



THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

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**GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE**

*Refer 1116 CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CURRENT DATA*

**TYPE AFFECTED:** SZD-50-3 Puchacz

**SUBJECT:** Flight Manual Amendment

**BACKGROUND:** The front seat pilot arm and the maximum weight of Non-Lifting Parts given in the Australian version of the Flight Manual are incorrect.

- ACTION REQUIRED:**
1. Before next flight the Flight Manual must be amended by replacing page 2-5 dated 18.5.90 with page 2-5 dated 10 August, 1994. This page is available from the GFA Secretariat on request.
  2. If the glider has been reweighed since importation and the front pilot arm from the flight manual of -1386 mm was used the weight and balance must be recalculated using the correct pilot arm of -1339 mm and the placards corrected before next flight.

The error in the maximum weight of Non Lifting Parts was conservative and so no action need be taken. If the placards are updated to reflect the correct MWNLP then they must be performed by persons rated "Weight and Balance" any type.

**WEIGHT AND BALANCE:** If necessary the pilot limits must be recalculated.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** The flight manual amendment may be incorporated by the owner.

Recalculation of the pilot weight limits must be done by persons rated "Weight and Balance" any type.

**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:**

*[Signature]*  
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS

For and on behalf of:

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