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Part 25 AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS: TRANSPORT CATEGORY AIRPLANES
Subpart D--Design and Construction **Fire Protection**

Sec. 25.853

Compartment interiors.

Materials (including finishes or decorative surfaces applied to the materials) used in each compartment occupied by the crew or passengers must meet the following test criteria as applicable:

(a) Interior ceiling panels, interior wall panels, partitions, galley structure, large cabinet walls, structural flooring, and materials used in the construction of stowage compartments (other than underseat stowage compartments and compartments for stowing small items such as magazines and maps) must be self-extinguishing when tested vertically in accordance with the applicable portions of Appendix F of this Part, or other approved equivalent methods. The average burn length may not exceed six inches and the average flame time after removal of the flame source may not exceed 15 seconds. Drippings from the test specimen may not continue to flame for more than an average of three seconds after falling.

[(b) Floor covering, textiles (including draperies and upholstery), seat cushions, padding, decorative and non-decorative coated fabrics, leather, trays and galley furnishings, electrical conduit, thermal and acoustical insulation and insulation covering, air ducting, joint and edge covering, liners of Class B and E cargo or baggage compartments, floor panels of C or D cargo and baggage compartments, insulation blankets, cargo covers, and transparencies, molded and thermoformed parts, air ducting joints, and trim strips (decorative and chafing), that are constructed of materials not covered in paragraph (b-2) of this section, must be self extinguishing when tested vertically in accordance with the applicable portions of Part I of Appendix F of this Part, or other approved equivalent methods. The average burn length may not exceed 8 inches, and the average flame time after removal of the flame source may not exceed 15 seconds. Drippings from the test specimen may not continue to flame for more than an average of 5 seconds after falling.]

(b-1) Motion picture film must be safety film meeting the Standard Specifications for Safety Photographic Film (PH1.25) (available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018), or an FAA approved equivalent. If the film travels through ducts, the ducts must meet the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section.

(b-2) Acrylic windows and signs, parts constructed in whole or in part of elastomeric materials, edge lighted instrument assemblies consisting of two or more instruments in a common housing, seat belts, shoulder harness, and cargo and baggage tiedown equipment, including containers, bins, pallets, etc., used in passenger or crew compartments may not have an average burn rate greater than 2.5 inches per minute when tested horizontally in accordance with the applicable portions of Appendix F of this Part, or other approved equivalent methods.

(b-3) Except for electrical wire and cable insulation, and for small parts (such as knobs, handles, rollers, fasteners, clips, grommets, rub strips, pulleys, and small electrical parts) that the Administrator finds would not contribute significantly to the propagation of a fire, materials in items not specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (b-1), or (b-2) of this section may not have a burn rate greater than 4.0 inches per minute when tested horizontally in accordance with the applicable portions of Appendix F of this Part or other approved equivalent methods.

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (b), seat cushions, except those on flight crewmember seats, must meet the test requirements of Part II of Appendix F of this Part, or equivalent.

(d) If smoking is to be prohibited, there must be placard so stating, and if smoking is to be allowed--

(1) There must be an adequate number of self-contained, removable ashtrays; and

(2) Where the crew compartment is separated from the passenger compartment, there must be at least one sign meeting the "No Smoking" sign requirements of Sec. 25.791 notifying all passengers when smoking is prohibited.

(e) Each disposal receptacle for towels, paper, or waste must be fully enclosed and constructed of at least fire restraint materials, and must contain fires likely to occur in it under normal use. The ability of the disposal receptacle to contain those fires under all probable conditions of wear, misalignment, and ventilation expected in service must be demonstrated by test. A placard containing the legible words "No Cigarette Disposal" must be located on or near each disposal receptacle door.

(f) Lavatories must have "No Smoking" or "No Smoking in Lavatory" placards located conspicuously on each side of the entry door, and self-contained removable ashtrays located conspicuously on or near the entry side of each lavatory door, except that one ashtray may serve more than one lavatory door if the ashtray can be seen readily from the cabin side of each lavatory door served. The placards must have red letters at least one-half inch high on a white background of at least one inch high. (A "No Smoking" symbol may be included on the placard.)

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