

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

CANCELLED 27-09-2017

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE - GLIDERS

GFA/AD 65/SZD 4

Glider Type Affected: SZD 32A Foka 5

Background:

Routine inspections have shown safe life of originally installed elevator cables to be not more than 300 hours time in service. The original cables were fibre cored which are no longer an acceptable type of control cable.

Required Action:

If not already carried out, the original elevator cables are to be replaced with 1/8" dia. 7x19 A.N. spec. galvanised carbon steel flexible control cables. (Stainless steel cable has insufficient wear resistance).

Until a satisfactory cable life is established, elevator cables are to be removed for inspection at intervals not exceeding 300 hours in service.

In order to establish a safe cable life, owners and operators are requested to report the condition of the cables at each inspection to the Chief Technical Officer Airworthiness, Gliding Federation of Australia.

Compliance:

The requirements of this directive are to be carried out within ten further hours in service.

This Directive is issued pursuant to the Air Navigation Regulations under the delegated authority of the Secretary to the Department of Transport.

Douglas Lyon

Douglas Lyon,
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS
GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

DATE OF ISSUE: 17TH SEPTEMBER 1975.

Distribution:

Owners of Foka 5
C.T.O./A and Ops
R.T.O.'s/A
A.T.O.
T.L.O.
D of T (A.W.O.R.)
G.F.A. Secretary
R. Keane
G. Detto
R. Martin
D. Vanstan
G. Simpkins
R. Pollard
C. Willis