

(2) For jacking by other airplane structure at maximum approved jacking weight:

(i) The airplane structure must be designed for a vertical load of 1.33 times the vertical reaction at each jacking point acting singly and in combination with a horizontal load of 0.33 times the vertical static reaction applied in any direction.

(ii) The jacking pads and local structure must be designed for a vertical load of 2.0 times the vertical static reaction at each jacking point, acting singly and in combination with a horizontal load of 0.33 times the vertical static reaction applied in any direction.

(c) Tie-down. If tie-down points are provided, the main tie-down points and local structure must withstand the limit loads resulting from a 65-knot horizontal wind from any direction.

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WATER LOADS

§ 25.521 General.

(a) Seaplanes must be designed for the water loads developed during takeoff and landing, with the seaplane in any attitude likely to occur in normal operation, and at the appropriate forward and sinking velocities under the most severe sea conditions likely to be encountered.

(b) Unless a more rational analysis of the water loads is made, or the standards in ANC-3 are used, §§ 25.523 through 25.537 apply.

(c) The requirements of this section and §§ 25.523 through 25.537 apply also to amphibians.

§ 25.523 Design weights and center of gravity positions.

(a) *Design weights.* The water load requirements must be met at each operating weight up to the design landing weight except that, for the takeoff condition prescribed in § 25.531, the design water takeoff weight (the maximum weight for water taxi and takeoff run) must be used.

(b) *Center of gravity positions.* The critical centers of gravity within the limits for which certification is requested must be considered to reach

maximum design loads for each part of the seaplane structure.

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§ 25.525 Application of loads.

(a) Unless otherwise prescribed, the seaplane as a whole is assumed to be subjected to the loads corresponding to the load factors specified in § 25.527.

(b) In applying the loads resulting from the load factors prescribed in § 25.527, the loads may be distributed over the hull or main float bottom (in order to avoid excessive local shear loads and bending moments at the location of water load application) using pressures not less than those prescribed in § 25.533(c).

(c) For twin float seaplanes, each float must be treated as an equivalent hull on a fictitious seaplane with a weight equal to one-half the weight of the twin float seaplane.

(d) Except in the takeoff condition of § 25.531, the aerodynamic lift on the seaplane during the impact is assumed to be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the weight of the seaplane.

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§ 25.527 Hull and main float load factors.

(a) Water reaction load factors n_w must be computed in the following manner:

(1) For the step landing case

$$n_w = \frac{C_1 V_{s0}^2}{\left(\tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta \right) W^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

(2) For the bow and stern landing cases

$$n_w = \frac{C_1 V_{s0}^2}{\left(\tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta \right) W^{\frac{1}{3}}} \times \frac{K_1}{\left(1 + r_x^2 \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

(b) The following values are used:

(1) n_w = water reaction load factor (that is, the water reaction divided by seaplane weight).

(2) C_1 = empirical seaplane operations factor equal to 0.012 (except that this

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factor may not be less than that necessary to obtain the minimum value of step load factor of 2.33).

(3) V_{S0} = seaplane stalling speed in knots with flaps extended in the appropriate landing position and with no slipstream effect.

(4) β = angle of dead rise at the longitudinal station at which the load factor is being determined in accordance with figure 1 of appendix B.

(5) W = seaplane design landing weight in pounds.

(6) K_1 = empirical hull station weighing factor, in accordance with figure 2 of appendix B.

(7) r_x = ratio of distance, measured parallel to hull reference axis, from the center of gravity of the seaplane to the hull longitudinal station at which the load factor is being computed to the radius of gyration in pitch of the seaplane, the hull reference axis being a straight line, in the plane of symmetry, tangential to the keel at the main step.

(c) For a twin float seaplane, because of the effect of flexibility of the attachment of the floats to the seaplane, the factor K_1 may be reduced at the bow and stern to 0.8 of the value shown in figure 2 of appendix B. This reduction applies only to the design of the carry-through and seaplane structure.

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§ 25.529 Hull and main float landing conditions.

(a) *Symmetrical step, bow, and stern landing.* For symmetrical step, bow, and stern landings, the limit water reaction load factors are those computed under § 25.527. In addition—

(1) For symmetrical step landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, through the center of gravity, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line;

(2) For symmetrical bow landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, one-fifth of the longitudinal distance from the bow to the step, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line; and

(3) For symmetrical stern landings, the resultant water load must be applied at the keel, at a point 85 percent

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of the longitudinal distance from the step to the stern post, and must be directed perpendicularly to the keel line.

(b) *Unsymmetrical landing for hull and single float seaplanes.* Unsymmetrical step, bow, and stern landing conditions must be investigated. In addition—

(1) The loading for each condition consists of an upward component and a side component equal, respectively, to 0.75 and $0.25 \tan \beta$ times the resultant load in the corresponding symmetrical landing condition; and

(2) The point of application and direction of the upward component of the load is the same as that in the symmetrical condition, and the point of application of the side component is at the same longitudinal station as the upward component but is directed inward perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry at a point midway between the keel and chine lines.

(c) *Unsymmetrical landing; twin float seaplanes.* The unsymmetrical loading consists of an upward load at the step of each float of 0.75 and a side load of $0.25 \tan \beta$ at one float times the step landing load reached under § 25.527. The side load is directed inboard, perpendicularly to the plane of symmetry midway between the keel and chine lines of the float, at the same longitudinal station as the upward load.

§ 25.531 Hull and main float takeoff condition.

For the wing and its attachment to the hull or main float—

(a) The aerodynamic wing lift is assumed to be zero; and

(b) A downward inertia load, corresponding to a load factor computed from the following formula, must be applied:

$$n = \frac{C_{T0} V_{S1}^2}{\left(\tan^{\frac{2}{3}} \beta \right) W^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

where—

n = inertia load factor;

C_{T0} = empirical seaplane operations factor equal to 0.004;

V_{S1} = seaplane stalling speed (knots) at the design takeoff weight with the flaps extended in the appropriate takeoff position;

β = angle of dead rise at the main step (degrees); and