

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP) Guidance and Policy

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces the establishment of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 20, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program. This new volume will have an introduction followed by 10 chapters that will correspond with each of the Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP) elements. Once established, guidance and policy will be migrated to this volume by following the Flight Standards normal revision and comment process. This notice extends the applicability of Notice N 8900.516, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP) Guidance and Policy, which expired on July 8, 2020.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices' aviation safety inspectors (ASI). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business offices.

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. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <https://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's website at <https://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Awareness.

a. CAMP Definition. A CAMP is a certificate holder/program manager-developed maintenance program and is authorized for use by FAA-issued Operations Specification (OpSpec)/Management Specification (MSpec) D072, Aircraft Maintenance – Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program (CAMP). This OpSpec/MSpec identifies documents (which may include documents incorporated by reference) that contain the person's entire inspection program and the program covering other maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations, which constitute the maintenance part of the person's required manual. The identified documents (including those referred to within) are the prescriptive methods, techniques, and practices individuals must follow when performing maintenance activities on the person's aircraft. A CAMP contains 10 elements and must be comprehensive in scope and detail to fulfill the certificate holder/program manager's responsibility to ensure:

- Maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations performed by it, or by other persons, are performed in accordance with the certificate holder/program manager's D072-authorized manual;
- Competent personnel and adequate facilities and equipment are provided for the proper performance of maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations; and
- Each aircraft released to service is airworthy and properly maintained for its operation.

b. Reasons for Change. By regulation, each CAMP's performance and effectiveness is under continual analysis and surveillance by the person and the FAA with the direction to identify and correct deficiencies. Over the past several years, systemic deficiencies identified within CAMPs, as well as inconsistent FAA oversight, led to the need for this change. This change is to improve CAMP design, structure, and content while also ensuring consistent FAA oversight of these programs.

5. Knowledge: How We Will Change.

a. Order 8900.1. The first step requires interdependent communication, critical thinking, and adherence to the FAA's internal processes that facilitate this change. A new Volume 20, titled "Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program," will be established within Order 8900.1. This volume will have an introduction followed by 10 chapters, reflecting the 10 CAMP elements. Placeholders for this volume have been established in the FSIMS menu.

b. CAMP Guidance and Policy. The second step will enhance CAMP guidance and policy in detail. The second step is ongoing. Implementation of this step will be gradual yet steady. It requires the Aircraft Maintenance Division to follow its Quality Management System (QMS) review process. This proven process allows all CAMP-related policy, guidance, and Job Task Analyses (JTA) to evolve gradually over a 3-year time span with little disruption. The Aircraft Maintenance Division expects these enhancements to add clarity and improve consistency of CAMP oversight.

6. Desire: How to Support the Change. All Flight Standards divisions, branches, and offices are able to support and participate in this change via the FSIMS Librarian feedback process per Order 8900.1, Volume 1, Chapter 1, Section 1, General Order Information, or the preferred method that uses the Document Control Board (DCB) review process. The DCB process is a proven process that is familiar and routine. New documents or content changes that result from the Aircraft Maintenance Division reviews pass through the DCB for feedback and comment prior to release. Your participation and feedback through the DCB process is essential to ensure policy and guidance are reflective of your perspective and needs.

7. Ability: How to Implement the Change. The Aircraft Maintenance Division will manage the following two-step corrective action.

a. Step One. Establish Order 8900.1, Volume 20, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Program, and migrate existing CAMP policy and guidance to the new volume, which will have an introduction followed by 10 chapters reflecting the 10 CAMP elements. We will also initiate

changes to Safety Assurance System (SAS) Data Collection Tools (DCT), and computer-based training (CBT) to reflect the new Order 8900.1 CAMP references.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction. CAMP Introduction (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 1. Airworthiness Responsibilities (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 2. Maintenance Manuals (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 3. Maintenance Organization (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 4. Accomplished and Approval of Maintenance and Alterations (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 5. Maintenance Schedule/Time Limitations (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 6. Required Inspection Items (RII) (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 7. Maintenance Recordkeeping System (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 8. Contract Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 9. Personnel Training (TBD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 10. Continuous Analysis and Surveillance System (TBD)

b. Step Two. Over the next 2 years, the Aircraft Maintenance Division will review and, as necessary, revise all CAMP policy, guidance, and JTAs.

8. Reinforcement. To sustain consistent oversight of CAMP content, design, and performance, the Aircraft Maintenance Division must ensure Order 8900.1 policy reflects the operational requirements and expectations under which the FAA authorizes them. The Aircraft Maintenance Division, in coordination with the Safety Analysis and Promotion Division, the Workforce Development Division, and the Safety Risk Management Division, will validate Order 8900.1, Volume 20 CAMP policy and ensure it properly aligns CAMP-related guidance documents, SAS DCTs, and training. The Aircraft Maintenance Division also anticipates establishing a CAMP Support Team that will provide real-time support and assistance to field inspectors on an ongoing basis.

9. Disposition. The Aircraft Maintenance Division has established Order 8900.1, Volume 20. Migration of existing CAMP policy and guidance to the new Volume 20 will follow soon thereafter. Combined with the ongoing, 3-year comprehensive review of the Order 8900.1 CAMP policy, these measures will produce continual improvements in the Order 8900.1 CAMP policy, DCTs, and training. To be successful via the DCB, your interdependent and critical review of the Volume 20 CAMP changes, followed by communication and feedback, will allow Flight Standards to provide consistent oversight of CAMP content, design, and performance. Direct questions, suggestions, or comments concerning this notice to the Aircraft Maintenance Division at 202-267-1675.



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