line where moisture is apt to accumulate with the airplane in either the ground or level flight attitude. Vents shall not terminate at points where the discharge of fuel from the vent outlet will constitute a fire hazard or from which fumes may enter personnel compartments.

(b) Carburetors which are provided with vapor elimination connections shall be provided with a vent line which will lead vapors back to one of the airplane fuel tanks. If more than one fuel tank is provided and it is necessary to use these tanks in a definite sequence for any reason, the vapor vent return line shall lead back to the

fuel tank which must be used first unless the relative capacities of the tanks are such that return to another tank is preferable.

§ 3.447-A *Fuel tank vents.* Provision shall be made to prevent excessive loss of fuel during acrobatic maneuvers including short periods of inverted flight. It shall not be possible for fuel to siphon from the vent when normal flight has been resumed after having executed any acrobatic maneuver for which the airplane is intended.

§ 3.448 *Fuel tank outlet.* The fuel tank outlet shall be provided with a screen of from 8 to 16 meshes per inch. If a finger strainer is used, the length of the strainer shall not be less than 4 times the outlet diameter. The diameter of the strainer shall not be less than the diameter of the fuel tank outlet. Finger strainers shall be accessible for inspection and cleaning.

FUEL PUMPS

§ 3.449 *Fuel pump and pump installation.*

(a) If fuel pumps are provided to maintain a supply of fuel to the engine, at least one pump for each engine shall be directly driven by the engine. Fuel pumps shall be adequate to meet the flow requirements of the applicable portions of §§ 3.433-3.436.

(b) Emergency fuel pumps shall be provided to permit supplying all engines with fuel in case of the failure of any one engine-driven pump, unless the engine-driven pumps have been approved with the engines, in which case emergency pumps need not be provided. Similarly, if an engine fuel injection pump which has been certificated as an integral part of the engine is used, an emergency pump will not be required. Emergency pumps shall be capable of complying with the same flow requirements as are prescribed for the main pumps. Hand emergency pumps shall not require excessive effort for their continued operation at the rate of 60 complete cycles (120 single strokes) per minute. Emergency pumps shall be available for immediate use in case of the failure of any other pump.

LINES, FITTINGS, AND ACCESSORIES

§ 3.550 *Fuel system lines, fittings, and accessories.* Fuel lines shall be installed and supported in a manner which will prevent excessive vibration and will be adequate to withstand loads due to fuel pressure and accelerated flight conditions. Lines which are

connected to components of the airplane between which relative motion might exist shall incorporate provisions for flexibility. Flexible hose shall be of an acceptable type.

§ 3.551 *Fuel valves.* (a) Means shall be provided to permit the flight personnel to shut off rapidly the flow of fuel to any engine individually in flight. Valves provided for this purpose shall be located on the side of the fire wall most remote from the engine.

(b) Shut-off valves shall be so constructed as to make it possible for the flight personnel to reopen the valves rapidly after they have once been closed.

(c) Valves shall be provided with either positive stops or "feel" in the on and off positions and shall be supported in such a manner that loads resulting from their operation or from accelerated flight conditions are not transmitted to the lines connected to the valve. Valves shall be so installed that the effect of gravity and vibration will tend to turn their handles to the open rather than the closed position.

§ 3.552 *Fuel strainer.* A fuel strainer shall be provided between the fuel tank outlet and the carburetor inlet. If an engine-driven fuel pump is provided, the strainer shall be located between the tank outlet and the engine-driven pump inlet. The strainer shall be accessible for drainage and cleaning, and the strainer screen shall be removable.

DRAINS AND INSTRUMENTS

§ 3.553 *Fuel system drains.* Drains shall be provided to permit safe drainage of the entire fuel system and shall incorporate means for locking in the closed position.

§ 3.554 *Fuel system instruments.* (See § 3.655 and §§ 3.670 through 3.673.)

OIL SYSTEM

§ 3.561 *Oil system.* Each engine shall be provided with an independent oil system capable of supplying the engine with an ample quantity of oil at a temperature not exceeding the maximum which has been established as safe for continuous operation. The oil capacity of the system shall not be less than 1 gallon for every 25 gallons of fuel capacity. However, in no case shall the oil capacity be less than 1 gallon for each 75 maximum continuous horsepower of the

engine(s) involved unless lower quantities can be substantiated.

§ 3.562 *Oil cooling.* (See § 3.581 and pertinent sections.)

OIL TANKS

§ 3.563 *Oil tanks.* Oil tanks shall be capable of withstanding without failure all vibration, inertia, and fluid loads to which they might be subjected in operation. Flexible oil tank liners shall be of an acceptable type.

§ 3.564 *Oil tank tests.* Oil tank tests shall be the same as fuel tank tests (see § 3.441), except as follows:

(a) The 3.5 psi pressure specified in § 3.441 (a) shall be 5 pound psi.

(b) In the case of tanks with nonmetallic liners, the test fluid shall be oil rather than fuel as specified in § 3.441 (d) and the slosh test on a specimen liner shall be conducted with oil at a temperature of 250° F.

§ 3.565 *Oil tank installation.* Oil tank installations shall comply with the requirements of § 3.442 (a) and (b).

§ 3.566 *Oil tank expansion space.* Oil tanks shall be provided with an expansion space of not less than 10 percent of the tank capacity or ½ gallon, whichever is greater. It shall not be possible inadvertently to fill the oil tank expansion space when the airplane is in the normal ground attitude.

§ 3.567 *Oil tank filler connection.* Oil tank filler connections shall be marked as specified in § 3.767.

§ 3.568 *Oil tank vent.* (a) Oil tanks shall be vented to the engine crankcase from the top of the expansion space in such a manner that the vent connection is not covered by oil under normal flight conditions. Oil tank vents shall be so arranged that condensed water vapor which might freeze and obstruct the line cannot accumulate at any point.

(b) *Category A.* Provision shall be made to prevent hazardous loss of oil during acrobatic maneuvers including short periods of inverted flight.

§ 3.569 *Oil tank outlet.* The oil tank outlet shall not be enclosed or covered by any screen or other guard which might impede the flow of oil.

The diameter of the oil tank outlet shall not be less than the diameter of the engine oil pump inlet. (See also § 3.577.)

LINES, FITTINGS, AND ACCESSORIES

§ 3.570 *Oil system lines, fittings, and accessories.* Oil lines shall comply with the provisions of § 3.550, except that the inside diameter of the engine oil inlet and outlet lines shall not be less than the diameter of the corresponding engine oil pump inlet and outlet.

§ 3.571 *Oil valves.* (See § 3.637.)

§ 3.572 *Oil radiators.* Oil radiators and their support shall be capable of withstanding without failure any vibration, inertia, and oil pressure loads to which they might normally be subjected.

§ 3.573 *Oil filters.* If the engine is equipped with an oil filter, the filter shall be constructed and installed in such a manner that complete blocking of the flow through the filter element will not jeopardize the continued operation of the engine oil supply system.

§ 3.574 *Oil system drains.* Drains shall be provided to permit safe drainage of the entire oil system and shall incorporate means for positive locking in the closed position.

