

Overview

This standard identifies the competences you need to carry out overhauling activities on components of aircraft electrical equipment, in accordance with approved procedures. The equipment to be overhauled will have been removed from the aircraft and the overhauling activities may take place in a workshop or hangar.

It covers equipment used in both fixed wing and rotary winged aircraft and covers a range of equipment associated with power generation, emergency power backup equipment, power distribution, flying controls, environmental control systems (ECS), fuel systems, undercarriage, pitot/static, lighting, weapons, engine control and countermeasures, as applicable to the aircraft type. The overhauling activities will include carrying out all necessary safety checks, dismantling the equipment to unit or component level, inspecting and checking all components for damage and wear, replacing all 'lived' items and worn/faulty components or units, reassembling the equipment and carrying out all necessary tests/checks.

Your responsibilities will require you to comply with organisational policy and procedures for the overhauling activities undertaken and to report any problems with the overhauling activities, or with the tools and equipment used that you cannot personally resolve or that are outside your permitted authority, to the relevant people. You must ensure that all tools, equipment and materials used in the overhauling activities are removed from the work area and that all necessary job/task documentation is completed accurately and legibly. You will be expected to work with a minimum of supervision, taking personal responsibility for your own actions and for the quality and accuracy of the work that you carry out.

Your underpinning knowledge will provide a good understanding of your work and will provide an informed approach to applying appropriate overhauling procedures to aircraft electrical equipment. You will understand the dismantling and reassembly methods and procedures used, and their application. You will know how the equipment functions, the common faults encountered, the purpose of the individual components and associated defects, in adequate depth to provide a sound basis for carrying out the overhauling activities and ensuring that the overhauled equipment meets the required specification.

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You will understand the safety precautions required when carrying out the overhauling activities. You will be required to demonstrate safe working practices throughout and will understand your responsibility for taking the necessary safeguards to protect yourself and others in the workplace.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. work safely at all times, complying with health and safety and other relevant regulations, directives and guidelines
2. follow the relevant overhauling schedules to carry out the required work
3. establish the components to be removed and where appropriate, mark/label components to aid re-assembly
4. carry out the overhaul to the agreed level, using the correct tools and techniques
5. ensure that all removed components are correctly identified and stored in the correct location
6. replace/refit components using appropriate methods and techniques
7. carry out checks on the overhauled equipment using correct procedures
8.
report any instances where the overhauling activities cannot be fully met, or where there are identified defects outside the planned overhauling schedule
9.
complete the relevant documentation, in accordance with organisational requirements
10. dispose of unwanted components, waste materials and substances, in accordance with safe working practices and approved procedures
11. deal promptly and effectively with problems within your control and report those that cannot be solved
12. leave the equipment in a safe and appropriate condition, free from foreign object debris

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the safe working practices and procedures and the specific safety precautions to be taken when overhauling aircraft electrical equipment (to include wearing protective clothing and equipment; lifting and handling techniques; safe working practices and procedures with regard to working on aircraft electrical equipment; procedures and guidelines which satisfy current regulations such as HASAWA, COSHH and other work related legislation and guidelines)
2. the hazards associated with overhauling aircraft electrical equipment, and with the tools and equipment used, and how to minimise them and reduce any risks
3. the requirements and importance of understanding and applying human factors as defined by the regulatory requirements and the potential impact if these are not adhered to
4. the protective equipment that you need to use for both personal protection (PPE) and protection of the aircraft electrical equipment
5. what constitutes a hazardous voltage and how to recognise victims of electric shock
6. how to reduce the risks of a phase to earth shock (such as insulated tools, rubber matting and isolating transformers)
7. how to extract and use information from equipment manuals, history/maintenance reports, charts, circuit and physical layouts, specifications, symbols used in aircraft electrical systems, and other documents needed in the overhauling process
8. how to carry out currency/issue checks on the specifications you are working with
9. terminology used in aircraft electrical equipment and the use of system diagrams and associated symbols
10. the principles of operation of the aircraft electrical equipment being overhauled, and the performance characteristics and function of the components within the equipment
11. the techniques used to remove components from aircraft electrical equipment, without damage to the components or surrounding structure (such as de-soldering

components, applying electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection procedures)

12. the various types of electrical connector that are used, methods of unlocking, orientation indicators, and locating and locking in of the connections

13. the various mechanical fasteners that are used and their method of removal and replacement (such as threaded fasteners, special securing devices)

14. the importance of using the specified fasteners for the installation and why you must not substitute others

15. why securing devices need to be locked and labelled, and the different methods that are used to remove and install them

16. the torque loading requirements of the fasteners and what to do if these loadings are exceeded or not achieved

17. the need to label and store components correctly and to check that replaced components have the correct part/identification markings

18. the procedure for obtaining replacement parts, materials and other consumables necessary for the overhaul

19. the techniques used to position, align, adjust and secure the replaced components to the equipment, without damage to the components or surrounding structure

20. the quality control procedures to be followed during the overhauling operations

21. procedures for ensuring that you have the correct tools, equipment, components and fasteners for the activities

22. methods of lifting, handling and supporting the components/equipment during the removal and replacement activities

23. the use of seals, sealant and adhesives and anti-electrolysis barriers and the precautions to be taken

24. why electrical bonding is critical and why it must be both mechanically and electrically secure

25. how to conduct any necessary checks and adjustments to ensure the system integrity, accuracy and quality of the overhaul

26. the tools and equipment used in the overhauling activities and their calibration/care and control procedures

27. why tool/equipment control is critical and what to do if a tool or piece of equipment is unaccounted for on completion of the overhauling activities

28. the problems that can occur with the overhauling operations and how these can be overcome

29. how to recognise defects (such as poor seals, misalignment, incorrectly seated plugs and sockets, ineffective fasteners, foreign object damage or contamination)

- 30. the recording documentation to be completed for the activities undertaken and where appropriate, the importance of marking and identifying specific pieces of work in relation to the documentation
- 31. the procedure for the safe disposal of waste materials and scrap components
- 32. the extent of your own responsibility and to whom you should report if you have problems that you cannot resolve

Scope/range related to performance criteria

1.

