

Question: You are flying an instrument approach to a runway where the crosswind component is 20 knots. This runway is preferred due to the instrument approach available and the current low ceiling conditions. The airplane you're flying has a published demonstrated crosswind capability of 17 knots. Is it legal to use this runway, or are you operating outside the limitations for the aircraft?

Answer: Demonstrated crosswind capability is not a limitation of the airplane, so this is legal, but you might not be entirely off the hook. Should an accident occur during the landing, it might be argued that you exhibited careless and reckless operation.