



Upcoming Events

- August 23rd-24th-U.S. Aircraft Expo-Seattle, WA (KBFI)
- September 20th-21st U.S. Aircraft Expo-Orange County, CA (KSNA)

About ATC

With over 16 years of industry experience & knowledge, ATC serves our clients with experience and proven tax solutions to aircraft ownership.

Our Services

ATC provides a wide range of tax consulting services specifically designed for aircraft owners & operators. Aircraft ownership has incredible tax benefits, and we strive to provide strategic consulting to our clients during aircraft ownership.

Contemporaneous Record Keeping: Maximize & Preserve Your Tax Deductions

Throughout the course of the year ATC provides specialized aviation tax consulting services to folks all across the country. Many times, the first question that arises is, "Can I write off my entire aircraft purchase?". As you can imagine, this is a somewhat loaded question. The easy answer is yes, given the aircraft is used for business operations. However, there are many considerations you must think about before you pull the trigger on a "business" aircraft purchase.

Our goal as aviation tax consultants is to fully vet all of those pertinent considerations while structuring the ownership of your aircraft in a way that fully takes advantage of the tax benefits while also complying with FAA & IRS rules and regulations.

After strategic planning has been completed, the aircraft is purchased, and the tax benefits become available to the taxpayer...the work is not done.

Contemporaneous record keeping for all flights throughout the course of the year must be maintained to preserve the allowable year-end deductions. The records should be kept each year to ensure the deductions are not compromised.

Per the IRS, you must keep detailed records in your flight log confirming details for flights taken throughout the course of the year. ATC also advises that other business files and supporting documentation be kept to validate the deductions that are taken each year.

With the many changes to the tax bill there are multiple categories of flights to consider, all of which directly impact the allowable deductions at the end of the year.

As it relates to personal entertainment use of the aircraft, these portions of flights are deemed non-deductible and contribute to the final annual disallowance percentage at year-end. To ensure that the taxpayer is maximizing their deductions to the full extent it is critical to understand the variation of "entertainment" type flights.

An aircraft purchase in the latter part of 2019 may positively benefit the taxpayer. The timing of the purchase naturally creates a smaller window of time for the taxpayer to incur entertainment flights. The taxpayer should focus on 100% business use so that they may receive the full benefit of the depreciation write-off.

With the opportunity for 100% bonus depreciation in 2019 and minimizing/eliminating personal entertainment use, the taxpayer could enjoy significant tax benefits in the year of purchase.

ATC provides industry leading experience and knowledge to ensure that the taxpayer's tax benefits are maximized and done so appropriately.

Aircraft ownership can potentially offer incredible tax benefits. The timing of purchase, contemporaneous record keeping, and depreciation are just a few of the critically important considerations to think about.

For companies that can utilize general aviation aircraft to grow and improve efficiencies, there is no better time to acquire a business aircraft, which could produce immediate and sizable tax savings.