§ 3.575 *Engine breather lines.* (a) Engine breather lines shall be so arranged that condensed water vapor which might freeze and obstruct the line cannot accumulate at any point. Breathers shall discharge in a location which will not constitute a fire hazard in case foaming occurs and so that oil emitted from the line will not impinge upon the pilot's windshield. The breather shall not discharge into the engine air induction system.

(b) *Category A.* In the case of acrobatic type airplanes, provision shall be made to prevent excessive loss of oil from the breather during acrobatic maneuvers including short periods of inverted flight.

§ 3.576 *Oil system instruments.* See §§ 3.655, 3.670, 3.671, and 3.674.

§ 3.577 *Propeller feathering system.* If the propeller feathering system is dependent upon the use of the engine oil supply, provision shall be made to trap a quantity of oil in the tank in case the supply becomes depleted due to failure of any portion of the lubricating system other

than the tank itself. The quantity of oil so trapped shall be sufficient to accomplish the feathering operation and shall be available only to the feathering pump. The ability of the system to accomplish feathering when the supply of oil has fallen to the above level shall be demonstrated.

COOLING

§ 3.581 *General.* The power-plant cooling provisions shall be capable of maintaining the temperatures of all power-plant components, engine parts, and engine fluids (oil and coolant), at or below the maximum established safe values under critical conditions of ground and flight operation.

TESTS

§ 3.582 *Cooling tests.* Compliance with the provisions of § 3.581 shall be demonstrated under critical ground, water, and flight operating conditions. If the tests are conducted under conditions which deviate from the highest anticipated summer air temperature (see § 3.583), the recorded power-plant temperatures shall be corrected in accordance with the provisions of §§ 3.584 and 3.585. The corrected temperatures determined in this manner shall not exceed the maximum established safe values. The fuel used during the cooling tests shall be of the minimum octane number approved for the engines involved, and the mixture setting shall be those appropriate to the operating conditions. The test procedures shall be as outlined in §§ 3.586 and 3.587.

§ 3.583 *Maximum anticipated summer air temperatures.* The maximum anticipated summer air temperature shall be considered to be 100° F, at sea level and to decrease from this value at the rate of 3.6° F, per thousand feet of altitude above sea level.

§ 3.584 *Correction factor for cylinder head, oil inlet, carburetor air, and engine coolant inlet temperatures.* These temperatures shall be corrected by adding the difference between the maximum anticipated summer air temperature and the temperature of the ambient air at the time of the first occurrence of maximum head, air, oil, or coolant temperature recorded during the cooling test.

§ 3.585 *Correction factor for cylinder barrel temperatures.* Cylinder barrel temperatures shall be corrected by adding 0.7 of

the difference between the maximum anticipated summer air temperature and the temperature of the ambient air at the first occurrence of the maximum cylinder barrel temperature recorded during the cooling test.

§ 3.586 *Cooling test procedure for single-engine airplanes.* This test shall be conducted by stabilizing engine temperatures in flight and then starting at the lowest practicable altitude and climbing for 1 minute at take-off power. At the end of 1 minute, the climb shall be continued at maximum continuous power until at least 5 minutes after the occurrence of the highest temperature recorded. The climb shall not be conducted at a speed greater than the best rate-of-climb speed with maximum continuous power unless:

(a) The slope of the flight path at the speed chosen for the cooling test is equal to or greater than the minimum required angle of climb (see § 3.85 (a)), and

(b) A cylinder head temperature indicator is provided as specified in § 3.675.

§ 3.587 *Cooling test procedure for multiengine airplanes—(a) Airplanes which meet the minimum one-engine-inoperative climb performance specified in § 3.85 (b).* The engine cooling test for these airplanes shall be conducted with the airplane in the configuration specified in § 3.85 (b), except that the operating engine(s) shall be operated at maximum continuous power or at full throttle when above the critical altitude. After stabilizing temperatures in flight, the climb shall be started at the lower of the two following altitudes and shall be continued until at least 5 minutes after the highest temperature has been recorded:

(1) 1,000 feet below the engine critical altitude or at the lowest practicable altitude (when applicable).

(2) 1,000 feet below the altitude at which the single-engine-inoperative rate of climb is $0.02 V_{S_0}^2$.

The climb shall be conducted at a speed not in excess of the highest speed at which compliance with the climb requirement of § 3.85 (b) can be shown. However, if the speed used exceeds the speed for best rate of climb with one engine inoperative, a cylinder head temperature indicator shall be provided as specified in § 3.675.

(b) *Airplanes which cannot meet the minimum one-engine-inoperative climb performance specified in § 3.85 (b).* The engine cooling test for these airplanes shall be the same as in paragraph (a) of this section, except that after stabilizing temperatures in flight, the climb (or descent, in the case of airplanes with zero or negative one-engine-inoperative rate of climb) shall be commenced at as near sea level as practicable and shall be conducted at the best rate-of-climb speed (or the speed of minimum rate of descent, in the case of airplanes with zero or negative one-engine-inoperative rate of climb).

LIQUID COOLING SYSTEMS

§ 3.588 *Independent systems.* Each liquid cooled engine shall be provided with an independent cooling system. The cooling system shall be so arranged that no air or vapor can be trapped in any portion of the system, except the expansion tank, either during filling or during operation.

§ 3.589 *Coolant tank.* A coolant tank shall be provided. The tank capacity shall not be less than 1 gallon plus 10 percent of the cooling system capacity. Coolant tanks shall be capable of withstanding without failure all vibration, inertia, and fluid loads to which they may be subjected in operation. Coolant tanks shall be provided with an expansion space of not less than 10 percent of the total cooling system capacity. It shall not be possible inadvertently to fill the expansion space with the airplane in the normal ground attitude.

§ 3.590 *Coolant tank tests.* Coolant tank tests shall be the same as fuel tank tests (see § 3.441), except as follows:

(a) The 3.5 pounds per square inch pressure test of § 3.441 (a) shall be replaced by the sum of the pressure developed during the maximum ultimate acceleration with a full tank or a pressure of 3.5 pounds per square inch, whichever is greater, plus the maximum working pressure of the system.

(b) In the case of tanks with nonmetallic liners, the test fluid shall be coolant rather than fuel as specified in § 3.441 (d), and the slosh test on a specimen liner shall be conducted with coolant at operating temperature.

§ 3.591 *Coolant tank installation.* Coolant tanks shall be supported in a manner so as to distribute the tank loads over a large portion of

the tank surface. Pads shall be provided to prevent chafing between the tank and the support. Material used for padding shall be nonabsorbent or shall be treated to prevent the absorption of inflammable fluids.

§ 3.592 *Coolant tank filler connection.* Coolant tank filler connections shall be marked as specified in § 3.767. Provisions shall be made to prevent the entrance of spilled coolant into the coolant tank compartment or any portions of the airplane other than the tank itself. Recessed coolant filler connections shall be drained and the drain shall discharge clear of all portions of the airplane.

