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Preflight after Maintenance

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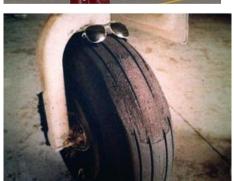
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Federal Aviation Administration







Welcome

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Your monthly 33-minute dose of aviation safety



WINGS Credit: Yes...!

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No recording...but even better...

- You can get the slides of this presentation for your own use!
 - This and earlier ToM presentations are available...
 - Sign-up tonight!
 - August edition 8/17/2023





> Flying Clubs > Club Connector Newsletter

FLYING CLUB CONNECTOR NEWSLETTER

Your source for the latest news on flying clubs all over the country. AOPA's research has shown us that flying club leaders are hungry to learn more about the practical experiences of other clubs. So, we have created this monthly e-newsletter.



ARTICLES BY TOPIC



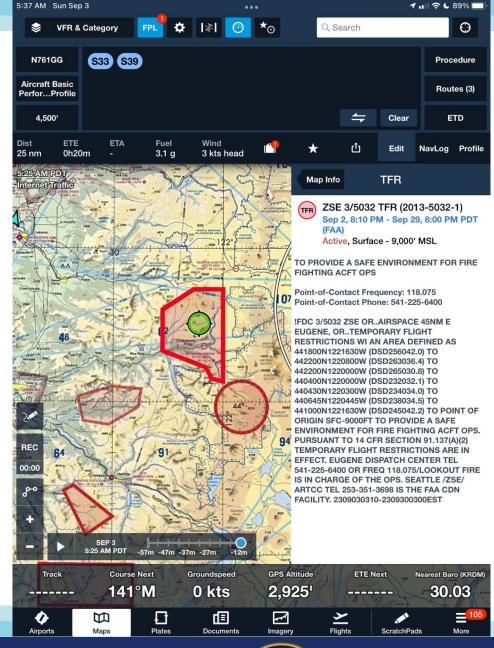
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Check NOTAMS!









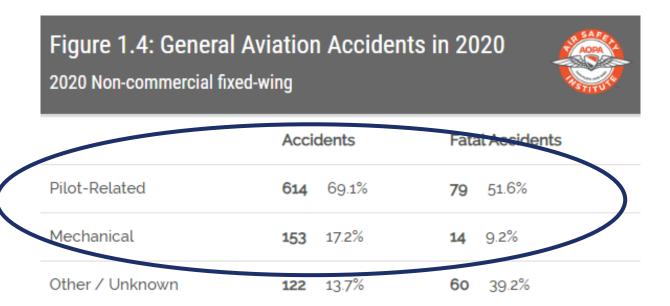
General Aviation Joint Safety Committee (GAJSC) & FAA Accident Study Findings

...although the maintenance personnel made the initial mistake, the pilot could have prevented the accident by performing a thorough or advanced preflight check.





The 32nd Joseph T. Nall Report



 "Pilot-Related" and "Mechanical" could include accidents due to inadequate pre-flight inspections

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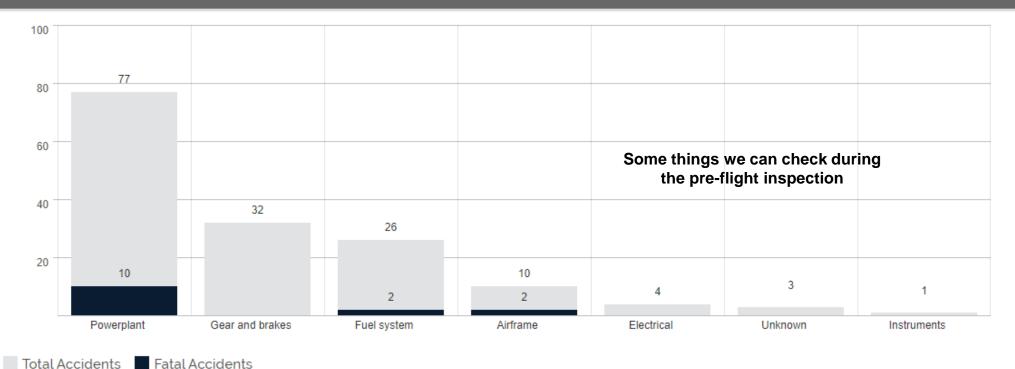


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Figure 1.8.2: Types of mechanical accidents

2020 Non-commercial fixed-wing



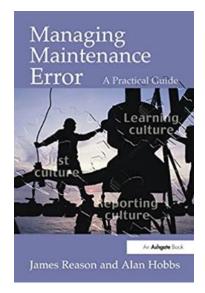


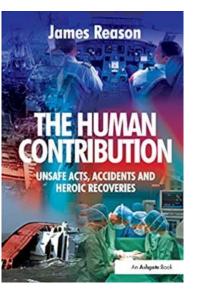
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Responsibility

