

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

SN CENTRAIR

ASW 20F sailplanes

Hinge pins of elevator and ailerons (ATA 27)

1. APPLICABILITY

Sailplanes ASW 20F and ASW 20FL all serial numbers on which one or several hinge pins of elevator and/or ailerons have been replaced with hinge pins delivered by SN CENTRAIR between February 20, 1995 and February 28, 2001.

2. REASONS

Due to a wrong manufacturing heat treatment, some hinge pins may have longitudinal incipient cracks, at any time. That may have an effect on the integrity of the hinge.

3. ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE

Measure 1: At the latest, within the 3 months following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, check the hinge pins of the elevator rudder and ailerons using detailed visual inspection and penetrant inspection (for example with Ardrex 996+9D1) for longitudinal detection (see sketch on SN CENTRAIR Service Bulletin 20-21). Mention the compliance of this Airworthiness Directive in the glider log book. If a crack is found, report to SN CENTRAIR, and replace the affected pin with a new hinge pin referenced SY991A before further flights.

Measure 2: Re-inspect as described in measure 1 the hinge pins at intervals not exceeding five years.

Measure 3: The replacement of old hinge pins with new ones referenced SY991A, will cancel the requirement of repetitive inspection as per measure 2.

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