Carry out all of the following during the overhauling activities:

- 1.1 obtain and use the appropriate documentation (such as job instructions, aircraft manuals and overhauling documentation, technical instructions and other relevant maintenance documentation)
- 1.2 adhere to procedures or systems in place for risk assessment, COSHH, personal protective equipment and other relevant safety regulations and procedures to realise a safe system of work
- 1.3 provide and maintain safe access and working arrangements for the overhauling area
- 1.4 obtain the correct tools and equipment for the activity and check that they are in a safe, tested and usable condition and within current certification/calibration date
- 1.5 where appropriate, apply electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection procedures
- 1.6 carry out the overhauling activities, using approved techniques and procedures at all times
- 1.7 ensure that the electrical equipment is maintained free from damage and foreign objects
- 1.8 return all tools and equipment to the correct location on completion of the activities

2.

Carry out the overhauling activities to unit level on five of the following types of aircraft electrical equipment:

- 2.1 fuel systems
- 2.2 lighting
- 2.3 pitot/static
- 2.4 environmental control systems
- 2.5 undercarriage
- 2.6 engine control
- 2.7 weapons
- 2.8 countermeasures
- 2.9 flying controls
- 2.10 AC main power generation equipment
- 2.11 DC power generation equipment
- 2.12 emergency power backup equipment
- 2.13 secondary/standby power generation equipment
- 2.14 power distribution equipment

3.

Carry out all of the following activities, as applicable to the equipment being overhauled:

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- 3.1 cleaning parts prior to dismantling
- 3.2 replacing all 'lived' items (such as seals, dust caps)
- 3.3 pre-disassembly checks and tests
- 3.4 replacing all damaged/defective components
- 3.5 disconnecting and de-soldering electrical connections
- 3.6 reassembling equipment
- 3.7 removal of earth bonding
- 3.8 setting and adjusting/calibrating replaced components (such as power output, voltage)
- 3.9 removal of conformal coating
- 3.10 removing cable securing devices
- 3.11 making mechanical connections
- 3.12 removing bolt securing devices and mechanical fasteners
- 3.13 soldering electrical connections
- 3.14 dismantling equipment to unit/sub-assembly level
- 3.15 carrying out earth bonding
- 3.16 dismantling units to component level
- 3.17 installing cable securing devices
- 3.18 marking/labelling of components to aid reassembly
- 3.19 tightening fastenings to the required torque
- 3.20 checking components for serviceability
- 3.21 reinstating conformal coating
- 3.22 securing components using mechanical fasteners and threaded devices
- 3.23 applying locking and retaining devices (such as circlips, pins, wire locking)

4.

Carry out overhauling activities to component level on five of the following aircraft electrical equipment components:

- 4.1 generators
- 4.2 rectifier units
- 4.3 regulators
- 4.4 main contactors
- 4.5 alternators
- 4.6 actuator motors
- 4.7 transformer
- 4.8 air conditioning equipment
- 4.9 inverters
- 4.10 controllers
- 4.11 changeover relays
- 4.12 other specific equipment components

5.

Replace a range of aircraft electrical equipment components, to include eight of the following:

- 5.1 switches
- 5.2 electronic components (such as resistors, capacitors)
- 5.3 fuses
- 5.4 batteries (such as one shot or flight control DC batteries)

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- 5.5 batteries (other types)
- 5.6 relays
- 5.7 transformers
- 5.8 circuit breakers
- 5.9 transducers/sensors
- 5.10 wires/cables
- 5.11 under-voltage phase sequence units
- 5.12 plugs/sockets/terminations
- 5.13 printed circuit boards
- 5.14 screws/bolts/washers
- 5.15 other specific electrical components

6.

Carry out checks and tests on the overhauled equipment, to include five of the following:

- 6.1 visual inspection for completeness and freedom
- 6.2 signal injection tests from damage or foreign objects
- 6.3 comparison check
- 6.4 soak test
- 6.5 continuity checks
- 6.6 bonding tests
- 6.7 standard serviceability test
- 6.8 voltage checks
- 6.9 'special-to-type' tests

7.

Overhaul aircraft electrical equipment in compliance with one of the following:

- 7.1 Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)/European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
- 7.2 Ministry of Defence (MoD)
- 7.3 Military Aviation Authority (MAA)
- 7.4 Aerospace Quality Management Standards (AS)
- 7.5 Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)
- 7.6 BS, ISO or BSEN standards and procedures
- 7.7 customer standards and requirements
- 7.8 company standards and procedures
- 7.9 aircraft manufacturer's requirements

8.

Complete the relevant paperwork, to include one from the following and pass it to the appropriate people:

- 8.1 job cards
- 8.2 computer records
- 8.3 aircraft service/flight log
- 8.4 aircraft log book
- 8.5 permit to work/formal risk assessment

Behaviours

You will be able to apply the appropriate behaviours required in the workplace to meet the job profile and overall company objectives, such as:

- strong work ethic
- positive attitude
- team player
- dependability
- responsibility
- honesty
- integrity
- motivation
- commitment

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