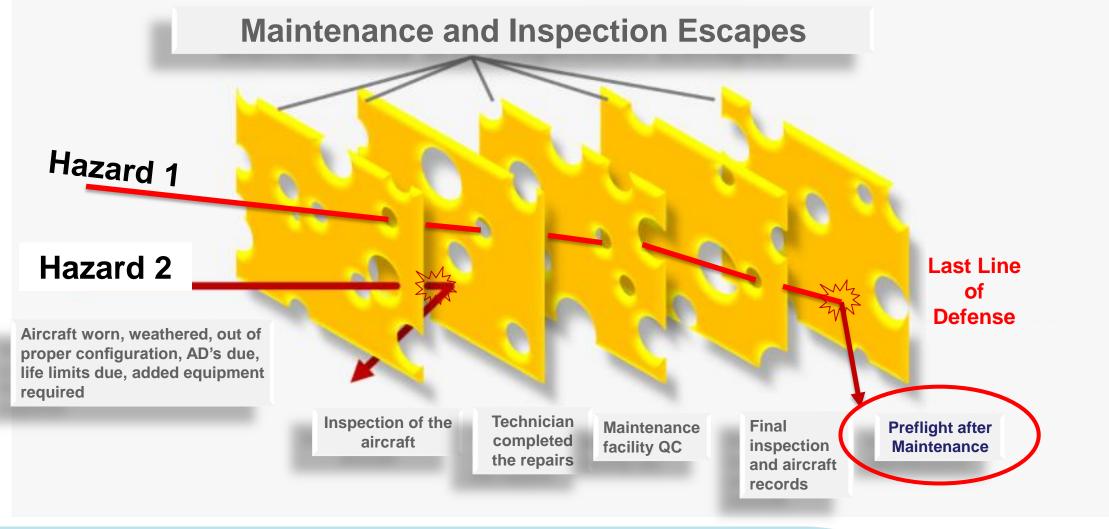
- You, the PIC, are the final authority to ensure airworthiness
- This remarkable responsibly requires serious thought and engagement...much more than a cursory glance whilst texting
- The pre-flight is the last line of defense







Responsibility: Swiss Cheese Model





Maintenance Education - 1

- Even (<u>especially</u>) if you are outsourcing maintenance to a shop or independent A&P, you would be wise to have a solid knowledge of:
 - Your airplane(s)
 - Have copies of all manuals—Service Manuals, Illustrated Parts Lists, etc.
 - Read all of Mike Busch's articles, webinars (AOPA and EAA) and books
 - Article/webinar examples:
 - Is Engine TBO a myth?
 - Oleos
 - Making Metal
 - When to Overhaul
 - How to Flunk an Annual Inspection
 - Why I Hate Pulling Jugs
 - All about Oil



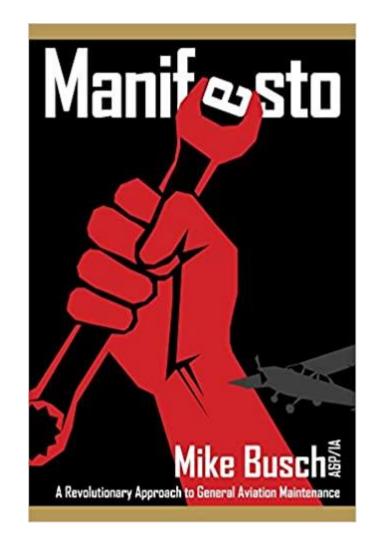
Maintenance Education - 2

- If you intend to do preventative maintenance, you should absolutely:
 - Know what you legally can/cannot do (Part 43)
 - Be realistic about what you are able/capable of doing and your skills to do it
 - Have the right tools (opportunity for more tools…!)
 - Understand approved techniques and methods of maintenance and repair
 - Have copies of all manuals—Service Manuals, Illustrated Parts Lists



Mike Busch's Manifesto

Owners are advised to perform the absolute least amount of maintenance required to make their aircraft safe, reliable and legal... and nothing more.

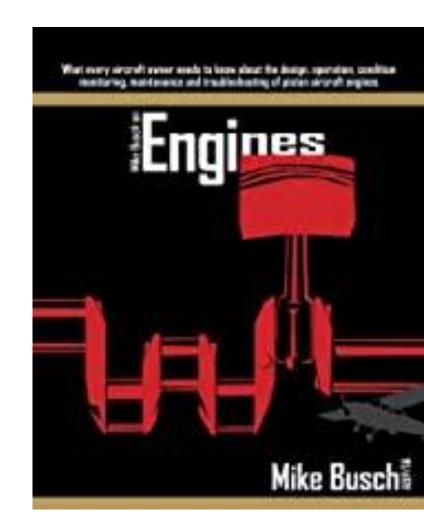




Mike Busch's Engines

Much of what you have heard about engine operation is just plain wrong and not supported by the facts.

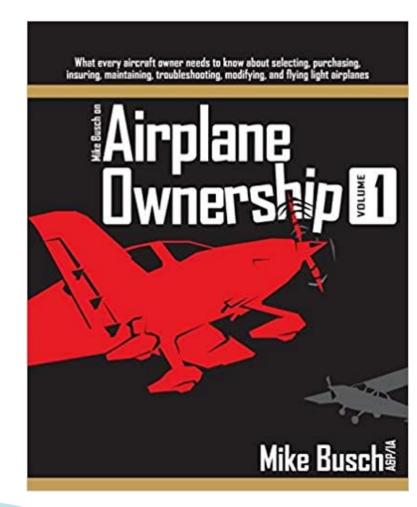
...you should overhaul and repair your engine on the basis of need or "condition" and not based on arbitrary time intervals such as TBO.





Mike Busch's Aircraft Ownership Vol. 1

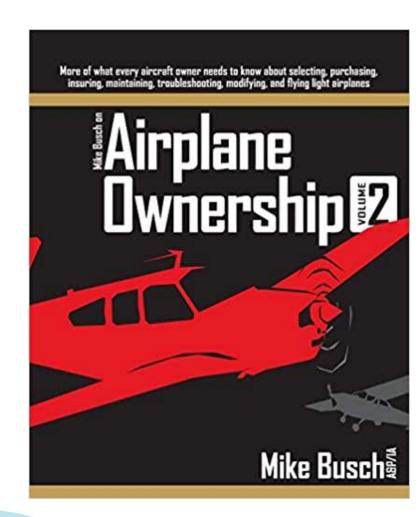
- Busch emphasizes that it is the aircraft owner/operator-not the mechanic-who bears the regulatory responsibility for airworthiness.
- He offers guidance about the all-important post-maintenance test flight, and how to deal with an owner's worst nightmare: a mechanical breakdown far from home.





