



April 17, 2021

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Dear Mr. DiMattei:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has qualified and approved your airplane Montauk Systems Corporation model Simbird Model 1000c as a Basic Aviation Training Device (BATD) in accordance with Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 61.4(c).

Review of the Qualification and Approval Guide (QAG) dated December 15, 2020, and completion of the functional evaluation conducted on February 26, 2021, verified that the Montauk Systems Corporation model Simbird Model 1000c meets the airplane BATD approval criteria as provided in Advisory Circular (AC) 61-136A, *FAA Approval of Aviation Training Devices and Their Use for Training and Experience*. The Montauk Systems Corporation model Simbird Model 1000c airplane BATD is authorized for use in satisfying the following sections of parts 61 and 141:

Montauk Systems Corporation Model Simbird Model 1000c
Airplane Single Engine Land
Basic Aviation Training Device (BATD)

- § 61.51(b)(3) – Logbook entries;
- § 61.51(h) – Logging training time;
- § 61.57(c) – Instrument experience;
- § 61.65(i) – Instrument rating: not more than 10 hours;
- § 61.109(k)(1) – Private Pilot Certificate aeronautical experience: up to 2.5 hours;
and
- § 141.41(b) – Approved for use under the part 141 appendices as follows:
 - *Appendix B* – Up to 15% towards the total Private Pilot training time requirements; and
 - *Appendix C* – Up to 25% toward the total Instrument training time requirements.

Note: Minimum training or experience requirements such as cross country, night, solo, takeoffs and landings, and the 3 hours of training within 2 calendar months of the practical test must be accomplished in an aircraft. Private Pilot Airplane applicants must also complete the requirement for 3 hours of control and maneuvering of an airplane solely by reference to instruments specified in § 61.109 in an airplane. Additionally, practical tests, type specific training credit, and Instrument Proficiency Checks cannot be conducted in a BATD.

This approval is contingent upon the following conditions and limitations:

- (1) This ATD must maintain its performance and function without degradation. The minimum instrument requirements specified under § 91.205 for day visual flights rules (VFR) and instrument flight rules (IFR) must be functional during the training session;
- (2) Only the aircraft make/model and configurations that are in the approved QAG can be utilized. A copy of the FAA approved QAG detailing the approved makes, models, and configurations must be provided to the operator and be readily available when the BATD is in use;
- (3) A copy of this letter of authorization (LOA) must be readily available in a location near the device when in use. Additionally, a copy must be provided to the person using the above credits for pilot certification or ratings;
- (4) When used for instructional purposes, only an appropriately qualified FAA-certificated flight instructor may make any subsequent endorsements and/or pilot logbook entries. Pilot time in an ATD may be logged as instruction received, instrument time, or total time only. See FAA airman application 8710-1;
- (5) Any changes or modifications to this ATD which have not been individually reviewed, evaluated, and approved in writing by the General Aviation and Commercial Division will terminate this LOA; and
- (6) The FAA reserves the right to withdraw this LOA at any time if the Administrator determines that this ATD has been used in a manner contrary to the conditions and limitations described within this LOA, FAA regulation, guidance, or safety.

This approval is valid for sixty (60) calendar months from the date of this letter. Any requests for a new LOA should be made in writing to the General Aviation and Commercial Division at least 90 days in advance of expiration. The General Aviation and Commercial Division may require a review of the QAG, an on-site functional evaluation, and a verification all of the requirements as described in the current publication of Advisory Circular 61-136, *FAA Approval of Aviation Training Devices and Their Use for Training and Experience* before a new LOA can be issued.

This authorization expires on April 30, 2026.

The enclosed signed QAG is approved and a copy of this letter is retained in our files.

Sincerely,

Everette C. Rochon, Jr.
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