



Federal Aviation Administration

MMEL Policy Letter 89, Revision 2

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To: All Region Flight Standards Division Managers
All Aircraft Evaluation Group Managers
From: Manager, Air Transportation Division, AFS-200
Reply to Attn of: Manager, Technical Programs Branch, AFS-260

SUBJECT: FASTEN SEAT BELT WHILE SEATED Signs or Placards

MMEL CODE: 25 (EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS)

REFERENCE: PL- 89, Revision 1, dated November 19, 2001
PL-89,Original dated August 15, 1997
Previous PL-08 (Item 1), dated July 12,1982

PURPOSE:

This policy letter provides guidance regarding "Fasten Seat Belt While Seated" signs or placards.

DISCUSSION:

Revision 2 standardizes the format with other Policy Letters with no change to policy.

Revision 1 corrects Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) reference from 14 CFR Section 121.317(b) to 14 CFR Section 121.317(d). The original PL-89 restated an earlier Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL) policy that was previously contained in PL-08 (Item 1) dated July 12, 1982, which covered multiple issues.

14 CFR section 121.317(d) requires, in part, that no person may operate a passenger carrying airplane under 14 CFR Part 121 unless at least one legible sign or placard that reads "Fasten Seat Belt While Seated" is visible from each passenger seat.

POLICY:

Flight Operations Evaluation Board chairmen should adopt the following wording for "FASTEN SEAT BELT WHILE SEATED" signs or placards.

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XX-X	"FASTEN SEAT BELT WHILE SEATED" Sign or Placard	C	-	-	One or more signs or placards may be illegible or missing provided a legible sign or placard is visible from each occupied passenger seat.
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Each Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) Chairman should apply this Policy to affected MMELs through the normal FOEB process.

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