

What Federal Regulation governs my aircraft? Part 91? Part 135?

FAR -- Federal Aviation Regulation--federal laws and statutes govern all US aviation operations.

Part 91 -- the section of the FAR's that govern the operation of any general aviation flight. Many corporate flight departments and all non-professional pilots function under these rules. Ninety-five percent of aircraft in the United States function under Part 91.

Part 121 -- the section of FAR that governs major airline operations.

Part 135 - the section of FAR that governs any charter flight. These "rules" are actually federal laws and they specify in great detail the requirements for equipment in the airplane, the training minimums and operational limits for the pilots, flight attendants, and maintenance personnel.

PART 61, 141, 142 - the section of FAR covering pilot certification and flight school operations: the pilot certification and standard flight school (Part 61), the integrated curriculum type school (Part 141) requiring slightly fewer flying hours, and a new Part 142 program allowing replacement of more flight time with advanced flight simulators.