

Please consider allowing a DAY ONLY restriction on Gyroplane private ratings. These type aircraft are normally Experimental, with less reliable non-certified engines, and used mostly for sport and pleasure aviation. It is highly undesirable and probably dangerous to be operating Experimental gyroplanes at night. The vast majority of pilots operating Experimental Gyroplanes elect to avoid night flight for the obvious reasons. The current requirement of night flying for a Gyroplane rating is unnecessarily dangerous to start with. The greatest danger presented to aspiring gyro pilots is the FAA requirement to fly at night to get the rating. Very few Experimental Gyroplanes are, or can be, equipped with the required lighting. It is undesirable and unnecessarily dangerous for CFIs to allow students to fly solo in their 2-place machines at night. The night requirement presents a formidable deterrent to pilots achieving the rating, and is therefore a discouragement to pursuing the safety advantages the rating offers. The greatest contributor to Gyroplane incidents and accidents is the difficulty of getting a Gyroplane rating (scarcity of CFIs and night equipped 2-place Gyroplanes). This night requirement exacerbates this situation and therefore further contributes to the accident/incident rate. The simple remedy to this situation would be to allow a "Day Only" restriction on the Gyroplane rating.