

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Agency Certificate

Number OYYR040J

This certificate is issued to
Hixson Companies, Inc.
d/b/a Hixson Metal Finishing
whose business address is

829 Production Place
Newport Beach, California 92663

upon finding that its organization complies in all respects
with the requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations
relating to the establishment of an Air Agency, and is
empowered to operate an approved Repair Station

with the following ratings:

Limited Non Destructive Inspection, Test, and Processing (August 17, 2000)

Limited Specialized Services

This certificate, unless canceled, suspended, or revoked,
shall continue in effect Indefinitely

By direction of the Administrator

Date issued:

January 15, 1993

(August 17, 2000)


Linda E. Silvertooth, Manager, Long Beach FSDO

This Certificate is not Transferable, AND ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN THE BASIC FACILITIES, OR IN THE LOCATION THEREOF,
SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Any alteration of this certificate is punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both

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A001 . Issuance and Applicability

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HQ Revision: 05e

a. These operations specifications are issued to Hixson Companies, Inc., a Repair Station located in the United States, pursuant to 14 CFR Part 145, § 145.53. The repair station certificate holder shall conduct operations in accordance with 14 CFR Part 145 and these operations specifications.

The certificate holder's address:

Fixed Location:
829 Production Place
Newport beach, California 92663

Mailing Address:
829 Production Place
Newport beach, California 92663

b. The holder of these operations specifications is the holder of certificate number OYYR040J and shall hereafter be referred to as the "certificate holder".

c. These operations specifications are issued as part of this repair station certificate and are in effect as of the date approval is effective. This certificate and these operations specifications shall remain in effect until the certificate for a repair station that is located in the United States is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

e. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct the operations described in subparagraph a under the following other business names:

Hixson Metal Finishing
Delegated authorities: None

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Greene, Douglas C., President

Date

A002 . Definitions and Abbreviations

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Unless otherwise defined in these operations specifications, all words, phrases, definitions, and abbreviations have identical meanings to those used in 14 CFR and 49 U.S.C., as cited in Public Law 103-272, as amended. Additionally, the definitions listed below are applicable to operations conducted in accordance with these operations specifications.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| BASA | The Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) is an executive agreement concluded between the United States and a foreign country for the purpose of promoting aviation safety; also known as an Agreement for the Promotion of Aviation Safety. |
| Certificate Holder | In these operations specifications, the term "certificate holder" means the holder of the repair station certificate described in these operations specifications in Part A paragraph A001 and any of its officers, employees, or agents used in the conduct of operations under this certificate. |
| CAAS | Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| Class Rating | As used with respect to the certification, ratings, privileges of airframes, powerplants, propellers, radios, instruments, and accessories within a category having similar operating characteristics. |
| EASA | European Aviation Safety Agency |
| EASA Accountable Manager | The manager who has corporate authority for ensuring that all maintenance required by the customer can be financed and carried out to the standard required by the EASA full-member Authority. |
| EU | European Union |
| Exemption | An authorization that permits an alternate means of compliance with a specific CFR. The exemption must meet the procedural requirements of 14 CFR Part 11. |
| FOCA | Federal Office of Civil Aviation |
| FAA Accountable Manager | A person designated by the certificated repair station who is responsible for and has authority over all repair station operations that are conducted under 14 CFR Part 145, including ensuring that the repair station's personnel follow the regulations and serving as the primary contact with the FAA. |

| | |
|--|--|
| Geographic Authorization | Authorization provided to a repair station located outside the United States to perform maintenance support under contract for a U.S. air carrier (or an operator of U.S.- registered aircraft under 14 CFR Part 129) at a location other than the repair station's main facility. A geographic authorization is issued by the FAA to respond to a U.S. air carrier's or Part 129 foreign operator's need for maintenance at a station where the frequency and scope of that maintenance does not warrant permanently staffing and equipping the station for its accomplishment. |
| Limited Rating | A rating issued to repair stations for the performance of maintenance on particular makes and models of airframes, powerplants, propellers, radios, instruments, accessories, and/or parts. |
| Limited Ratings - Specialized Services | Rating issued for a special maintenance function when the function is performed in accordance with a specification approved by the Administrator. |
| Line Maintenance | Any unscheduled maintenance resulting from unforeseen events, or scheduled checks where certain servicing and/or inspections do not require specialized training, equipment, or facilities. |
| MAG | The Maintenance Annex Guidance (MAG) defines the process that the FAA and EASA undertake in the inspection, findings of compliance certification, and monitoring of repair stations, as well as their joint cooperation in quality assurance and standardization activities in support of the EASA Agreement, Annex 2, Maintenance. The term Maintenance Agreement Guidance (MAG) defines the processes and activities applicable to a specific country under an MIP, and is not associated with the EASA Agreement. |
| Maintenance | The inspection, overhaul, repair, preservation, and replacement of parts, but excludes preventive maintenance. |
| U.S./EU Aviation Safety Agreement, Annex 2, Maintenance | Annex 2 covers the reciprocal acceptance of findings of compliance, approvals, documentation and technical assistance regarding approvals and the monitoring of repair stations/maintenance organizations. |
| MIP | Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) are procedures for implementing the provisions of a BASA that apply to maintenance performed under 14 CFR Part 145, Section 145.53(b). |
| MOE | A maintenance organization exposition (MOE) pertains to procedural manuals used by maintenance organizations certificated by a foreign country. The MOE along with the FAA Supplement, sets forth the structure and procedures of the repair station to meet the requirements of 14 CFR Part 145 under a MIP. |

