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TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Subject: Supplemental Type Certificate

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1. What is a supplemental type certificate?

A supplemental type certificate (STC) is a type certificate issued when an applicant has received FAA approval to modify an aircraft from its original design. The supplemental type certificate, which incorporates by reference the related type certificate, approves not only the modification but how that modification affects the original design.

2. How do you get your own supplemental type certificate?

For information regarding the supplemental type certificate application process, you may contact the FAA aircraft certification offices (ACOs) in your geographic area. You may also find it helpful to review related orders and advisory circulars, in particular, FAA Order 8110.4, "Type Certification," and AC 21-40, "Application Guide for Obtaining a Supplemental Type Certificate".

For complex design modifications, the Aircraft Certification Office may ask that you follow the "Original Design Approval Process".

3. You've found an supplemental type certificate that you want to install on your airplane. What do you do now?

You must contact the supplemental type certificate holder to seek written permission. The supplemental type certificate and its related information -- all drawings, data, specifications -- are the property of the supplemental type certificate holder. The FAA will not release this information without authorization from the owner.

4. You can't find the supplemental type certificate holder. What do you do now?

If the mail you sent was returned "undeliverable" and there is no phone listing for the holder, please contact the issuing FAA office. Supplemental type certificates are approved and issued through FAA aircraft certification offices (ACOs) which serve the geographic area of the supplemental type certificate owner's residence.

5. How do you find what supplemental type certificate's have been done through FAA Forms 337 in your aircraft?

All FAA Forms 337 are mailed to FAA's Aircraft Registration's branch and d in individual folders by registration number. You may visit FAA aircraft registry's website at <http://registry.faa.gov/> or contact them at:
FAA Aircraft Registration Branch, AFS-750, P O Box 25504, Oklahoma City, OK 73125 (Phone: 405-954-3116)