

from sources that meet the accuracy requirements of §§ 27.1323, 27.1325, and 27.1327 of this part, as applicable;

(2) The vertical acceleration sensor is rigidly attached, and located longitudinally within the approved center of gravity limits of the rotorcraft;

(3) It receives its electrical power from the bus that provides the maximum reliability for operation of the flight recorder without jeopardizing service to essential or emergency loads;

(4) There is an aural or visual means for preflight checking of the recorder for proper recording of data in the storage medium;

(5) Except for recorders powered solely by the engine-driven electrical generator system, there is an automatic means to simultaneously stop a recorder that has a data erasure feature and prevent each erasure feature from functioning, within 10 minutes after any crash impact; and

(b) Each nonejectable recorder container must be located and mounted so as to minimize the probability of container rupture resulting from crash impact and subsequent damage to the record from fire.

(c) A correlation must be established between the flight recorder readings of airspeed, altitude, and heading and the corresponding readings (taking into account correction factors) of the first pilot's instruments. This correlation must cover the airspeed range over which the aircraft is to be operated, the range of altitude to which the aircraft is limited, and 360 degrees of heading. Correlation may be established on the ground as appropriate.

(d) Each recorder container must:

(1) Be either bright orange or bright yellow;

(2) Have a reflective tape affixed to its external surface to facilitate its location under water; and

(3) Have an underwater locating device, when required by the operating rules of this chapter, on or adjacent to the container which is secured in such a manner that they are not likely to be separated during crash impact.

[Amdt. 27-22, 53 FR 26144, July 11, 1988]

§ 27.1461 Equipment containing high energy rotors.

(a) Equipment containing high energy rotors must meet paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of this section.

(b) High energy rotors contained in equipment must be able to withstand damage caused by malfunctions, vibration, abnormal speeds, and abnormal temperatures. In addition—

(1) Auxiliary rotor cases must be able to contain damage caused by the failure of high energy rotor blades; and

(2) Equipment control devices, systems, and instrumentation must reasonably ensure that no operating limitations affecting the integrity of high energy rotors will be exceeded in service.

(c) It must be shown by test that equipment containing high energy rotors can contain any failure of a high energy rotor that occurs at the highest speed obtainable with the normal speed control devices inoperative.

(d) Equipment containing high energy rotors must be located where rotor failure will neither endanger the occupants nor adversely affect continued safe flight.

[Amdt. 27-2, 33 FR 964, Jan. 26, 1968]

Subpart G—Operating Limitations and Information

§ 27.1501 General.

(a) Each operating limitation specified in §§ 27.1503 through 27.1525 and other limitations and information necessary for safe operation must be established.

(b) The operating limitations and other information necessary for safe operation must be made available to the crewmembers as prescribed in §§ 27.1541 through 27.1589.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 603, 604, and 605 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1423, 1424, and 1425); and sec. 6(c) of the Dept. of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(c)))

[Amdt. 27-14, 43 FR 2325, Jan. 16, 1978]

OPERATING LIMITATIONS

§ 27.1503 Airspeed limitations: general.

(a) An operating speed range must be established.

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(b) When airspeed limitations are a function of weight, weight distribution, altitude, rotor speed, power, or other factors, airspeed limitations corresponding with the critical combinations of these factors must be established.

§ 27.1505 Never-exceed speed.

(a) The never-exceed speed, V_{NE} , must be established so that it is—

- (1) Not less than 40 knots (CAS); and
- (2) Not more than the lesser of—
 - (i) 0.9 times the maximum forward speeds established under § 27.309;
 - (ii) 0.9 times the maximum speed shown under §§ 27.251 and 27.629; or
 - (iii) 0.9 times the maximum speed substantiated for advancing blade tip mach number effects.

(b) V_{NE} may vary with altitude, r.p.m., temperature, and weight, if—

- (1) No more than two of these variables (or no more than two instruments integrating more than one of these variables) are used at one time; and
- (2) The ranges of these variables (or of the indications on instruments integrating more than one of these variables) are large enough to allow an operationally practical and safe variation of V_{NE} .

(c) For helicopters, a stabilized power-off V_{NE} denoted as V_{NE} (power-off) may be established at a speed less than V_{NE} established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, if the following conditions are met:

(1) V_{NE} (power-off) is not less than a speed midway between the power-on V_{NE} and the speed used in meeting the requirements of—

- (i) § 27.65(b) for single engine helicopters; and
- (ii) § 27.67 for multiengine helicopters.

(2) V_{NE} (power-off) is—

- (i) A constant airspeed;
- (ii) A constant amount less than power-on V_{NE} ; or
- (iii) A constant airspeed for a portion of the altitude range for which certification is requested, and a constant

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amount less than power-on V_{NE} for the remainder of the altitude range.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 603, 604, and 605 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1423, 1424, and 1425); and sec. 6(c) of the Dept. of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(c)))

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§ 27.1509 Rotor speed.

(a) *Maximum power-off (autorotation).* The maximum power-off rotor speed must be established so that it does not exceed 95 percent of the lesser of—

- (1) The maximum design r.p.m. determined under § 27.309(b); and
- (2) The maximum r.p.m. shown during the type tests.

(b) *Minimum power off.* The minimum power-off rotor speed must be established so that it is not less than 105 percent of the greater of—

- (1) The minimum shown during the type tests; and
- (2) The minimum determined by design substantiation.

(c) *Minimum power on.* The minimum power-on rotor speed must be established so that it is—

- (1) Not less than the greater of—
 - (i) The minimum shown during the type tests; and
 - (ii) The minimum determined by design substantiation; and
- (2) Not more than a value determined under § 27.33(a)(1) and (b)(1).

§ 27.1519 Weight and center of gravity.

The weight and center of gravity limitations determined under §§ 27.25 and 27.27, respectively, must be established as operating limitations.

[Amdt. 27-2, 33 FR 965, Jan. 26, 1968, as amended by Amdt. 27-21, 49 FR 44435, Nov. 6, 1984]

§ 27.1521 Powerplant limitations.

(a) *General.* The powerplant limitations prescribed in this section must be established so that they do not exceed the corresponding limits for which the engines are type certificated.

(b) *Takeoff operation.* The powerplant takeoff operation must be limited by—

- (1) The maximum rotational speed, which may not be greater than—