§ 23.1555 Control markings.

(a) Each cockpit control, other than primary flight controls and simple push button type starter switches, must be plainly marked as to its function and method of operation.

(b) Each secondary control must be suitably marked. For powerplant fuel controls—

(1) Each tank selector control must be marked to indicate the position corresponding to each tank and to each existing cross feed position;
(2) If safe operation requires the use of any tanks in a specific sequence, that sequence must be marked on or near the selector for those tanks;

(3) The conditions under which the full amount of usable fuel in any restricted usage fuel tank can safely be used must be stated on a placard adjacent to the selector valve for that tank; and

(4) Each valve control for any engine of a multiengine airplane must be marked to indicate the position corresponding to each engine controlled.

(d) Usable fuel capacity must be marked as follows:

(1) For fuel systems having no selector controls, the usable fuel capacity of the system must be indicated at the fuel quantity indicator.

(2) For fuel systems having selector controls, the usable fuel capacity available at each selector control position must be indicated near the selector control.

(e) For accessory, auxiliary, and emergency controls—

(1) If retractable landing gear is used, the indicator required by §23.729 must be marked so that the pilot can, at any time, ascertain that the wheels are secured in the extreme positions; and

(2) Each emergency control must be red and must be marked as to method of operation. No control other than an emergency control, or a control that serves an emergency function in addition to its other functions, shall be this color.


EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By Amdt. 23–62, 76 FR 75763, Dec. 2, 2011, §23.1555 was amended by adding a new paragraph (d)(3), effective Jan. 31, 2012. For the convenience of the user, the added text is set forth as follows:

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(3) For fuel systems having a calibrated fuel quantity indication system complying with §23.1337(b)(1) and accurately displaying the actual quantity of usable fuel in each selectable tank, no fuel capacity placards outside of the fuel quantity indicator are required.

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§ 23.1557 Miscellaneous markings and placards.

(a) Baggage and cargo compartments, and ballast location. Each baggage and cargo compartment, and each ballast location, must have a placard stating any limitations on contents, including weight, that are necessary under the loading requirements.

(b) Seats. If the maximum allowable weight to be carried in a seat is less than 170 pounds, a placard stating the lesser weight must be permanently attached to the seat structure.

(c) Fuel, oil, and coolant filler openings. The following apply:

(1) Fuel filler openings must be marked at or near the filler cover with—

(A) The word “Avgas”; and

(B) The minimum fuel grade.

(ii) For turbine engine-powered airplanes—

(A) The words “Jet Fuel”; and

(B) The permissible fuel designations, or references to the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) for permissible fuel designations.

(iii) For pressure fueling systems, the maximum permissible fueling supply pressure and the maximum permissible defueling pressure.

(2) Oil filler openings must be marked at or near the filler cover with the word “Oil” and the permissible oil designations, or references to the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) for permissible oil designations.

(3) Coolant filler openings must be marked at or near the filler cover with the word “Coolant”.

(d) Emergency exit placards. Each placard and operating control for each emergency exit must be red. A placard must be near each emergency exit control and must clearly indicate the location of that exit and its method of operation.

(e) The system voltage of each direct current installation must be clearly