

AD Compliance: Scope – Currency – Result

A Framework for documenting what ADs were actually reviewed and accomplished

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Because AD compliance is maintenance, “All ADs Complied With” is **NOT** an acceptable entry under the requirements of 43.9 and 91.417(a)(2)(v). See the [Easter Interpretation](#) from the FAA which supports this finding. For further reading, see [Administrator vs. Scott](#), where the judge said:

“All ADs C/W” is meaningless without some reference to which ADs were applicable to the aircraft and the method of compliance.” - The Judge

To help better guide A&P/IAs, we outline here a “**Scope, Currency, Result**” framework to better document AD compliance that overcomes the ambiguities of “All ADs Complied With”. How it works:

1. **Scope:** applicable ADs for aircraft, engine, propeller & appliances
2. **Currency:** reviewed through FAA biweekly issue or date
3. **Result:** No new or recurring AD compliance actions due at this time (or list all compliance actions taken for initial and/or recurring AD compliance).

When you’re trying to say, “All ADs complied with – No Actions Taken”:

“Airworthiness Directives **applicable** to this **aircraft, engine, propeller, and installed appliances** reviewed through **[date / FAA biweekly issue]**. No **new or recurring** AD compliance actions were due at this time.”

Why we like this:

- “**Applicable**” vs. “**All**” – reframes to prevent claiming you reviewed every AD ever issued.
- “**Aircraft, engine, propeller, and installed appliances**” – further specifies the AD categories in scope
- “**Reviewed through XX-XX**” – establishes the currency/cutoff of your AD research
- “**No compliance actions were due**” – distinguishes research from actually accomplishing an AD.
- “**New or recurring**” – covers both newly applicable ADs and repetitive requirements that might have come due

When you’re trying to say, “All ADs complied with”, after complying with ADs:

“Airworthiness Directives **applicable** to this **aircraft, engine, propeller, and installed appliances** reviewed through **[date / FAA biweekly issue]**. **Recurring compliance** with **AD XX-XX-XX** accomplished in accordance with **[paragraph/method]**, **[details as applicable]**. **Initial compliance** with **AD YY-YY-YY** complied with in accordance with **[paragraph/method]**, **[details as applicable]**. No other **new or recurring** AD compliance actions were due at the time of this inspection.”

Of course, you can change these up to fit your style, but the Scope, Currency, Result framework should stay the same. For more information on AD compliance best practices, visit [Airworthy.com](#) or start using our software today.

