

British Gliding Association - Technical News Sheet

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Airworthiness Information

1. No new Airworthiness Directives this issue

2. Piper Pawnee (Advisory)

Landing gear cracked. Forward hinge point of MLG cracked around pivot bush. Hardly visible through paint, only small 5mm long paint line with extensive cracking underneath. Recommend careful inspection after hard or rough landing and at annual inspection. Reported by J Hammerton, CTO at Parham.

3. LS4 (Advisory)

Canopy gas strut mounting weld failure at attachment to rudder pedal support. Located at forward end of rudder pedal support and difficult to see. May cause canopy to fall on failure. Additionally, the trim weights (if fitted) are attached to this failed part. Reported by Dave Bland, BGA inspector.

4. PZL and PZL Swindik

(Information)

Compendium pages have been amended. There are now three sections covering these gliders reflecting the type certificate holders.

SZ Jezow – all the older classic PZL gliders SZ Jezow PW – PW5 and PW6 gliders All-Star PZL – Junior, Puchacz & Accro.

General Information

1. Motor Glider and Tug C of A/ARC renewal

Motor gliders and Tugs with expiring ARC's may renew using the existing BGA M3 network with a slightly revised BGA 202 form, available on the BGA web site very soon. After 5 January 2009 the ARC renewal will be using a CAMO. It is anticipated the BGA will have CAMO status towards the end of 2008.

2. New Gliders to the UK

The process for imported gliders to obtain a UK C of A after 28/9/2008 is directly with the CAA. See CAA web site for details.

This situation may change, please monitor the BGA web site.

3. Parts and Materials for gliders

After transition to comply with Part 21 for the continued eligibility for an EASA C of A, all EASA gliders must be fitted with released parts and materials. Release can either be an EASA Form 1 for aircraft components or a Certificate of Conformity for Standard parts, optional equipment or materials.

4. Transition after 28/9/2008

BGA Gliders registered with the BGA prior to 28/9/2008 may be transitioned at a later date. The process is exactly the same as previous transitions, however the BGA C of A cannot be renewed and the glider will go directly to EASA C of A and ARC. The glider may not be flown until the EASA C of A and ARC are issued.

Compliance Statement:

All mandatory inspections and modifications have been included up to the following:

CAA CAP 455 Airworthiness Notices, Version: March 2008

CAA CAP 747 Mandatory Requirements for Aircraft, issue: 2 amendment: 08/2008

State of Design Airworthiness Directives review date: 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

For reference:

FAA Summary of Airworthiness Directives. Bi-weekly listing 2008-18 EASA Airworthiness Directives review date: 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

CAA CAP 476 Mandatory Aircraft Modifications and Inspections Summary issue: 287

CAA CAP 661 Mandatory Permit Directives, issue: 2008/2

Maintenance Programme:

CAA/LAMS/A/1999. issue 2, amendment 0 CAA/LAMP/A/2007, issue 1, amendment 1 BGA GMS, issue 1, amendment 1

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