**Preventive
Maintenance**

As defined in 14 CFR part 1 and part 43 appendix A,
subparagraph (c).

QCM

Quality Control Manual

**Repair Station located
in the United States**

A FAA certificated repair station located in the United States.

**Repair Station located
outside the United
States**

A FAA certificated repair station located outside of the United States.

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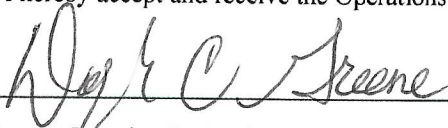
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A003 . Ratings and Limitations

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The certificate holder is authorized the following Ratings and/or Limitations:

Class Ratings

None authorized

Limited Ratings

| <u>Rating</u> | <u>Manufacturer Make/Model Limitations</u> | |
|--|---|--|
| Nondestructive Inspection, Testing, and Processing | N/A | N/A |
| | | Magnetic Particle Inspection - In accordance with the provisions of NAS 410, MIL-STD-410E, or ASTM-E1444, as revised, and the manufacturers instructions. Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection - In accordance with the provisions of NAS 410, MIL-STD-410E, MIL-STD-6866, or ASTM-E1417, as revised, and the manufacturers instructions. |

Limited Ratings - Specialized Services

| <u>Rating</u> | <u>Specifications</u> | <u>Limitations</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Electro Plate (CAD) | QQ-P-416 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Vacuum Cadimum | AMS-C-8837 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Painting | MIL-F-18264 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Chromic Anodize | AMS-A-8625 Type I | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Sulfuric Anodize | AMS-A-8625 Type II | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Hard Anodize | AMS-A-8625 Type III | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Chemical Film | AMS-C-5541 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Nickel Plate | QQ-N-290 or SAE-AMS-QQ-N-290 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Silver Plate | ASTM-B-700, AMS 2410, AMS 2412 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |

| <u>Rating</u> | <u>Specifications</u> | <u>Limitations</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Temper Etch (Nital Etch) Inspection | MIL-STD-867-A | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Electroless Nickel | AMS-C-26074 or AMS 2404 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Black Oxide | MIL-DTL-13924 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Brush Plating | MIL-STD-865 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Dry Film Lubricant | MIL-L-46010 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |
| Copper Plate | AMS 2418 | Repair limitations as contained in the referenced Civil or Military Specification. |

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Date

A004 . Summary of Special Authorizations and Limitations

HQ Control: 09/23/1998

HQ Revision: 010

a. The certificate holder, in accordance with the reference paragraphs, is authorized to:

| | Reference Paragraphs |
|--|-------------------------|
| Perform work, including continuous operations, at additional locations other than at its primary fixed location. | A101 |
| Conduct operations choosing to have an antidrug and alcohol misuse prevention program. | A449 |

b. The certificate holder is *not authorized and shall not:*

| | Reference Paragraphs |
|---|-------------------------|
| Use Exemptions. | A005 |
| Use an acceptable electronic recordkeeping system, electronic/digital signature, and/or electronic media. | A025 |
| Perform maintenance with EASA ratings where the scope of work is authorized by a BASA/MAG (U.S.-EU), MIP/MaG (U.S.-Swiss). | A060 |
| Perform maintenance in accordance with foreign repair station geographic authorizations. | B050 |
| Perform work, excluding continuous operations, at additional locations other than at its primary Fixed Location. | D100 |
| Perform line maintenance for cert. holders conducting operations under Parts 121 and 135 and for foreign carriers/persons operating non-U.S. registered aircraft in common carriage under Part 129, apart from D100 which authorizes that work away from station. | D107 |

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A007 . Designated Persons

HQ Control: 09/08/2021

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a. The personnel listed in the following table are designated to officially apply for and receive operations specifications for the certificate holder indicated below.

