## AOPA on 12” Numbers from Canada

## Question

You're planning a flight to Canada this summer. You've figured out the process, for the most part, but the one question that remains unanswered is whether your 40-year-old Piper needs to have 12-inch registration markings to make the trip; it currently has two-inch registration markings. Where can you find the answer?

## Answer

It depends. Twelve-inch markings are needed for any flight crossing an Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). The good news is that there is no ADIZ between Canada and the contiguous United States, so if that is the extent of your travels, you don't need to put the larger markings on your aircraft. However, there is an ADIZ between Canada and Alaska. If your ultimate destination is Alaska, you'll need to get the larger registration markings on your aircraft, but they can be temporary. For further information on this topic, see this [AOPA subject report](http://send.aopa.org/link.cfm?r=2687012588&sid=100722148&m=13328361&u=AOPA_2&j=34738047&s=https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/pic-archive/aircraft-ownership/airplane-n-number-markings?utm_source=ePilot&utm_medium=Content&utm_content=qzm&utm_campaign=160729epilot) or reference [14 CFR 45 Subpart C](http://send.aopa.org/link.cfm?r=2687012588&sid=100722149&m=13328361&u=AOPA_2&j=34738047&s=http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=2865592ceb7fc5ecead025b1ad200730&mc=true&node=sp14.1.45.c&rgn=div6) for the regulations on the subject. You also can check AOPA's [Destinations page](http://send.aopa.org/link.cfm?r=2687012588&sid=100722150&m=13328361&u=AOPA_2&j=34738047&s=http://aopa.org/go-fly/destinations?utm_source=ePilot&utm_medium=Content&utm_content=qzm&utm_campaign=160729epilot) to learn other requirements for international flights or to learn about destinations in the United States.