



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Office of Airport Safety and Standards  
Airport Engineering Division

800 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Industry Representative:

At the time of publication, AC 150/5345-53C did not address the certification of equipment using components supplied by other than the original equipment manufacturer (OEM). Since that time, we have reached agreement with third party testing laboratories on an interim procedure to certify entire devices with non-OEM components installed.

Paragraph 5.A, *Equipment Qualification Request*, of Appendix 2, *Third Party Certification Program and Procedures*, is to be interpreted as allowing the certification of equipment using non-OEM equipment. It does not result in the certification of a component for any use other than in the equipment tested. Contact the third party testing laboratories listed in Appendix 1, *Third Party Certification Bodies*, for procedures.

Such tested equipment will be listed in a new appendix that will list the catalog number of the OEM device and the non-OEM's part number for the substituted component.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Marinelli".

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