THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA



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GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

TYPE AFFECTED:

Standard Cirrus

Standard Cirrus B

Standard Cirrus G

Standard Cirrus 75 VTC

SUBJECT:

Inspection of the control column mounting bulkheads.

BACKGROUND:

One case has been reported of the fuselage frame which holds the forward control column stop delaminating from the fuselage frame. It is unclear whether this glider had been involved in a previous accident or wheels up landing but this is a common defect in gliders

which have been involved in these types of occurrences.

Issue 1 of this AD required inspection of the parts at each Daily Inspection however this is now considered excessive. The frequency of inspection has been reduced to at Annual Inspections and after

wheels up landings.

ACTION REQUIRED:

At each Annual Inspection and after each wheels up landing the seat pan must be removed and the bulkheads which the control column

mounts on must be inspected for delamination.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Inspection of the bulkheads must be performed by persons rated for

Annual Inspections FRP.

COMPLIANCE:

The requirements of this GFA Airworthiness Directive are

mandatory. This Directive is issued pursuant to the Rules and

Regulations of the Gliding Federation of Australia.

SIGNED

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS

For and on behalf of:

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