§ 3.593 *Coolant lines, fittings, and accessories.* Coolant lines shall comply with the provisions of § 3.550, except that the inside diameter of the engine coolant inlet and outlet lines shall not be less than the diameter of the corresponding engine inlet and outlet connections.

§ 3.594 *Coolant radiators.* Coolant radiators shall be capable of withstanding without failure any vibration, inertia, and coolant pressure loads to which they may normally be subjected. Radiators shall be supported in a manner which will permit expansion due to operating temperatures and prevent the transmittal of harmful vibration to the radiator. If the coolant employed is inflammable, the air intake duct to the coolant radiator shall be so located that flames issuing from the nacelle in case of fire cannot impinge upon the radiator.

§ 3.595 *Cooling system drains.* One or more drains shall be provided to permit drainage of the entire cooling system, including the coolant tank, radiator, and the engine, when the airplane is in the normal ground attitude. Drains shall discharge clear of all portions of the airplane and shall be provided with means for positively locking the drain in the closed position. Cooling system drains shall be accessible.

§ 3.596 *Cooling system instruments.* See §§ 3.655, 3.670, and 3.671.

INDUCTION SYSTEM

§ 3.605 *General.* (a) The engine air induction system shall permit supplying an adequate quantity of air to the engine under all conditions of operation.

(b) Each engine shall be provided with at

least two separate air intake sources, except that in the case of an engine equipped with a fuel injector only one air intake source need be provided, if the air intake, opening, or passage is unobstructed by a screen, filter, or other part on which ice might form and so restrict the air flow as to affect adversely engine operation. Primary and alternate air intakes may open within the cowling only if that portion of the cowling is isolated from the engine accessory section by means of a fireproof diaphragm. Alternate air intakes shall be located in a sheltered position. Supplying air to the engine through the alternate air intake system or the carburetor air preheater shall not result in the loss of excessive power in addition to the power lost due to the rise in the temperature of the air.

§ 3.606 *Induction system de-icing and anti-icing provisions.* The engine air induction system shall incorporate means for the prevention and elimination of ice accumulations in accordance with the provisions in this section. It shall be demonstrated that compliance with the provisions outlined in the following paragraphs can be accomplished when the airplane is operating in air at a temperature of 30° F, when the air is free of visible moisture.

(a) Airplanes equipped with sea level engines employing conventional venturi carburetors shall be provided with a preheater capable of providing a heat rise of 90° F. when the engine is operating at 75 percent of its maximum continuous power.

(b) Airplanes equipped with altitude engines employing conventional venturi carburetors shall be provided with a preheater capable of providing a heat rise of 120° F. when the engine is operating at 75 percent of its maximum continuous power.

(c) Airplanes equipped with altitude engines employing carburetors which embody features tending to reduce the possibility of ice formation shall be provided with a preheater capable of providing a heat rise of 100° F. when the engine is operating at 60 percent of its maximum continuous power. However, the preheater need not provide a heat rise in excess of 40° F. if a fluid de-icing system complying with the provisions of §§ 3.607-3.609 is also installed.

§ 3.607 *Carburetor de-icing fluid flow rate.* The system shall be capable of providing each

engine with a rate of fluid flow, expressed in pounds per hour, of not less than 2.5 multiplied by the square root of the maximum continuous power of the engine. This flow shall be available to all engines simultaneously. The fluid shall be introduced into the air induction system at a point close to, and upstream from, the carburetor. The fluid shall be introduced in a manner to assure its equal distribution over the entire cross section of the induction system air passages.

§ 3.608 *Carburetor fluid de-icing system capacity.* The fluid de-icing system capacity shall not be less than that required to provide fluid at the rate specified in § 3.607 for a time equal to 3 percent of the maximum endurance of the airplane. However, the capacity need not in any case exceed that required for 2 hours of operation nor shall it be less than that required for 20 minutes of operation at the above flow rate. If the available preheat exceeds 50° F. but is less than 100° F., it shall be permissible to decrease the capacity of the system in proportion to the heat rise available in excess of 50° F.

§ 3.609 *Carburetor fluid de-icing system detail design.* Carburetor fluid de-icing systems shall comply with provisions for the design of fuel systems, except as specified in §§ 3.607 and 3.608, unless such provisions are manifestly inapplicable.

§ 3.610 *Carburetor air preheater design.* Means shall be provided to assure adequate ventilation of the carburetor air preheater when the engine is being operated in cold air. The preheater shall be constructed in such a manner as to permit inspection of exhaust manifold parts which it surrounds and also to permit inspection of critical portions of the preheater itself.

§ 3.611 *Induction system ducts.* Induction system ducts shall be provided with drains which will prevent the accumulation of fuel or moisture in all normal ground and flight attitudes. No open drains shall be located on the pressure side of turbo-supercharger installations. Drains shall not discharge in a location which will constitute a fire hazard. Ducts which are connected to components of the airplane between which relative motion may exist shall incorporate provisions for flexibility.

§ 3.612 *Induction system screens.* If induction system screens are employed, they shall be located upstream from the carburetor. It

shall not be possible for fuel to impinge upon the screen. Screens shall not be located in portions of the induction system which constitute the only passage through which air can reach the engine, unless the available preheat is 100° F. or over and the screen is so located that it can be de-iced by the application of heated air. De-icing of screens by means of alcohol in lieu of heated air shall not be acceptable.

EXHAUST SYSTEM

§ 3.615 *General.* (a) The exhaust system shall be constructed and arranged in such a manner as to assure the safe disposal of exhaust gases without the existence of a hazard of fire or carbon monoxide contamination of air in personnel compartments.

(b) Unless suitable precautions are taken, exhaust system parts shall not be located in close proximity to portions of any systems carrying inflammable fluids or vapors nor shall they be located under portions of such systems which may be subject to leakage. All exhaust system components shall be separated from adjacent inflammable portions of the airplane which are outside the engine compartment by means of fireproof shields. Exhaust gases shall not be discharged at a location which will cause a glare seriously affecting pilot visibility at night, nor shall they discharge within dangerous proximity of any fuel or oil system drains. All exhaust system components shall be ventilated to prevent the existence of points of excessively high temperature.

§ 3.616 *Exhaust manifold.* Exhaust manifolds shall be made of fireproof, corrosion-resistant materials, and shall incorporate provisions to prevent failure due to their expansion when heated to operating temperatures. Exhaust manifolds shall be supported in a manner adequate to withstand all vibration and inertia loads to which they might be subjected in operation. Portions of the manifold which are connected to components between which relative motion might exist shall incorporate provisions for flexibility.

§ 3.617 *Exhaust heat exchangers.* (a) Exhaust heat exchangers shall be constructed and installed in such a manner as to assure their ability to withstand without failure all vibration, inertia, and other loads to which they might normally be subjected. Heat exchangers shall be constructed of materials which are suitable for

continued operation at high temperatures and which are adequately resistant to corrosion due to products contained in exhaust gases.

(b) Provisions shall be made for the inspection of all critical portions of exhaust heat exchangers, particularly if a welded construction is employed. Heat exchangers shall be ventilated under all conditions in which they are subject to contact with exhaust gases.

