

Term / Acronym	Definition
AC	Advisory Circular
Accepted	When data is determined to be suitable for its intended function but is not 'Approved'
ACE	Aircraft Certification Engineer [FAA- ACO]
ACO	Aircraft Certification Office [a FAA Branch]
ACSEP	Aircraft Certification Systems Evaluation Program [FAA Audit]
AD	Airworthiness Directive - Issued by FAA
AEG	Aircraft Equipment Group [a FAA Branch]
AFM	Airplane Flight Manual
AML	Approved Materials List / Approved Model List
AMM	Aircraft Maintenance Manual
APIS	Approved Production Inspection System
Approved	Approved by the FAA or his Authorized Designee
AR	Authorized Representative [an ODA Member (Engineering or Manufacturing)]
Article	A material, part, component, process, or appliance.
AS	National Aerospace Standards
ASI	Airworthiness Safety Inspector
BAA	Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement
BASA	Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement
C of A	Certificate of Airworthiness
CA	Certificating Authority
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAR	Civil Air Regulation
Certification Lab Test	Test conducted on conformed equipment installed in laboratories, fixtures, etc.
Certification Plan	Document that describes how Applicant intends to demonstrate compliance of the design to the CFRs
Certification Test	Test conducted on an aircraft to find compliance with a TIA or Certificate of Conformity
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Change Product Rule	Certification process defined in 14 CFR §21.101
CMM	Component Maintenance Manual
Company Testing	Test conducted to show compliance on an aircraft prior to issuance of a TIA
Compliance Checklist	A formal method of documenting compliance to all applicable regulations during certification
Conformity Inspections	Inspections to verify and provide objective documentation that test articles, parts, installations, and test set-ups conform to the design.
Conformity Plan	Describes the actions necessary to ensure required inspections are accomplished
CPN	Certification Project Notification
DAR	Designated Airworthiness Representative
DAR-F	Designated Airworthiness Representative (Manufacturing)
DAR-T	Designated Airworthiness Representative (Maintenance)
DAS	Designated Alteration Station
DER	Designated Engineering Representative
DER-T	Designated Engineering Representative (Consultant)
DER-Y	Designated Engineering Representative (Company)
Development Testing	Tests to determine feasibility of a change
DMIR	Designated Manufacturing Inspection Representative
EASA	European Aviation Safety Administration
eCOA	Electronic Certificate of Authority Letter for a designee specifying authorized functions
ELOS	Equivalent Level of Safety
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAI	First Article Inspection
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulations
Finding	A show of compliance
FIS	Fabrication Inspection System
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FSDO	Flight Standard District Office [a FAA Branch]
ICA	Instructions for Continued Airworthiness
IFCAW	Instructions for Continued Airworthiness [a k a : ICA]
IP	Issue Paper
IPC	Illustrated Parts Catalog

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Major Change	A type design change that has an appreciable effect on weight, balance, structural strength, reliability, operational characteristics or other characteristics affecting airworthiness of the product per 14 CFR §21.93
MARPA	Modification and Replacement Parts Association
MCO	Military Certification Office
MIDO	Manufacturing Inspection District Office [a FAA Branch]
Minor Change	Any type design change that is not a Major Change as defined above per 14 CFR §21.93
MIS	Manufacturing Inspection Specialist [a FAA Staff Position]
MMEL	Master Minimum Equipment List
MRP	Modification and Replacement Parts [ 14 C F R Part 21.303 )
MS	Military Standard
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
ODA	Organization Designation Authorization
ODAR	Organizational Designated Alrworthiness Representative
ODAR-F	Organizational Designated Alrworthiness Representative [Manufacturing]
ODAR-T	Organizational Designated Alrworthiness Representative [Maintenance]
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
Orders	FAA Orders Issued to define methods or procedures to accomplish rules
PACO	Project Aircraft Certification Office
PAH	Production Approval Holder
PC	Production Certificate
PM 's	Policy Memo's - FAA driven guidance to accomplish FAR , Orders, AC's
PMA	Parts Manufacturing Approval
PMI	Principle Maint Inspector [FAA FSDO]
Product	Aircraft, Engine or Propeller
PSCP	Project Specific Certification Plan
PSP	Partnership for Safety Plan
RFC	Request For Conormlty Issued by ACO to MIDO or FSDO
RGL	Regulatory and Guidance Library
SB	Service Bulletin [Issued by OEM, TC, STC, TSO, or PMA]
Significant Change	A change to the type certificate, a new STC, or an existing STC, to the extent that it changes the general configuration, principles of construction, or the assumptions used for certification, but not to the extent to be considered a substantial change per 14 CFR §21.101 (b)(1)
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SRM	Structural Repair Manual
STC	Supplernental Type Certificate
Substantial Change	An change requiring a complete investigation of compliance with the applicable regulations in support of a new type certificate
Summary Compliance Report	Document informing the FAA of a completed Certification Project by describing how the applicable airworthiness requirements were shown to be in compliance. Contains the Compliance Checklist
TC	Type Certificate
TCDS	Type Certificate Data Sheet [Approved FAA document defining a Configuration of a Type Certificated Product
Test Plan/Procedure	Document defining method to be used to verify and ensure a product meets a rule.
Test Report	Document memorializing test results achieved by executing a test plan/procedure
TIA	Type Inspection Authorization, Official conformity prior to flight tests
TIR	Type Inspection Report
TSO	Technical Standard Order