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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

DOT-SP 12196
(ELEVENTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: 2026-09-30

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: AeroControlex Group, Inc.
Painesville, OH
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, marking, sale and use of a non-DOT specification stainless steel alloy cylinder conforming with all regulations applicable to a DOT specification 3AA cylinder, except as specified herein, for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this special permit. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device, or other uses not associated with transportation in commerce.
 - c. In accordance with 49 CFR 107.107(a) party status may not be granted to a manufacturing permit. These packagings may be used in accordance with 49 CFR 173.22a.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 173.302a(a)(1) and 175.3 in that a non-DOT specification cylinder is not authorized except as specified herein; and § 180.205 in that an alternative maintenance/inspection program is authorized.

5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of AeroControlex Group, Inc., dated September 14, 2022, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

- a. PACKAGING: Packaging prescribed is a welded non-DOT specification cylinder having a maximum capacity of 50 cubic inches, constructed of 15-5 precipitation hardened (PH) stainless steel. The cylinder must be in conformance with HR Textron Drawing 803360, Rev. A, on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS). The cylinder must conform to the requirements of DOT Specification 3AA (§§ 178.35, and 178.37) except as follows:

§ 178.35(a) Compliance. Required in all details except as amended herein.

§ 178.35(e) Safety Devices. Each cylinder must be equipped with a valve containing a frangible disc type safety device. Each frangible disc must have a rated bursting pressure which does not exceed 90 percent of the minimum required test pressure of the cylinder. Discs with fusible metal backing are not permitted.

§ 178.35(f) Marking.

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- (i) Instead of DOT-3AA, each cylinder must be marked “DOT-SP 12196” followed by the service pressure.

§ 178.35(g) Inspectors Report. Inspector’s report must be appropriately modified to reflect identification, and conformance with this special permit. A copy of the inspector’s report on the first lot of cylinders produced must be submitted to OHMS prior to initial shipment.

§ 178.37(a) Type, Size and Service Pressure.

- (1) Welded stainless steel cylinders not over 1.8 pounds water capacity, and maximum service pressure is 3,000 psig at 70°F.
- (2) Deleted.

§ 178.37(b) Authorized Steel. Authorized material must be 15-5 PH stainless steel alloy. Material must conform to SAE Aerospace Material Specification (AMS) 5659H, with the following chemical composition:

Element	Min	Max
Carbon	--	0.07
Manganese	--	1.00
Silicon	--	1.00
Phosphorous	--	0.030
Sulfur	--	0.015
Chromium	14.00	15.50
Nickel	3.50	5.50
Columbium	5xC	0.45
Copper	2.50	4.50
Molybdenum	--	0.50
Tantalum	--	0.05

Check Analysis must conform to AMS 5659, Paragraph 3.1, Table 1.

§ 178.37(e) Welding or brazing. All seams of the cylinder must be fusion welded using electron beam welding with complete penetration of the joint. Openings in the packaging which are not integrally forged or machined must be provided with a fitting or boss of compatible stainless steel alloy attached to the cylinder by fusion welding.

Radiographic inspection of welds before heat treat must be performed in accordance with ASTM E-1742. Accept/reject criteria must be in accordance with x-ray standards for production, and repair welds (NAVSHIPS 250-692-2), Bureau of Ships, Navy Department, Washington, DC.

§ 178.37(g) Heat treatment. After welding, and x-ray, the completed cylinder must be uniformly, and properly heat treated prior to tests. Heat treatment of the cylinders of the authorized analysis must be as follows:

- (1) Solution heat treat to Condition “A” followed by age hardening to condition 1025 in accordance with SAE-AMS-H-6875.
- (2) After heat treat, all cylinders must be externally inspected by the dye penetrant inspection method in accordance with ASTM E-1417 to detect the presence of cracks. Any cylinder found to have a crack must be rejected and may not be requalified. Evidence of discontinuities, which in the opinion of the independent inspector, may appreciably weaken or decrease the durability of the pressure vessel must be cause for rejection.

§ 178.37(j) Flattening Test.

- (1) The flattening test on each production lot is not required.
- (2) A flattening test on one cylinder of each new design must be in accordance with this section.

§ 178.37(k) Physical Tests.

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- (ii) Applies except that the elastic extension calculations must be based on an elastic modulus of 28,500,000.

§ 178.37(l) Acceptable results for Physical and Flattening Tests.

