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Standard Specification for Environmental Systems in Small Aircraft¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers international standards for the environmental system aspects of airworthiness and design for “small” aircraft.

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

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. 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 Following is a list of external standards referenced throughout this specification; the earliest revision acceptable for use is indicated. In all cases later document revisions are acceptable if shown to be equivalent to the listed revision, or if otherwise formally accepted by the governing civil aviation authority; earlier revisions are not acceptable.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*²
[F3060 Terminology for Aircraft](#)

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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.

[F3061/F3061M Specification for Systems and Equipment in Small Aircraft](#)

[F3083/F3083M Specification for Emergency Conditions, Occupant Safety and Accommodations](#)

[F3230 Practice for Safety Assessments of Systems and Equipment in Small Aircraft](#)

[F3233/F3233M Specification for Instrumentation in Small Aircraft](#)

2.3 *SAE Standards:*³

[SAE AIR825/4, Rev A Chemical Oxygen Systems](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Terminology specific to this specification is provided below. For general terminology, refer to Terminology [F3060](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *aircraft type code, n*—an aircraft type code (ATC) is defined by considering both the technical considerations regarding the design of the aircraft and the airworthiness level established based upon risk-based criteria; the method of defining an ATC applicable to this specification is defined in Specification [F3061/F3061M](#).

3.2.2 *BTPS, n*—BTPS stands for “Body Temperature and Pressure, Saturated;” this is defined to be a temperature of 37°C and a pressure equal to the ambient pressure to which the body is exposed minus 6.27 kPa [47 mmHg]; this is the tracheal pressure displaced by water vapor pressure when the breathed air becomes saturated with water vapor at 37°C.

3.2.3 *chemical oxygen generator, n*—a chemical oxygen generator is defined as a device which produces oxygen by chemical reaction; for more detailed information, refer to SAE AIR825/4.

3.2.4 *continued safe flight and landing, n*—continued safe flight and landing as applicable to this specification is defined in Specification [F3061/F3061M](#).

3.2.5 *probable, adj*—probable means that the event is anticipated to occur one or more times during the entire operational life of each aircraft.

³ Available from SAE International (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096, <http://www.sae.org>.

3.2.6 *STPD, n*—STPD stands for “Standard Temperature and Pressure, Dry.” This is defined to be a temperature of 0 °C and a pressure equal to 101.33 kPa (760 mmHg) with no water vapor.

4. Ventilation

NOTE 1—Table 1 provides correlation between various Aircraft Type Codes and the individual requirements contained within this section; refer to 3.2.1. For each subsection, an indicator can be found under each ATC character field; three indicators are used:

An empty cell () in all applicable ATC character field columns indicates that an aircraft must meet the requirements of that subsection.

A white circle (○) in multiple columns indicates that the requirements of that subsection are not applicable to an aircraft *only* if all such ATC character fields are applicable.

A mark-out (×) in any of the applicable ATC character field columns indicates that the requirements of that subsection are not applicable to an aircraft if that ATC character field is applicable.

Example—An aircraft with an ATC of 1SRLLDLN is being considered. Since all applicable columns are empty for 4.1.1, that subsection is applicable to the aircraft. However, since the “L” altitude column for 4.1.2 contains an ×, then that subsection is not applicable.

4.1 Ventilation:

4.1.1 Each passenger and crew compartment must be suitably ventilated. Carbon monoxide concentration must not exceed one part in 20 000 parts of air.

4.1.2 The ventilating air in the flightcrew and passenger compartments must be free of harmful or hazardous concentrations of gases and vapors in normal operations and in the event of reasonably probable failures or malfunctioning of the ventilating, heating, pressurization, or other systems and equipment.

4.1.3 If accumulation of hazardous quantities of smoke in the cockpit area is reasonably probable, smoke evacuation must be readily accomplished starting with full pressurization and without depressurizing beyond safe limits.

4.1.4 For aircraft that operate at altitudes above 12 497 m [41 000 ft], under normal operating conditions and in the event of any probable failure conditions (refer to Practice F3230) of any system which would adversely affect the ventilating air, the ventilation system must provide reasonable passenger comfort.

