



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 013-2025

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION AND TEMPORARY COMPLIANCE RELIEF FOR THE
12-MONTH EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT) CHECK
REQUIREMENT

DATE : 20 MAR 2025

It has been observed that some operators have not been fully complying with the mandatory 12-month Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) functional and inspection check, as required under Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations Part 8: 8.2.1.7 (a)(5), particularly regarding the ELT check within the past 12 calendar months.

To address compliance issues and provide clarity on the requirement, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) hereby issues a Memorandum Circular clarifying the 12-Month ELT check and grant temporary relief for affected operators.

Regulatory Requirement

PCAR 8.2.1.7 (a)(5) states:

(a) *"Unless otherwise authorized by the Authority, no person may operate a Republic of the Philippines civil aircraft unless it has had the following inspections.*

...

(5) *For ELT-equipped aircraft, an ELT check within the past 12 calendar months."*

This check ensures the continued airworthiness and operability of ELTs in compliance with ICAO Annex 6 standards. However, discrepancies in the interpretation of the G-switch test procedure have led to inconsistent compliance, with some ELTs being inspected without verifying the operation of the impact-activated switch.

Clarification of the 12-Month ELT Check

To ensure full compliance, the 12-month ELT inspection must include the following:

1. Battery Condition Check – Verify expiration, inspect for corrosion or leakage.
2. Operational Test – Conduct self-test or functional test per manufacturer instructions.

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3. G-Switch Activation Test – Perform a non-destructive impact-activated switch test as prescribed by the manufacturer.
4. Antenna and Wiring Inspection – Ensure all connections are intact and secure.
5. Mounting & Security Check – Inspect bracket, mounting, and installation security.

Operators and maintenance organizations must strictly follow manufacturer-recommended procedures and properly document all checks.

Temporary Compliance Relief

To facilitate compliance with the G-switch test requirement, a (3) three-months relief period is granted from the issuance of this Memorandum Circular:

1. No enforcement action will be taken against operators whose 12-month ELT check was completed without a documented G-switch test during this period.
2. Operators must update their ELT maintenance procedures to include the G-switch test before the end of the relief period.
3. After the relief period, full compliance with the requirements is mandatory.

Failure to conduct a complete 12-month ELT check, including the G-switch test, after this period will be considered non-compliance with PCAR Part 8 and subject to enforcement action.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


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