



Technical Standard Order

**Subject: TSO-C56a, ENGINE-DRIVEN DIRECT CURRENT
GENERATORS/STARTER-GENERATORS**

a. Applicability.

(1) Minimum Performance Standard. This Technical Standard Order (TSO) prescribes the minimum performance standard that engine-driven D.C. generators/starter-generators must meet in order to be identified with the applicable TSO marking. This TSO has been prepared in accordance with the procedural rules set forth in Subpart O of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 21. New models of engine-driven D.C. generators/starter-generators to be so identified and that are manufactured on or after the date of this TSO must meet the standard set forth in the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 8020, "Engine Driven D.C. Generators/Starter-Generators and Associated Voltage Regulators," dated January 1980, as amended and supplemented by this TSO.

(2) Environmental Standard. The conditions and procedures prescribed in RTCA Document No. DO-160A, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated January 1980 are to be used in lieu of RTCA Document No. DO-160 "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment" dated February 28, 1975.

b. Marking. In addition to the marking specified in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) § 21.607(d), the following information shall be legibly and permanently marked on the equipment:

(1) The environmental categories in which it has been qualified to operate in accordance with the applicable SAE document; however this marking is not necessary when the alternative is used as described in RTCA DO-160A.

(2) Each separate component of equipment that is manufactured under this TSO must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, the TSO number, digital computer software version, (if applicable), and the environmental categories over which it has been tested.

(3) Indicate D.C. generator or starter generator.

- (4) Nominal power output (electrical voltage and watts).
- (5) Mechanical power input requirements (pad requirements).

c. Data Requirements.

(1) In addition to FAR § 21.605, the manufacturer must furnish the Manager, Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), having purview of the manufacturer's facilities, one copy each of the following technical data.

- (i) Operating instructions.
- (ii) Equipment limitations.
- (iii) Installation procedures and limitations.
- (iv) Schematic drawings as applicable to the installation procedures.
- (v) Wiring diagrams as applicable to the installation procedures.
- (vi) Specifications.
- (vii) List of the major components (by part number) that make up the equipment system complying with the standards prescribed in this TSO.
- (viii) Manufacturer's TSO qualification test report.
- (ix) Nameplate drawing.

(2) In addition to those data requirements that are to be furnished directly to the FAA, each manufacturer must have available for review by the Manager, ACO having purview of the manufacturer's facilities, the following technical data:

- (i) A drawing list, enumerating all of the drawings and processes that are necessary to define the article design.
- (ii) The functional test specification to be used to test each production article to ensure compliance with this TSO.
- (iii) Equipment calibration procedures.
- (iv) Corrective maintenance procedures (within 12 months after TSO authorization).
- (v) Schematic drawings.
- (vi) Wiring diagrams.

d. Data to be furnished with manufactured units. One copy of the data and information specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (vii) of this TSO and instructions for periodic maintenance and calibration which are necessary for continued airworthiness must go to each person receiving for use one or more articles manufactured under this TSO.

e. Previously Approved Equipment. Engine-driven direct D.C. generators/starter-generators approved prior to the date of this TSO may continue to be manufactured under the provisions of the original approval.

f. Availability of Reference Documents.

(1) Copies of SAE AS 8020 may be purchased from the Society of Automotive Engineers Inc., Department 331, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096.

(2) Copies of RTCA Documents No. DO-160A may be purchased from the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics Secretariat, One McPherson Square, Suite 500, 1425 "K" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

(3) Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 21, Subpart O, and Advisory Circular 20-110, "Index of Aviation Technical Standard Orders," may be reviewed at the FAA Headquarters in the Office of Airworthiness, Aircraft Engineering Division (AWS-110), and at all regional ACO's.

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