



AIRWORTHINESS ADVICE NOTICE

TYPE AFFECTED: Discus a and Discus b.

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous reported defects and airworthiness information.

BACKGROUND: This AN records airworthiness information which is not mandatory but which is useful to know.

APPROVED MODIFICATIONS:

1. Schempp-Hirth technical note 360-3 describes the optional installation of a tail wheel. Copies of this technical note are available from the GFA Secretariat on request.
2. Schempp-Hirth technical note 360-6 describes the optional installation of forward hinged instrument panel in the Discus B. Copies of this technical note are available from the GFA Secretariat on request.
3. Schempp-Hirth technical note 360-8 describes the optional installation of additional static ports to prevent unsteady ASI readings while dumping water. Copies of this technical note are available from the GFA Secretariat on request.
4. Schempp-Hirth technical note 360-13 describes the optional installation of winglets. Copies of this technical note are available from the GFA Secretariat on request.

DEFECTS: The GFA has received a defect report advising of a glue failure on a Discus B starboard airbrake cap. The bond failed when force was applied to check the spring tension of the retaining system. It is felt that this was a manufacturing fault. The GFA recommends the bond of both airbrake caps be checked at annual inspection.

SIGNED:

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For and on behalf of:

**THE GLIDING FEDERATION
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