§ 3.618 *Exhaust heat exchangers used in ventilating air heating systems.* Heat exchangers of this type shall be so constructed as to preclude the possibility of exhaust gases entering the ventilating air.

FIRE WALL AND COWLING

§ 3.623 *Fire walls.* All engines, auxiliary power units, fuel burning heaters, and other combustion equipment which are intended for operation in flight shall be isolated from the remainder of the airplane by means of fire walls, or shrouds, or other equivalent means.

§ 3.624 *Fire wall construction.* (a) Fire walls and shrouds shall be constructed in such a manner that no hazardous quantity of air, fluids, or flame can pass from the engine compartment to other portions of the airplane. All openings in the fire wall or shroud shall be sealed with close-fitting fireproof grommets, bushings, or fire-wall fittings.

(b) Fire walls and shrouds shall be constructed of fireproof material and shall be protected against corrosion. The following materials have been found to comply with this requirement:

(1) Heat- and corrosion-resistant steel 0.015 inch thick,

(2) Low carbon steel, suitably protected against corrosion, 0.018 inch thick.

§ 3.625 *Cowling.* (a) Cowling shall be constructed and supported in such a manner as to be capable of resisting all vibration, inertia, and air loads to which it may normally be subjected. Provision shall be made to permit rapid and complete drainage of all portions of the cowling in all normal ground and flight attitudes. Drains shall not discharge in locations constituting a fire hazard.

(b) Cowling shall be constructed of fire-

resistant material. All portions of the airplane lying behind openings in the engine compartment cowling shall also be constructed of fire-resistant materials for a distance of at least 24 inches aft of such openings. Portions of cowling which are subjected to high temperatures due to proximity to exhaust system ports or exhaust gas impingement shall be constructed of fireproof material.

POWER-PLANT CONTROLS AND ACCESSORIES

CONTROLS

§ 3.627 *Power-plant controls.* Power-plant controls shall comply with the provisions of §§ 3.384 and 3.759. Controls shall maintain any necessary position without constant attention by the flight personnel and shall not tend to creep due to control loads or vibration. Flexible controls shall be of an acceptable type. Controls shall have adequate strength and rigidity to withstand operating loads without failure or excessive deflection.

§ 3.628 *Throttle controls.* A throttle control shall be provided to give independent control for each engine. Throttle controls shall afford a positive and immediately responsive means of controlling the engine(s). Throttle controls shall be grouped and arranged in such a manner as to permit separate control of each engine and also simultaneous control of all engines.

§ 3.629 *Ignition switches.* Ignition switches shall provide control for each ignition circuit on each engine. It shall be possible to shut off quickly all ignition on multiengine airplanes, either by grouping of the individual switches or by providing a master ignition control.

§ 3.630 *Mixture controls.* If mixture controls are provided, a separate control shall be provided for each engine. The controls shall be grouped and arranged in such a manner as to permit both separate and simultaneous control of all engines.

§ 3.631 *Propeller speed and pitch controls.* (See also § 3.421 (a).) If propeller speed or pitch controls are provided, the controls shall be grouped and arranged in such a manner as to permit control of all propellers, both separately and together. The controls shall permit ready synchronization of all propellers on multiengine

airplanes.

§ 3.632 *Propeller feathering controls.* If propeller feathering controls are provided, a separate control shall be provided for each propeller. Propeller feathering controls shall be provided with means to prevent inadvertent operation.

§ 3.633 *Fuel system controls.* Fuel system controls shall comply with requirements of § 3.551 (c).

§ 3.634 *Carburetor air preheat controls.* Separate control shall be provided to regulate the temperature of the carburetor air for each engine.

ACCESSORIES

§ 3.635 *Power-plant accessories.* Engine-driven accessories shall be of a type satisfactory for installation on the engine involved and shall utilize the provisions made on the engine for the mounting of such units. Items of electrical equipment subject to arcing or sparking shall be installed so as to minimize the possibility of their contact with any inflammable fluids or vapors which might be present in a free state.

§ 3.636 *Engine battery ignition systems.*
(a) Battery ignition systems shall be supplemented with a generator which is automatically made available as an alternate source of electrical energy to permit continued engine operation in the event of the depletion of any battery.

(b) The capacity of batteries and generators shall be sufficient to meet the simultaneous demands of the engine ignition system and the greatest demands of any of the airplane's electrical system components which may draw electrical energy from the same source. Consideration shall be given to the condition of an inoperative generator, and to the condition of a completely depleted battery when the generator is running at its normal operating speed. If only one battery is provided, consideration shall also be given to the condition in which the battery is completely depleted and the generator is operating at idling speed.

(c) Means shall be provided to warn the appropriate flight personnel if malfunctioning of any part of the electrical system is causing the continuous discharging of a battery used for engine ignition. (See § 3.629 for ignition switches.)

POWER-PLANT FIRE PROTECTION

§ 3.637 *Power-plant fire protection.* Suitable means shall be provided to shut off the flow in all lines carrying inflammable fluids into the engine compartment.

SUBPART F - EQUIPMENT

§ 3.651 *General.* The equipment specified in § 3.655 shall be the minimum installed when the airplane is submitted to determine its compliance with the airworthiness requirements. Such additional equipment as is necessary for a specific type of operation is specified in other pertinent parts of the Civil Air Regulations, but, where necessary, its installation and that of the items mentioned in § 3.655 is covered herein.

§ 3.652 *Functional and installational requirements.* Each item of equipment which is essential to the safe operation of the airplane shall be found by the Administrator to perform adequately the functions for which it is to be used, shall function properly when installed, and shall be adequately labeled as to its identification, function, operational limitations, or any combination of these, whichever is applicable. Items of equipment for which type certification is required shall have been certificated in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of this chapter (or previous regulations) and such other parts as may be applicable.

BASIC EQUIPMENT

§ 3.655 *Required basic equipment.* The following table shows the basic equipment items required for type and airworthiness certification of an airplane:

- (a) *Flight and navigational instruments.*
- (1) Air-speed indicator (see § 3.663).
 - (2) *Altimeter.*
 - (3) *Magnetic direction indicator* (see § 3.666)
- (b) *Power-plant instruments—*(1) *For each engine or tank.*
- (i) Fuel quantity indicator (see § 3.672).
 - (ii) Oil pressure indicator.
 - (iii) Oil temperature indicator.
 - (iv) Tachometer.
- (2) *For each engine or tank (if required in reference section).*
- (i) Carburetor air temperature indicator (see § 3.676).

- (ii) Coolant temperature indicator (if liquid-cooled engines used).
- (iii) Cylinder head temperature indicator (see § 3.675).
- (iv) Fuel pressure indicator (if pump-fed engines used).
- (v) Manifold pressure indicator (if altitude engines used).
- (vi) Oil quantity indicator (see § 3.674).
- (c) *Electrical equipment (if required by reference section)*. (1) Master switch arrangement (see § 3.688).
 - (2) Adequate source(s) of electrical energy (see §§ 3.682 and 3.685).
 - (3) Electrical protective devices (see § 3.690).
 - (d) *Miscellaneous equipment*. (1) Certificated safety belts for all occupants (see Part 15 of this chapter).
 - (2) Airplane Flight Manual (see § 3.777).

