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Standard Practice for Independent Audit Program for Light Aircraft Manufacturers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice establishes a minimum set of requirements for a Manufacturer Independent Audit Program in compliance with Practice F2839.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

F2839 Practice for Compliance Audits to ASTM Standards on Light Sport Aircraft

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *finding*—a non-fulfillment of a requirement that may affect the ability of the aircraft manufacturer to comply with the provisions for compliance of the relevant CAA.

3.1.2 *independent audit*—an audit of an aircraft manufacturer and its associate facilities by an external auditing entity to determine compliance with CAA-accepted consensus standards, and procedures established to meet those requirements.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice establishes the minimum set of requirements for an independent audit program for aircraft manufacturers. The intended use is to provide minimum requirements for an initial assessment of manufacturers bringing a new aircraft model to market, or for periodic review of an existing manufacturer's operations.

4.2 Compliance to this practice would ensure that the audit program and those who execute it meet the consensus set of minimum requirements and qualifications.

4.3 This practice does not mandate manufacturer independent audits.

4.4 Independent audits are to be conducted only at the request of the manufacturer or relevant CAA.

5. Audit Criteria

5.1 *Initial Assessment*—When performing an initial assessment audit of an aircraft manufacturer, the auditor(s) shall review compliance to the consensus standards for the aircraft being produced.

5.1.1 The auditing entity shall verify that the referenced consensus standards are appropriate and accepted by the relevant CAA.

5.1.2 At a minimum, the auditor(s) shall assess compliance to the following processes as applicable to the category of aircraft being produced:

- 5.1.2.1 Aircraft Design and Performance;
- 5.1.2.2 Aircraft Operating Instructions;
- 5.1.2.3 Aircraft Maintenance and Inspection Procedures;
- 5.1.2.4 Aircraft Flight Training Supplement (as applicable);
- 5.1.2.5 Manufacturer's Quality Assurance System;
- 5.1.2.6 Manufacturer's Continued Operational Safety Program;

5.1.2.7 Any specific requirements mandated by relevant CAA.

5.1.3 Assessment of compliance shall be comprehensive and verifiable.

NOTE 1—Assessment of compliance to applicable standards does not require a determination of technical or design merit to be made by the auditing entity.