

FUSELAGE REGISTRATIONS

In February 1955 the Bureau of Safety Regulation, Civil Aeronautics Board, published a notice of proposed rule making on aircraft identification markings in which it was suggested that the wing registration be replaced by a side fuselage marking with characters a minimum of 12 inches high. It was proposed to be on all aircraft by Jan 1960, and was for the purpose of easier recognition by fighter-interceptors who considered flying above or below civil a/c too dangerous. However, due to the majority of adverse opinion receive it was decided in August 1955 not to be compulsory. It is, however, optional for the next five years, effective 1 Aug 55. See section 1.102(a) and 1.103(a) of CAR. Further information in U.S. Federal Register 2-26-55 and 8-2-55. These markings, replacing both the tail and wing marks, are now being widely seen on the West Coast. When combined with the double letter suffixes, authorized 3-12-53, many interesting items are appearing. (See pp 37-38).