**INSTRUMENTS; INSTALLATION
GENERAL**

- § 3.661 *Arrangement and visibility of instrument installations*. (a) Flight, navigation, and power-plant instruments for use by each pilot shall be easily visible to him.
- (b) On multiengine airplanes, identical power-plant instruments for the several engines shall be so located as to, prevent any confusion as to the engines to which they relate.

§ 3.662 *Instrument panel vibration characteristics*. Vibration characteristics of the instrument panel shall not be such as to impair the accuracy of the instruments or to cause damage to them.

FLIGHT AND NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

§ 3.663 *Air-speed indicating system*. This system shall be so installed that the air-speed indicator shall indicate true air speed at sea level under standard conditions to within an allowable installational error of not more than plus or minus 3 percent of the calibrated air speed or 5 miles per hour, whichever is greater, throughout the operating range of the airplane with flaps up from V_c to $1.3 V_{s_1}$ and with flaps at $1.3 V_{s_1}$. The calibration shall be made in flight.

§ 3.664 *Air-speed indicator-marking*. The

air-speed indicator shall be marked as specified in § 3.757.

§ 3.665 *Static air vent system*. All instruments provided with static air case connections shall be so vented that the influence of airplane speed, the opening and closing of windows, air-flow variation, moisture, or other foreign matter will not seriously affect their accuracy.

§ 3.666 *Magnetic direction indicator*. The magnetic direction indicator shall be so installed that its accuracy shall not be excessively affected by the airplane's vibration or magnetic fields. After the direction indicator has been compensated, the installation shall be such that the deviation in level flight does not exceed 10 degrees on any heading. A suitable calibration placard shall be provided as specified in § 3.758.

§ 3.667 *Automatic pilot system*. If an automatic pilot system is installed:

(a) The actuating (servo) devices shall be of such design that they can, when necessary, be positively disengaged from operating the control system or be overpowered by the human pilot to enable him to maintain satisfactory control of the airplane.

(b) A satisfactory means shall be provided to indicate readily to the pilot the alignment of the actuating device in relation to the control system which it operates, except when automatic synchronization is provided.

(c) The manually operated control(s) for the system's operation shall be readily accessible to the pilot.

(d) The automatic pilot system shall be of such design and so adjusted that it cannot produce loads in the control system and surfaces greater than those for which they were designed.

§ 3.668 *Gyroscopic indicators (air-driven type)*. All air-driven gyroscopic instruments installed in airplanes which are certificated for instrument flight operations shall derive their energy from a reliable suction source of sufficient capacity to maintain their required accuracy at all speeds above the best rate-of-climb speed. In addition the system shall be so installed as to preclude malfunctioning due to rain, oil, or other detrimental elements. On multiengine airplanes, the following detail requirements shall be applicable:

(a) Two sources actuated by separate means shall be provided, either one of which shall be of sufficient capacity to operate all of the air-driven gyroscopic instruments with which the airplane is equipped, with the airplane in normal cruising attitude at 65 percent maximum continuous power.

(b) A suitable means shall be provided in the attendant installation where the source lines connect into a common line to select either suction air source for the proper functioning of the instruments should failure of one source or a breakage of one source line occur. When an automatic means to permit simultaneous air flow is provided in the system, a suitable method for maintaining suction shall be provided. In order to indicate which source of energy has failed, a visual means shall be provided to indicate this condition to the flight crew.

§ 3.669 *Suction gauge.* A suction gauge shall be provided and so installed as to indicate readily to the flight crew while in flight the suction in inches of mercury which is being applied to the air-driven types of gyroscopic instruments. This gauge shall be connected to the instruments by a suitable system.

POWER-PLANT INSTRUMENTS

§ 3.670 *Operational markings.* Instruments shall be marked as specified in § 3.759.

§ 3.671 *Instrument lines.* Power-plant instrument lines shall comply with the provisions of § 3.550. In addition, instrument lines carrying inflammable fluids or gases under pressure shall be provided with restricted orifices or other safety devices at the source of the pressure to prevent escape of excessive fluid or gas in case of line failure.

§ 3.672 *Fuel quantity indicator.* Means shall be provided to indicate to the flight personnel the quantity of fuel in each tank during flight. Tanks, the outlets and air spaces of which are interconnected, may be considered as one tank and need not be provided with separate indicators. Exposed sight gauges shall be so installed and guarded as to preclude the possibility of breakage or damage. Fuel quantity indicators shall be calibrated to read zero during level flight when the quantity of fuel remaining in the tank is equal to the unusable fuel supply as defined by § 3.437.

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§ 3.673 *Fuel flowmeter system.* When a fuel flowmeter system is installed in the fuel line(s), the metering component shall be of such design as to include a suitable means for bypassing the fuel supply in the event that malfunctioning of the metering component offers a severe restriction to fuel flow.

§ 3.674 *Oil quantity indicator.* Ground means, such as a slick gauge, shall be provided to indicate the quantity of oil in each tank. If an oil transfer system or a reserve oil supply system is installed, means shall be provided to indicate to the flight personnel during flight the quantity of oil in each tank.

§ 3.675 *Cylinder head temperature indicating system for air-cooled engines.* A cylinder head temperature indicator shall be provided for each engine on airplanes equipped with cowl flaps. In the case of airplanes which do not have cowl flaps, an indicator shall be provided if compliance with the provisions of § 3.581 is demonstrated at a speed in excess of the speed of best rate of climb.

§ 3.676 *Carburetor air temperature indicating system.* A carburetor air temperature indicating system shall be provided for each altitude engine equipped with a preheater which is capable of providing a heat rise in excess of 60°F.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

§ 3.681 *Installation.* (a) Electrical systems in airplanes shall be free from hazards in themselves, in their method of operation, and in their effects on other parts of the airplane. Electrical equipment shall be of a type and design adequate for the use intended. Electrical systems shall be installed in such a manner that they are suitably protected from fuel, oil, water, other detrimental substances, and mechanical damage.

(b) Items of electrical equipment required for a specific type of operation are listed in other pertinent parts of the Civil Air Regulations.

BATTERIES

§ 3.682 *Batteries.* When an item of electrical equipment which is essential to the safe operation of the airplane is installed, the battery

required shall have sufficient capacity to supply the electrical power necessary for dependable operation of the connected electrical equipment.

§ 3.683 *Protection against acid.* If batteries are of such a type that corrosive substance may escape during servicing or flight, means such as a completely enclosed compartment shall be provided to prevent such substances from coming in contact with other parts of the airplane which are essential to safe operation. Batteries shall be accessible for servicing and inspection on the ground.

§ 3.684 *Battery vents.* The battery container or compartment shall be vented in such manner that gases released by the battery are carried outside the airplane.

