§ 125.297 Approval of flight simulators and flight training devices.

(a) Flight simulators and flight training devices approved by the Administrator may be used in training, testing, and checking required by this subpart.

(b) Each flight simulator and flight training device that is used in training, testing, and checking required under this subpart must be used in accordance with an approved training course conducted by a training center certified under part 142 of this chapter, or meet the following requirements:

1. It must be specifically approved for—
   (i) The certificate holder;
   (ii) The type airplane and, if applicable, the particular variation within that for which the check is being conducted; and
   (iii) The particular maneuver, procedure, or crewmember function involved.

2. It must maintain the performance, functional, and other characteristics that are required for approval.

3. It must be modified to conform with any modification to the airplane being simulated that changes the performance, functional, or other characteristics required for approval.


Subpart J—Flight Operations

§ 125.311 Flight crewmembers at controls.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each required flight crewmember on flight deck duty must remain at the assigned duty station with seat belt fastened while the airplane is taking off or landing and while it is en route.

(b) A required flight crewmember may leave the assigned duty station—

1. If the crewmember’s absence is necessary for the performance of duties in connection with the operation of the airplane;

2. If the crewmember’s absence is in connection with physiological needs; or

3. If the crewmember is taking a rest period and relief is provided—

(i) In the case of the assigned pilot in command, by a pilot qualified to act as pilot in command.

(ii) In the case of the assigned second in command, by a pilot qualified to act as second in command of that airplane during en route operations. However, the relief pilot need not meet the recent experience requirements of §125.285.

§ 125.313 Manipulation of controls when carrying passengers.

No pilot in command may allow any person to manipulate the controls of an airplane while carrying passengers during flight, nor may any person manipulate the controls while carrying passengers during flight, unless that person is a qualified pilot of the certificate holder operating that airplane.

§ 125.315 Admission to flight deck.

(a) No person may admit any person to the flight deck of an airplane unless the person being admitted is—

1. A crewmember;

2. An FAA inspector or an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board who is performing official duties; or

3. Any person who has the permission of the pilot in command.

(b) No person may admit any person to the flight deck unless there is a seat available for the use of that person in the passenger compartment, except—

1. An FAA inspector or an authorized representative of the Administrator or National Transportation Safety Board who is checking or observing flight operations; or

2. A certificated airman employed by the certificate holder whose duties require an airman certificate.

§ 125.317 Inspector’s credentials: Admission to pilots’ compartment; Forward observer’s seat.

(a) Whenever, in performing the duties of conducting an inspection, an FAA inspector presents an Aviation Safety Inspector credential, FAA Form 110A, to the pilot in command of an airplane operated by the certificate holder, the inspector must be given free and uninterrupted access to the pilot compartment of that airplane. However, this paragraph does not limit