

THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE GLIDERS/POWERED SAILPLANES.

TYPE AFFECTED: -

All Jantar gliders fitted with "T" tails except SZD-41B, S/No. x-130. SZD-48 S./No. W852 SZD-48-1 up to S/No. B-1158 and SZD49.

SUBJECT:

Reinforcement of the tentral rib supporting the elevator in the trailing part of the stabiliser.

BACKGROUND:

GFA/AD 193 limited VNE to 120 kts. I.A.S. pending the outcome of investigation by the manufacturer into the structural capacity and stiffness of the centre rib area of the fixed tailplane. G.F.A. supplied details for one glider to be modified to evaluate the feasibility of a modification, and the manufacturer has issued bulletin BA-Oll/81 detailing their minimum reinforcement requirement.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Lifting speed limitations -

- (1) Without modification:Jantar gliders SZD41B, S/No. X-130, SZD-48 S/No. W852
 SZD-48-1 up to S/No. B-1158 and SZD-49, limited by
 AD 193 may be operated to their normal placarded VNE
 without modification.
- (2) By modification The remaining "T" tail Jantars must be modified to
 allow lifting of the limitation.

Modification details.

- (a) A thorough inspection is to be made of the centre rib area for delamination. This must be repaired at the same time as the structure is reinforced.
- (b) The centre section must be carefully prepared by thorough degreasing and rubbing back with coarse paper.
- (c) The additional reinforcement sections are to be laid in, following the instructions on Sheet 2.
- (d) When re-assembling the elevators check clearances carefully in the centre rib area.
- (e) Carry out an Independent control check.
- (f) Full modification details to be entered into the log book.
- (g) Remove the speed limiting placard and sign off the restriction of the Maintenance Release.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- (1) This modification to be carried out by the holder of an 1109 endorsed for F.R.P. major repair.
- (2) Elevator installation to be inspected by the holder of an 1109 endorsed FRP C_{\bullet} of A_{\bullet}

COMPLIANCE:

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

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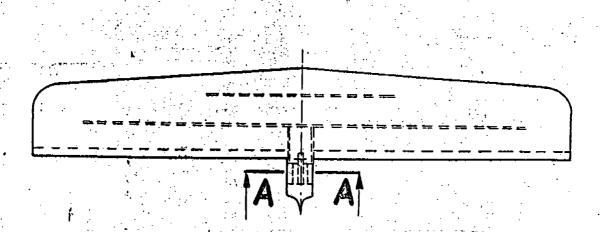
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Reinforcement to extend along the rib as far as possible.