GENERATORS

§ 3.685 *Generator.* Generators shall be capable of delivering their continuous rated power.

§ 3.686 *Generator controls.* Generator voltage control equipment shall be capable of dependably regulating the generator output within rated limits.

§ 3.687 *Reverse current cut-out.* A generator reverse current cut-out shall disconnect the generator from the battery and other generators when the generator is developing a voltage of such value that current sufficient to cause malfunctioning can flow into the generator.

MASTER SWITCH

§ 3.688 *Arrangement.* If electrical equipment is installed, a master switch arrangement shall be provided which will disconnect all sources of electrical power from the main distribution system at a point adjacent to the power sources.

§ 3.689 *Master switch installation.* The master switch or its controls shall be so installed that it is easily discernible and accessible to a member of the crew in flight.

PROTECTIVE DEVICES

§ 3.690 *Fuses or circuit breakers.* If electrical equipment is installed, protective devices (fuses or circuit breakers) shall be installed in the circuits to all electrical equipment, except that such items need not be installed in the main circuits of starter motors or in other

circuits where no hazard is presented by their omission.

§ 3.691 *Protective devices installation.* Protective devices in circuits essential to safety in flight shall be so located and identified that fuses may be replaced or circuit breakers reset readily in flight.

§ 3.692 *Square fuses.* If fuses are used, one spare of each rating or 50 percent spare fuses of each rating, whichever is greater, shall be provided.

ELECTRIC CABLES

§ 3.693 *Electric cables.* If electrical equipment is installed, the connecting cables used shall be in accordance with recognized standards for electric cable of a slow burning type and of suitable capacity.

SWITCHES

§ 3.694 *Switches.* Switches shall be capable of carrying their rated current and shall be of such construction that there is sufficient distance or insulating material between current carrying parts and the housing so that vibration in flight will not cause shorting.

§ 3.695 *Switch installation.* Switches shall be so installed as to be readily accessible to the appropriate crew member and shall be suitably labeled as to operation and the circuit controlled.

INSTRUMENT LIGHTS

§ 3.696 *Instrument lights.* If instrument lights are required, they shall be of such construction that there is sufficient distance or insulating material between current carrying parts and the housing so that vibration in flight will not cause shorting. They shall provide sufficient illumination to make all instruments and controls easily readable and discernible, respectively.

§ 3.697 *Instrument light installation.* Instrument lights shall be installed in such a manner that their direct rays are shielded from the pilot's eyes. Direct rays shall not be reflected from the windshield or other surfaces into the pilot's eyes.

LANDING LIGHTS

§ 3.698 *Landing lights.* If landing lights are

installed, they shall be of an acceptable type.

§ 3.699 *Landing light installation.* Landing lights shall be so installed that there is no dangerous glare visible to the pilot and also so that the pilot is not seriously affected by halation. They shall be installed at such a location that they provide adequate illumination for night landing.

POSITION LIGHTS

§ 3.700 *Type.* If position lights are installed, they shall be of a type certificated in accordance with Part 15 of this chapter, or shall comply with the pertinent provisions of that part.

§ 3.701 *Forward position light installation.* Forward position lights shall be so installed that, with the airplane in normal flying position, the red light is displayed on the left side and the green light on the right side, each showing unbroken light between two vertical planes the dihedral angle of which is 100 degrees when measured to the left and right, respectively, of the airplane from dead ahead. The lights shall be spaced laterally as far apart as practicable.

§ 3.702 *Rear position light installation.* The rear position light shall be mounted as far aft as practicable and so installed that unbroken light is directed symmetrically aft in such a manner that the axis of the maximum cone of illumination is parallel to the flight path. In addition, the intersection of the two planes forming dihedral angle A given in Part 15 of this chapter shall be vertical.

§ 3.703 *Flashing rear position lights.* If red and white flashing lights are used, in addition to meeting the installation requirements in § 3.702, they shall be located close together.

ANCHOR LIGHTS

§ 3.704 *Anchor light.* When an anchor light is required for seaplanes and amphibians, at least one light shall be provided and it shall be capable of showing a white light for at least 2 miles at night under clear atmosphere conditions.

§ 3.705 *Anchor light installation.* Anchor lights shall be so installed that they will show the maximum unbroken light practicable when the airplane is moored or drifting on the water. Externally hung lights are permitted.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT; INSTALLATION

§ 3.711 *Marking.* Required safety equipment which the crew is expected to operate at a time of emergency, such as flares and automatic life raft releases, shall be readily accessible and plainly marked as to its method of operation. When such equipment is carried in lockers, compartments, or other storage places, such storage places shall be marked for the benefit of passengers and crew.

§ 3.712 *De-icers.* When pneumatic de-icers are installed, the installation shall be in accordance with approved data. Positive means shall be provided for the deflation of the pneumatic boots.

§ 3.713 *Flare requirements.* When parachute flares are required, they shall be of a type certificated in accordance with Part 15 of this chapter.

§ 3.714 *Flare installation.* Parachute flares shall be releasable from the pilot compartment and so installed that danger of accidental discharge is reduced to a minimum. The installation shall be demonstrated in flight to eject flares satisfactorily, except in those cases where inspection indicates a ground test will be adequate. If the flares are ejected so that recoil loads are involved, structural provisions for such loads shall be made.

§ 3.715 *Safety belts.* Safety belts shall be of a type certificated in accordance with Part 15 of this chapter. They shall be so attached that no part of the anchorage will fail at a lower load than specified in § 3.386.

EMERGENCY FLOTATION AND SIGNALING EQUIPMENT

§ 3.716 *Rafts and life preservers.* An approved life raft or approved life preserver, when required by other parts of the Civil Air Regulations, is one approved by either the Administrator, the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, the United States Army Air Forces, or the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department.

§ 3.717 *Installation.* When such emergency equipment is required, it shall be so installed as to be readily available to the crew and passengers. Rafts released automatically or by the pilot shall be attached to the airplane by means of a line to keep them adjacent to the airplane. The strength of the line shall be such that it will break before submerging the empty

raft.

§ 3.718 *Signaling device.* Signaling devices, when required by other parts of the Civil Air Regulations, shall be accessible, function satisfactorily, and be free from any hazard in their operation.

RADIO EQUIPMENT; INSTALLATION

§ 3.721 *General.* Radio equipment and installations in the airplane shall be free from hazards in themselves, in their method of operation, and in their effects on their components of the airplane.

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT; INSTALLATION

§ 3.725 *Accessories for multiengine airplanes.* Engine driven accessories essential to the safe operation of the airplane shall be so distributed among two or more engines that the failure of any one engine will not impair the safe operation of the airplane by the malfunctioning of these accessories.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

§ 3.726 *General.* Hydraulic systems and elements shall be so designed as to withstand, without exceeding the yield point, any structural loads which might be imposed in addition to the hydraulic loads.

§ 3.727 *Tests.* Hydraulic systems shall be substantiated by proof pressure tests. When proof tested, no part of the hydraulic system shall fail, malfunction, or experience a permanent set. The proof load of any system shall be 15 times the maximum operating pressure of that system.