- (1) Physical tests
 - (i) Elongation in the transverse direction (circumferentially) 8 percent minimum for a gauge length of 24t, and width of 6t. Reduction in area must be recorded.
 - (ii) Ultimate tensile strength is 155,000 psi minimum, yield strength is 145,000 psi minimum.

b. TESTING: Each cylinder must be reinspected and hydrostatically retested in accordance with the following alternate maintenance/inspection program in lieu of the retest requirements prescribed in § 180.205:

(1) Three cylinders from the first lot to reach a service life of 18 and 30 years from the date of manufacture must be subjected to and successfully pass the cycling and burst tests:

(i) Each cylinder must be cycled from zero to service pressure at a rate not to exceed ten cycles per minute for at least 50,000 pressurizations without evidence of distortion or failure. Each cylinder must then be burst tested. The burst pressure must be at least $5/3$ times the test pressure.

(ii) If any of the tested cylinders fail the cycling or burst tests, that lot must be rejected, or ten additional cylinders selected at random from the lot may be subjected to the cycling or burst tests. Should any of these ten cylinders fail the test, the entire lot must be rejected.

(iii) A report must be submitted to the OHMS and must contain the actual burst pressure and failure mode for each cylinder.

(2) Each air carrier using cylinders under this special permit must establish a written periodic maintenance/inspection program specifically for the cylinders covered by this special permit which must comply with the airframe and cylinder manufacturer's recommendations.

The periodic maintenance/inspection program must be a supplementary part to the FAA certificate holder's manual as required under 14 CFR Subpart L § 121.369. A copy of the maintenance/inspection program for each air carrier must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

(3) Each cylinder must be periodically inspected every three years as a minimum to ensure that the required internal pressure and weight of contents is maintained, and that the valving, safety relief devices, mounting brackets, and associated instrumentation are secure and acceptable for continued safe service.

(4) Any cylinder removed from an aircraft for any reason must be inspected to determine that the required internal pressure and weight of contents is within acceptable limits and that there is no visual evidence of degradation of the cylinder or attached appurtenances. Cylinders showing degradation or loss of contents must be retested and requalified as prescribed in § 180.205 for DOT 3AA cylinders except that determination of permanent expansion is not required. No repairs to the cylinder are authorized.

(5) Each air carrier using a cylinder covered by this special permit shall institute a monitoring program to collect information pertaining to discrepancies, and action taken on each cylinder under the maintenance/inspection program as well as detailed information on all cylinders in the population which must be retested as required by this special permit. The data must be entered on the "High Pressure Cylinder Maintenance Data Sheet" attached as Appendix A to this special permit.

c. DESIGN QUALIFICATION TESTS: Each new cylinder design must have a minimum burst pressure of 3.0 times service pressure and be tested as follows:

(1) Four (4) cylinders must be subjected to a burst test.

(i) Three cylinders must be subjected to 50,000 pressure cycles from 10 percent of service pressure to service pressure at a rate not to exceed 10 cycles per minute.

(ii) The cylinders must withstand the pressure cycles without any evidence of visually observable leakage or damage, which in the opinion of the Independent Inspector may have an adverse effect on the integrity of the cylinder. After successfully passing the cycling test, the three cycled cylinders and the uncycled cylinder must be burst. Pressure must be increased to failure at a rate not to exceed 200 psi per second. The pressure at the onset of failure must be recorded, as well as the burst pressure.

(iii) Cylinders that burst at over twice the hydrostatic test pressure may separate in two parts in the circumferential weld area.

(2) Burst tests are not required on each production lot.

d. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Cylinder service life may not exceed 35 years.

(2) Cylinders discharged for any reason must be retested as prescribed in § 180.205 for DOT 3AA cylinders except that determination of permanent expansion is not required. No repairs to the cylinder are authorized.

(3) The cylinders covered under this special permit are used exclusively as part of aircraft emergency door actuation systems as described in the HR Textron Inc. application on file with OHMS.

(4) Each charged cylinder is installed as a part of a specific design type installation by the original airframe manufacturer, or in accordance with an installation procedure approved by FAA.

(5) Each cylinder must be identified by its part and serial number, and the DOT special permit number under which the cylinder is manufactured.

(6) Cylinders must be shipped in strong outside packaging in accordance with § 173.301(a)(9).

8. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this special permit for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this special permit.

b. A person who is not a holder of this special permit, but receives a package covered by this special permit, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the package and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this special permit must be either (1) marked with the name of the manufacturer and location (city and state) of the facility at which it is manufactured or (2) marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this special permit. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

9. **MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED:** Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo aircraft, and passenger-carrying aircraft.

10. **MODAL REQUIREMENTS:** A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each aircraft used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a current copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Parts 171-180.
- o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
- o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each “Hazmat employee”, as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) - 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term “exemption” to “special permit” and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for William Schoonover
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/approvals-and-permits/hazmat/special-permits-search>. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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