4.1.5 For aircraft that operate at altitudes above 12 497 m [41 000 ft], under normal operating conditions and in the event of any probable failure conditions (refer to Practice F3230) of any system which would adversely affect the ventilating air, the ventilation system must provide a sufficient amount of uncon-

taminated air to enable the flight crew members to perform their duties without undue discomfort or fatigue.

4.1.6 For aircraft that operate at altitudes above 12 497 m [41 000 ft], under normal operating conditions, the ventilation system must be designed to provide each occupant with at least 0.25 kg [0.55 lbm] of fresh air per minute.

4.1.6.1 In showing compliance with 4.1.6, in the event of the loss of one source of fresh air, the supply of fresh airflow may not be less than 0.18 kg per minute [0.40 lbm] for any period exceeding 5 min.

4.1.7 For aircraft that operate at altitudes above 12 497 m [41 000 ft], other probable and improbable Environmental Control System failure conditions (refer to Practice F3230) that adversely affect the passenger and flight crew compartment environmental conditions may not affect flight crew performance so as to interfere with the reliable performance of published and trained duties to an extent that would interfere with continued safe flight and landing.

4.1.8 For aircraft that operate at altitudes above 12 497 m [41 000 ft], other probable and improbable Environmental Control System failure conditions (refer to Practice F3230) that adversely affect the passenger and flight crew compartment environmental conditions may not affect occupants so as to cause permanent physiological harm.

5. Pressurization

NOTE 2—Table 2 provides correlation between various Aircraft Type Codes and the individual requirements contained within this section; refer to 3.2.1. For each subsection, an indicator can be found under each ATC character field; three indicators are used:

An empty cell () in all applicable ATC character field columns indicates that an aircraft must meet the requirements of that subsection.

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A mark-out (×) in any of the applicable ATC character field columns indicates that the requirements of that subsection are not applicable to an aircraft if that ATC character field is applicable.

Example—An aircraft with an ATC of 1SRLLDLN is being considered. Since all applicable columns are empty for 5.1.3, that subsection is applicable to the aircraft. However, since the “L” altitude column for 5.1.1 contains an ×, then that subsection is not applicable.

5.1 Pressurized Cabins:

5.1.1 The aircraft must be able to maintain a cabin pressure altitude of not more than 4572 m [15 000 ft] in the event of any

TABLE 1 ATC Compliance Matrix, Section 4

Section	Airworthiness Level				Number of Engines		Type of Engine(s)		Stall Speed			Cruise Speed		Meteorological Conditions			Altitude		Maneuvers	
	1	2	3	4	S	M	R	T	L	M	H	L	H	D	N	I	L	H	N	A
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TABLE 2 ATC Compliance Matrix, Section 5

Section	Airworthiness Level				Number of Engines		Type of Engine(s)		Stall Speed			Cruise Speed		Meteorological Conditions			Altitude		Maneuvers	
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probable failure condition (refer to Practice **F3230**) in the pressurization system.

5.1.1.1 In showing compliance with **5.1.1** during decompression, the cabin altitude may not exceed 4572 m [15 000 ft] for more than 10 s and 7620 m [25 000 ft] for any duration.

5.1.2 Pressurized cabins must have at least two pressure relief valves to automatically limit the positive pressure differential to a predetermined value at the maximum rate of flow delivered by the pressure source.

5.1.2.1 The combined capacity of the relief valves required by **5.1.2** must be large enough so that the failure of any one valve would not cause an appreciable rise in the pressure differential. The pressure differential is positive when the internal pressure is greater than the external.

5.1.3 Pressurized cabins must have at least two reverse pressure differential relief valves (or their equivalent) to automatically prevent a negative pressure differential that would damage the structure. However, one valve is enough if it is of a design that reasonably precludes its malfunctioning.

5.1.4 Pressurized cabins must have a means by which the pressure differential can be rapidly equalized.

5.1.5 Pressurized cabins must have an automatic or manual regulator for controlling the intake or exhaust airflow, or both, for maintaining the required internal pressures and airflow rates.