§ 3.728 *Accumulators.* Hydraulic accumulators or pressurized reservoirs shall not be installed on the engine side of the fire wall, except when they form an integral part of the engine or propeller.

SUBPART G—OPERATING LIMITATIONS AND INFORMATION

§ 3.735 *General.* Means shall be provided to inform adequately the pilot and other appropriate crew members of all operating limitations upon which the type design is based. Any other information concerning the airplane found by the Administrator to be necessary for safety during its operation shall also be made available to the crew. (See §§ 3.755 and 3.777.)

LIMITATIONS

§ 3.737 *Limitations.* The operating limitations specified in §§ 3.738-3.750 and any similar limitations shall be established for any airplane and made available to the operator as further described in §§ 3.755-3.780, unless its design is such that they are unnecessary for safe operation.

AIR SPEED

§ 3.738 *Air speed.* Air-speed limitations shall be established as set forth in §§ 3.739-3.743.

§ 3.739 *Never-exceed speed (Vne).* This speed shall not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (a) 0.9 V_d chosen in accordance with § 3.184.
- (b) 0.9 times the maximum speed demonstrated in accordance with § 3.159, but shall not be less than 0.9 times the minimum value of V_d permitted by § 3.184.

§ 3.740 *Maximum structural cruising speed (Vno).* This operating limitation shall be:

- (a) Not greater than V_c chosen in accordance with § 3.184.
- (b) Not greater than 0.89 times V_{ne} established under § 3.739.

(c) Not less than the minimum V_c permitted in § 3.184.

§ 3.741 *Maneuvering speed (Vp).* (See § 3.184.)

§ 3.742 *Flaps-extended speed (Vfe).* (a) This speed shall not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (1) The design flap speed, V_f chosen in accordance with § 3.190.
- (2) The design flap speed chosen in accordance with § 3.223, but shall not be less than the minimum value of design flap speed permitted in §§ 3.190 and 3.223.

(b) Additional combinations of flap setting, air speed, and engine power may be established, provided the structure has been proven for the corresponding design conditions.

§ 3.743 *Minimum control speed (Vmc).* (See § 3.111.)

POWER PLANT

§ 3.744 *Power plant.* The power plant limitations in §§ 3.745 through 3.747 shall be established and shall not exceed the corresponding limits established as a part of the type certification of the engine and propeller installed in the airplane.

§ 3.745 *Take-off operation.* (a) Maximum rotational speed (revolutions per minute).

(b) Maximum permissible manifold pressure (if applicable).

(c) The time limit upon the use of the corresponding power.

(d) Where the time limit of paragraph (c) of this section exceeds 2 minutes, the maximum allowable temperatures for cylinder head, oil, and coolant outlet if applicable.

§ 3.746 *Maximum continuous operation.* (a) Maximum rotational speed (revolutions per minute).

(b) Maximum permissible manifold pressure (if applicable).

(c) Maximum allowable temperatures for cylinder head, oil, and coolant outlet if applicable.

§ 3.747 *Fuel octane rating.* The minimum octane rating of fuel required for satisfactory operation of the power plant at the limits of §§ 3.745 and 3.746.

AIRPLANE WEIGHT

§ 3.748 *Airplane weight.* The airplane weight and center of gravity limitations are those required to be determined by § 3.71.

MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW

§ 3.749 *Minimum flight crew.* The minimum flight crew shall be established as that number of persons required for the safe operation of the airplane during any contact flight as determined by the availability and satisfactory operation of all necessary controls by each operator concerned.

TYPES OF OPERATION

§ 3.750 *Types of operation.* The type of operation to which the airplane is limited shall be established by the category in which it has been found eligible for certification and by the equipment installed. (See Parts 42 and 43 of this chapter.)

MARKINGS AND PLACARDS

§ 3.755 *Markings and placards.* (a) The markings and placards specified are required for all airplanes. Placards shall be displayed in a conspicuous place and both shall be such that they cannot be easily erased, disfigured, or obscured. Additional informational placards and instrument markings having a direct and important bearing on safe operation may be required by the Administrator when unusual design, operating, or handling characteristics so warrant.

(b) When an airplane is certificated in more than one category, the applicant shall select one category on which all placards and markings on the airplane shall be based. The placard and marking information for the other categories in which the airplane is certificated shall be entered in the Airplane Flight Manual. A reference to this information shall be included on a placard which shall also indicate the category on which the airplane placards and markings are based.

INSTRUMENT MARKINGS

§ 3.756 *Instrument markings.* The instruments listed in §§ 3.757-3.761 shall have the following limitations marked thereon. When these markings are placed on the cover glass of the instrument, adequate provision shall be made to maintain the correct alignment of the glass cover with the face of the dial. All arcs and lines shall be of sufficient width and so located as to be clearly and easily visible to the pilot.

§ 3.757 *Air-speed indicator.* (a) True indicated air speed shall be used:

(1) The never-exceed speed, V_{ne} —a radial red line (see § 3.739).

(2) The caution range—a yellow arc extending from the red line in (1) above to the upper limit of the green arc specified in (3) below.

(3) The normal operating range—a green arc with the lower limit at V_{s1} , as determined in § 3.82 with maximum weight, landing gear and wing flaps retracted, and the upper limit at the maximum structural cruising speed established in § 3.740.

(4) The flap operating range—a white arc with the lower limit at V_{so} as determined in § 3.82 at the maximum weight, and the upper limit at the flaps-extended speed in § 3.742.

(b) When the never-exceed and maximum structural cruising speeds vary with altitude, means shall be provided which will indicate the appropriate limitations to the pilot throughout the operating altitude range.

§ 3.758 *Magnetic direction indicator.* A placard shall be installed on or in close proximity to the magnetic direction indicator which contains the calibration of the instrument in a level flight attitude with engine(s) operating and radio receiver(s) on or off (which shall be stated). The calibration readings shall be those to known magnetic headings in not greater than 30-degree increments.

§ 3.759 *Power-plant instruments.* All required power-plant instruments shall be marked with a red radial line at the maximum and minimum (if applicable) indications for safe operation. The normal operating ranges shall be marked with a green arc which shall not extend beyond the maximum and minimum limits for continuous operation. Take-off and precautionary ranges shall be marked with a yellow arc.

§ 3.760 *Oil quantity indicators.* Indicators shall be suitably marked in sufficient increments so that they will readily and accurately indicate the quantity of oil.

§ 3.761 *Fuel quantity indicator.* When the unusable fuel supply for any tank exceeds 1 gallon or 5 percent of the tank capacity, whichever is greater, a red band shall be placed on the indicator extending from the calibrated zero reading (see § 3.437) to the lowest reading obtainable in the level flight attitude, and a suitable notation in the Airplane Flight Manual shall be provided to indicate the flight personnel that the fuel remaining in the tank when the quantity indicator reaches zero cannot be used safely in flight. (See § 3.672.)

CONTROL MARKINGS

§ 3.762 *General.* All cockpit controls, with the exception of the primary flight controls, shall be plainly marked as to their function and method of operation.

