NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Office of Aviation Safety Washington, D.C. 20594

Attachment 25- N707AR Airworthiness

OPERATIONAL FACTORS

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A. ACCIDENT

Operator:	Omega Aerial Refueling Services, Inc.
Location:	Point Mugu Naval Air Station, California
Date:	May 18, 2011
Airplane:	Boeing 707-321B, Registration Number: N707AR

B. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) OPERATIONS GROUP

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C. SUMMARY

On May 18, 2011, at approximately 1727 pm local time (0027 UTC), Omega Air flight 70, a Boeing 707-321B (N707AR), crashed on takeoff at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station¹, Point Mugu, California. The airplane impacted beyond the departure end of runway 21 and was destroyed by post-impact fire. All three flight crewmembers aboard escaped with minor injuries.

¹ Naval Base Ventura County.

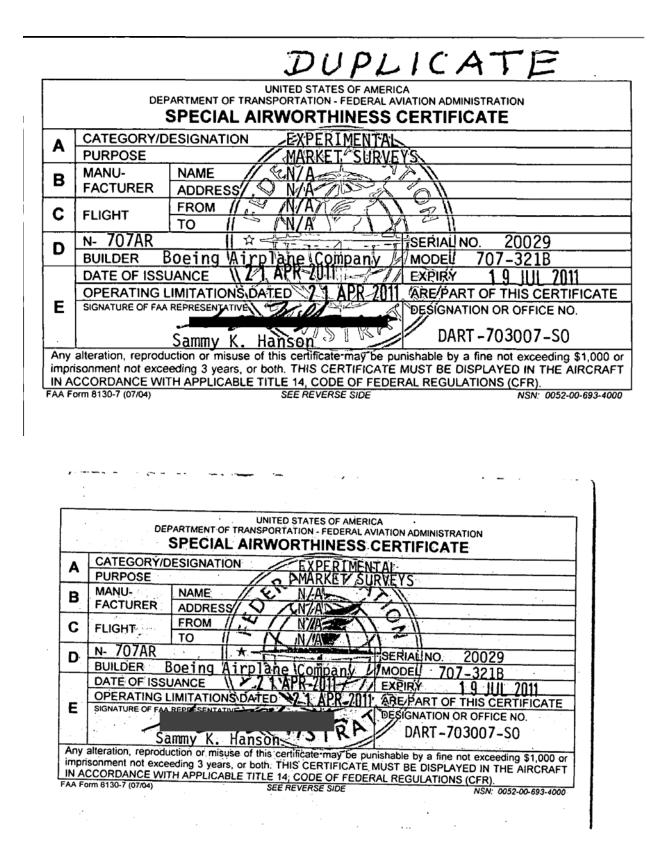
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EXPERIMENTAL OPERATING LIMITATIONS MARKET SURVEYS

MAKE:	Boeing Airplane Company	REGISTRATION NUMBER: N707AR
MODEL:	707-321B	SERIAL NUMBER: 20029
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- 1. Prior to any government contract operations, this aircraft must be declared a "Public Aircraft" by log book entry. The operator must determine that the aircraft is in a condition for safe operation and appropriate for the purpose intended prior to making this "Public Aircraft Declaration".
- 2. These operating limitations dated <u>21 APR 2011</u>, are part of the Special Airworthiness Certificate in the category of EXPERIMENTAL "MARKET SURVEYS" issued to the aircraft described above and must be displayed at the cabin or cockpit entrance in accordance with 14 CFR § 91.203.
- No person may operate this aircraft unless FAA Form 8130-7 is displayed at the cabin or cockpit entrance and visible to passengers or flightcrew members.
 (1) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 4. No person may operate this aircraft for other than the purpose of R & D, showing compliance with regulations, crew training, market surveys, or operating kit-built aircraft, to accomplish the flight operation outlined in the program letter dated <u>21 APR 2011</u>, which describes compliance with 14 CFR § 21.193(d), and has been made available to the pilot in command of the aircraft. In addition, this aircraft must be operated in accordance with applicable air traffic and general operating rules of 14 CFR part 91, and all additional limitations herein prescribed under the provisions of 14 CFR § 91.319(i). (2) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010

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5. All flights must be conducted within the geographical area described as follows: NO GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS

The area must be described by radius, coordinates, and/or landmarks. The designated area must be over open water or sparsely populated areas having light air traffic. The size of the area must be that required to safely conduct the anticipated maneuvers and tests. Multiple-purpose certificates may require individually prescribed geographical areas. "Except for takeoffs and landings, this aircraft must not be operated over densely populated areas or in congested airways." (3) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010

