



Standard Specification for Control, Operational Characteristics and Installation of Instruments and Sensors of Propulsion Systems¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers minimum requirements for the control, indication, and operational characteristics of propulsion systems. It was developed based on propulsion system installed on aeroplanes, but may be applicable to other applications as well.

1.2 The applicant for a design approval must seek the individual guidance to their respective CAA body concerning the use of this standard as part of a certification plan. For information on which CAA regulatory bodies have accepted this standard (in whole or in part) as a means of compliance to their Aeroplane Airworthiness regulations (Hereinafter referred to as “the Rules”), refer to ASTM F44 webpage (www.ASTM.org/COMITTEE/F44.htm) which includes CAA website links.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated are SI units followed by imperial units in brackets. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.4 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[F3060 Terminology for Aircraft](#)

[F3062 Specification for the Installation of Powerplant Systems](#)

[F3063 Specification for Design and Integration of Fuel/](#)

[Energy Storage and Delivery System Installations](#)
[F3066 Specification for Powerplant Systems Hazard Mitigation](#)

[F3116 Specification for Design Loads and Conditions](#)

2.2 Other Standards:³

[US 14 CFR \(Code of Federal Regulations\) Part 23 Amendment 62](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 The following are a selection of relevant terms. See Terminology [F3060](#) for more definitions and abbreviations.

3.2 Definitions:

3.2.1 *automatic power reserve (APR) system, n*—the automatic system used only during takeoff, including all devices both mechanical and electrical that sense engine failure, transmit signals, actuate fuel controls or power levers on operating engines, including power sources, to achieve the scheduled power increase and furnish cockpit information on system operation.

3.2.2 *critical time interval, n*—period starting at V_1 minus one second and ending at the intersection of the engine and APR failure flight path line with the minimum performance all engine flight path line. The engine and APR failure flight path line intersects the one-engine-inoperative flight path line at 122 m (400 ft) above the takeoff surface. The engine and APR failure flight path is based on the airplane's performance and must have a positive gradient of at least 0.5 % at 122 m (400 ft) above the takeoff surface. See [Fig. 1](#).

3.2.3 *selected takeoff power, n*—the power obtained from each initial power setting approved for takeoff.

4. Engine Controls

4.1 General Requirements:

4.1.1 Powerplant controls must be located and arranged per US 14 CFR 23.777.

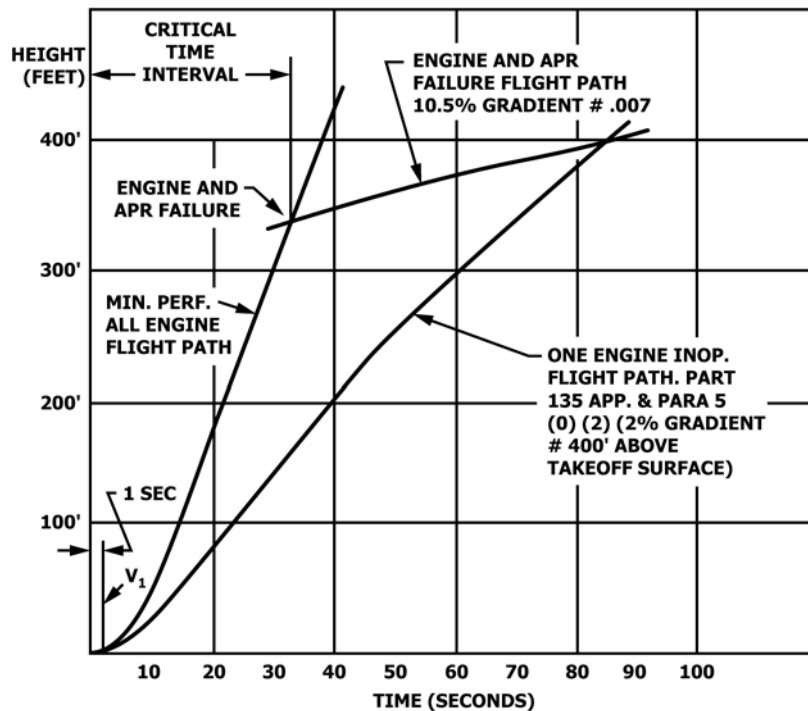
4.1.2 Each flexible control must be shown to be suitable for the particular application.

