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Question:

When do the noise aspects of a propeller and/or engine lead to a classification as major or STC?

Answer:

Any change that has an "appreciable effect" on the noise characteristics of an aircraft is referred to as an "acoustical change", and by definition is considered to be a major change. An "acoustical change" is defined as a change that increases the noise certification level by more than 0.1 dBA.

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