

C.5.5 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

- (1) All maintenance shall be performed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and all applicable Federal Aviation Regulations per civil aircraft. The standard of performance for all maintenance shall be FAR Part 43 and FAR Part 91. The Contractor will assure that all maintenance performed on contract aircraft is recorded in the aircraft's maintenance record as required in Part I, Section C.5.5(6)(A).
- (2) All aircraft inspections shall be performed in accordance with an FAA-approved inspection or continuous maintenance program applicable to the aircraft at the start of the contract. A copy of the inspection or maintenance program used by the operator in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation 91.409(f) through (4), or Part 121, Subpart L (135.2), shall be made available to the Contracting Officer prior to the start of the contract.
- (3) Compliance with mandatory manufacturer's bulletins, FAA Airworthiness Directives (AD) as applicable, and the correction of maintenance deficiencies shall be accomplished prior to the start and during the period of contract performance.
- (4) All maintenance deficiencies existing prior to the contract shall be corrected before the starting date of the contract. Those deficiencies occurring during the contract shall be corrected in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation 91.405 or, if the aircraft is operated under Federal Aviation Regulation 121, the operator's maintenance manual. For the purpose of maintenance, the Airtanker shall be off duty on the days in which the Airtanker crew is off duty.
- (5) Aircraft shall have been weighed originally as an Airtanker. Weight and balance data, including forward and aft center of gravity limits, shall be recorded and maintained in aircraft records. Weight and balance update shall be accomplished following major repair or major alterations that would have a appreciable affect on weight and balance.
- (6) The following aircraft records and manuals shall be available to Agency inspectors:
 - (A) Current airframe and engine maintenance records that contain at least the information required in Federal Aviation Regulation 91.417 shall be made available at the Designated Base. Airframe and engine records shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and all applicable Federal Aviation Regulations per civil aircraft.