

and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Attn: File No. TSO-C171, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

You may deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 804, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lee Nguyen, AIR-120, Room 804, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 267-9937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You are invited to comment on the proposed TSO by submitting written data, views, or arguments to the above address. Comments received may be examined, both before and after the closing date, in room 804 at the above address, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director, Aircraft Certification Service, will consider all comments received on or before the closing date before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Proposed TSO-C171 prescribes the minimum performance standards for aircraft clamps. The TSO references the standard set forth in the manufacturer's part drawing(s), applicable part specification(s) submitted with the clamp manufacturer's application for TSO authorization, and ASTM and SAE standards.

How To Obtain Copies

You can view or download the proposed TSO from its online location at: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. At this Web page, select "Technical Standard Orders." At the TSO page, select "Proposed Orders."

For a paper copy, contact the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. You can order copies of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) documents from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959. You can order copies of Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) documents from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Nickel-Cadmium and Lead-Acid Batteries

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of, and requests comments on, a proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO) on nickel-cadmium and lead-acid batteries. These batteries power aircraft equipment (emergency and standby systems, plus engine or APU starting). The TSO prescribes minimum performance standards for these batteries to be identified with the marking "TSO-C173."

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on this proposed TSO to: Technical Programs Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Attn: File No. TSO-C173, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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How To Obtain Copies

You may download a copy of proposed TSO-C173 from the FAA Web site at: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. At the Web page, select "Technical Standard Orders." At the TSO page, select "Proposed TSOs." For a paper copy of the proposed TSO, or for further assistance, contact the individual listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Universal Access Transceiver Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of, and requests comments on, proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C154a, Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Equipment Operating on the Frequency of 978 MHz. In this TSO, we (the Federal Aviation Administration, or FAA) refer to a revised minimum performance standard (MPS)—RTCA Inc., Document (RTCA/DO)-282A, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B), dated July 29, 2004. We also add Appendix 1, which lists corrections to RTCA/DO-282A since its date of issuance. The TSO also supports an optional frequency Diplexer. The Diplexer allows the ATRBS/Mode S Transponder and the UAT equipment developed under this TSO to share antennas. This TSO is for manufacturers of Universal Access Transceiver ADS-B equipment or UAT Diplexer seeking a TSO authorization or letter of design approval. In it, we tell them what MPS their UAT equipment must meet for approval and identification with the TSO-C154a marking.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on this proposed TSO to: Ms. Bobbie Smith, AIR-103, ATTN: File No. TSO-C154a, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. You may deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Jennings, AIR-130, Federal