

Model 208B, Caravan I, 11 PCLM (Normal Category), Approved December 13, 1989

So from the data presented, we know that the Caravan is designed for 9 passenger seats or less, excluding pilot seats. As such, an airport served by this aircraft in passenger carrying operations would not need to be certificated under Part 139.

The question arose because the Cessna 208B Caravan is certificated as a single pilot aircraft, and in non-revenue (14 CFR part 91) service, the second pilot seat may be occupied by a passenger. This lead to the interpretation that the Caravan was, in fact, equipped with 10 passenger seats. However, when used in scheduled passenger-carrying operations, 14 CFR section 135.113 prohibits passengers from occupying the second pilot seat when an aircraft is configured with 9 or more passenger seats (excluding the 2 pilot seats).

Conclusion-

Given that 14 CFR part 139 is applicable to scheduled passenger-carrying operations of an air carrier operating aircraft designed for more than 9 passenger seats, as determined by the aircraft type certificate; and the Cessna 208B Caravan in question is designed for 9 passenger seats or less, excluding pilot seats, and is being used in scheduled passenger-carrying operations, an airport need not be certificated under 14 CFR part 139 to host this model aircraft.

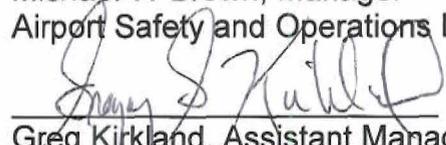
While the Airport Safety and Operations Division (AAS-300) is not aware of any similar confusion involving other aircraft models, the following steps should be taken if you have any doubts regarding the number of passenger seats available for a particular aircraft-

1. Go to FAA's homepage and follow the link to the type certificate data sheets, [http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory and Guidance Library/rgMakeModel.nsf/MainFrame?OpenFrameSet](http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory%20and%20Guidance%20Library/rgMakeModel.nsf/MainFrame?OpenFrameSet).
2. Follow the "By Make" link found on the left side of the page.
3. Select the appropriate aircraft manufacturer.
4. Select the appropriate aircraft model.
5. Read the type certificate data sheet to determine the aircraft category. If it states that the type was certificated in the "Normal" category, the maximum passenger seating configuration is nine.

In any case, if you have questions concerning a particular model, contact AAS-300 at 202-267-7653


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