EASA EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

AD No.: 2009-0140-E
[Correction: 21 July 2009]

Date: 25 June 2009

Note: This Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.

This AD is issued in accordance with EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

Type Approval Holder's Name : Allstar PZL Glider Sp. Z o.o.
Type/Model designation(s) : SZD-59 “ACRO” sailplanes
TCDS Number : CAA Poland BG-198/1
Foreign AD : Not applicable
Supersedure : None

ATA 53 Fuselage Frame Welded Joints at Wing Roots – Inspections / Repair

Manufacturer(s): Allstar PZL Glider Sp. z o.o.
Przedsiębiorstwo Doświadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa "PZL - Bielsko".

Applicability: Model SZD-59 "ACRO" sailplanes, all serial numbers.

Reason: Several SZD-59 sailplanes have been found with cracks near the welded joints of the fuselage frame tubes at the wing front fixing point.
If left uncorrected, this condition could lead to the rupture of one or two of the wing-to-fuselage attachments and result in detachment of the wing and loss of control of the sailplane.
Although the investigations are still on-going and as an interim measure, this new Airworthiness Directive (AD) requires repetitive inspections of the fuselage frames at the wing fixing points to detect any incipient cracks.
This correction is issued to introduce the missing reference for the rights of the pilot-owner with regard to the Part M regulation (annex I to regulation (EC) No. 2042/2003 amended by regulation (EC) No 1056/2008).

Effective Date: 27 June 2009

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s): Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:
(1) Before next flight after the effective date of this AD, inspect the fuselage frames at the wing fixing points - front and rear - for cracks as instructed in the Allstar PZL Glider Service Bulletin No. BE-010/SZD-59/2009 “ACRO”, original issue.
(2) If any crack is found, contact Allstar PZL Glider for repair instructions and before further flight, repair in accordance with an approved method.

(3) If no crack is found, and until further notice, repeat the inspections of fuselage frames at the wing fixing points for cracks as instructed in the Allstar PZL Glider Service Bulletin No. BE-010/SZD-59/2009 "ACRO", original issue:
   - at every daily-check for the front fixing points
   - at intervals not to exceed 5 daily-checks for the rear fixing points.

**LIMITED PILOT-OWNER MAINTENANCE**

When/Where Part-M applies the inspection requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) of this AD, can be done under the scope of the limited pilot-owner maintenance authorisation.

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The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

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<td>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.</td>
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<td>2. The safety assessment has resulted in a decision not to implement the full consultation process but to proceed immediately with publication and notification.</td>
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<td>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management &amp; Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</td>
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