5.1.6 Pressurized cabins must have instruments to indicate to the pilot the pressure differential, the cabin pressure altitude, and the rate of change of cabin pressure altitude (refer to Specification **F3233/F3233M**).

5.1.7 Pressurized cabins must have a warning indication at the pilot station to indicate when the safe or preset pressure differential is exceeded and when a cabin pressure altitude of 3048 m [10 000 ft] is exceeded.

5.1.8 The 3048 m [10 000 ft] cabin altitude warning required by **5.1.7** may be increased up to 4572 m [15 000 ft] for operations from high altitude airfields (3048 to 4572 m [10 000 to 15 000 ft]) provided the requirements of **5.1.8.1 – 5.1.8.4** are met

5.1.8.1 For compliance with **5.1.8**, the landing or the take off modes (normal or high altitude) must be clearly indicated to the flight crew.

5.1.8.2 For compliance with **5.1.8**, selection of normal or high altitude airfield mode must require no more than one flight crew action and go to normal airfield mode at engine stop.

5.1.8.3 For compliance with 5.1.8, the pressurization system must be designed to ensure cabin altitude does not exceed 3048 m [10 000 ft] when in flight above flight level (FL) 250.

5.1.8.4 For compliance with 5.1.8, the pressurization system and cabin altitude warning system must be designed to ensure cabin altitude warning at 3048 m [10 000 ft] when in flight above flight level (FL) 250.

5.1.9 Pressurized cabins must have a warning placard for the pilot if the structure is not designed for pressure differentials up to the maximum relief valve setting in combination with landing loads.

5.1.10 Pressurized cabins must have a means to stop rotation of the compressor or to divert airflow from the cabin if continued rotation of an engine-driven cabin compressor or continued flow of any compressor bleed air will create a hazard if a malfunction occurs.

5.1.11 If certification for operation above 12 497 m [41 000 ft] and not more than 13 716 m [45 000 ft] is requested, then after decompression from any probable pressurization system failure in conjunction with any undetected, latent pressurization system failure condition (refer to Practice F3230) the aircraft must prevent cabin pressure altitude from exceeding the requirements of 5.1.11.1 and 5.1.11.2.

5.1.11.1 In showing compliance with 5.1.11, if depressurization analysis shows that the cabin altitude does not exceed 7620 m [25 000 ft], the pressurization system must prevent the cabin altitude from exceeding the cabin altitude-time history shown in Fig. 1; note that time starts at the moment cabin altitude exceeds 3048 m [10 000 ft] during decompression.

5.1.11.2 In showing compliance with 5.1.11, maximum cabin altitude is limited to 9144 m [30 000 ft]. If cabin altitude exceeds 7620 m [25 000 ft], the maximum time the cabin altitude may exceed 7620 m [25 000 ft] is 2 min; note that time starts at the moment cabin altitude exceeds 7620 m [25 000 ft] and ends when it returns to 7620 m [25 000 ft].

5.1.12 If certification for operation above 12 497 m [41 000 ft] and not more than 13 716 m [45 000 ft] is

requested, then after decompression from any single pressurization system failure in conjunction with any probable fuselage damage, the aircraft must prevent cabin pressure altitude from exceeding the requirements of 5.1.12.1 and 5.1.12.2.

5.1.12.1 In showing compliance with 5.1.12, if depressurization analysis shows that the cabin altitude does not exceed 11 278 m [37 000 ft], the pressurization system must prevent the cabin altitude from exceeding the cabin altitude-time history shown in Fig. 2; note that time starts at the moment cabin altitude exceeds 3048 m [10 000 ft] during decompression.

5.1.12.2 In showing compliance with 5.1.12, maximum cabin altitude is limited to 12 192 m [40 000 ft]. If cabin altitude exceeds 11 278 m [37 000 ft], the maximum time the cabin altitude may exceed 7620 m [25 000 ft] is 2 min; note that time starts at the moment cabin altitude exceeds 7620 m [25 000 ft] and ends when it returns to 7620 m [25 000 ft].

