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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA Inc

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive is issued by the Gliding Federation of Australia

Type Certificate Holder	Allstar PZL Glider Sp.z o.o
Manufacturer(s)	PZL Bielsko/Allstar PZL Gliders Sp.z o.o.
Types/Models Affected	All SZD-50-3 Puchacz gliders except S/N B-1990
Serial Numbers	All serial numbers except S/N B-1990
Subject	Flight Controls – Control Stick Mounting – Inspection/ replacement
Implementation	MANDATORY
Background	<p>The manufacturer advises through his Mandatory Bulletin that there has been reports of the Puchacz control column breaking away from its mounting and further occurrences where cracking has been found in the mounting sockets. The GFA has additionally received one such failure report.</p> <p>If not corrected, the failure may lead to a loss of control and/or jamming or restriction of flight control due to foreign object damage (FOD).</p>
Documentation	Mandatory Bulletin No. BE-055/SZD-50-3/2004
Required Action(s)	<p>Before further flight and at each annual inspection after the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, inspect control column and attachments in accordance with Allstar PZL Glider Mandatory Bulletin No. BE-055/SZD-50-3/2004 'Puchacz'.</p> <p>Report any defects/ cracks to the GFA.</p>
Compliance, Compliance Time(s) and Frequency	Compliance with this Airworthiness Directive is mandatory and compliance, including action taken pursuant to this Airworthiness Directive must be recorded in the aircraft log book, annually.
Effect on Weight and Balance	No effect on W&B.
Effective Date	1/07/2016