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## GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

**TYPE AFFECTED:** Nimbus 2, Nimbus 2B and Nimbus 2C.

**SUBJECT:** Extension of Service Life to 12000 hours and manual ammendments.

**BACKGROUND:** The results of overseas fatigue testing has demonstrated that the service life of the Nimbus 2 series of gliders may be extended to 12000 flight hours subject to periodic Life Extension Inspections.

The opportunity is also taken to incorporate a number of flight manual ammendments.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Schempp-Hirth Technical Note's 286-8 and 286-22. Technical Note 286-22 forms part of this AD.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** As soon as possible but before 31 May 1994 amend the Flight and Service Manuals by adding or replacing pages in accordance with the following.

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Inspection program for  
extending the service time.

These pages are available from the GFA Secretariat on Request.

The Inspection Program for Extension of Service time contains the procedures for extending the life of each glider and must be followed.

Note: The life extension procedures for the Nimbus 2C are different from those for the Nimbus 2 and Nimbus 2B.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

IMPLEMENTATION: Manual Amendments may be performed by the owner.

Inspections must be performed by the holder of a DA 1109 Glider Inspectors Certificate endorsed for Surveys FRP.

COMPLIANCE: The requirements of this GPA Airworthiness Directive are mandatory. This Directive is issued pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Gliding Federation of Australia.