§ 3.763 *Aerodynamic controls.* The secondary controls shall be suitably marked to comply with §§ 3.337 and 3.338.

§ 3.764 *Power-plant fuel controls.* (a) Controls for fuel tank selector valves shall be

marked to indicate the position corresponding to each tank and to all existing cross feed positions.

(b) When more than one fuel tank is provided, and if safe operation depends upon the use of tanks in a specific sequence, the fuel tank selector controls shall be marked adjacent to or on the control to indicate to the flight personnel the order in which the tanks must be used.

(c) On multiengine airplanes, controls for engine valves shall be marked to indicate the position corresponding to each engine.

(d) The capacity of each tank shall be indicated adjacent to or on the fuel tank selector control.

§ 3.765 *Accessory and auxiliary controls.*

(a) When a retractable landing gear is used, the indicator required in § 3.359 shall be marked in such a manner that the pilot can ascertain at all times when the wheels are secured in the extreme positions.

(b) Emergency controls shall be colored red and clearly marked as to their method of operation.

MISCELLANEOUS

§ 3.766 *Baggage compartments, ballast location, and special seat loading limitations.*

(a) Each baggage or cargo compartment and ballast location shall bear a placard which states the maximum allowable weight of contents and, if applicable, any special limitation of contents due to loading requirements, etc.

(b) When the maximum permissible weight to be carried in a seat is less than 170 pounds (see § 3.74), a placard shall be permanently attached to the seat structure which states the maximum allowable weight of occupants to be carried.

§ 3.767 *Fuel, oil, and coolant filler openings.* The following information shall be marked on or adjacent to the filler cover in each case:

(a) The word "fuel," the minimum permissible fuel octane number for the engines installed, and the usable fuel tank capacity. (See § 3.437.)

(b) The word "oil" and the oil tank capacity.

(c) The name of the proper coolant fluid

and the capacity of the coolant system.

§ 3.768 *Emergency exit placards.* Emergency exit placards and operating controls shall be colored red. A placard shall be located adjacent to the control(s) which clearly indicates it to be an emergency exit and describes the method of operation. (See § 3.387.)

§ 3.769 *Approved flight maneuvers—(a) Category N.* A placard shall be provided in front of and in clear view of the pilot stating: "No acrobatic maneuvers including spins approved."

(b) *Category U.* A placard shall be provided in front of and in clear view of the pilot stating: "No acrobatic maneuvers approved, except those listed in the Airplane Flight Manual."

(c) *Category A.* A placard shall be provided in clear view of the pilot which lists all approved acrobatic maneuvers and the recommended entry air speed for each. If inverted flight maneuvers are not approved, the placard shall bear a notation to this effect.

§ 3.770 *Airplane category placard.* A placard shall be provided in front of and in clear view of the pilot stating: "This airplane must be operated as a ----- or ----- category airplane in compliance with the Airplane Flight Manual."

AIRPLANE FLIGHT MANUAL

§ 3.777 *Airplane Flight Manual.* An Airplane Flight Manual shall be furnished with each airplane. The portions of this document listed below shall be verified and approved by the Administrator, and shall be segregated, identified, and clearly distinguished from portions not so approved. Additional items of information having a direct and important bearing on safe operation may be required by the Administrator when unusual design, operating, or handling characteristics so warrant.

§ 3.778 *Operating limitations—(a) Air-speed limitations.* Sufficient information shall be included to permit proper marking of the air-speed limitations on the indicator as required in § 3.757. It shall also include the design, maneuvering speed, and the maximum safe air speed at which the landing gear can be safely lowered. In addition to the above information, the significance of the air speed limitations and of

the color coding used shall be explained.

(b) *Power-plant limitations.* Sufficient information shall be included to outline and explain all power-plant limitations (see § 3.744) and to permit marking the instruments as required in § 3.759.

(c) *Weight.* The following information shall be included:

(1) Maximum weight for which the airplane has been certificated,

(2) Airplane empty weight and center of gravity location,

(3) Useful load,

(4) The composition of the useful load, including the total weight of fuel and oil with tanks full.

(d) *Load distribution.* (1) All authorized center of gravity limits shall be stated. If the available space for loading the airplane is adequately placarded or so arranged that any reasonable distribution of the useful load listed in weight above will not result in a center of gravity location outside of the stated limits, this section need not include any other information than the statement of center of gravity limits.

(2) In all other cases this section shall also include adequate information to indicate satisfactory loading combinations which will assure maintaining the center of gravity position within approved limits.

(e) *Maneuvers.* All authorized maneuvers and the appropriate air-speed limitations as well as all unauthorized maneuvers shall be included in accordance with the following:

(1) *Normal category.* All acrobatic maneuvers, including spins, are unauthorized. If the airplane has been demonstrated to be characteristically incapable of spinning in accordance with § 3.124 (d), a statement to this effect shall be entered here.

(2) *Utility category.* All authorized maneuvers demonstrated in the type flight tests shall be listed, together with recommended entry speeds. All other maneuvers are not approved. If the airplane has been demonstrated to be characteristically incapable of spinning in accordance with § 3.124 (d), a statement to this effect shall be entered here.

(3) *Acrobatic category.* All approved flight maneuvers demonstrated in the type flight tests shall be included, together with recommended entry speeds.

(f) *Flight load factor.* The positive limit load factors made good by the airplane's structure shall be described here in terms of accelerations.

(g) *Flight crew.* When a flight crew of more than one is required to operate the airplane safely, the number and functions of this minimum flight crew shall be included.

§ 3.779 *Operating procedures.* This section shall contain information concerning normal and emergency procedures and other pertinent information peculiar to the airplane's operating characteristics which are necessary to safe operation.

§ 3.780 *Performance information.* (a) Information relative to the following items of performance shall be included:

(1) The stalling speed, V_{SO} , at maximum weight,

(2) The stalling speed, V_{S1} , at maximum weight and with landing gear and wing flaps retracted,

(3) The take-off distance determined in accordance with § 3.84, including the air speed at the 50-foot height, and the airplane configuration, if pertinent,

(4) The landing distance determined in accordance with § 3.86, including the airplane configuration, if pertinent,

(5) The steady rate of climb determined in accordance with § 3.85 (a), (c), and, as appropriate, (b), including the air speed, power, and airplane configuration, if pertinent.

(b) The effect of variation in (a) (2) with angle of bank up to 60 degrees shall be included.

(c) The calculated approximate effect of variations in subparagraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this paragraph with altitude and temperature shall be included.

SUBPART H—IDENTIFICATION DATA

§ 3.791 *Name plate.* A name plate shall be securely attached to and located in the pilot compartment which shall contain:

(a) The manufacturer's name and address.

(b) Model and serial numbers.

(c) Date of manufacture.

(d) Type certificate number.

(e) Production certificate number, (if pertinent).

§ 3.792 *Airworthiness certificate number.*

The identifying symbols and registration numbers shall be permanently affixed to the airplane structure in compliance with § 43.10 (c) of this chapter.