

Public Web Portals

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When a User arrives at a Public Web Portal, access is available to all the available databases and the:

- Table of Contents
- General Search function
- Precise Search function

If User Registration is allowed, the new user is allowed to register to be able to access the User Preferences. Registration is easy, and is normally approved in less than one business day.

An example of one of our public portals that does not require or allow registration is the Federal Department of Transportation. The Portal Home page looks like this:

DOT Library

HOME CONTACTS SEARCH

DATABASES

- Advisory Circulars
- CAA and FAA Reports
- Civil Aeronautics Manuals
- Civil Aeronautics Regulations
- Federal Aviation Regulations
- Historic Car/Car Orders
- Investigations of Aircraft Accidents 1904 - 1962
- Investigations of Railroad Accidents 1911 - 1962
- National Conferences on Street and Highway Safety
- Planes By H. S. Parkard - Frank Turner - T. H. MacDonell
- US Coast Guard Circulars

LINKS

- Help Documentation
- Provide Feedback

Online Digital Special Collections

Welcome to Online Digital Special Collections of Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) researchers and the transportation community at large.

In an effort to preserve its materials and to provide easy access for DOT Library webusers, the library has digitized numerous collections that can be accessed by clicking below:

Full-Text WebSearch Databases

Database	Records	Date
Advisory Circulars	2082	8/10/2013
CAA and FAA Reports	658	12/10/2014
Civil Aeronautics Manuals	484	12/10/2014
Civil Aeronautics Regulations	2389	12/10/2014
Federal Aviation Regulations	885	8/10/2013
Historic Car/Car Orders	32148	12/10/2014
Investigations of Aircraft Accidents 1904 - 1962	762	12/10/2014
Investigations of Railroad Accidents 1911 - 1962	4709	12/10/2014
National Conferences on Street and Highway Safety	137	12/10/2014
Planes By H. S. Parkard - Frank Turner - T. H. MacDonell	644	12/10/2014
US Coast Guard Circulars	228	12/10/2014

(CAAS/DOF Orders) collector represents a small number of orders from the historic collection. In the future, all historic orders will be available on this web site.

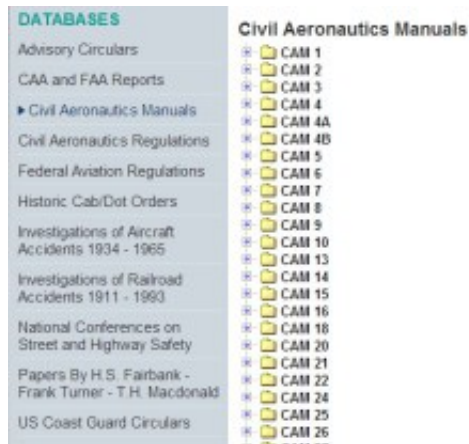
Opening Public Databases and Documents

Most web portals have multiple document databases listed on the Home Page. Document databases are opened by clicking the database title. Choose the document database you are interested in, and click that link. The portal for the Department of Transportation looks like this:

Multimedia Search Help Site

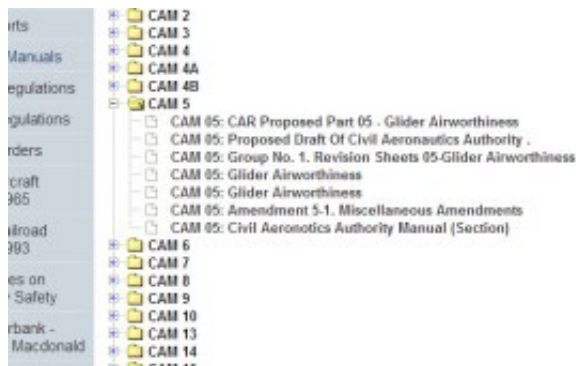
A Handy Tutorial for All of MicroSearch's Search Solutions

<http://help.microsearch.net>



If, for instance, you were interested in the Civil Aeronautics Regulations database, you would click that Title link. The document collection database will open. Some databases open directly to the TOC (Table of Contents). If the database you are interested in does not open to the TOC, simply click the Contents tab.

The Civil Aeronautics Regulations TOC looks like this:



If you click one of the folders, that folder will open to reveal another level of folders, if they exist. Continue to drill down until the list of documents is exposed.