Table 1 – Designated Persons to Apply for and Receive Authorizations

| Title | Name | Parts Authorized | Email Address |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| CEO | Young, Dale | A | dale.young@hmfgroup.com |
| FAA Accountable Manager, 145 / President | Greene, Douglas C. | A | douglas.greene@hmfgroup.com |

b. The following personnel listed in Table 2 are designated by the certificate holder to receive Information for Operators (InFO) messages for the certificate holder as indicated below. A receipt for the information by an operator or person is not required.

Table 2 – Designated to Receive InFO Messages

| Name | Email Address | Telephone No. | Type of Information to Receive |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Greene, Douglas | Doug.Greene@HMFgroup.com | 800-900-9798 | ALL |
| Bjorkman, Kara | Kara.bjorkman@HMFgroup.com | 800-900-9798 | ALL |

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A101 . Additional Fixed Locations

HQ Control: 12/11/2020

HQ Revision: 01b

a. The certificate holder is authorized to perform work at the following additional fixed location(s) listed in Table 1 below, provided it has the facilities, materials, equipment, and technical personnel to perform the work authorized.

Table 1

| Additional Location Address(es) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Address | City | State | Country | Postal Code |
| 816 Production Place | Newport Beach | California | UNITED STATES | 92663 |
| 817 Production Place | | | | |
| 835 Production Place | | | | |
| 847 Production Place | | | | |
| 853 Production Place | | | | |
| 861 Production Place | | | | |

b. This authorizes the certificate holder to use multiple locations to perform its operations under a single certificate.

c. With the exception of the provisions of subparagraph g below, this authorization does not constitute work performed at additional location(s) outside the domiciled country.

d. The certificate holder may perform continuous operations at the facilities listed in Table 1 above.

e. All the authorizations and exemptions authorized for the certificate holder apply at these locations, as applicable.

f. Repair stations located outside the United States covered by the U.S./European Union (EU) Safety Agreement must be under the surveillance of an aviation authority (AA), hold a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) line station approval, and must be located within the EU Member States.


g. Repair stations with their principal place of business located within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) operating under the Maintenance Implementation Procedures (MIP) are authorized additional fixed locations outside of the UK. The repair station must hold a UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) approval, be under direct surveillance by the UK CAA for that location, and must not be located within the United States.

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A449 . Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

HQ Control: 08/30/2021

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- a. The 14 CFR Part 145 repair station certificate holder has implemented a drug and alcohol testing program because the certificate holder performs safety-sensitive functions for a 14 CFR Part 121, 121/135, and/or 135 certificate holder, and/or for a 14 CFR Part 91 operator conducting operations under § 91.147.
- b. The certificate holder certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 120 and 49 CFR Part 40 for its drug and alcohol testing program.
- c. Drug and alcohol testing program records are maintained and available for inspection by the FAA's Drug Abatement Compliance and Enforcement Inspectors at the location listed in Table 1 below:

Table 1

| Location & Telephone of Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Records | |
|---|----------------------|
| Telephone Number: | A1 800-900-9798 |
| Address: | 829 Production place |
| Address: | N/A |
| City: | Newport Beach |
| State: | CA |
| Zip code: | 92663 |

d. Limitations and Provisions.

(1) The FAA's Drug Abatement Division is responsible for oversight and enforcement of the DOT/FAA-mandated drug and alcohol testing program. Questions regarding the program requirements or regulations must be directed to the Drug Abatement Division at 202-267-8442 or drugabatement@faa.gov.

(2) The certificate holder is responsible for updating this operations specification when any of the following changes occur:

(a) Phone number and address where the drug and alcohol testing program records are kept.

(b) If the certificate holder's number of safety-sensitive employees goes to 50 and above, or falls below 50 safety-sensitive employees.

(3) The certificate holder with 50 or more employees performing a safety-sensitive function on January 1 of the calendar year must submit an annual report to the Drug Abatement Division of the FAA.

(4) The certificate holder with fewer than 50 employees performing a safety-sensitive function

on January 1 of any calendar year must submit an annual report upon request of the Administrator.

e. The certificate holder has fewer than 50 safety-sensitive employees.

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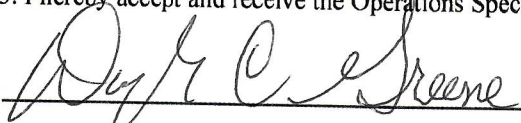
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