Mike Busch's Aircraft Ownership Vol. 2

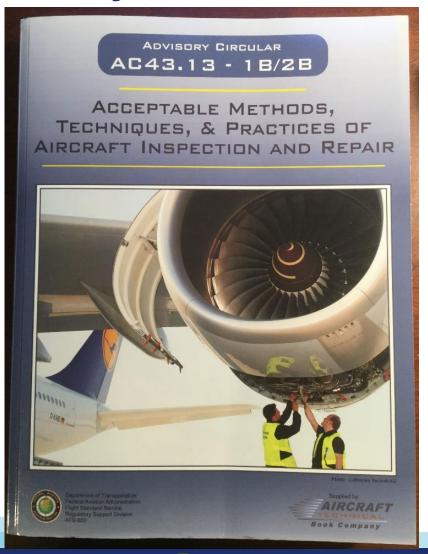
- Mike takes the reader on a guided tour through the various aircraft systems, discussing the operation, care and feeding of each one.
- The volume concludes with Busch's thoughts about the future of owner-flown general aviation and where we're headed.





Other Titles for Your Maintenance Library

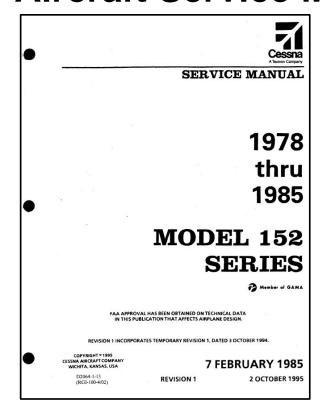
- AC 43.13 1B/2B
- A "must" for your aviation library
- Curl up on the sofa and give it a solid read
- You WILL learn a lot!



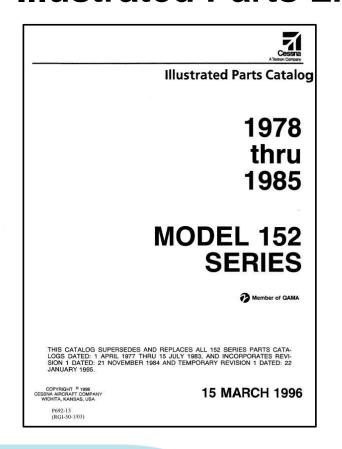


Other Titles for Your Maintenance Library

Aircraft Service Manual



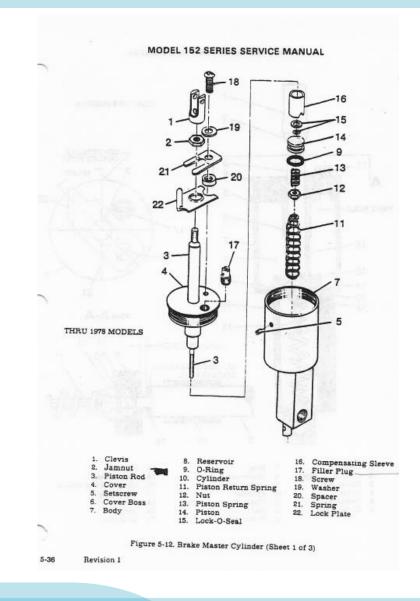
Illustrated Parts List





Service Manual

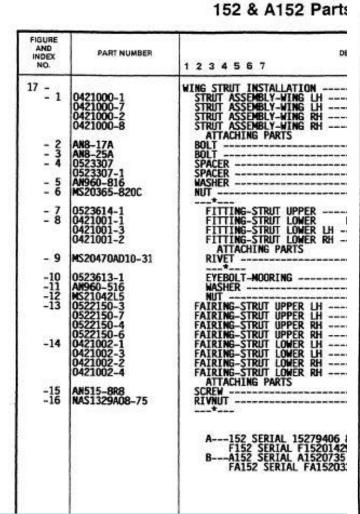
- Aircraft Service Manual
- Description, remove, repair, assembly
- How it looks
- How it (should) go back together
- Allows you to cross-check work

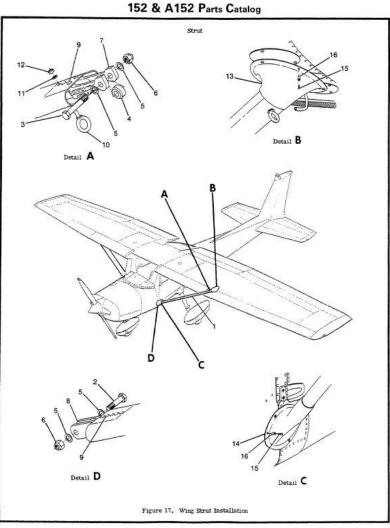




Example from Illustrated Parts List

- Part number
- Correct one listed in the logbook?
- PMA?
 - Parts Manufacturer
 Approval (PMA) is an approval granted by the FAA to a manufacturer of aircraft parts
- · STC?
 - Supplementary Type Certificate
 - For example, different prop







Airworthiness: TCDS and STC

An aircraft with a Type Certificate (TC) is airworthy when:

- It conforms to its U.S. Type Certificate Data Sheet
- It is in a Condition for Safe Operation (CSO).

