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GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

TYPE AFFECTED: ASW 17 and ASW 17/19

SUBJECT: Extension of Service Life to 12000 hours.

BACKGROUND: Overseas fatigue testing has shown that the service life of the ASW 17 may be extended to 12000 hours provided an inspection program is undertaken to confirm the airworthiness of those components which were not part of the fatigue test.

DOCUMENTATION: Alexander Schleicher ASW 17 Technical Note No. 13.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. As soon as possible but before the next annual inspection or before reaching 3000 hours Total Time In Service (TTIS) the Flight and Operations Manual must be amended by exchanging page 32 and adding pages 39, 40 and 41.
2. To increase the service life to the maximum of 12000 hours the procedures on page 39 and 40 of the Operations Manual must be followed. This will require life extension inspections at 3000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000, 10000 and 11000 hours TTIS.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

IMPLEMENTATION: Amendment of the flight manual may be performed by the Certificate Holder.

The life extension inspections must be performed by persons rated for Surveys FRP.

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:	
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS		THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA	
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