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§ 29.1045 Climb cooling test procedures.

(a) Climb cooling tests must be conducted under this section for—

(1) Category A rotorcraft; and

(2) Multiengine category B rotorcraft for which certification is requested under the category A powerplant installation requirements, and under the requirements of §29.861(a) at the steady rate of climb or descent established under §29.67(b).

(b) The climb or descent cooling tests must be conducted with the engine inoperative that produces the most adverse cooling conditions for the remaining engines and powerplant components.

(c) Each operating engine must—

(1) For helicopters for which the use of 30-minute OEI power is requested, be at 30-minute OEI power for 30 minutes, and then at maximum continuous power (or at full throttle when above the critical altitude);

(2) For helicopters for which the use of continuous OEI power is requested, be at continuous OEI power (or at full throttle when above the critical altitude); and

(3) For other rotorcraft, be at maximum continuous power (or at full throttle when above the critical altitude).

(d) After temperatures have stabilized in flight, the climb must be—

(1) Begun from an altitude not greater than the lower of—

(i) 1,000 feet below the engine critical altitude; and

(ii) 1,000 feet below the maximum altitude at which the rate of climb is 150 f.p.m.; and

(2) Continued for at least five minutes after the occurrence of the highest temperature recorded, or until the rotorcraft reaches the maximum altitude for which certification is requested.

(e) For category B rotorcraft without a positive rate of climb, the descent must begin at the all-engine-critical altitude and end at the higher of—

(1) The maximum altitude at which level flight can be maintained with one engine operative; and

(2) Sea level.

(f) The climb or descent must be conducted at an airspeed representing a normal operational practice for the configuration being tested. However, if the cooling provisions are sensitive to rotorcraft speed, the most critical airspeed must be used, but need not exceed the speeds established under §29.67(a)(2) or §29.67(b). The climb cooling test may be conducted in conjunction with the takeoff cooling test of §29.1047.

§ 29.1047 Takeoff cooling test procedures.

(a) Category A. For each category A rotorcraft, cooling must be shown during takeoff and subsequent climb as follows:

(1) Each temperature must be stabilized while hovering in ground effect with—

(i) The power necessary for hovering;

(ii) The appropriate cowl flap and shutter settings; and

(iii) The maximum weight.

(2) After the temperatures have stabilized, a climb must be started at the lowest practicable altitude and must be conducted with one engine inoperative.

(3) The operating engines must be at the greatest power for which approval is sought (or at full throttle when above the critical altitude) for the same period as this power is used in determining the takeoff climbout path under §29.59.

(4) At the end of the time interval prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the power must be changed to that used in meeting §29.67(a)(2) and the climb must be continued for—

(i) Thirty minutes, if 30-minute OEI power is used; or