A non-type-certificated aircraft is airworthy when:

It is in a Condition for Safe Operation (14 CFR Part 3.5)



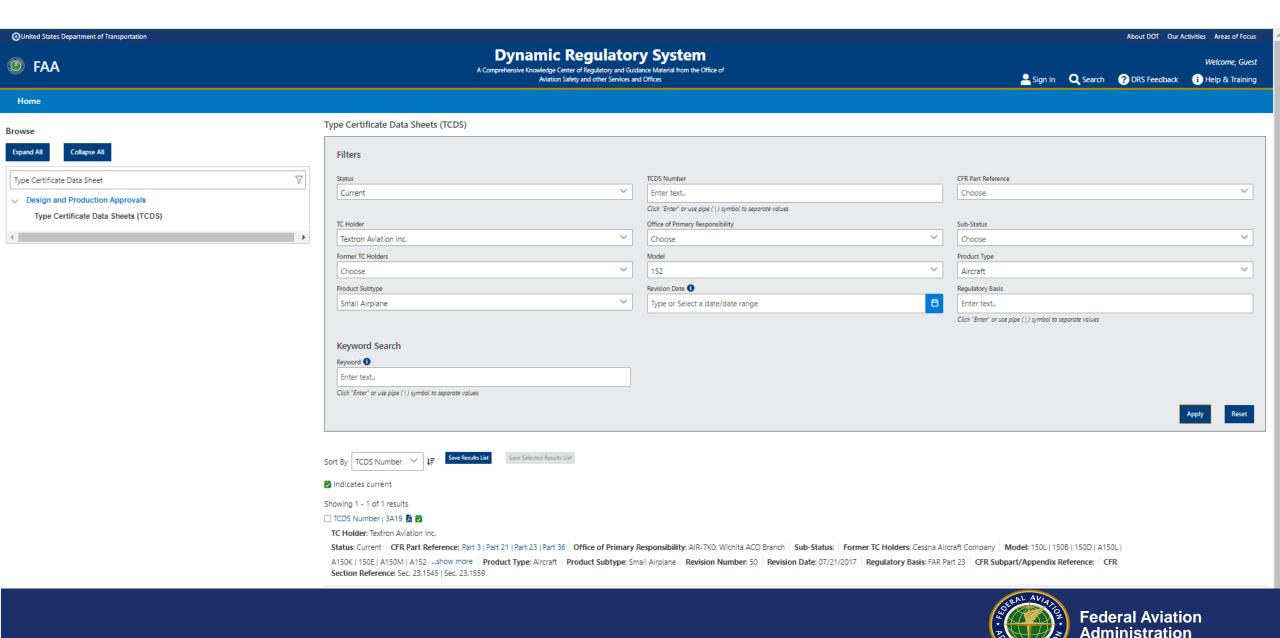
Does Your Aircraft Have a Type Certificate?

TYPE CERTIFICATE DATA SHEET

The type certificate data sheet (TCDS) is like a birth certificate, and provides a formal description of the aircraft, engine or propeller that has received type certification by the FAA. It lists limitations and information required for type certification including airspeed limits, weight limits, thrust limitations, etc.



Where to find the TCDS



TCDS for A152 Aerobat

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

	3A19
	Revision 50
	Textron Aviation Inc.
150	150J
150A	150K
150B	A150K
150C	150L
150D	A150L
150E	150M
150F	A150M
150G	152
150H	A152
1	July 21, 2017

"WARNING: Use of alcohol-based fuels can cause serious performance degradation and fuel system component damage, and is therefore prohibited on Cessna airplanes."

TYPE CERTIFICATE DATA SHEET NO. 3A19

This data sheet which is a part of type certificate No. 3A19 prescribes conditions and limitations under which the product for which the type certificate was issued meets the airworthiness requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Type Certificate Holder: Textron Aviation Inc.

One Cessna Boulevard Wichita, Kansas 67215

Type Certificate Holder Record: Cessna Aircraft Company transferred to

Textron Aviation Inc. on July 29, 2015

I. Model 150, 2 PCLM (Utility Category), Approved July 10, 1958 Model 150A, 2 PCLM (Utility Category), Approved June 14, 1960 Model 150B, 2 PCLM (Utility Category), Approved June 20, 1961 Model 150C, 2 PCLM (Utility Category), Approved June 15, 1962

Continental O-200-A Engine

80/87 min. grade aviation gasoline

*Engine Limits For all operations, 2750 r.p.m. (100 hp.)

Propeller and Sensenich 69CK 24 lb. (-32) Propeller Limits

Diameter: not over 69 in., not under 67.5 in. Static r.p.m. at maximum permissible throttle setting:

not over 2470, not under 2320

No additional tolerance permitted

McCauley 1A100/MCM 21 lb. (-32)

Diameter: not over 69 in., not under 67.5 in.

Static r.p.m. at maximum permissible throttle setting:

not over 2475, not under 2375 No additional tolerance permitted

McCauley 1A101/DCM 21 lb. (-32)

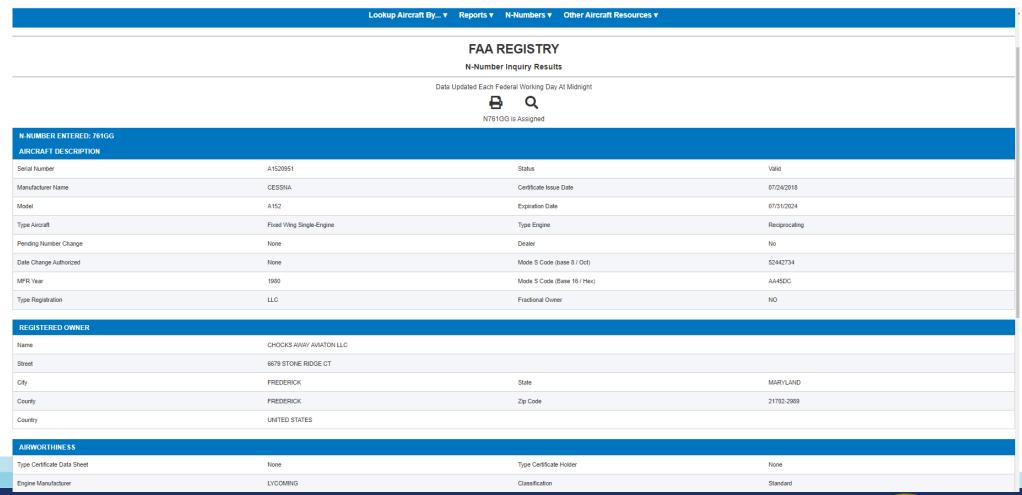
Diameter: not over 69 in., not under 67.5 in. Static r.p.m. at maximum permissible throttle setting:

not over 2600, not under 2500

No additional tolerance permitted

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Yet more information about your specific aeroplane...N Number Registry





