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FAA Restores Credits for ATD's

ORLANDO, Fla. (April 12, 2016) —The flying credits allowed by the FAA for use on Aviation Training Devices (ATD's) have been restored to match the hours previously permitted by manufacturer LOA's. This means operators of Basic ATD's can log 10 hours of credit toward the instrument and Advanced ATD's can return to logging 20 hours toward the instrument. In addition, Part 141 operators will see an increase in the percentage of total time allowable on these devices go from 10% to 40% of required hours for instrument. The new rule will take effect on May 12, 2016.

Operators of ATD's have hoped for some time that the FAA would reach a conclusion and increase the credit hours to the previously allowable amount. With advancements in technology and now the increase in allowable credit on these cost-effective training devices, the benefits of incorporating them into training at flight schools, universities, and flying clubs are consistently expanding.

"We are very pleased that our AATD customers can resume using these very capable trainers for 20 hours toward the Instrument rating," said Wayne Keyes, ELITE's Director of Business Development. "In addition, our Part 141 flight academy customers receive an expanded use on their AATDs for Instrument training—from 10% to 40% of the required hours. This adds value to the ELITE devices, and can save students precious dollars."

For a link to the FAA's Final Rule full document visit our website www.flyelite.com/news. If you are an operator of an ELITE ATD you can also download the most recent copy of the Letter of Authorization that should accompany your specific trainer at all times from our site or by contacting ELITE.

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