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Section 60.32 of Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations
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60.32 Identification mark. No aircraft (except a foreign aircraft provided for in section 6 of the Air Commerce Act of 1926, as amended) shall be operated within the United States unless it displays an identification mark assigned thereto by the Administrator: Provided, That aircraft of the national defense forces of the United States shall be identified by the agency having jurisdiction over such aircraft, in a manner satisfactory to the Board. The identification marks assigned by the Administrator shall be as follows:

(a) A certificated aircraft which has fully complied with the minimum airworthiness requirements specified in the Civil Air Regulations, shall display the Roman capital letters NC followed by the registration number.

(b) A certificated aircraft which has not demonstrated compliance with the airworthiness requirements specified in the Civil Air Regulations but which, in the opinion of the Administrator, is in condition for safe operation for particular activities, shall display the Roman capital letters NR followed by the registration number.

(c) A certificated aircraft which has not demonstrated compliance with the airworthiness requirements specified in the Civil Air Regulations but which, in the opinion of the Administrator, is in condition for safe operation for experimental purposes shall display the Roman capital letters NX followed by the registration number.

(d) An uncertificated aircraft shall display the registration number only.

(e) A certificated aircraft manufactured in the United States for delivery to a foreign purchaser may display such marks or insignia as the appropriate foreign government shall designate. Such aircraft may only be operated for the purpose of test flights and demonstration for a limited time in the immediate vicinity of the manufacturer's airport or for the sole purpose of delivery to a foreign purchaser.

60.320 Location for display. The identification mark on conventional aircraft shall be displayed, in the case of a biplane, on the lower surface of the lower left wing and on the upper surface of the upper right wing and, in the case of a monoplane, on the lower surface of the left wing and the upper surface of the right wing: Provided, That if the length of the lower left wing of a biplane is less than one-half the length of the upper left wing, the identification mark shall be displayed on the lower surface of the upper left wing as far to the left as possible. The top of the letters and figures shall be toward the leading edge. The height shall be at least four-fifths of the mean chord but need not exceed 30 inches. The mark shall also be located on both sides of the vertical tail surface of all conventional airplanes, of a size as large as a 2-inch marking will permit. On gliders the letters and figures shall be displayed in the same manner and place prescribed for conventional airplanes except the minimum height shall be 15 inches. On aircraft other than conventional airplanes or gliders the identification mark shall be displayed in such manner as may be prescribed by the Administrator upon examination of a three-view drawing to scale of the aircraft.

60.321 Lettering. The width of the letters and figures (except the figure 1) shall be at least two-thirds of their height. The width of each stroke shall be at least one-sixth of the height of the letters and figures, which shall be of uniform size. The space between such letters and figures shall be not less than one-sixth of the height. Such letters and figures shall be painted on the aircraft in a solid color and on a clearly contrasting background. Such identification mark shall be kept clean and clearly visible. No other design, mark, or symbol which might modify or confuse the assigned mark shall be placed on the aircraft except with the approval of a duly authorized inspector of the Administrator.

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