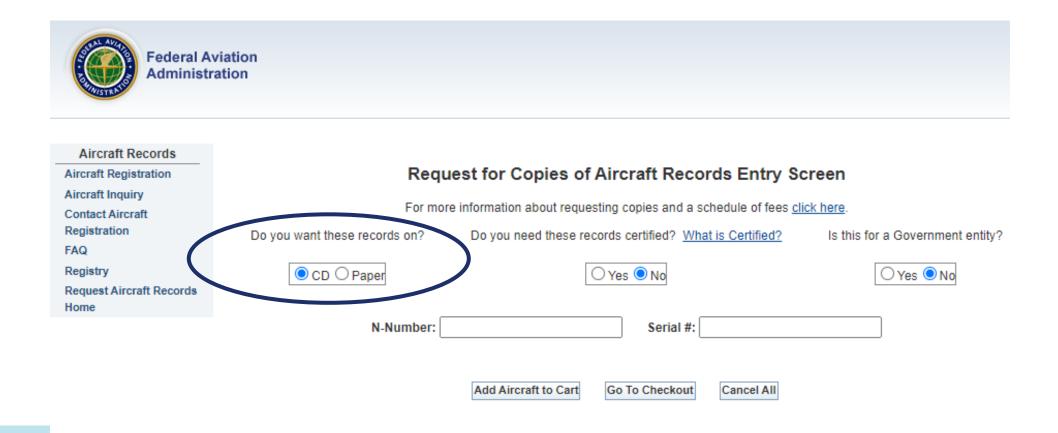
Yet more information about your specific aeroplane ...

AIRWORTHINESS							
Type Certificate Data Sheet	None	Type Certificate Holder	None				
Engine Manufacturer	LYCOMING	Classification	Standard				
Engine Model	0-235 SERIES	Category	Acrobatic				
A/W Date	09/05/1980	Exception Code	No				
The information contained in this record should be the most current Airworthiness information available in the historical aircraft record. However, this data alone does not provide the basis for a determination regarding the airworthiness of an aircraft configuration. For specific information, you may request a copy of the aircraft record at http://aircraft.faa.gov/e.gov/ND/							

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Yet more information about your specific aeroplane ...Huh...CD or Paper?





Airworthiness Certificate is Necessary But Not Sufficient

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE

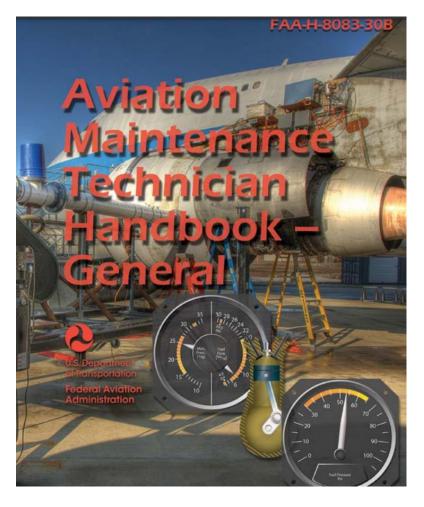
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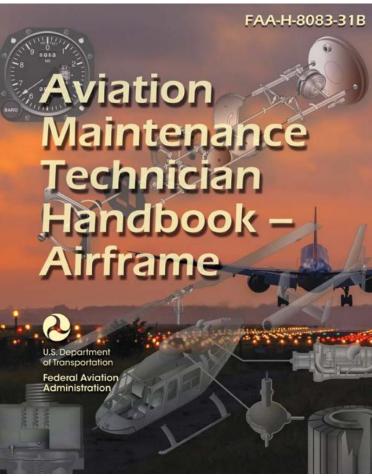
Unless sooner surrendered, suspended, revoked, or a termination date is otherwise established by the Administrator, this airworthiness certificate is effective <u>as long as the maintenance</u>, <u>preventive maintenance</u>, <u>and alterations</u> <u>are performed in accordance with Parts 21, 43, and 91, of the Federal Aviation Regulations</u>, as <u>appropriate</u>, and the aircraft is registered in the United States.

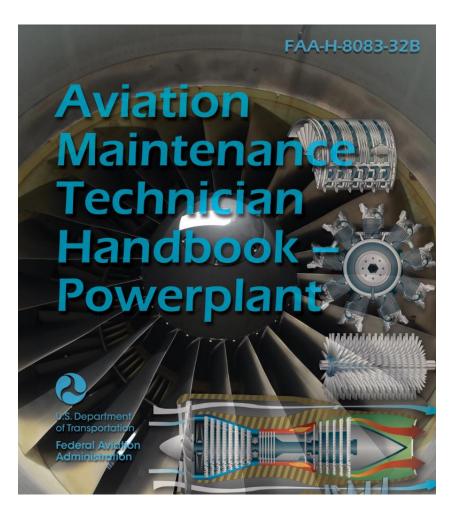
DATE OF ISSUANCE	FAA REPRESENTATIVE	DESIGNATION NUMBER
Any alteration, reproduction, or misuse of this THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE DISPLAYED AVIATION REGULATIONS.	s certificate may be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$ IN THE AIRCRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICAE	1,000. or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both.
FAA Form 8100-2		



Become Educated: Want More...?









