

## Overview

This standard identifies the competences you need to carry out maintenance activities on aircraft electrical power systems, in accordance with the approved aircraft maintenance manual, approved change documentation (service bulletin) and airworthiness requirements. It covers both fixed wing and rotary winged aircraft, and includes units and components which generate, control and supply AC and/or DC electrical power for other systems, as applicable to the aircraft type. The maintenance activities will include the removal, fitting and testing of a range of electrical power system components. You will be required to select the correct tools and equipment to use, based on the operations to be performed and the components to be removed or replaced. The aircraft components will include items such as control units, batteries, generators, alternators, regulators, invertors, transformers, rectifier units, contactors and relays, under- voltage phase sequence units, switches and circuit breakers. You will remove the required components and fit approved replacements, as appropriate. You will then need to test and adjust the completed system to meet the aircraft maintenance manual, change documentation (service bulletin) and airworthiness requirements.

Your responsibilities will require you to comply with the specific practices and procedures identified in the aircraft manual, change/service bulletin documentation and airworthiness requirements for the maintenance activities undertaken, and to report any problems with these requirements 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 are correctly accounted for on completion of the activities, and that all necessary job/task documentation is completed thoroughly, 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 the appropriate maintenance techniques and procedures to aircraft electrical power systems. You will understand the removal, fitting and testing methods and procedures, and their application, along with the system maintenance requirements. You will know how the equipment functions, the common problems that can occur, the purpose of the individual components and associated defects, in adequate depth to provide a sound basis for carrying out the maintenance

activities, correcting faults and for ensuring that the equipment is maintained to the required standard.

You will understand the safety precautions required when working on the aircraft electrical power systems, and when using the associated tools and equipment. 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.

**Notes:**

1. This standard is designed to cover the practical experience requirements of the Airline Transport Association (ATA) Chapter 24 Electrical Power.
2. To display competence in this standard, it is necessary to both remove and fit aircraft electrical power system components. You must remove components; however, you may fit a replacement component where the original was previously removed by another person. You should also be aware of how to leave a system in a safe condition if maintenance tasks cannot be completed. This covers both the physical systems and the job documentation.

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## 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 maintenance schedules to carry out the required work
3. carry out the maintenance activities within the limits of your personal authority
4. carry out the maintenance activities, and replace components in the specified sequence and in an agreed timescale
5. report any instances where the maintenance activities cannot be fully met or where there are identified defects outside the planned schedule
6. complete relevant documentation in accordance with organisational requirements
7. dispose of waste materials in accordance with safe working practices and approved procedures
8. leave the aircraft and system in a safe and appropriate condition, free from foreign object debris on completion of the activities

## Knowledge and understanding

### *You need to know and understand:*

1. the specific safety practices and procedures that you need to observe when working with aircraft electrical power systems (including any specific legislation, regulations/codes of practice for the activities, equipment or materials)
2. the importance of maintenance on aircraft electrical power systems, and impact upon Extended Range Twin-Engine Operations Procedures (ETOPS) systems, Electrical Wiring Interconnect Systems (EWIS), legislation and local procedures
3. the hazards associated with removing, fitting and testing aircraft electrical power system components, and with the tools and equipment used, and how to minimise them and reduce any risk
4. 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
5. the protective equipment that you need to use for both personal protection (PPE) and protection of the aircraft
6. what constitutes a hazardous voltage and how to recognise victims of electric shock
7. how to reduce the risks of a phase to earth shock (such as insulated tools, rubber matting and isolating transformers)
8. the importance of aircraft husbandry and of ensuring that, throughout the maintenance activity, the aircraft and work area are maintained free from foreign objects, and the implications of FOD to the safety of the aircraft
9. how to extract and use information from aircraft manuals, log books, flight logs, charts, circuit and physical layouts, specifications and other documents needed in the maintenance process
10. how to carry out currency/issue checks on the specifications you are working with
11. terminology used in aircraft electrical power systems, and the use of system diagrams and associated symbols
12. the principles of operation of the electrical power system being worked on; AC

and DC power supplies and the function of the various units within the system

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 methods that are used to remove and install them

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

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

18. the techniques used to remove components from aircraft electrical power systems without damage to the components or surrounding structure (such as proof marking, the need to protect the circuit integrity by covering and labelling exposed circuits)

19. the importance of applying electrostatic discharge (ESD) avoidance procedures when working on sensitive equipment or devices

20. the need to label and store correctly components that require repair or overhaul, and to check that replaced components have the correct part/identification markings and accompanying release documentation

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

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

23. methods of lifting, handling and supporting the components/equipment during the maintenance activities

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

25. the tools and equipment used in the maintenance activities, and their calibration/care and control procedures

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

27. the problems that can occur with the maintenance operations, and how these can be overcome

