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incorporate a means to indicate contamination before it reaches the capacity established in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

- (4) The bypass of a strainer or filter must be constructed and installed so that the release of collected contaminants is minimized by appropriate location of the bypass to ensure that collected contaminants are not in the bypass flow path.
- (5) An oil strainer or filter that has no bypass, except one that is installed at an oil tank outlet, must have a means to connect it to the warning system required in §27.1305(r).
- (b) Each oil strainer or filter in a powerplant installation using reciprocating engines must be constructed and installed so that oil will flow at the normal rate through the rest of the system with the strainer or filter element completely blocked.

[Amdt. 27–9, 39 FR 35462, Oct. 1, 1974, as amended by Amdt. 27–20, 49 FR 6849, Feb. 23, 1984; Amdt. 27–23, 53 FR 34213, Sept. 2, 1988]

# §27.1021 Oil system drains.

A drain (or drains) must be provided to allow safe drainage of the oil system. Each drain must—

- (a) Be accessible; and
- (b) Have manual or automatic means for positive locking in the closed position.

[Amdt. 27-20, 49 FR 6849, Feb. 23, 1984]

### § 27.1027 Transmissions and gearboxes: General.

- (a) The lubrication system for components of the rotor drive system that require continuous lubrication must be sufficiently independent of the lubrication systems of the engine(s) to ensure lubrication during autorotation.
- (b) Pressure lubrication systems for transmissions and gearboxes must comply with the engine oil system requirements of §§ 27.1013 (except paragraph (c)), 27.1015, 27.1017, 27.1021, and 27.1337(d).
- (c) Each pressure lubrication system must have an oil strainer or filter through which all of the lubricant flows and must—
- (1) Be designed to remove from the lubricant any contaminant which may damage transmission and drive system

components or impede the flow of lubricant to a hazardous degree:

- (2) Be equipped with a means to indicate collection of contaminants on the filter or strainer at or before opening of the bypass required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section; and
- (3) Be equipped with a bypass constructed and installed so that—
- (i) The lubricant will flow at the normal rate through the rest of the system with the strainer or filter completely blocked; and
- (ii) The release of collected contaminants is minimized by appropriate location of the bypass to ensure that collected contaminants are not in the bypass flowpath.
- (d) For each lubricant tank or sump outlet supplying lubrication to rotor drive systems and rotor drive system components, a screen must be provided to prevent entrance into the lubrication system of any object that might obstruct the flow of lubricant from the outlet to the filter required by paragraph (c) of this section. The requirements of paragraph (c) do not apply to screens installed at lubricant tank or sump outlets.
- (e) Splash-type lubrication systems for rotor drive system gearboxes must comply with  $\S27.1021$  and 27.1337(d).

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### ${\bf Cooling}$

#### § 27.1041 General.

- (a) Each powerplant cooling system must be able to maintain the temperatures of powerplant components within the limits established for these components under critical surface (ground or water) and flight operating conditions for which certification is required and after normal shutdown. Powerplant components to be considered include but may not be limited to engines, rotor drive system components, auxiliary power units, and the cooling or lubricating fluids used with these components.
- (b) Compliance with paragraph (a) of this section must be shown in tests