

EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Suspension of EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.AS.127 affecting WDL Luftschiffgesellschaft mbH WDL I and WDL I B airship models

Type Certificate No.: EASA.AS.127

Affected product(s): WDL I, WDL I B

Issue date: 1 December 1972 (for WDL I)
22 September 1988 (for WDL I B)

Issued by: LBA (Luftfahrt-Bundesamt), on 28 September 2003 transferred to EASA

Type Certificate Holder: WDL Luftschiffgesellschaft mbH

Background: The current holder of Type Certificate (TC) [EASA.AS.127](#) intends to suspend its TC for the WDL I and WDL I B airship models.

Both airship models were originally approved by LBA under Type Certificate (TC) No. [9002](#), issued on 1 December 1972 (for [WDL I](#)) and 22 September 1988 (for [WDL I B](#)) to WDL Luftschiffgesellschaft mbH, Flughafen Essen-Mülheim, 4330 Mülheim/Ruhr, Germany. Later, the address changed to Lilienthalstraße 8, 45470 Mülheim an der Ruhr.

The TC No. 9002 was transferred from LBA to EASA 28 September 2003, in accordance with CR (EU) 1702/2003, Article 2, 3., (a), (i), 1st bullet.

WDL Luftschiffgesellschaft mbH has informed EASA that the WDL I and WDL I B airship models are no more produced and there is no such airship model in operation. No Certificate of Airworthiness (CofA) is either active or needs to be revoked and no new CofA shall be issued. Consequently, they wish to suspend the airship TC.

EASA hereby asks you to communicate the aforementioned suspension to any natural or legal person to whom it could be of direct and individual concern as well as to other possible interested persons. When doing so, EASA also asks you to inform them about the possibility, no later than 3 May 2024, of commenting on the above.

The Agency will assess the suspension, taking into account the comments received, and may accept the suspension in accordance with the applicable administrative procedures.



Nota bene: EASA encourages the continuation of aircraft Type Certificates. It should be noted that the transfer of a TC holdership is possible, as long as it is active or suspended. Parties interested in a TC transfer should directly contact the current TC holder.

The transfer of TC EASA.AS.127 is closely related to the availability of a suitably qualified Design Organisation. This could be by a [DOA](#) or [ADOA](#), be it from own resources or through a contracted organisation.

A surrendered TC cannot be transferred anymore. The difference between the key words 'suspension' and 'surrender' is explained on the [related EASA webpage](#).

Contact:

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