- All flights of this aircraft must be conducted within the geographic area indicated on the chart as follows. (4) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE)
- All flights must be conducted in accordance with [that is, describe the PC holder's approved operating procedure, for example, ABC Aircraft Co. Experimental Operating Procedure No. 12 (dated)]. (5) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE)
- 8. When changing between operating purposes of a multiple-purpose certificate, the operator must determine that the aircraft is in a condition for safe operation and appropriate for the purpose intended. A record entry will be made by an appropriately rated person to document that finding in the aircraft logbook. (6) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE)
- 9. This aircraft must not be operated unless it is inspected and maintained in accordance with appropriate military technical publications and/or manufacturer's recommendations. The owner/operator must select, establish, identify, and use an inspection program as set forth in 14 CFR § 91.409(e), (f), (g), and (h). This inspection program must be recorded in the aircraft maintenance records. (7) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010

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rating. If required for the type of	craft must hold an appropriate category/class f aircraft to be flown, the pilot in command also type rating or an LOA issued by an FAA Flight : (8) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
11.This aircraft is to be operated un (NOT APPLICABLE)	der VFR, day only. (9) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/201
12. This aircraft may be operated ur 8/31/2010	nder VFR, day and/or night. (10) ORDER 8130.2G
13. This aircraft may be operated ur instrument flight in accordance 8/31/2010	nder IFR, and must be properly equipped for with 14 CFR § 91.205. (11) ORDER 8130.2G
compensation or hire. (12) ORDE	raft for carrying persons or property for ER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 I when this aircraft is being operated under a
15.No person may be carried in this essential to the purpose of the fl (NOT APPLICABLE)	aircraft during flight unless that person is ight. (13) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
approved operating procedure, f	dance with [describe the PC holder's or example, ABC Aircraft Co. Experimental ed)]. (14) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
17.Crew training and checking is au	uthorized.
experimental nature of this aircra	craft must advise each passenger of the aft, and explain that it does not meet the andard certificated aircraft. (15) ORDER 8130.20
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19. This aircraft must contain the place	rds. markings. etc., (or other operating				

- 19. This aircraft must contain the placards, markings, etc., (or other operating instructions developed for an STC modification) required by 14 CFR § 91.9. See attached list of supplemental manuals (latest revision). (16) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 20. This aircraft is prohibited from aerobatic flight, that is, an intentional maneuver involving an abrupt change in the aircraft's attitude, an abnormal attitude, or abnormal acceleration not necessary for normal flight. (17) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 21. This aircraft may conduct aerobatic flight in accordance with 14 CFR § 91.303. Aerobatics must not be attempted until sufficient flight experience has been gained to establish that the aircraft is satisfactorily controllable and in compliance with 14 CFR § 91.319(b). Aerobatic maneuvers intended to be performed must be satisfactorily accomplished and recorded in the aircraft records during the flight test period. (18) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE)
- 22. The cognizant MIDO or FSDO must be notified, and its response received in writing, prior to flying this aircraft after incorporation of a major change as defined by 14 CFR § 21.93. (19) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 23. This aircraft must not be used for glider towing, banner towing, or intentional parachute jumping. (20) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 24.No person must operate this aircraft unless within the preceding 12 calendar months it has had a condition inspection performed in accordance with the scope and detail of 14 CFR part 43, appendix D, or other FAA-approved programs, and was found to be in a condition for safe operation. This inspection will be recorded in the aircraft maintenance records. (21) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 25.FAA-certificated repair stations and FAA-certificated mechanics with appropriate ratings as authorized by 14 CFR § 43.3 may perform inspections required by these operating limitations. (22) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010

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- 32.Aircraft instruments and equipment installed and used under 14 CFR § 91.205 must be inspected and maintained in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR parts 43 and 91. Any maintenance or inspection of this equipment must be recorded in the aircraft maintenance records. (29) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 33.Application must be made to the geographically responsible FSDO or MIDO ORLANDO FSDO-15, for any revision to these operating limitations. (30) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 34. The special airworthiness certificate and attached operating limitations for this aircraft will expire on <u>19 JUL 2011</u>. However, when an aircraft base of operation is changed or there is transfer of ownership, the new owner/operator will provide the local MIDO or FSDO with a copy of the approved inspection program, identifying the person responsible for scheduling and performing the inspections as well as the requested proficiency areas. 14 CFR § 47.45 requires that the FAA Aircraft Registry must be notified within 30 days of any change in the aircraft registrant's address. Such notification is to be made by submitting Aeronautical Center Form 8050-1 to AFS-750 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (31) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010
- 35. Condition inspections must be performed in accordance with 14 CFR part 43, appendix D at least every 100 flight hours. The inspections must be performed by an FAA-certificated mechanic with appropriate ratings as defined in 14 CFR § 43.3. (32) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE).
- 36.Familiarization flights must be conducted only over sparsely populated areas. If aerobatics are involved, the applicant must inform the local FAA office and additional limitations may be imposed as necessary. (33) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010 (NOT APPLICABLE)