Become Educated: Part 43

- FAR 43.3 permits a pilot to perform preventive maintenance on an aircraft provided the aircraft is used strictly for noncommercial operations under Part 91
- Pilots > PPL may do this all by themselves without any A&P involvement...Umm...
 - Just because you can, doesn't mean you should
 - Be careful what you wish for...
- Wise to have someone else watch or double check more eyes find more things



Maintenance and Inspections

Maintenance:

- Preventative = Stop things going wrong
- Corrective = Fix things that went wrong
- Involves taking things apart and perhaps replacing things
- May have to remove other things to get to the thing

Inspections:

- Can be equally invasive
- Look at the planes Service Manual and…
- FAR 43 Appendix D
- Helps you know what should've been poked and prodded

Service Bulletins and ADs

- Part 91 not required to conform to SBs…but understand them!
- LSAs are required to conform to manufacturer's SBs
- Everyone must comply with FAA issued ADs

MODEL 152 SERIES SERVICE MANUAL

	TYPE OF INSPECT	ION		
	(Refer to Para. 2-50) 3. PROGRESSIVE	INTE	RVAL	HRS
	(Refer to Para. 2-49) 2. SPECIAL			1
	(Refer to Para. 2-48) 1. 100 HR/ANNUA	L T]	
13.	Compression check			200
14.	Crankcase and vacuum system breather lines		1	200
15.	Electrical wiring		1	100
16.	Vacuum pump	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		100
17.	Vacuum relief valve filter		20	100
18.	Engine controls and linkage	2000	5	100
19.	Engine shock mounts, mount structure and ground			
	straps		1	200
20.	Cabin heat valves, doors and controls			200
21.	Starter, solenoid and electrical connections		1	100
22.	Starter brushes, brush leads and commutator		6	500
23.	Alternator mounting bracket			100
24.	Alternator, belt and electrical connections		15	100
25.	Alternator brushes, brush leads, commutator or	1		
	slip ring		6	
26.	Voltage regulator mounting and electrical leads			100
27.	Magnetos (externally) and electrical connections		18	100
28.	Magnetos (internally)		23	200
29.	Magneto timing		7	100
30.	Carburetor and drain plug			100
31.	Firewall			200
32.	Engine cowling			100
33.	Tappet clearance		14	
34.	Vacuum system central air filter		21	200
FUEL SYS			NO.00	
1.	Fuel strainer, drain valve and control			100
2.	Fuel strainer screen and bowl			100
3.	Fuel tank vents, caps and placards			100
4.	Fuel tanks, sump drains and fuel line drains	•		100
5.	Drain fuel and check tank interior, attachment and	1		
	outlet screens	•	4	



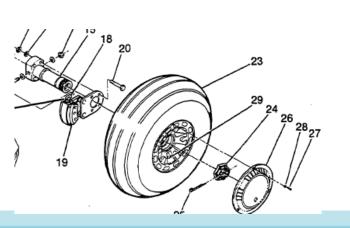
After Maintenance and Inspections...

- If the plane has been "returned to service"...mechanic thinks it is ready to fly...but whose butt is in the seat?
- Ask the mechanic if they would like to go for a ride after maintenance...
 - Confidently climbs in, or removes the cowls for just one more check...?
- At this point we must become detailed "Forensic Detectives"
 - What should have been done?
 - What was actually done?
 - What work was required to get at the part that was inspected/replaced?
- Not all "work" may be listed in the logbooks
 - Helps to know your plane, so you can "reverse engineer" a work task
 - Example: Greasing wheel bearings involves removing brake calipers, wheel, the bearings...description may
 just be "Greased wheel bearings IAW service manual..."
 - Service, illustrated parts and maintenance manuals give you big clues as to what was "disturbed"
 - You should be checking the "chain" not just the end task!



Pre-Flight Checklist After Maintenance

- Change the mind set
 - No-Go/Go
 - Start with the assumption that the A/C is not airworthy. Your task is to show that it is...
 - Checklist...safety wire in place. But is it correct?
- Checklist gives you a guide and "sequential flow" to help prevent missing things
- Only useful if you follow it AND apply detective-work ADVANCED preflight!
- "Check Left Main Wheel".
 - If it was removed, we should take off the hub cap and ensure there is a spit pin through the axle and castellated nut
 - We must also check the brake caliper safety wiring in place and correct









Pre-Flight Checklist After Maintenance

- Get it? Need to do an ADVANCED PREFLIGHT based on not just what was done, but what was touched and impacted
- Pre-flight is the last, independent chance to check before becoming "Chuck, the Test Pilot"
- Tip: Get into the habit of smelling your airplane. Develop a baseline so you can sniff-out differences:
 - You can smell around corners...
 - Oil, acid, hydraulic fluid, electrical smells...
 - Understand every new smell



Do NOT Assume the part(s) replaced are the ONLY parts removed

Turbo Commander 114

Issue: Magneto repair

Task: Remove cowling, left hand exhaust system, turbo charger, and supplementary equipment on the LH side of the engine for access, remove magneto...
What would you check?





Do NOT Assume the part(s) replaced are the ONLY parts removed

Cessna C172

Issue: Replace alternator belt

Task: Remove cowling, remove the propeller, loosen the alternator, remove the belt, reinstall...

