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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**FROM: AFMOA/CC  
110 Luke Avenue, Room 405  
Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050**

**SUBJECT: Aircrew Spectacles**

The purpose of the memorandum is to clarify the USAF position with regard to new aircrew spectacle frames. Please ensure this reaches all USAF Flight Surgeons and Optometrists.

Over the past ten years, the USAF, in collaboration with private industry, has been developing a new spectacle frame for its aircrew. This product has been tested operationally and, as a result, various modifications have been carried out to improve the product. The new modified frame, having undergone further operational testing, is now ready to be brought into service.

This new frame has the widespread support of both the line and the research Air Force community. While the Air Force has been developing this new frame, other attempts to overcome the defects of the present frame have been made. These have usually comprised minor modifications to the present frame. The Navy has developed a modified frame based on the current model, but this product has not been operationally tested. Furthermore we believe that these modifications have not addressed the fundamental defects found in the current frame.

All those engaged in fitting aircrew equipment and with responsibility for aircrew safety are reminded that no item should be introduced into the flight environment without proper testing and approval following the correct procedure. Until the new USAF aircrew spectacle frames are available, aircrew will continue to use the present frames. They are not to use non-approved products. When the new approved frame is available this office will issue instructions detailing how they may be obtained. The POC for this issue is Gp Capt Bill Coker, AFMOA/SGOA, 110 Luke Avenue, Room 405, Bolling AFB, DC, DSN 297-4200.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary H. Murray".

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