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OBJECTIVE

The main objectives of the project are to study and understand the maintenance management of aircraft component in Component Overhaul Department of MASA SDN.BHD.

The study starts from the component being removed from an aircraft, sent into workshop for rectification and go back to aircraft for reinstallation or from third party.

Apart from maintenance activities involved, the focus also been given to understand the type of system being used and how the work data are recorded thus, identify the weaknesses of the existing system and come out with the suggestion for improvement.

The information pertaining the maintenance activities and related procedures are obtained from the legal documents available in the department, discussion with Production Support Section, Project Development Executives, Workshop Foremen and Workshop Production Planner.

Preface

Over the past twenty years aircraft maintenance has changed more so than other maintenance management discipline. The changes are due to a huge increase in the number of aircraft types which must be maintained throughout the world, much more complex designs, new maintenance techniques and changing views of maintenance organization and responsibilities.

Aircraft maintenance is also responding to changing expectations. These include a rapidly growing awareness of the extent to which component failures affects safety and other consequences the environment, a growing awareness of the connection between maintenance and product quality and increasing pressure to achieve high plant availability and to contain costs.

The very nature of aviation-high-speed machines carrying people high above ground-spurs, a tremendous emphasis on preventive maintenance. Aircraft manufacturer anticipate potential equipment or component when they design aircraft-building in layers of redundant, backup safety systems for all key airplane features. Airlines, aircraft manufacturers and government regulators jointly work out detailed, schedule maintenance programs designed to avoid and catch problems before they become serious enough to jeopardized an aircraft's ability to fly safely. In addition, flight crews and on board computer system monitor aircraft performance for any problems, and those problems are to be rectified before further flight. MAS Aerotechnologies Sdn.Bhd. basically practices two basic types of maintenance and unscheduled work focused on correcting faults that have occurred. For scheduled inspections, the government regulators require increasingly detailed work, some of it tied to a plane's age, its flying time and the number of flight it has made. At each step in the process, mechanics probe deeper and deeper into aircraft, taking apart more and more components for closer inspections. For several times a day airline personnel do a visual "Walk Around" checking for fuel leaks, cracks, dents or other surface defects. Every three to five days they inspect flight control (e.g. flaps and rudders), landing gear fluid levels, oxygen systems and emergency equipment are thoroughly inspected. As and added layer of protection, government regulators monitor airline maintenance activities to ensure compliance. Regulators can impose heavy fines or even ground an airline for violations.

There are obvious advantages and disadvantages with all of the maintenance management approaches and it would be wrong to recommend any as the best for all business. For particular applications within particular businesses it may be that one approach the most cost effective and then that should be employed. The achievement of "best practice" can be achieved by the installation of an appropriate maintenance system.