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

29. how to carry out routine checks and servicing of the aircraft electrical power system (including adjusting voltage regulators, checking battery capacity and charging batteries)
30. the need to check that cabin/cockpit switches, selectors and circuit breakers are in the correct position before applying any form of external power (such as electrical, hydraulic, air or vacuum)
31. the types of test that need to be carried out on the aircraft electrical power system, and the test equipment used
32. the methods and procedures to be used to carry out the various tests on the electrical power system
33. how to record the results of each individual test and the documentation that must be used
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how to analyse the test results and make valid decisions about the acceptability of the electrical power system
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the procedures to be followed if the equipment or system fails to meet the test specification
36. 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
37. the procedure for the safe disposal of waste materials and scrap components
38. the extent of your own authority 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 maintenance of the aircraft electrical power system:

- 1.1 ensure that appropriate authorisation to work on the aircraft is obtained, and observe all relevant isolation and safety procedures
- 1.2 obtain and use the correct documentation (such as job instructions, technical instructions, aircraft manuals and maintenance documentation)
- 1.3 obtain the correct tools and equipment for the activity, and check that they are in a safe, tested and usable condition and within current calibration dates
- 1.4 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
- 1.5 ensure that the relevant safety devices and mechanical/physical locks are in place (where appropriate)
- 1.6 where appropriate, apply electrostatic discharge (ESD) avoidance procedures
- 1.7 use approved removal, fitting and testing techniques and procedures at all times
- 1.8 return tools and equipment to the correct storage location on completion of the activities
- 1.9 ensure that work carried out is correctly documented and recorded
- 1.10 ensure that any outstanding tests are correctly documented

2.

Carry out maintenance on three of the following aircraft electrical power systems:

- 2.1 generator drive system
- 2.2 DC power generation equipment
- 2.3 AC power generation equipment
- 2.4 AC electrical load distribution
- 2.5 external power equipment
- 2.6 DC electrical load distribution
- 2.7 emergency power backup equipment
- 2.8 secondary/standby power generation equipment

3.

Remove and fit six different electrical power system components (at least three must be from group A):

### Group A

1. starter/generators
2. regulators
3. transformer/rectifier units

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4. alternators
5. invertors
6. main contactors
7. integrated drive generator
8. circuit breakers
9. generator control panels/units
10. main batteries
11. voltage regulators
12. ram air turbine
13. under-voltage phase sequence units
14. power system control units

### Group B

15. switches
16. batteries (such as emergency lighting)
17. wires/cables
18. relays
19. connectors
20. plugs/sockets
21. transducers/sensors
22. warning lights
23. transformer
24. indicators (such as volts/frequency)
25. other specific components

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Carry out fifteen of the following maintenance activities:

- 1.1 removing access panels and covers to expose components to be removed
- 1.2 carrying out fault diagnosis and system checks
- 1.3 preparing the system for maintenance (such as isolating)
- 1.4 disconnecting electrical connections
- 1.5 refitting components in the correct position, orientation and alignment
- 1.6 removal of bonding
- 1.7 removing cable securing devices
- 1.8 making mechanical connections
- 1.9 removing securing devices and mechanical fasteners
- 1.10 making electrical connections
- 1.11 supporting equipment to be removed
- 1.12 carrying out bonding
- 1.13 dismantling equipment to an appropriate level
- 1.14 installing cable securing devices
- 1.15 covering (protecting) exposed components, wires, pipework or vents
- 1.16 torque loading as required
- 1.17 setting and adjusting replaced components (such as voltage regulation,

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power output)

- 1.18 checking components for serviceability
- 1.19 replacing damaged/defective components
- 1.20 carrying out functional checks of the system
- 1.21 ensuring that replacement components have the correct part numbers
- 1.22 labelling (and storing in the correct location) components that require repair or overhaul
- 1.23 applying bolt locking methods (such as split pins, wire locking, lock nuts)
- 1.24 carrying out area inspections prior to task close down

2.

Carry out four of the following types of test/check on aircraft electrical power systems:

- 2.1 functional check
- 2.2 insulation test
- 2.3 comparison check
- 2.4 continuity check
- 2.5 built in test equipment BITE test
- 2.6 'special-to-type' tests
- 2.7 voltage check
- 2.8 standby power failure checks

Using two of the following:

9. external power source
10. aircraft power source/system
11. 'special-to-type' test sets
12. measuring equipment (such as multimeters, insulation testers)

1.

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

- 1.1 job cards/work sheets
- 1.2 computer records
- 1.3 aircraft technical log
- 1.4 aircraft cabin log
- 1.5 aircraft log book

2.

Carry out maintenance on aircraft electrical power systems in compliance with one of the following:

- 2.1 Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)/European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
- 2.2 Extended Range Twin-Engine Operations Procedures (ETOPS) (where appropriate)
- 2.3 Ministry of Defence (MoD)
- 2.4 Military Aviation Authority (MAA)
- 2.5 Aerospace Quality Management Standards (AS)

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- 2.6 Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)
- 2.7 aircraft maintenance manual/approved change documentation (service bulletin)
- 2.8 manufacturers standards and procedures

## 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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