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- 37. Air to air refueling is authorized. All applicable manuals, manual supplements and pertinent documents must be used and followed. All changes to the aircraft configuration, to include conversion from transport category to tanker air to air refueling configuration or returning the aircraft to transport category from tanker air to air refueling configuration require a record entry be made by an appropriately rated person. The entry must include a description of the aircraft configuration changes and the specific documents used to make these configuration changes, the aircraft total time in service, the aircraft total cycles, recording of any air to air refueling activity hours, hose reel cycles, quantity of fuel transferred, or any additional data which would be required by the maintenance inspection documents developed to support the continued airworthiness of this aircraft in the tanker air to air refueling configuration, the date, and the printed name, signature, certificate number and type of certificate held by the person making the aircraft log book entry.
- 38.Aircraft log book entry is required when changing from "Market Surveys" or "Public Aircraft" to "Research and Development" and is also required when changing back from "Research and Development" to "Market Surveys" or "Public Aircraft". The log book entry must include the date, printed name, certificate number (if applicable) and signature of the person making the entry.

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39.These operating limit 2.1 APR 2011	ations are part of a Special Airw , and will expire on			
I have read and unde	erstand the above operating limi	tations.		
Signature Pilot in Command: _		Date: 2 1 APR 2011		
Print name Pilot in command: _	John Banitt			
Date of issue:	2 1 APR 2011			
Issued by:				
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Mr. Sammy K. Hanson, AeroTech Services Inc., Silver Springs, Florida.

18-Apr-2011

Subject: <u>Renewal of Experimental Certificate for</u>

Boeing 707-321B S/N 20029 Reg. N707AR

Dear Sammy,

Below please find information requested.

1.	Total Aircraft Hours as of 18-Apr-2011	47,790 hours	15,169 cycles
2.	Experimental Aircraft Hours as of 18-Apr-2011	95 hrs 56 mins	34 cycles
3.	Bi-Weekly as at 18-Apr-2011	2011-08	
4.	Last Applicable AD	2009-18-10	
	Status of N707AR S/N 20029	Due October 2011	

MANUAL SUPPLEMENTS

1.	Hushkit Flight Manual Supplement	JS1175	Rev. 3	
2	Airplane Flight Manual	D6-1588.6	Rev. 34	
3.	AR STC Transport Configuration Flight Manual Supplements			
	AR Transport → Tanker Manual	ME-707-ER-13-1	Rev. B	
	AR Tanker → Transport Manual	ME-707-ER-13-2	Rev. A	

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	AR Tanker Flight Manual Supplement	ME-707-ER-05-2	Rev. C (Transport)
	AR Tanker Flight Manual Supplement	ME-707-ER-05-1	Rev. C (Tanker)
4.	Weight & Balance Manuals		
	Weight & Balance Report A + B Kit	ME-707-ER-22	Rev. A (Tanker)
	Weight & Balance Report A Kit	ME-707-ER-02	Rev. A (Transport)
5.	Dual Universal UNS-1C Flight Management System/GPS computers	STC ST09234SC	

Best regards,

L Noel Mullins Signed on behalf of Kevin O'Neill **Director of Quality Control** Omega Air

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following, or a similarly worded, sta inspected on <u>[Insert Date]</u> in acco 14 CFR part 43, appendix D, or othe a condition for safe operation." The service, and the printed name, sign	e aircraft maintenance records showing the atement: "I certify that this aircraft has been ordance with the scope and detail of er FAA-approved programs, and found to be in e entry will include the aircraft's total time-in- ature, certificate number, and type of rming the inspection. (23) ORDER 8130.2G	
27.If aircraft, engine, or propeller opera entry will be made in the aircraft rec	ating limitations are exceeded, an appropriate cords. (24) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010	
28.This aircraft must not be operated us accordance with the requirements o 8/31/2010	nless it is maintained and inspected in of 14 CFR part 43. (25) ORDER 8130.2G	
29.This aircraft must display the word " 14 CFR § 45.23(b). (26) ORDER 8130	"EXPERIMENTAL" in accordance with).2G 8/31/2010	
30.The pilot in command of this aircraft experimental nature of this aircraft v operating control towers. The pilot densely populated areas and conges (27) ORDER 8130.2G 8/31/2010	when operating into or out of airports with in command must plan routing that will avoid	
and detailed airworthiness code as International Civil Aviation. The own written permission from another cou or over that country. That written pe together with the U.S. airworthiness	irements of the applicable, comprehensive, provided by Annex 8 to the Convention on her/operator of this aircraft must obtain untry's CAA prior to operating this aircraft in ermission must be carried aboard the aircraft certificate and, upon request, be made CAA in the country of operation. (28) ORDER	

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