§ 26.45 Holders of type certificates—Alterations and repairs to alterations.

(a) Applicability. This section applies to transport category airplanes subject to §26.43.

(b) Fatigue critical alteration structure. For existing and future alteration data developed by the holder of a type certificate, the holder must—

(1) Review alteration data and identify all alterations that affect fatigue critical baseline structure identified under paragraph (b)(1) of this section and §26.45(b)(2);

(ii) A process that will enable operators to obtain the DTI for repairs identified under paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section and

(iii) An implementation schedule for repairs covered by the repair evaluation guidelines. The implementation schedule must identify times when actions must be taken as specific numbers of airplane flight hours, flight cycles, or both.

(2) Submit the repair evaluation guidelines to the FAA Oversight Office for review and approval.

(3) Upon approval, make the guidelines available to persons required to comply with §§121.1109 and 129.109 of this chapter.

(4) If the guidelines direct the operator to obtain assistance from the holder of a type certificate, make such assistance available in accordance with the implementation schedule.

(f) Compliance times. Holders of type certificates must submit the following to the FAA Oversight Office or its properly authorized designees for review and approval by the specified compliance time:

(1) The identified list of fatigue critical baseline structure required by paragraph (b)(2) of this section must be submitted no later than 180 days after January 11, 2008 or before issuance of the type certificate, whichever occurs later.

(2) For published repair data that are current as of January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section must be submitted before FAA approval of the repair data.

(3) For repair data published after January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section must be submitted before FAA approval of the repair data.

(4) For unpublished repair data developed after January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (d)(1) of this section must be submitted within 12 months of the airplane’s return to service or in accordance with a schedule approved by the FAA Oversight Office.

(5) The repair evaluation guidelines required by paragraph (e)(1) of this section must be submitted by December 30, 2009.

(g) Exceptions. The requirements of this section do not apply to the following transport category airplane models:

(1) Convair CV–240, 340, 440, if modified to include turbine engines.


(3) Douglas DC-3, if modified to include turbine engines, TCDS No. A–618.

(4) Bombardier CL–44, TCDS No. 1A20.

(5) Mitsubishi YS–11, TCDS No. A1PC.

(6) British Aerospace BAC 1–11, TCDS No. A5EU.

(7) Concorde, TCDS No. A45EU.

(8) deHavilland D.H. 106 Comet 4C, TCDS No. 7A10.

(9) deHavilland DHC–7, TCDS No. A20EA.

(10) VFW–Vereinigte Flugtechnische Werk VFW–614, TCDS No. A39EU.

(11) Ilyushin Aviation IL 96T, TCDS No. A54NM.

(12) Bristol Aircraft Britannia 305, TCDS No. 7A2.

(13) Handley Page Herald Type 300, TCDS No. A2IN.

(14) Avions Marcel Dassault—Breguet Aviation Mercure 100C, TCDS No. A40EU.

(15) Airbus Caravelle, TCDS No. 7A6.


(17) Boeing 707–100/–200, TCDS No. 4A21.

(18) Boeing 707–300/–400, TCDS No. 4A26.

(19) Boeing 720, TCDS No. 4A28.

critical baseline structure identified under §26.43(b)(1);

(2) For each alteration identified under paragraph (b)(1) of this section, identify any fatigue critical alteration structure;

(3) Develop and submit to the FAA Oversight Office for review and approval a list of the structure identified under paragraph (b)(2) of this section; and

(4) Upon approval, make the list required in paragraph (b)(3) of this section available to persons required to comply with §§121.1109 and 129.109 of this chapter.

(c) DT Data. For existing and future alteration data developed by the holder of a type certificate that affect fatigue critical baseline structure identified under §26.43(b)(1), unless previously accomplished, the holder must—

(1) Perform a DTE and develop the DTI for the alteration and fatigue critical baseline structure that is affected by the alteration;

(2) Submit the DT data developed in accordance with paragraphs (c)(1) of this section to the FAA Oversight Office or its properly authorized designees for review and approval; and

(3) Upon approval, make the DTI available to persons required to comply with §§121.1109 and 129.109 of this chapter.

(d) DT Data for Repairs Made to Alterations. For existing and future repair data developed by a holder of a type certificate, the type certificate holder must—

(1) Review the repair data, and identify each repair that affects any fatigue critical alteration structure identified under paragraph (b)(2) of this section;

(2) For each repair identified under paragraph (d)(1) of this section, unless previously accomplished, perform a DTE and develop DTI;

(3) Submit the DT data developed in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this section to the FAA Oversight Office or its properly authorized designees for review and approval; and

(4) Upon approval, make the DTI available to persons required to comply with §§121.1109 and 129.109 of this chapter.

(e) Compliance times. Holders of type certificates must submit the following to the FAA Oversight Office or its properly authorized designees for review and approval by the specified compliance time:

(1) The list of fatigue critical alteration structure identified under paragraph (b)(3) of this section must be submitted—

(i) No later than 360 days after January 11, 2008, for alteration data approved before January 11, 2008.

(ii) No later than 30 days after March 12, 2010 or before initial approval of the alteration data, whichever occurs later, for alteration data approved on or after January 11, 2008.

(2) For alteration data developed and approved before January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (c)(2) of this section must be submitted by June 30, 2009.

(3) For alteration data approved on or after January 11, 2008, DT data required by paragraph (c)(2) of this section must be submitted before initial approval of the alteration data.

(4) For repair data developed and approved before January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (d)(2) of this section must be submitted by June 30, 2009.

(5) For repair data developed and approved after January 11, 2008, the DT data required by paragraph (d)(2) of this section must be submitted within 12 months after initial approval of the repair data and before making the DT data available to persons required to comply with §§121.1109 and 129.109 of this chapter.