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Repair station in charge of Glasflügel sailplanes

Subject

Risk of possible damage to the wing shell(s) caused by the expansion of the water ballast bag(s) when operating at high altitude.

Affected:

Sailplane model "Hornet" F.R.G. Type Certificate No. 304, all serial numbers equipped with water ballast bags

Urgency

Prior to the next flight at expected altitudes of 5000 m (16400 ft) or more, and before May 1st, 1984.

Reason

On a flight at high altitude both upper and lower wing shells were severely damaged by the expansion of a water ballast bag.

Actions

Page No. 31 of the Flight- and Operations Manual is to be supplemented as follows:

"When operating at high altitude without water ballast the water dump valve must always be kept open".

Note

The accomplishment is to be entered into the log book by a licensed ·inspector

Lenningen, January 9th, 1984

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