

Cessna Bonding Experience

An Overview of 40 Years of Experience

Cessna Experience

- 1960s Secondary structure
- 1970s Primary structure, integral fuel tanks
- 1980s Fully bonded airframe
- 40 Years Experience and 6000+ airplanes

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What is Primary ?

- Doublers bonded to skins
- Ribs, rib caps, and frames bonded to doublers/skins
- Stringers bonded to doublers/skins
- Spar assemblies (webs and caps)
- Engine beam assemblies
- Flight control surfaces

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Critical Safety Issues and/or Certification Considerations

- Joint design and durability
 - Corrosion
 - Allowables
- Manufacturing defects
 - Those that can be inspected and quantified
 - Voids
 - Thickness
 - Those that are difficult to quantify
 - Oxide integrity
 - Surface contamination

Single and Twin, Piston Engine Aircraft Twin Engine Turboprop ~ 1970 to Present

- Clad alloys
- Acid etch surface treatment
- Chromate bond primer
- Paste and film adhesives
- Primarily mechanical pressure or vacuum bag, oven cure, some autoclave













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Cessna Aircraft

Early Model 500 Citation Aircraft ~ 1970 to mid 1980's

- Clad alloys
- Acid etch surface treatment
- Chromate bond primer
- Paste and film adhesives
- Primarily autoclave cure





Current Generation Citation Aircraft ~ 1980 to Present

- Bare alloys
- Phosphoric acid anodize surface treatment
- Chromate bond primer
- Primarily film adhesive
- Primarily autoclave cure



Why?

"Adhesive bonding was used to increase the efficiency of the structure with regards to strength, durability, and damage tolerance. The airframe is more weight efficient and has smoother exterior surfaces. The overall benefit is improved performance and lower life cycle costs."

> Citation III Bonded Structure AIAA –84-2244 July 10-12, 1984 Hampton, VA