

Light Sport – Joint Safety Committee (LS-JSC)

Purpose

Recognizing that strategic oversight and direction is needed, and because the regulatory structure for Light Sport operations and manufacturing are uniquely a government and industry partnership, the Light Sport – Joint Safety Committee (LS-JSC) was formed. The primary purpose of the LS-JSC is to serve as a vehicle for government-industry cooperation, communication, and coordination on light-sport safety issues.

The LS-JSC is a sub-committee of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GA-JSC). The primary goal of the committee is to increase the safety of light sport aviation through the following objectives:

- S-LSA Certification Policy
- Continued Operational Safety Monitoring
- Accident Investigation
- FAA and Industry Education Programs
- Industry Consensus Standards
- Flight Training Practices and Procedures
- Data Acquisition and Analysis

Core Strategy

The LS-JSC serves as the primary vehicle in which safety issues relating to light sport aviation are coordinated. The committee will work diligently to recognize safety issues as they arise. The committee will utilize various member expertise and communication channels to provide awareness and education to the light sport industry. By leveraging the strengths of the committee's members, safety will be positively affected.

Identification and mitigation of safety issues:

The effectiveness of the LS-JSC is achievable only on the basis of complete, unambiguous and reliable safety data. To this end, the LS-JSC solicits and will accept safety information relating to light sport aviation that have already been submitted through the proper channels including the following:

- Information on safety issues related to daily operations of light sport aircraft
- information from accidents and incidents
- information from safety recommendations submitted to the FAA
- information from safety issues exchanged with international authorities
- information on safety of flight issues from owners/operators submitted to the appropriate manufacturer
- information from service difficulties and malfunction & defect reports submitted to the Service Difficulty Report (SDR) system
- information on manufacturers' safety of flight and service difficulty issues received into their continued airworthiness system
- information on manufacturers' corrective actions (i.e., from issued safety alerts, service bulletins or notifications)
- information on discontinued airworthiness support concerns from manufacturers going, or have gone, out of business
- information from feedback submitted to ASTM International on standards or submitted to the FAA on regulatory and policy issues

- information on training issues (i.e., pilot, repairmen, designee, government and industry personnel)

Light-sport safety issues may be brought to the attention of any member of the LS-JSC and submitted by government, industry or public persons. The LS-JSC member will then be responsible to bring the issue to the attention of the committee. Anyone may also submit LSA safety issues to the e-mail address below.

The committee will review, evaluate, prioritize and disposition each safety issue submitted. The LS-JSC will, as appropriate, identify the tasks and resources (i.e., government and/or industry persons and/or groups) needed to mitigate the safety issues. It will then coordinate the task(s) with the appropriate resource(s) and provide oversight to ensure effective results.

Submit Light-Sport Safety Issues:

9-AIR-ACE-SAD-LSA-SAFETY@faa.gov

Membership Listing

AVP-100	Accident Investigation Division	
AVP-200	Recommendation and Analysis Division	
AFS-800	General Aviation & Commercial Branch	
AFS-850	FAAST – FAA Safety Team	
AFS-300	Aircraft Maintenance Division	
AFS-600	Regulatory Support Division	
AIR-200	Production/Airworthiness Certification Division	
ACE-100	Small Airplane Directorate	
LAMA	Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association	
NAFI	National Association of Flight Instructors	
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	
EAA	Experimental Aircraft Association	
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials	
F.I.T.	Florida Institute of Technology	