

GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

AIRWORTHINESS ADVICE NOTICE

Ref: GFA/AN/42 - LEMKE SCHNEIDER

GLIDER TYPES AFFECTED Lemke Schneider LS3 and LS 3A

SUBJECT Cockpit safety harness (Seat Belt)

*Cancelled  
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As previously reported the Gadringer safety harness fitted as original equipment in Germany for Lemke Schneider LS3 and LS3A gliders has a quick release box of a type which in some recent powered aircraft crashes is suspected of malfunctioning under crash loads.

G.F.A. is arranging for testing of the harness and release box in an endeavour to prove or disprove the suitability for acceptance as a G.F.A. approved glider safety harness in Australia.

The Gadringer harness is an approved type in West Germany and there are D.O.T. approved harnesses in use in light aeroplanes in Australia which incorporate the same design of quick release box. However, until doubts on the performance of the quick release mechanism under acceleration forces is resolved G.F.A. is not prepared to endorse such harnesses as approved types.

However G.F.A. does not have at this time sufficient first hand evidence to condemn this type of quick release box as totally unacceptable and therefore advise that owners and operators of gliders fitted with the subject type of harness may, at their option, continue to operate their gliders with the subject type harness pending the outcome of testing.

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