

Recommendation Report

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THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD IS CONCERNED BY THE CONTINUED OCCURRENCE OF STALL/SPIN ACCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS. THE ACCIDENT STATISTICS ARE ALARMING AND REINFORCE OUR BELIEF THAT POSITIVE, INNOVATIVE ACTION BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION MUST BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION. FROM 1974 TO 1976, THERE WERE 723 STALL/SPIN ACCIDENTS WHICH RESULTED IN 666 FATALITIES AND 246 SERIOUS INJURIES. MANY OF THESE ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF FAA HAD IMPLEMENTED PAST SAFETY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO STALL/SPIN PROBLEMS.

Recommendation # A-78-043

Overall Status

Priority

CUA

CLASS I

INCORPORATE ALL OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE GROUND AND FLIGHT TRAINING INCREMENTS DEVELOPED IN THE "GENERAL AVIATION PILOT STALL AWARENESS TRAINING STUDY," OR THEIR EQUIVALENT, IN FAR PARTS 61 AND 141.

FAA	Closed - Unacceptable Action	2/3/1989
9/1/1978 Addressee	FAA LTR: WE BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL AVIATION PILOT STALL AWARENESS TRAINING STUDY SHOULD BE SURVEYED FOR POSSIBLE INCORPORATION INTO THE SECTIONS OF FAR PARTS 61 AND 141 WHICH DEAL WITH TRAINING IN STALL AWARENESS AND RECOVERY. ACTION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO IDENTIFY RELEVANT ELEMENTS AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR UPDATING PILOT TRAINING STANDARDS. WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY MARCH 1979.	
10/8/1980 NTSB	The faa letter of september 1, 1978, indicated that a survey was expected to be completed by march 1979, and if the results of the survey indicated rulemaking to be appropriate, regulatory projects would be established. In order to evaluate the status of this recommendation and bring the public docket up to date, we would appreciate a progress report.	
11/13/1980 Addressee	FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION LTR: THE STALL AWARENESS TRAINING STUDY WILL BE INCLUDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, INTO FAR PARTS 61 AND 141 AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE UPGRADING OF PILOT TRAINING STANDARDS. THE FAA IS PLANNING A REGULATORY REVIEW OF FAR PARTS 61 AND 141 DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ACTION AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT WORK CAN BEGIN DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FAA HAS WRITTEN TO ALL INDUSTRY SPONSORS OF FAA APPROVED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER COURSES TO INCLUDE TRAINING ON STALL SPIN AWARENESS. FURTHER, THE FAA EXAMINER STANDARDIZATION SECTION HAS INCLUDED A UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON STALL SPIN AWARENESS TO ALL PILOT EXAMINERS. THE INTENT OF THESE ACTIONS IS TO INFORM THE FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS AND PILOT EXAMINERS OF THE ELEMENTS OF STALL SPIN AWARENESS TRAINING.	
12/1/1986 Addressee	THE STALL AWARENESS TRAINING STUDY WILL BE INCLUDED IN ITS ENTIRETY, INTO FAR PARTS 61 AND 141 AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE UPGRADING OF PILOT TRAINING STANDARDS. THE FAA IS PLANNING A REGULATORY REVIEW OF FAR PARTS 61 AND 141 DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ACTION AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT WORK CAN BEGIN DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR. IN OUR JUDGEMENT, THESE ACTIONS WILL SATISFY THE INTENT OF SAFETY RECOMMENDATION A-78-43. WE WILL KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF UPGRADING FAR PARTS 61 AND 141.	
12/1/1986 NTSB	In a letter dated november 13, 1980, we were informed that the faa was planning a regulatory review of far parts 61 and 141 in ty 1981 and would include the general aviation pilot stall awareness training study in the agenda. Based on this information, the safety board in a letter dated december 16, 1980, classified this recommendation as open--acceptable action. However, we have not received any further response from the faa and would appreciate being informed of the present status of the review. In the expectation that the faa intends to take action as planned, we are main- taining a-78-43 in an open--acceptable action status.	