5.1.13 In showing compliance with 5.1.11 and 5.1.12, it may be assumed that an emergency descent is made by an approved emergency procedure. A 17-s flight crew recognition and reaction time must be applied between cabin altitude warning and the initiation of an emergency descent. Fuselage structure, engine and system failures are to be considered in evaluating the cabin decompression.

5.1.14 If certification for operation above 13 716 m [45 000 ft] and not more than 15 545 m [51 000 ft] is requested, pressurized cabins must be equipped to provide a cabin pressure altitude of not more than 2438 m [8000 ft] at the maximum operating altitude of the aircraft under normal operating conditions.

5.1.15 If certification for operation above 13 716 m [45 000 ft] and not more than 15 545 m [51 000 ft] is requested, after decompression from any failure condition not shown to be extremely improbable (refer to Practice F3230), the aircraft must meet the requirements of 5.1.15.1 and 5.1.15.2.

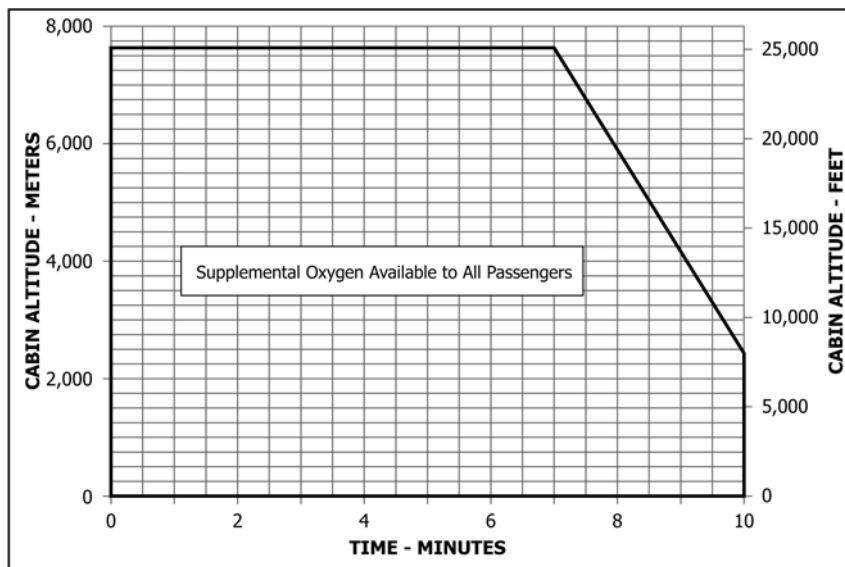


FIG. 1 Cabin Altitude Limit Versus Time

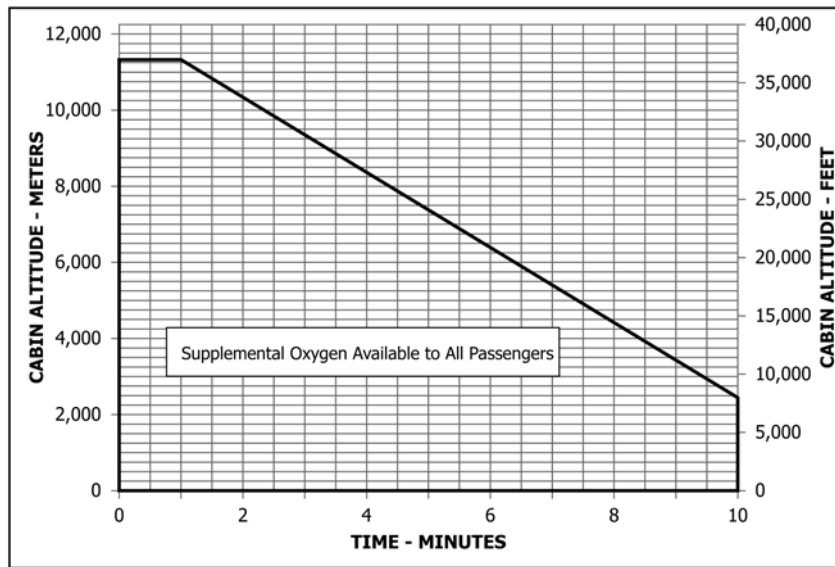


FIG. 2 Cabin Altitude Limit Versus Time

5.1.15.1 In showing compliance with 5.1.15, the aircraft must prevent cabin pressure altitude from exceeding 7620 m [25 000 ft] for more than 2 min.

