

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE - GLIDERS

GFA/AD 80/EIRIAVION OY 4

Glider Types Affected: All PIK-20 Series.

Background:

Following a recent accident to a Pik-20D there exists a strong possibility that the back release did not operate due to entrapment of fibre glass shrouding inhibiting the action of the release cage.

Apart from the above possibility it has been found that at least 2 aircraft have had this defect (fortunately detected before flight).

Required action:

All operators to check that back release is free of fibre glass shrouding and that the back release is free to operate.

Compliance:

It is required that the above procedure be carried out before further flight. The requirement of this AD is mandatory.

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



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Previous Directives affecting Pik 20 are GFA/AD 63, 67 and 74.

Distribution:

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