

Proposal: Amend FAR 43.3(h) to authorize/direct private aircraft owners/operators to perform extended maintenance to include Annual Aircraft Inspections, and have Licensed A&P AI mechanics perform an extensive Annual Aircraft Inspection every 3-4 years. Limitation would preclude removal/repair/alteration of control surfaces and systems. Homebuilders are their own A&P/AI mechanics. All owner/operator authorized inspections/repairs could be listed in the aircraft logbook, certified by an licensed A&P/AI that the registered owner has demonstrated satisfactorily that he/she can do the listed procedure(s). Thousands of owner/operators currently assist A&P/AIs with the Annual Aircraft Inspection, removing vocer plates, lubricating, inspecting, cleaning, adjusting, etc. Once the A&P/AI is satisfied that the owner/operator can perform certain maintenance steps, he could indicate so by a logbook entry.