5.1.15.2 In showing compliance with 5.1.15, the aircraft must prevent cabin pressure altitude from exceeding 12 192 m [40 000 ft] for any duration.

5.1.16 If certification for operation above 13 716 m [45 000 ft] and not more than 15 545 m [51 000 ft] is requested, the fuselage structure, engine, and system failures are to be considered in evaluating the cabin decompression.

5.1.17 If certification for operation above 13 716 m [45 000 ft] and not more than 15 545 m [51 000 ft] is requested, in addition to the cabin altitude indicating means in 5.1.7, an aural or visual signal must be provided to warn the flight crew when the cabin pressure altitude exceeds 3048 m [10 000 ft].

5.1.18 If certification for operation above 13 716 m [45 000 ft] and not more than 15 545 m [51 000 ft] is requested, the sensing system and pressure sensors necessary to meet the requirements of 5.1.6, 5.1.7, 5.1.17, and 6.4.9 must, in the event of low cabin pressure, actuate the required warning and automatic presentation devices without any delay that would significantly increase the hazards resulting from decompression.

5.2 Pressurization Functional Tests:

5.2.1 For aircraft with pressurized cabins, tests of the functioning and capacity of the positive and negative pressure differential valves, and of the emergency release valve, must be performed to simulate the effects of closed regulator valves.

5.2.2 For aircraft with pressurized cabins, tests of the pressurization system must be performed to show proper functioning under each possible condition of pressure, temperature, and moisture, up to the maximum altitude for which certification is requested.

5.2.3 For aircraft with pressurized cabins, flight tests must be performed to show the performance of the pressure supply, pressure and flow regulators, indicators, and warning signals,

in steady and stepped climbs and descents at rates corresponding to the maximum attainable within the operating limitations of the aircraft, up to the maximum altitude for which certification is requested.

5.2.4 For aircraft with pressurized cabins, tests must be performed of each door and emergency exit to show that they operate properly after being subjected to the flight tests prescribed in 5.2.3.

6. Oxygen Systems

NOTE 3—Table 3 provides correlation between various Aircraft Type Codes and the individual requirements contained within this section; refer to 3.2.1. For each subsection, an indicator can be found under each ATC character field; three indicators are used:

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Example—An aircraft with an ATC of 1SRLLDLN is being considered. Since all applicable columns are empty for 6.1.1, that subsection is applicable to the aircraft; however, since the “L” altitude column for 6.1.6 contains an ×, then that subsection is not applicable.

6.1 Oxygen Equipment and Supply:

6.1.1 If certification with supplemental oxygen equipment is requested, or the aircraft is approved for operations at or above altitudes where oxygen is required to be used by the operating rules, oxygen equipment must be provided that meets the requirements of 6.1.2 – 6.1.8, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5.

6.1.1.1 Portable oxygen equipment may be used to meet the requirements of 6.1.1 if the portable equipment is shown to comply with the applicable requirements, is identified in the aircraft type design, and its stowage provisions are found to be in compliance with the requirements of Specification F3083/F3083M.

6.1.2 If installed, the oxygen system must be free from hazards in itself.

TABLE 3 ATC Compliance Matrix, Section 6

Section	Airworthiness Level				Number of Engines		Type of Engine(s)		Stall Speed			Cruise Speed		Meteorological Conditions			Altitude		Maneuvers	
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6.1.3 If installed, the oxygen system must be free from hazards in its method of operation.

