

# NOTICE

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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**SUBJ:** Issuance of FAA Form 8130-7 Special Flight Permit

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice informs persons authorized to issue a special flight permit (SFP) of the revised process as identified in the current edition of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8130.2, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft.

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards Service Airworthiness aviation safety inspectors (ASI), Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) ASIs, certain representatives of the Administrator, and FAA Academy Instructors.

**3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the FAA website at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

**4. Background.** Prior to revision J of FAA Order 8130.2, the method for issuing an SFP was ambiguous. As a result, many field offices developed their own means for issuing an SFP. A records audit at a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) revealed that FAA Form 8130-7, Special Airworthiness Certificate, was not being issued in accordance with established FAA policies and procedures. Further review of the use and application of the policies revealed inconsistencies with the issuance of the SFPs. This concern has been addressed with the latest revision to FAA Order 8130.2. The revision will clarify the issuance of SFPs and the use of the required form (paper or electronic).

**5. Related Publications.** FAA Order 8130.2, Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft.

**6. Forms Availability.** You can find the forms on the MyFAA employee website at [https://employees.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/form/faq\\_form\\_8130-7.pdf](https://employees.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/form/faq_form_8130-7.pdf). The pre-printed paper forms may be used until the stock is depleted.

**7. Form Changes and Use.** FAA Form 8130-7 (electronic or paper) must be issued when the SFP is authorized, along with the applicable operating limitations. The following instructions provide the procedures for completing FAA Form 8130-7 and the associated operating limitations.

**a. Data Entry.** The date on both forms defaults to the “DDMMYY” format. Also, there is a pull-down menu in front of the date to allow entering a letter, such as an “R” for a replacement certificate. When printing a certificate, set the Page Scaling to “None”, or actual size. Use white 8½” x 11” paper. It is recommended to use a heavyweight paper. The forms will print in grayscale; using a color printer is not required.

**b. Format and Layout Changes.** There were minor format changes made to FAA Form 8130-7 (see Appendix A) as described in Notice N 8130.72, Availability of FAA Forms 8130-7 and 8100-2, dated January 27, 2017. The top half of the first page has an image that resembles the old pre-printed form, followed by the conditions and limitations. The “A” through “E” limitations that were printed on the back of the old pre-printed form are now printed below the front of the certificate. The operating limitations date field was removed because the certificate and limitations are now printed together. A change to the limitations is accomplished by either issuance of a new certificate or an amendment. When issuing a replacement certificate and the original operating limitations are available, you may delete the conditions and limitations and replace them with a statement such as, “The attached operating limitations dated DDMMYY are part of this certificate.” The following changes have also been made to FAA Form 8130-7:

(1) The “Category/Designation” block has a pull-down menu prepopulated with the following: restricted, limited, primary, light-sport, experimental, provisional, and SFP.

(2) The purpose block also has a pull-down menu that is prepopulated based upon the selection made in the “Category/Designation” block. All of the blocks, including the blocks with a pull-down menu, are editable and, when necessary, should be modified per FAA Order 8130.2.

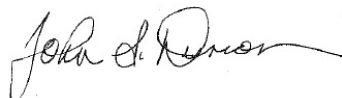
(3) The “Conditions and Limitations” section of the form will expand to allow for any number of limitations and pages.

(4) If the certificate is not for a production flight test, delete the flight test paragraph.

(5) If the certificate is not for an SFP, delete the line authorizing the flight specified.

**8. General Policy.** Flight Standards inspectors shall comply with current guidance in Order 8130.2J when issuing FAA Form 8130-7.

**9. Disposition.** The information in this notice has been incorporated into FAA Order 8130.2. Questions concerning this information should be directed to the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) at 202-267-7404 or AIR-113 at 202-267-1575.



John S. Duncan  
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## Appendix A. FAA Form 8130-7, Special Airworthiness Certificate

Select this box to enable using a digital signature. Otherwise enter the name of the person signing the certificate in the FAA representative's box.

Display of this portion satisfies § 91.203(b).

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Select to enable digital signature

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
**SPECIAL AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE**

CATEGORY/DESIGNATION	
PURPOSE	
MANUFACTURER	NAME
ADDRESS	
FLIGHT	FROM
TO	
N	MODEL
SERIAL NO.	
BUILDER	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Unless sooner surrendered, suspended, revoked, or the termination date of _____ this airworthiness certificate is effective under the conditions prescribed in 14 CFR, Part 21, Section 21.181 or 21.217.	
SIGNATURE OF FAA REPRESENTATIVE	DESIGNATION OR OFFICE NO.

This airworthiness certificate is issued under the authority of 49 United States Code 44704 and Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Any alteration, reuse or reproduction for a fraudulent purpose of this certificate may be punishable by certificate revocation, fine, or imprisonment, or both. THIS PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE AIRCRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE TITLE 14 CFR.

-- Conditions and Limitations --

This aircraft does not meet the airworthiness requirements specified in Annex 8 to the Convention on International Civil Operations in civil airspace outside of the United States will require the permission of the applicable foreign authority. permission must be carried aboard the aircraft together with this U.S. airworthiness certificate and, upon request, be made available to an FAA inspector or the applicable foreign authority in the country of operation. Operations may be further restricted by the applicable foreign authority. This may include not allowing use of an airport, requiring specific routing, and restricting flight over specific areas. The operator must comply with any additional limitation prescribed by the applicable foreign authority when operating in its airspace.

The airworthiness certificate authorizes the manufacturer named to conduct production flight tests, and only production flight tests, of aircraft registered in his name. No person may conduct production flight tests under this certificate: (1) Carrying persons or property for compensation or hire; and/or (2) Carrying persons not essential to the purpose of the flight.

This airworthiness certificate authorizes the flight specified for the purpose shown.

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Delete if not issued for special flight permit.

Delete if not issued for production flight test.

You may enter an expiration date or select a date from the pull-down menu. You can also enter text such as unlimited.

Click to reset the form back to defaults. Some systems require two clicks for a complete reset.