Aircraft Ground De/Anti-Icing Fluid Holdover Time Development Program for the 2011-12 Winter

The primary objective of the 2011-12 holdover time test program was to evaluate the performance of new deicing and anti-icing fluids over the entire range of conditions encompassed by the holdover time guidelines. The objective was met by conducting endurance time tests. The procedure for these tests consisted of pouring fluids onto clean aluminum test surfaces inclined at 10º. The onset of failure was recorded as a function of time in natural snow, artificial snow, simulated freezing fog, simulated freezing drizzle, simulated light freezing rain, and simulated rain on a cold-soaked wing. A total of 516 tests were conducted with five fluids.

Changes to the holdover time guidelines for the winter of 2012-13 include:

- Fluid-specific holdover time tables were added for two new Type II fluids, Clariant Safewing MP II Flight Plus and LNT P250.
- Two obsolete Type II fluids (Clariant Safewing MP II 2025 ECO and Octagon E Max II) were removed from the guidelines. This did not impact the generic Type II holdover times.
- Two obsolete Type IV fluids (Clariant Safewing MP IV 2001 and Dow Chemical UCAR ADF/AAF ULTRA+) were removed from the guidelines. This resulted in twelve increases to the generic Type IV holdover times.
- The lowest temperature band in the Type I portion of the active frost table was changed from “below -21 to -25°C” to “below -21 to LOUT”.
- Clarification was added to the ice pellets operational guidelines to identify additional precipitation conditions where outside air temperature must not decrease, to indicate that the table applies only to Type IV neat fluids, and to identify the different glycol based fluids.
- Text was added to the fluid application procedure tables to indicate that the time available between the first and second steps of a two-step application procedure may be greater or less than three minutes.
- Text was added to the Type I fluid application procedure table to clarify that the minimum fluid application quantities and temperature apply to all conditions including active frost.

It is recommended that any new Type I, Type II, Type III or Type IV fluids be evaluated over the entire range of conditions in the holdover time guidelines. It is also recommended that fluid-specific and fluid application temperature specific holdover time guidelines for Type III fluids be developed in the winter of 2012-13 and that further testing be carried out to evaluate holdover times of Type III fluids applied heated to composite surfaces.