6.1.4 If installed, the oxygen system must be free from hazards in its effect upon other components.

6.1.5 If an oxygen system is installed, there must be a means to allow the crew to readily determine, during the flight, the quantity of oxygen available in each source of supply.

6.1.6 Each required flight crew member must be provided with demand oxygen equipment.

6.1.7 If the aircraft is to be certificated for operation above 12 190 m [40 000 ft], each required flight crew member must be provided with pressure demand oxygen equipment.

6.1.8 If an oxygen system is installed, there must be a means, readily available to the crew in flight, to turn on and to shut off the oxygen supply at the high pressure source.

6.1.8.1 The requirements of 6.1.8 do not apply to Chemical Oxygen Generators; refer to 3.2.3.

6.2 Minimum Mass Flow of Supplemental Oxygen:

6.2.1 If the aircraft is to be certified above 12 495 m [41 000 ft], a continuous flow oxygen system must be provided for each passenger.

6.2.2 If continuous flow oxygen equipment is installed, the system design as installed must meet the requirements of either 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.2 or 6.2.2.3.

6.2.2.1 In showing compliance with 6.2.2, for each passenger, the minimum mass flow of supplemental oxygen required at various cabin pressure altitudes may not be less than the flow required to maintain, during inspiration and while using the oxygen equipment (including masks) provided, the mean tracheal oxygen partial pressures specified in Table 4.

6.2.2.2 In showing compliance with 6.2.2, for each flight crew member, the minimum mass flow may not be less than the flow required to maintain, during inspiration, a mean tracheal oxygen partial pressure of 19.87 kPa [149 mmHg] when breathing 15 L/min, BTPS, and with a maximum tidal volume of 700 cc with a constant time interval between respirations; refer to 3.2.2.

6.2.2.3 In showing compliance with 6.2.2, the minimum mass flow of supplemental oxygen supplied for each user must be at a rate not less than that shown in Fig. 3 for each altitude up to and including the maximum operating altitude of the aircraft.

6.2.3 If demand equipment is installed for use by flight crew members, the minimum mass flow of supplemental oxygen required for each flight crew member may not be less than the flow required to maintain, during inspiration, a mean tracheal oxygen partial pressure of 16.27 kPa [122 mmHg] up to and including a cabin pressure altitude of 10 668 m [35 000 ft], and 95 % oxygen between cabin pressure altitudes of 10 668 and 12 192 m [35 000 and 40 000 ft], when breathing 20 L/min BTPS; refer to 3.2.2.

6.2.4 If demand equipment is installed for use by flight crew members, there must be means to allow the flight crew to use undiluted oxygen at their discretion.

6.2.5 If first-aid oxygen equipment is installed, the minimum mass flow of oxygen to each user may not be less than

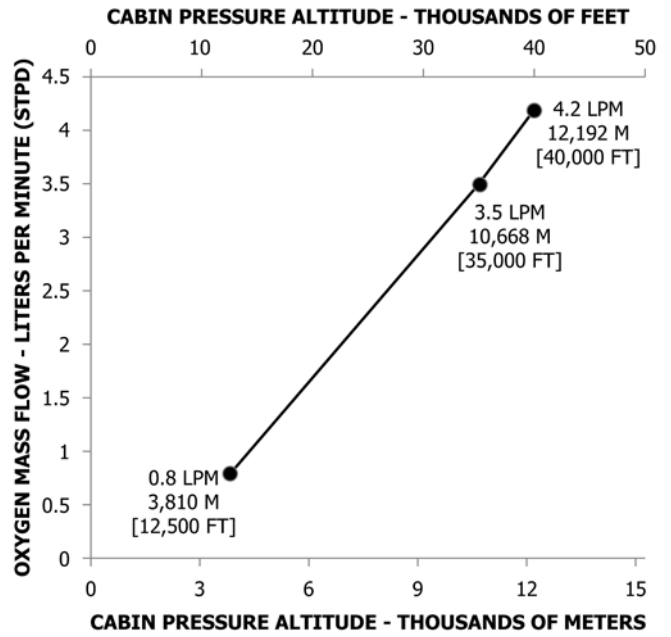


FIG. 3 Minimum Mass Flow of Supplemental Oxygen

4 L/min, STPD; refer to 3.2.6. However, there may be a means to decrease this flow to not less than 2 L/min, STPD, at any cabin altitude. The quantity of oxygen required is based upon an average flow rate of 3 L/min per person for whom first-aid oxygen is required.