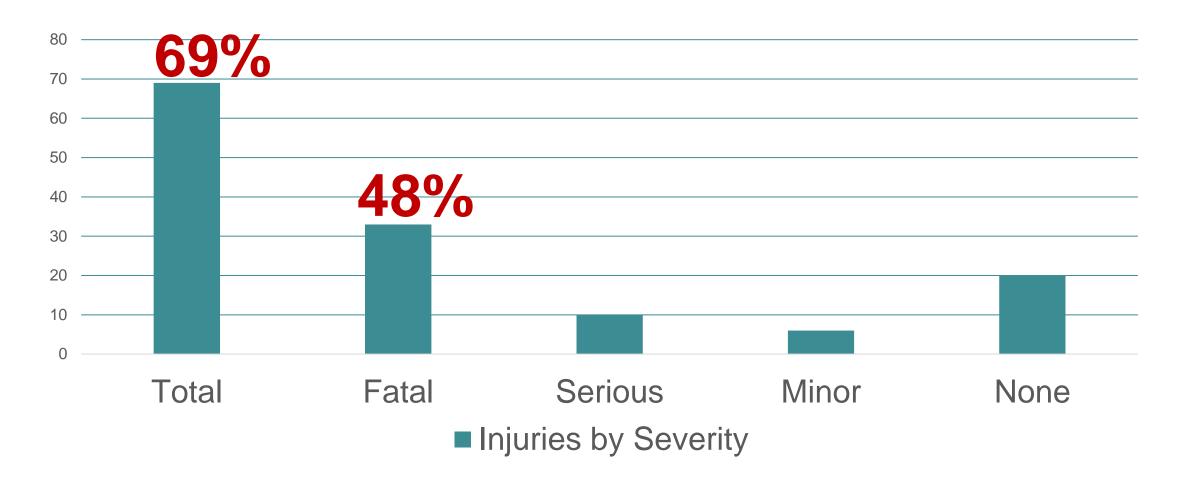
What would you check?



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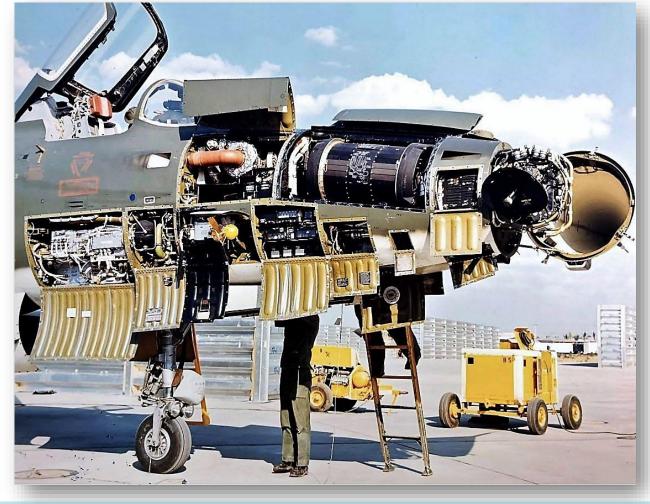


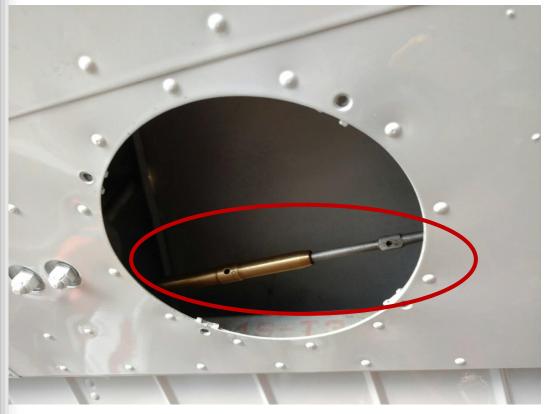
NTSB Data: Control Lock as Causal Factor





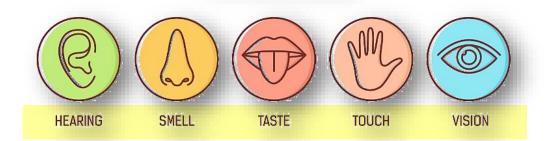
Make sure all inspection panels are secure and their fasteners are tight!







- Do you SMELL anything abnormal?
- Fuel, oil, acid, hydraulic fluid?
- Does it vibrate more than usual (FEEL)?
- Do you TASTE (or SMELL) burning electrical items?
- Step 10 to 15 feet back from the airplane, does anything LOOK out of place?
- Be prepared to abort takeoff if something goes wrong or doesn't feel right...oh, wait...always be prepared to abort!





Some Recent Preflight Discoveries







First Flight After Maintenance

- Okay first pre-flight "passed"
- Next up is the first flight after maintenance
- Will do a whole seminar on this topic in the future...
- Make a plan and schedule...do this, then do that, then...
- Please send me details of your process for first flights after maintenance

 From own experience (first flight after engine replacement..)...and from Art Bridge (and his Dad)...



First Flight After Maintenance

- Start, warm up and run-up the engine, cycle the propeller, operate all engine controls
 - New engines are "tight" watch for overheating
- Shut down, remove cowlings and inspect...look, smell...
- High-speed taxi...request as necessary and be courteous
- Do another run up
- Request TO and climb over the runway to 2,000' AGL (explain why!)
- Do a few high patterns at altitude, checking the engine gauges, feel of controls, etc.
- If everything looks and sounds correct, circle for altitude then known route
- Fly airport to airport for possible unplanned landings
- On return, remove cowlings, look, smell.
- Later for leaks...
- Check all fasteners and retorque things than need retorquing



What to plan for in 2024...

Join us for "Preflight in a Box" – an educational package that includes hands-on preflight of one or more aircraft...

"TELL US WHY THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT BE FLOWN..."

FAASafety.gov users watch for a SPANS announcement soon or contact your local FAASTeam Program Manager for more information.



