

**§ 121.201 Nontransport category airplanes: En route limitations: One engine inoperative.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, no person operating a nontransport category airplane may take off that airplane at a weight that does not allow a rate of climb of at least 50 feet a minute, with the critical engine inoperative, at an altitude of at least 1,000 feet above the highest obstruction within five miles on each side of the intended track, or 5,000 feet, whichever is higher.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, if the Administrator finds that safe operations are not impaired, a person may operate the airplane at an altitude that allows the airplane, in case of engine failure, to clear all obstructions within 5 miles on each side of the intended track by 1,000 feet. If this procedure is used, the rate of descent for the appropriate weight and altitude is assumed to be 50 feet a minute greater than the rate in the approved performance data. Before approving such a procedure, the Administrator considers the following for the route, route segment, or area concerned:

- (1) The reliability of wind and weather forecasting.
- (2) The location and kinds of navigation aids.
- (3) The prevailing weather conditions, particularly the frequency and amount of turbulence normally encountered.
- (4) Terrain features.
- (5) Air traffic control problems.
- (6) Any other operational factors that affect the operation.

(c) For the purposes of this section, it is assumed that—

- (1) The critical engine is inoperative;
- (2) The propeller of the inoperative engine is in the minimum drag position;
- (3) The wing flaps and landing gear are in the most favorable position;
- (4) The operating engines are operating at the maximum continuous power available;
- (5) The airplane is operating in standard atmosphere; and
- (6) The weight of the airplane is progressively reduced by the anticipated consumption of fuel and oil.

**§ 121.203 Nontransport category airplanes: Landing limitations: Destination airport.**

(a) No person operating a nontransport category airplane may take off that airplane at a weight that—

(1) Allowing for anticipated consumption of fuel and oil, is greater than the weight that would allow a full stop landing within 60 percent of the effective length of the most suitable runway at the destination airport; and

(2) Is greater than the weight allowable if the landing is to be made on the runway—

(i) With the greatest effective length in still air; and

(ii) Required by the probable wind, taking into account not more than 50 percent of the headwind component or not less than 150 percent of the tailwind component.

(b) For the purposes of this section, it is assumed that—

(1) The airplane passes directly over the intersection of the obstruction clearance plane and the runway at a height of 50 feet in a steady gliding approach at a true indicated airspeed of at least  $1.3 V_{SO}$ ;

(2) The landing does not require exceptional pilot skill; and

(3) The airplane is operating in standard atmosphere.

**§ 121.205 Nontransport category airplanes: Landing limitations: Alternate airport.**

No person may list an airport as an alternate airport in a dispatch or flight release for a nontransport category airplane unless that airplane (at the weight anticipated at the time of arrival) based on the assumptions contained in § 121.203, can be brought to a full stop landing within 70 percent of the effective length of the runway.

**§ 121.207 Provisionally certificated airplanes: Operating limitations.**

In addition to the limitations in § 91.317 of this chapter, the following limitations apply to the operation of provisionally certificated airplanes by certificate holders:

(a) In addition to crewmembers, each certificate holder may carry on such an airplane only those persons who are