

An IPC may be conducted in an FAA approved Aviation Training Device (ATD). However, there are two categories of ATD's. The two categories are listed below:

- Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD)
- Basic Aviation Training Device (BATD)

(Source: The current version of AC 61-136 "FAA Approval of Basic Aviation Training Devices (BATD) and Advanced Aviation Training Devices (AATD)")

Out of the two categories, the AATD is the only one which allows a pilot to complete portions an Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC) (Source: FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 11, Chapter 10, Section 1, Paragraph 11-492). Furthermore, the required IPC task of "landing from a straight in or circling approach" MUST be accomplished in an airplane. That task cannot be accomplished in an AATD.

In summary, if your client wishes to conduct an IPC in any Aviation Training Device (ATD) verify the device is approved by the FAA as an "Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD)" (not a Basic Aviation Training Device (BATD)). Furthermore, reference the appropriate section of the instrument Rating Airman Certification Standards to ensure you only accomplish the TASKS authorized for IPCs conducted in AATDs, and conduct the remaining TASK items in an airplane.