

Excerpt from FAA Order 8130.2F "Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft and Related Parts" (Can be found on www.fsims.faa.gov)

19. ORIGINAL AND REPLACEMENT IDENTIFICATION PLATES.

a. **Original Data Plates.** Each aircraft presented for airworthiness certification must meet the requirements of §21.182. Each aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, propeller blade, and propeller hub manufactured under a TC or PC must be identified with the information specified in §45.13. Manned free balloon are required to comply with §45.13(c).

b. Replacement Data Plates

(1) When FAA personnel receive inquiries regarding replacement, removal, or destruction of identification (ID) plates, the sample letter in figure 2-2 may be used as a guide for responding.

(2) When a new ID plate is required, the owner or the owner's authorized representative contacts the appropriate certification office. The FAA determines whether the request is valid and provides a letter to the applicant with the FAA's finding. If the FAA determines that the request is valid, the applicant includes the FAA letter with his or her request for the replacement data plate from the appropriate manufacturer.

(3) Upon notification by the applicant, which must include the FAA's letter, the product manufacturer may then issue the replacement ID plate 11/5/2004 8130.2F Page 13.

(4) The old ID plate, when available, must be voluntarily surrendered by the owner with a written statement to the FAA office who authorized the replacement. The FAA office must make a copy of the plate and then physically destroy it. The FAA office must then submit a letter to AFS-750 stating that the surrendered plate has been destroyed. AFS-750 will include the letter in the permanent aircraft records file.

c. **Removal of Data Plates.** Section 45.13 permits persons performing maintenance operations under 14 CFR Part 43, Maintenance, Preventive, Maintenance, Rebuilding, and Alteration, to remove an aircraft data plate. The removal must be done in accordance with the methods, techniques, and practices acceptable to the Administrator. The ID plate removed may be reinstalled only on the product from which it was removed

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