6.3 Oxygen Distribution System:

6.3.1 If an oxygen distribution system is installed, except for flexible lines from oxygen outlets to the dispensing units, or where shown to be otherwise suitable to the installation, nonmetallic tubing must not be used for any oxygen line that is normally pressurized during flight.

6.3.2 If an oxygen distribution system is installed, nonmetallic oxygen distribution lines must not be routed where they may be subjected to elevated temperatures.

6.3.3 If an oxygen distribution system is installed, nonmetallic oxygen distribution lines must not be routed where they may be subjected to electrical arcing.

6.3.4 If an oxygen distribution system is installed, nonmetallic oxygen distribution lines must not be routed where they may be subjected to released flammable fluids that might result from any probable failure.

6.3.5 If an oxygen distribution system is installed, if the flight crew and passengers share a common source of oxygen, a means to separately reserve the minimum supply required by the flight crew must be provided.

TABLE 4 Passenger Tracheal Oxygen Partial Pressures

Altitude Range		Mean Tracheal Oxygen Partial Pressure...	...at a Breathing Rate of (BTPS)...	...with a Tidal Volume ^A of...
Above	Up to and Including			
3048 m [10 000 ft]	5639 m [18 500 ft]	13.33 kPa [100 mmHg]	15 L/min	700 cc
5639 m [18 500 ft]	12 192 m [40 000 ft]	11.17 kPa [83.8 mmHg]	30 L/min	1100 cc

^A Tidal Volume is with a constant interval between respirations.

6.4 *Equipment Standards for Oxygen Dispensing Units:*

6.4.1 If oxygen dispensing units are installed, there must be an individual dispensing unit for each occupant for whom supplemental oxygen is to be supplied.

6.4.2 If oxygen dispensing units are installed, each dispensing unit must provide for effective utilization of the oxygen being delivered to the unit.

6.4.3 If oxygen dispensing units are installed, each dispensing unit must be capable of being readily placed into position on the face of the user.

6.4.4 If oxygen dispensing units are installed, each dispensing unit must be equipped with a suitable means to retain the unit in position on the face.

6.4.5 If oxygen dispensing units and radio equipment is installed, the flight crew oxygen dispensing units must be designed to allow the use of the radio equipment and to allow communication with any other required crew member while at their assigned duty station.

6.4.6 If oxygen dispensing units are installed and certification for operation up to and including 5486 m [18 000 ft] (MSL) is requested, each oxygen dispensing unit must: cover the nose and mouth of the user; or, be a nasal cannula, in which case one oxygen dispensing unit covering both the nose and mouth of the user must be available.

6.4.6.1 In showing compliance with 6.4.6, each nasal cannula or its connecting tubing must have permanently affixed a visible warning against smoking while in use.

6.4.6.2 In showing compliance with 6.4.6, each nasal cannula or its connecting tubing must have permanently affixed an illustration of the correct method of donning.

6.4.6.3 In showing compliance with 6.4.6, each nasal cannula or its connecting tubing must have permanently affixed a visible warning against use with nasal obstructions or head colds with resultant nasal congestion.

6.4.7 If oxygen dispensing units are installed and certification for operation above 5486 m [18 000 ft] (MSL) is requested, each oxygen dispensing unit must cover the nose and mouth of the user.

6.4.8 If oxygen dispensing units are installed in a pressurized aircraft, the dispensing units must meet the requirements of 6.4.8.1 – 6.4.8.3.

6.4.8.1 In showing compliance with 6.4.8, the dispensing units for passengers must be connected to an oxygen supply terminal.

6.4.8.2 In showing compliance with 6.4.8, the dispensing units for passengers must be immediately available to each occupant wherever seated.