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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.

³ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.



(For Illustration only - typical for 120 K climb speed)

FIG. 1 Critical Time Interval

4.1.3 Each control must be able to maintain any necessary position without:

- 4.1.3.1 Constant attention by flight crew members; or
- 4.1.3.2 Tendency to creep due to control loads or vibration.

4.1.4 Each control must be able to withstand operating loads without failure or excessive deflection that will impede or negatively affect intended operation.

4.1.5 For turbine engine powered airplanes, no single failure or malfunction, or probable combination thereof, in any powerplant control system may cause the failure of any powerplant function necessary for safety.

4.1.6 The portion of each powerplant control located in the engine compartment that is required to be operated in the event of fire must be at least fire resistant.

4.1.7 Powerplant valve controls located in the cockpit must have:

4.1.7.1 For manual valves, positive stops or in the case of fuel valves suitable index provisions, in the open and closed position; and

4.1.7.2 For power-assisted valves, a means to indicate to the flight crew when the valve is in the fully open or fully closed position; or is moving between the fully open and fully closed position.

4.2 Ignition Switches:

4.2.1 Aeroplanes with combustion based engines must:

4.2.1.1 Have independent ignition switches that must control and shut off each ignition circuit on each engine.

4.2.1.2 Ensure that each group of ignition switches, except ignition switches for turbine engines for which continuous ignition is not required, and each master ignition control must have a means to prevent its inadvertent operation.

4.3 Power, Thrust, Supercharger Controls:

4.3.1 There must be a separate power or thrust control for each engine and a separate control for each supercharger that requires a control.

4.3.2 Each power, thrust, or supercharger control must give a positive and immediate responsive means of controlling its engine or supercharger.

4.3.3 The power, thrust, or supercharger controls for each engine or supercharger must be independent of those for every other engine or supercharger.

4.3.4 For each fluid injection (other than fuel) system and its controls not provided and approved as part of the engine, the applicant must show that the flow of the injection fluid is adequately controlled.

4.3.5 If a power, thrust, or a fuel control (other than a mixture control) incorporates a fuel shutoff feature, the control must have a means to prevent the inadvertent movement of the control into the shutoff position. This means must:

4.3.5.1 Have a positive lock or stop at the idle position; and

4.3.5.2 Require a separate and distinct operation to place the control in the shutoff position.

4.3.6 Each power or thrust control must be designed so that if a control separates at the engine fuel/energy metering device, the airplane is capable of continued safe flight and landing.

4.4 Fuel/Energy Mixture Controls:

4.4.1 If there are mixture controls, each engine must have a separate control.

4.4.2 Aeroplanes with a manual engine mixture control must be designed so that, if the control separates at the engine fuel/energy metering device, the airplane is capable of continued safe flight and landing.

4.5 *Propeller Speed Pitch and Feathering Controls:*

4.5.1 If there are propeller speed or pitch controls, they must:

4.5.1.1 Allow separate control of each propeller.

4.5.1.2 Allow ready synchronization of all propellers on multiengine airplanes.

4.5.2 If there are propeller feathering controls installed:

4.5.2.1 It must be possible to feather each propeller separately.

4.5.2.2 Each control must have a means to prevent inadvertent operation.

4.6 *Reverse Thrust and Propeller Pitch Settings:*

4.6.1 For turbine engine installations, each control for reverse thrust and for propeller pitch settings below the flight regime must have means to prevent its inadvertent operation that includes:

4.6.1.1 A positive lock or stop at the flight idle position.

4.6.1.2 A separate and distinct operation by the crew to displace the control from the flight regime (forward thrust regime for turbojet powered airplanes).