Resources

- FAA Safety Briefing—Advanced Preflight After Maintenance: <u>https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/safety-briefing/advanced-preflight-after-maintenance</u>
- NTSB Safety Alert Advanced Preflight After Maintenance: https://go.usa.gov/cK7Py
- FAA's Advanced Preflight Pamphlet: https://go.usa.gov/xVy44
- "Advanced Preflight," FAA Safety Briefing, Mar/Apr 2012: https://go.usa.gov/cK7ma
- Aviation Safety: "Stop the Rush"—
 https://www.aviationsafetymagazine.com/risk_management/stop-the-rush/



Summary and Learning Points:

- Responsibility all yours...
- Participate in, or observe your mechanic perform maintenance and inspections
- Educate yourself—know your aircraft
- Know what "airworthy" really means
- Learn all you can about the maintenance that was performed
- Don't assume the part(s) replaced were the only parts removed
- Peek behind inspection panels to know what hides there
- Pay attention to control positions. Unimpeded and correct direction? Requires thought!
- Make sure all inspection panels are secure and their fasteners are tight
- Check fuel tank for water, sediment, and proper fuel grade
- After an oil change, always check the engine oil level...
- Always check the logbooks and paperwork prior to flight to ensure the records have been entered...but even then, doesn't mean that they are correct...



WINGS—Proficiency and Peace of Mind

- Fly regularly with your CFI
- Document in WINGS
- Proficient Pilots are:
 - Confident
 - Capable
 - Safe
- WINGS will keep you on top of your game
- Cheaper insurance, stay alive to enjoy it!

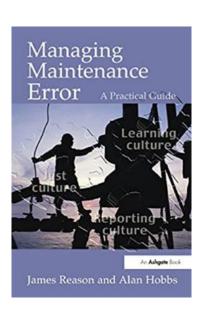




Homework-1: Education

Read "Managing Maintenance Error"

- Get copies of your aircraft's maintenance manuals— Airframe, Engine, Propeller:
 - Illustrated Parts Manual
 - Service Manual
- Read Mike Busch's books, and his articles in EAA Sport Aviation and AOPA Pilot magazines





Homework-2 (Overdue from last month)

- New Human Factors Course—Ten Modules
- Log into <u>faasafety.gov</u>, go to activities-> courses-> all available courses
 - Then scroll to find these ALC codes—one per module:
 - 730, 731, 732, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830
 - Here is a handy QR code to get you to modules 1 and 2:





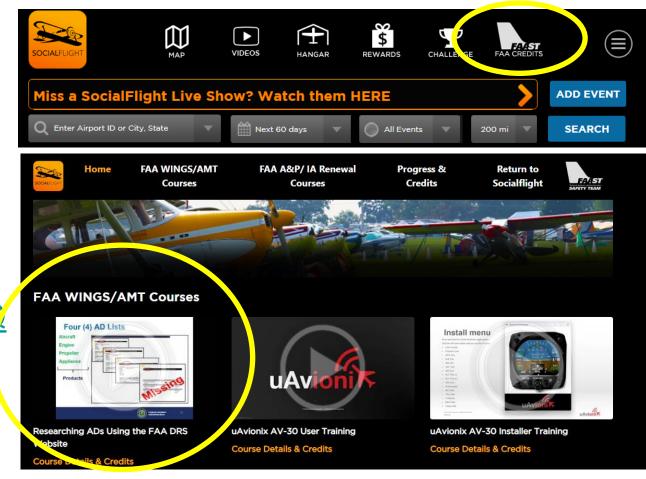
Homework-3a: DRS and ADs

- Learn how to use the FAA DRS
 - https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/programs/drshttp
 s://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/programs/drs/faq
 - https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/programs/drs



Homework-3b: DRS and ADs

- Researching ADs Using the FAA DRS Website (WINGS credit)
 - Log in to Social Flight
 - Click on FAASTeam FAA Credits
 - Search for "Researching ADs Using the FAA DRS Website"
- Or...
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuQdQUHzY-0
- Create an AD list for your plane
 - Airframe
 - Engine
 - Accessories





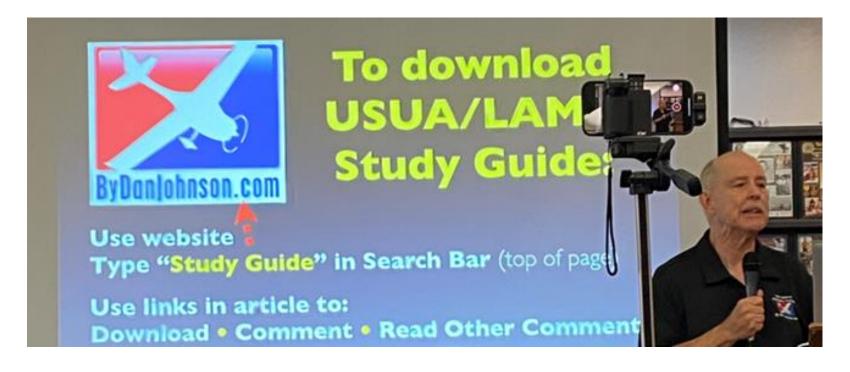
Homework-4a: MOSAIC

- Read the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for "The Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification" (MOSAIC)
 - https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/24/2023-14425/modernization-of-special-airworthiness-certification
- Follow industry opinions:
 - https://www.eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/mosaicextension?utm_source=ehotline_230824&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=advocacy_20 23&mkt_tok
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 - https://www.eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/mosic-takes-significant-step-forward
 - https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/july/25/mosaic-proposed-rule-published
- Exercise your rights and send your comments to the FAA



Homework-4b: MOSAIC

Handy Study Guide to MOSAIC



•Exercise your rights and send your comments to the FAA



Homework-5-: SLAP

After every flight, SLAP yourself and create actions for the next flight:

S: How were my Skills today?

L: What did I Learn today?

A: How was my ADM today?

P: How was my Planning today?



Next Month...

- New "Fiscal Year"...so don't really know yet...
- Probably Aeromedicine—something like "Pills and the Pilot"







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