6.4.8.3 In showing compliance with 6.4.8, the dispensing units for crew members must be automatically presented to each crew member before the cabin pressure altitude exceeds 4572 m [15 000 ft], or the units must be of the quick-donning type, connected to an oxygen supply terminal that is immediately available to crew members at their station.

6.4.9 If oxygen dispensing units are installed and certification for operation above 9144 m [30 000 ft] is requested, the dispensing units for passengers must be automatically presented to each occupant before the cabin pressure altitude exceeds 4572 m [15 000 ft].

6.4.10 If an automatic oxygen dispensing unit (hose and mask, or other unit) system is installed, the crew must be provided with a manual means to make the dispensing units immediately available in the event of failure of the automatic system.

6.4.11 If oxygen dispensing units are installed and certification for operation above 12 497 m [41 000 ft] is requested, a quick-donning oxygen mask system, with a pressure demand, mask mounted regulator must be provided for the flight crew.

6.4.11.1 In showing compliance with 6.4.11, the dispensing unit must be immediately available to the flight crew when seated at their station and installed so that it can be placed on the face from its ready position, properly secured, sealed, and supplying oxygen upon demand, with one hand, within five seconds and without disturbing eyeglasses or causing delay in proceeding with emergency duties.

6.4.11.2 In showing compliance with 6.4.11, the dispensing unit must allow, while in place, the performance of normal communication functions.

6.5 *Means for Determining Use of Oxygen*—If an oxygen system is installed, there must be a means to allow the crew to determine whether oxygen is being delivered to the dispensing equipment.

6.6 *Chemical Oxygen Generators:*

6.6.1 Each Chemical Oxygen Generator must be designed and installed such that the surface temperature developed by the generator during operation may not create a hazard to the aircraft or to its occupants; refer to 3.2.3.

6.6.2 Each Chemical Oxygen Generator must be designed and installed such that means are provided to relieve any internal pressure that may be hazardous; refer to 3.2.3.

6.6.3 In addition to meeting the requirements in 6.6.1 and 6.6.2, each portable Chemical Oxygen Generator (refer to 3.2.3) that is capable of sustained operation by successive replacement of a generator element must be placarded to show: the rate of oxygen flow, in liters per minute; the duration of oxygen flow, in minutes, for the replaceable generator element; and, a warning that the replaceable generator element may be hot, unless the element construction is such that the surface temperature cannot exceed 38°C [100°F].

6.7 *Fire Protection for Oxygen Equipment:*

6.7.1 Oxygen equipment and lines must not be installed in any designed fire zones.

6.7.2 Oxygen equipment and lines must be protected from heat that may be generated in, or escape from, any designated fire zone.

6.7.3 Oxygen equipment and lines must be installed so that escaping oxygen cannot come in contact with and cause ignition of grease, fluid, or vapor accumulations that are present in normal operation or that may result from the failure or malfunction of any other system.

6.8 *Protection of Oxygen Equipment from Rupture:*

6.8.1 Each element of an oxygen system must have sufficient strength to withstand the maximum pressure and temperature, in combination with any externally applied loads arising from consideration of limit structural loads, that may be acting on that part of the system.

6.8.2 Oxygen pressure sources and the lines between the source and the shutoff means must be protected from unsafe temperatures.

6.8.3 Oxygen pressure sources and the lines between the source and the shutoff means must be located where the probability and hazard of rupture in a crash landing are minimized.

7. Keywords

7.1 environmental system; oxygen; pressurization

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR REVISIONS

X1.1 Revisions to Section 4.1.1

X1.1.1 *Revision 16:*

X1.1.1.1 *Discussion*—The current language uses the word “may” rather than the word “must.” In the context of this standard, this could connote an “allowance” or “suggestion” rather than a “requirement,” which is not the intent of the language.

X1.1.1.2 *Proposal*—Clarify the intent by using the word “must” in place of the existing language.

X1.1.1.3 *Rationale for Change(s)*—The proposal is for the introduction of language that better reflects the intent of the standard; no technical content is added, deleted, or modified.

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