

(2) One-third of the limit load factor for flight condition A.

(b) The side load prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section may be assumed to be independent of other flight conditions.

**§ 23.365 Pressurized cabin loads.**

For each pressurized compartment, the following apply:

(a) The airplane structure must be strong enough to withstand the flight loads combined with pressure differential loads from zero up to the maximum relief valve setting.

(b) The external pressure distribution in flight, and any stress concentrations, must be accounted for.

(c) If landings may be made with the cabin pressurized, landing loads must be combined with pressure differential loads from zero up to the maximum allowed during landing.

(d) The airplane structure must be strong enough to withstand the pressure differential loads corresponding to the maximum relief valve setting multiplied by a factor of 1.33, omitting other loads.

(e) If a pressurized cabin has two or more compartments separated by bulkheads or a floor, the primary structure must be designed for the effects of sudden release of pressure in any compartment with external doors or windows. This condition must be investigated for the effects of failure of the largest opening in the compartment. The effects of intercompartmental venting may be considered.

**§ 23.367 Unsymmetrical loads due to engine failure.**

(a) Turbopropeller airplanes must be designed for the unsymmetrical loads resulting from the failure of the critical engine including the following conditions in combination with a single malfunction of the propeller drag limiting system, considering the probable pilot corrective action on the flight controls:

(1) At speeds between  $V_{MC}$  and  $V_D$ , the loads resulting from power failure because of fuel flow interruption are considered to be limit loads.

(2) At speeds between  $V_{MC}$  and  $V_C$ , the loads resulting from the disconnection of the engine compressor from the tur-

bine or from loss of the turbine blades are considered to be ultimate loads.

(3) The time history of the thrust decay and drag buildup occurring as a result of the prescribed engine failures must be substantiated by test or other data applicable to the particular engine-propeller combination.

(4) The timing and magnitude of the probable pilot corrective action must be conservatively estimated, considering the characteristics of the particular engine-propeller-airplane combination.

(b) Pilot corrective action may be assumed to be initiated at the time maximum yawing velocity is reached, but not earlier than 2 seconds after the engine failure. The magnitude of the corrective action may be based on the limit pilot forces specified in § 23.397 except that lower forces may be assumed where it is shown by analysis or test that these forces can control the yaw and roll resulting from the prescribed engine failure conditions.

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**§ 23.369 Rear lift truss.**

(a) If a rear lift truss is used, it must be designed to withstand conditions of reversed airflow at a design speed of—  
 $V = 8.7 \sqrt{(W/S)} + 8.7$  (knots), where W/S = wing loading at design maximum takeoff weight.

(b) Either aerodynamic data for the particular wing section used, or a value of  $C_L$  equalling  $-0.8$  with a chordwise distribution that is triangular between a peak at the trailing edge and zero at the leading edge, must be used.

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**§ 23.371 Gyroscopic and aerodynamic loads.**

(a) Each engine mount and its supporting structure must be designed for the gyroscopic, inertial, and aerodynamic loads that result, with the engine(s) and propeller(s), if applicable, at maximum continuous r.p.m., under either:

(1) The conditions prescribed in § 23.351 and § 23.423; or

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(2) All possible combinations of the following—

- (i) A yaw velocity of 2.5 radians per second;
- (ii) A pitch velocity of 1.0 radian per second;
- (iii) A normal load factor of 2.5; and
- (iv) Maximum continuous thrust.

(b) For airplanes approved for aerobatic maneuvers, each engine mount and its supporting structure must meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and be designed to withstand the load factors expected during combined maximum yaw and pitch velocities.

(c) For airplanes certificated in the commuter category, each engine mount and its supporting structure must meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and the gust conditions specified in §23.341 of this part.

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**§ 23.373 Speed control devices.**

If speed control devices (such as spoilers and drag flaps) are incorporated for use in enroute conditions—

(a) The airplane must be designed for the symmetrical maneuvers and gusts prescribed in §§ 23.333, 23.337, and 23.341, and the yawing maneuvers and lateral gusts in §§ 23.441 and 23.443, with the device extended at speeds up to the placard device extended speed; and

(b) If the device has automatic operating or load limiting features, the airplane must be designed for the maneuver and gust conditions prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section at the speeds and corresponding device positions that the mechanism allows.

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**CONTROL SURFACE AND SYSTEM LOADS**

**§ 23.391 Control surface loads.**

The control surface loads specified in §§ 23.397 through 23.459 are assumed to occur in the conditions described in §§ 23.331 through 23.351.

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**§ 23.393 Loads parallel to hinge line.**

(a) Control surfaces and supporting hinge brackets must be designed to withstand inertial loads acting parallel to the hinge line.

(b) In the absence of more rational data, the inertial loads may be assumed to be equal to KW, where—

- (1) K=24 for vertical surfaces;
- (2) K=12 for horizontal surfaces; and
- (3) W=weight of the movable surfaces.

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**§ 23.395 Control system loads.**

(a) Each flight control system and its supporting structure must be designed for loads corresponding to at least 125 percent of the computed hinge moments of the movable control surface in the conditions prescribed in §§ 23.391 through 23.459. In addition, the following apply:

(1) The system limit loads need not exceed the higher of the loads that can be produced by the pilot and automatic devices operating the controls. However, autopilot forces need not be added to pilot forces. The system must be designed for the maximum effort of the pilot or autopilot, whichever is higher. In addition, if the pilot and the autopilot act in opposition, the part of the system between them may be designed for the maximum effort of the one that imposes the lesser load. Pilot forces used for design need not exceed the maximum forces prescribed in § 23.397(b).

(2) The design must, in any case, provide a rugged system for service use, considering jamming, ground gusts, taxiing downwind, control inertia, and friction. Compliance with this subparagraph may be shown by designing for loads resulting from application of the minimum forces prescribed in § 23.397(b).

(b) A 125 percent factor on computed hinge moments must be used to design elevator, aileron, and rudder systems. However, a factor as low as 1.0 may be used if hinge moments are based on accurate flight test data, the exact reduction depending upon the accuracy and reliability of the data.

(c) Pilot forces used for design are assumed to act at the appropriate control grips or pads as they would in flight,