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### CABIN ATTENDANT STATIONS

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The safety and well being of passengers during an emergency may rest with the attendants' ability to carry out their assigned duties effectively. In addition to crashworthiness, consideration should be given to the suitability of the locations of cabin attendant stations for surveillance of passengers and accessibility to emergency equipment. It is necessary, therefore, that the attendants be provided crash protection at least equal to that afforded passengers.

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this recommended practice is to provide guidance for location and installation of cabin attendant stations. The design and installation of the attendants' stations should provide protection which will maximize the probability of survival.

#### 3. DEFINITION

Cabin attendant stations referenced herein include the seats, restraint systems, and adjacent areas assigned to the cabin attendant.

#### 4. DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS

Paragraphs marked with asterisk (\*) apply only to those cabin attendant stations which are designated to be occupied during take-off and landing.

##### 4.1 Location of Cabin Attendant Station

- \*4.1.1 At least one cabin attendant's station should be located in each cabin compartment or area.
- \*4.1.2 The location of the cabin attendant's station should provide complete surveillance of the cabin and passengers in each compartment or area.
- \*4.1.3 The cabin attendant's station should be located as near to the main or emergency exits or escape route as practicable.
- \*4.1.4 The cabin attendant's station should provide for adequate storage of the attendant's carry-on-board personal effects and a lifevest. Provisions should be made so that these articles cannot become dislodged during normal or emergency flight conditions.
- 4.1.5 The cabin attendant's station should provide protection from any loose articles during turbulence or emergency conditions.
- \*4.1.6 The intercommunication and/or public address systems in each principal cabin attendant's station should be capable of being operated by the attendant while seated (See Paragraph 4.1.2 above.) The microphone and other movable equipment should be secured in the stowed position with quick-action release capable of withstanding design crash-inertia loads imposed during the emergency.
- 4.1.7 Means should be provided at the attendant's station to indicate whether the "No Smoking" and/or "Fasten Seat Belt" signs are on or off.

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