



SUPERSEDED BY EASA AD.:2014-0015

GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

TYPE AFFECTED: SZD-50-3 Puchacz, all serial numbers.

SUBJECT: Inspection and possible replacement of torque-tube in airbrake control system.

BACKGROUND: Over a 12 year period, several cases have occurred of breakage of the actuating lever from the airbrake torque-tube in the vicinity of the welded joint. The breakage occurred when the airbrakes were extended and made it impossible to retract the airbrakes. Such an occurrence has the potential to result in a serious accident.

DOCUMENTATION: GICA (Polish CASA) Airworthiness Directive No SP-0052-2003-A and Allstar PZL Glider Mandatory Bulletin No BE-052/SZD-50-3/2003 "Puchacz" form part of this AD.

ACTION REQUIRED: Carry out actions required by the above-mentioned Allstar Mandatory Bulletin.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

IMPLEMENTATION: Before further flight.

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:

For and on behalf of:

SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS

THE GLIDING FEDERATION
OF AUSTRALIA