

Koito wishes to minimize disruptions to airline customers' commercial operations in AD

Koito wishes to emphasize its strong desire to continue to work to address safety and compliance issues and to do its best to restore customers' confidence in Koito products.

In that connection and in response to the final airworthiness directives (ADs) issued by the [U.S. Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) and [European Aviation Safety Agency \(EASA\)](#) in June 2011, Koito offers its assistance to airlines in an effort to aid in AD compliance and minimize disruptions to its customers.

By offering assistance to airlines, we strongly desire to reduce disruptions to their commercial operations and facilitate an efficient and timely AD compliance. Koito will offer the following types of assistance:

- Seats for Testing: Koito can manufacture new seats for testing, to the extent permitted by each AD, so that in-service seats will not be impacted during the testing process so as to minimize disruptions to airlines. As a result of Koito's testing and other work over the past two years, Koito has compiled extensive data relating to AD-related seats, enabling Koito to assist airlines in a timely and efficient manner.
- Similarity Analysis: Koito's similarity analyses will reduce the number of seats to be tested.
- AD Compliance Timing: Koito has drawings, strength comparisons, and test data available to allow it to assist airlines in meeting AD requirements within the times specified by the AD.
- Testing Plans: Koito has performed extensive testing and other work for more than two years under strict JCAB supervision. As such, its technical experts can develop a testing plan that will allow confirmation of compliance with the ADs in a timely and efficient manner.
- Facilities and Know-How: Having renovated its test facilities and improved its quality assurance under strict JCAB supervision for the past two years, Koito is uniquely situated to be able to assist airlines in meeting all AD requirements. In addition, Koito has received JCAB approval to be able to conduct testing in the presence of Designated Engineering Representatives, other aviation authorities or JCAB.
- Modifications: Koito is best suited to provide any follow-on assistance or modifications, in the event required based on the test results.

Since each customer is different, Koito welcomes the opportunity to review each customer's needs and work collaboratively to develop an AD compliance program that best suits our customers' needs. For further information, please contact Kenneth Quinn.

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