4.7 *Carburetor Air Temperature Controls:*

4.7.1 For carburetor equipped airplanes there must be a separate carburetor air temperature control for each engine.

4.8 *Auxiliary Power Unit Controls:*

4.8.1 Means must be provided on the flight deck for the starting, stopping, monitoring, and emergency shutdown of each installed auxiliary power unit.

4.9 *Powered Operated Valves:*

4.9.1 Power Operated valves must have a means to:

4.9.1.1 Indicate to the flight crew when the valve has reached the selected position; and

4.9.1.2 Not move from the selected position under vibration conditions likely to exist at the valve location.

4.10 *Fuel Valves and Energy Controls:*

4.10.1 There must be a means to allow appropriate flight crew members to rapidly shut off, in flight, the supply of fuel/energy to each engine individually.

4.10.2 No shutoff valve may be on the engine side of any firewall. In addition, there must be means to:

4.10.2.1 Guard against inadvertent operation of each shutoff valve; and

4.10.2.2 Allow appropriate flight crew members to reopen each valve rapidly after it has been closed.

4.10.3 Each valve and fuel system control must be supported so that loads resulting from its operation or from accelerated flight conditions are not transmitted to the lines connected to the valve.

4.10.4 Each valve and fuel system control must be installed so that gravity and vibration will not affect the selected position.

4.10.5 Each shutoff valve handle and its connections to the valve mechanism must have design features that minimize the possibility of incorrect installation.

4.10.6 Fuel tank selector valves must:

4.10.6.1 Have a separate and distinct action to place the selector in the “OFF” position; and

4.10.6.2 Have the tank selector positions located in such a manner that it is impossible for the selector to pass through the “OFF” position when changing from one tank to another.

5. **Powerplant Operational Characteristics and Installation**

5.1 *Powerplant Operating Characteristics:*

5.1.1 Turbine engine powerplant operating characteristics must:

5.1.1.1 Be investigated in flight to determine that no adverse characteristics (such as stall, surge, or flameout) are present, to a hazardous degree, during normal and emergency operations within the range of operating limitations of the airplane and of the engine.

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5.1.2 Forced air induction engine operating characteristics must be investigated in flight to assure that no adverse characteristics, as a result of an inadvertent overboost, surge, flooding, or vapor lock, are present during normal or emergency operation of the engine(s) throughout the range of operating limitations of both airplane and engine.

5.2 *Negative Acceleration:*

5.2.1 No hazardous malfunction of an engine, an auxiliary power unit approved for use in flight, or any component or system associated with the powerplant or auxiliary power unit may occur when the airplane is operated at the negative accelerations within the flight envelopes prescribed in Specification **F3116**. This must be shown for the greatest value and duration of the acceleration expected in service.

5.3 *Cooling—General:*

5.3.1 The powerplant and auxiliary power unit cooling provisions must:

5.3.1.1 Maintain the temperatures of powerplant components and engine fluids, and auxiliary power unit components and fluids within the limits established for those components and fluids under the most adverse ground, and water conditions; and

5.3.1.2 Demonstrate flight operations to the maximum altitude and maximum ambient atmospheric temperature conditions for which approval is requested, including after normal engine and auxiliary power unit shutdown.

5.4 *Cooling Tests—Correction Factors:*

5.4.1 *General*—Compliance with **5.3** must be shown on the basis of tests, for which the following apply:

5.4.1.1 If the tests are conducted under ambient atmospheric temperature conditions deviating from the maximum for which approval is requested, the recorded powerplant temperatures must be corrected under **5.4.3** and **5.4.4**, unless a more rational correction method is applicable.

5.4.1.2 No corrected temperature determined under **5.4.1.1** of this standard may exceed established limits.

5.4.1.3 The fuel used during the cooling tests must be of the minimum grade approved for the engine.