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**AIRWORTHINESS CIRCULAR
Program Manager Airworthiness Roles**

- 1. Purpose.** This Airworthiness Circular (AC) provides standard Program Manager (PM) signature authority for airworthiness (AW) products.
- 2. Scope.** This AC applies to AW products.
- 3. Attachments.** Attachment 1: Airworthiness Roles Per Program Type & Associated Products
- 4. Cancellations.** Not Applicable. This is the first issuance of this AC.
- 5. Referenced Documents.**
 - a.** AFI 63-101/20-101, *Integrated Life Cycle Management*
 - b.** DAFI 62-601, *Airworthiness*
 - c.** AFPD 62-6, *USAF Airworthiness*
 - d.** AFPD 63/20-1, *Integrated Life Cycle Management*
- 6. Background.**

AFI 63-101/20-101, paragraph 5.1.5.3, requires PMs for aircraft systems to obtain the required AW approvals in accordance with DAFI 62-601. AFPD 62-6, paragraph 3.1.3, requires air system PMs (as defined in AFPD 63-1/20-1) ensure air systems are designed and managed in compliance with AW requirements. DAFI 62-601, paragraph 2.9, documents the PM's roles and responsibilities in executing the AW process.
- 7. Discussion.** The USAF Technical AW Authority requires PM coordination on AW products as defined in Table 1.
- 8. Recommendations.** Program Offices should follow this guidance for PM coordination and issuance of AW products.
- 9. Point of Contact.** USAF AW Office, USAF.Airworthiness.Office@us.af.mil.

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Attachment 1: AIRWORTHINESS ROLES

Table 1. PM AW Roles per Program Type & Associated Products

PROGRAM TYPE	PRODUCT	PM (SML)
Reportable Modification Programs	AW Plan	Coordinates
	Certification Basis	Coordinates
	Compliance Report	Coordinates
	AW Approval	None
	MCA	Issues ¹
Non-Reportable Modification Programs	AW Plan	Coordinates ¹
	Certification Basis	Coordinates ¹
	Compliance Report	Coordinates ¹
	AW Approval	None

NOTE 1: This authority may be sub-delegated by the Senior Material Leader (SML) to the Material Leader (ML); addional delegations should go through the Airworthiness Office.

NOTE 2: AW products supporting propulsion design approvals should be signed by the propulsion system PM.