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FAA Compliance for Somnetics Devices

To Whom It May Concern:

The US Department of Transportation (DOT) Final Rule, “*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel*” (73 FR 27614 which updates Title 14 CFR Part 382), effective May 13, 2009, provides important new requirements for the accommodation of passengers with respiratory assistive devices (Ventilators, Respirators, and CPAP machines).

In line with these requirements, respiratory assistive devices may be used onboard an aircraft, without further testing by the carrier, provided they have been tested for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) in accordance with the current version of RTCA/DO-160, Section 21, Category M.

Somnetics has successfully completed testing for the following respiratory assistive devices, including the associated BAT4 and BAT8 battery cells. The devices listed below comply with the RTCA/DO-1601F, Section 21, Category M, and are considered FAA compliant.

Model Numbers	Product Description
300157, 303001, 503042	Transcend Sleep Apnea Therapy System (CPAP)
303014, 303026, 503065, 503068	Transcend Auto Sleep Apnea Therapy System
303022, 303027, 503066, 503069	Transcend EZEX Sleep Apnea Therapy System

Some airlines may require notification greater than 48 hours before travel, and devices may need to be operated by the BAT4 or BAT8 battery cells. Please check with your airline as requirements may vary.

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