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# FAA Certification Requirements for Airplane Handling Qualities – Icing and Asymmetric Flap Deployment

## Transport Category Airplanes

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# FAA Handling Qualities Requirements Applicable to ATR 42-320

## Icing

- Airplane must be able to safely operate in icing conditions specified in appendix C to part 25
- “Safely operate” includes consideration of airplane handling qualities

## Asymmetric Flap Deployment

- Indication must be provided if needed to prevent or counteract an unsafe flight or ground condition, considering the effects on flight characteristics and performance
- No separate indication required if performance and handling qualities are not unsafe with asymmetry

# FAA Handling Qualities Requirements Applicable to ATR 42-320

## Means of Compliance – Icing

- **Flight test evaluations**
  - Stall characteristics
  - General maneuvering capabilities
  - Trimmability
  - Takeoff and landing
- **Wind tunnel tests**
- **Simulator testing**
- **Engineering analysis**

# FAA Handling Qualities Requirements Applicable to ATR 42-320

## Means of Compliance – Unannounced Asymmetric Flap Deployment

- Engineering analysis
- Simulator testing
- Flight testing, if determined necessary

# FAA Handling Qualities Requirements Applicable to ATR 42-320

## Handling Qualities Compliance – General Considerations

- **Performance of basic tasks – takeoff, climb, maneuver, descend, land, and transition between flight conditions without requiring exceptional piloting skill or strength**
- **Assumptions:**
  - Airplane trimmed
  - Airplane Flight Manual operating procedures or conventional operating practices followed

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## Handling Qualities Compliance – General Considerations (continued)

- ➔ **Maximum allowable control forces for probable operating conditions:**

<b>Force ~ lbs</b>	<b>Pitch</b>	<b>Roll</b>	<b>Yaw</b>
<b>For temporary application</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>For prolonged application</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>

# FAA Icing Certification of ATR 42-320

- **Original certification August 25, 1988**
- **Special Certification Review of ATR 42 and 72 airplanes following 1994 Roselawn accident**
  - ATR 42 and 72 were certificated in accordance with approved procedures
  - No unsafe or atypical lateral control characteristics in certified icing envelope
  - In freezing drizzle or freezing rain, potential for ridge of ice to develop aft of the deicing boots leading to uncommanded aileron movement and high control forces



# FAA Icing Certification of ATR 42-320

- **Certification of modified (extended) deicing boots (March 20, 1995)**
  - Extensive testing to certify for appendix C icing conditions
    - Dry air and icing wind tunnel tests
    - Dry air (simulated ice shapes) and natural icing flight tests
  - Flight tests of an ATR 72 behind an icing tanker showed that in freezing drizzle and freezing rain conditions:
    - The modified boots shed ice in the area that resulted in a ridge behind the original boots
    - No ridge formed aft of the modified boots

# Relevant FAA Rule Changes Since ATR 42-320 Certification

- **Amendment 25-84 (effective July 10, 1995)**
  - Lowered the maximum roll control force allowable during handling qualities evaluations
  - Introduced lower maximum allowable control forces for maneuvers when only one hand is available for control
- **Amendment 25-121 (effective October 9, 2007)**
  - Identified specific airplane performance and handling qualities requirements
  - In general, the same handling qualities requirements apply to both non-icing and icing conditions