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Report Title Simulator unfit for training

Initial Report

Today has finally made me submit a report due to the inoperative A/C in the simulator. It could not be controlled and went as low as 13°C which is against health and safety guidelines for working indoors. We resorted to wearing jackets, hats and scarves to complete the training, which is not acceptable. This has been flagged to training management who appear to be ignoring the problem with one even telling me he could lend me his hat if needed (not funny and shows the disdain held for the trainers). This is on top of numerous faults being carried in the simulators which have not been working for months and I can't believe it is considered as acceptable to use them for training let alone testing. We are all very good at adapting in order to complete the task but it just seems we are not being heard and nothing is getting done which will ultimately impact the quality of the training.

Comment

Environmental temperature is something that should not be compromised because it not only has wider health and safety implications but can also lead to cognitive decline as temperatures reduce. Noting the airline's comments about instructor responsibilities and empowerment, *CHIRP* is heartened that they will re-emphasise these during instructor recurrent training but the issue remains that in the incident described it appears that the third-party simulator operator had not responded to fault reports in the past. Whilst less than desirable, and subject to MEL requirements for specific training activities, we suggest that instructors faced with similar conditions should stop the training detail until MEL requirements are met; that will soon get the attention of both the airline and the third-party operator when the airline subsequently asks questions.



