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TYPE AFFECTED: Janus CM all serial numbers

SUBJECT: Extension of service life

BACKGROUND: Fatigue tests on fibre composite wings and wing spars have

demonstrated that a service life expectancy of 12000 hours can be reached for these structural components. As these fatigue test programs did not examine the entire aircraft made of fibre composite, the service life of 12000 hours can be granted only if the long-term airworthiness of each individual aircraft is demonstrated in a special multi-stage inspection program (over and above the mandatory annual C of A inspections) for the purpose of increasing the service life. This has to be incorporated in the Maintenance

Manual.

DOCUMENTATION: Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 809-14.

Copies of the Technical Note and the affected Manual pages can be

received from the GFA office on request.

ACTION REQUIRED: Exchange of pages in the Maintenance Manual. Insert revised pages

2B, 75 and 76 dated October 1998 and remove superseded pages.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

COMPLIANCE: Action must be done when reaching a service life of 6000 flight

hours, but not later than 31-August 1999. Accomplishment of actions to be entered in the aircraft log book by an inspector rated

for annual inspections.

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.

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