

Installing aircraft power supplies

Overview

This standard identifies the competences you need to install aircraft power supplies, in accordance with approved procedures. It covers both fixed wing and rotary winged aircraft. You will be required to use appropriate installation drawings, specifications and documentation to install the various items of equipment. You will be expected to position, align and secure equipment in its correct locations, using the specified/appropriate techniques and fastening devices. The equipment will include batteries, generators, alternators, regulators, invertors, transformers, rectifier units and main contactors.

Your responsibilities will require you to comply with organisational policy and procedures for the installation activities undertaken and to report any problems with the installation that you cannot personally resolve, or that are outside your permitted authority, to the relevant people. 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 installation techniques and procedures. You will understand the aircraft power supplies being installed and their application and will know about the installation tools, techniques and methods, in adequate depth to provide a sound basis for carrying out the activities to the required specification.

You will understand the safety precautions required when carrying out the installation operations. You will be required to demonstrate safe working practices throughout and will understand the responsibility you owe to yourself and others in the workplace.

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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 all relevant drawings and specifications for the installation being carried out
3. use the correct tools and equipment for the installation operations and check that they are in a safe and usable condition
4. install, position and secure the equipment and components in accordance with the specification
5. ensure that all necessary connections to the equipment are complete
6. deal promptly and effectively with problems within your control and report those that cannot be solved
7. check that the installation is complete and that all components are free from damage
8. complete the relevant documentation, in accordance with organisational requirements
9. leave the aircraft and the work area in a safe and appropriate condition, free from foreign object debris on completion of the activities

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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 power supplies (including any specific legislation, regulations/codes of practice for the activities, equipment or materials)
2. the health and safety requirements of the work area where you are carrying out the activities and the responsibility these requirements place on you
3. the hazards associated with installing aircraft power supplies and with the tools and equipment used and how to minimise them and reduce any risks
4. the protective equipment that you need to use for both personal protection (PPE) and protection of the aircraft
5. the precautions to be taken to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage to circuits and sensitive components (such as use of earthed wrist straps)
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 interpretation of drawings, standards, quality control procedures and specifications used for the installation (including BS, ISO or BSEN schematics, symbols and terminology)
9. how to carry out currency/issue checks on the specifications you are working with
10. the components to be installed and their function within the particular power supplies
11. the various mechanical fasteners that will be used and their method of installation (such as open and blind rivets, threaded fasteners, special securing and locking devices)
12. the importance of using the specified fasteners for the particular installation and why you must not substitute others
13. why securing devices need to be locked and labelled and the different methods that are used
14. the torque loading requirements of the fasteners and what to do if these loadings are exceeded or not achieved
15. the quality control procedures to be followed during the installation operations
16. procedures for ensuring that you have the correct tools, equipment, components and fasteners for the activities
17. the techniques used to position, align, adjust and secure the

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- components to the aircraft without damage
18. methods of lifting, handling and supporting the components/equipment during the installation activities
 19. the use of seals/sealant, adhesives and anti-electrolysis barriers and the precautions to be taken
 20. why electrical bonding is critical and why it must be both mechanically and electrically secure
 21. the procedure for the safe disposal of waste materials
 22. how to conduct any necessary checks to ensure the system integrity, functionality, accuracy and quality of the installation
 23. how to recognise installation defects (such as misalignment, ineffective fasteners, foreign object damage or contamination)
 24. the importance of ensuring that the completed installation is free from dirt, swarf and foreign objects
 25. the tools and equipment used in the installation 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 installation operations and how these can be overcome
 28. 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
 29. the extent of your own responsibility and to whom you should report if you have problems that you cannot resolve

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Scope/range related to performance criteria

1. Carry out all of the following during the installation activities:
 1. obtain and use the appropriate documentation (such as job instructions, installation drawings, planning and quality control documentation, aircraft standards and specifications)
 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
 3. provide and maintain a safe working environment for the installation activities
 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 calibration date
 5. obtain clearance to work on the aircraft and observe all relevant isolation and safety procedures
 6. follow safe practice/approved installation techniques and procedures at all times
 7. return all tools and equipment to the correct location on completion of the installation activities
 8. dispose of waste materials in accordance with approved procedures
2. Install aircraft equipment systems which include four of the following:
 1. batteries
 2. inverters
 3. regulators
 4. generators
 5. transformers
 6. main contactors
 7. alternators
 8. rectifier units
 9. change-over relays
 10. other specific system component
3. Use all of the following installation methods and techniques:
 1. levelling and aligning
 2. taking electrostatic discharge (ESD) precautions
 3. earth bonding
 4. securing and locking

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4. Make three of the following types of mechanical securing connections:
 1. threaded fasteners
 2. torque load bolts
 3. locking devices
 4. quick-release fasteners
 5. screws
5. Make three of the following types of electrical connection:
 1. module blocks
 2. free plugs
 3. terminal blocks
 4. earth bonding points
 5. tray-mounted sockets
6. Carry out installations in compliance with one of the following standards:
 1. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)/European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
 2. Ministry of Defence (MoD)
 3. Military Aviation Authority (MAA)
 4. Aerospace Quality Management Standards (AS)
 5. customer standards and requirements
 6. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)
 7. company standards and procedures
 8. BS, ISO or BSEN standards and procedures
 9. manufacturers standards and procedures
7. Complete the relevant paperwork, to include one from the following and pass it to the appropriate people:
 1. build records
 2. job cards
 3. log cards
 4. aircraft flight log
 5. other specific recording method

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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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