

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE - GLIDERS

GFA/AD 69/LET N.P. KUNOVICE/7

Glider Type Affected: L-13 Blanik with Serial Numbers prior to and including No. 024730 ( The 170000 series was prior to ( No. 024730 )

Background:

Operational experience has shown that where repeated striking of the ground by fully deflected ailerons or where the aircraft has been parked in the open in adverse weather conditions with inadequate control surface locking the duralumin rod end of the aileron control push-pull rod may be bent (see fig 1).

Required Action:

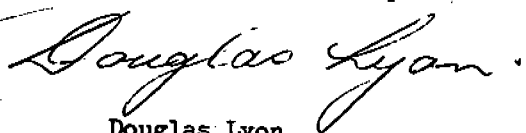
During daily preflight inspections attention is to be given to the condition of the rod ends. If bending of the rod ends is detected the aircraft is to be declared unairworthy until the bent rod end is replaced.

The damaged rod end should be replaced with a steel rod end part No. L13.411-09.01 obtainable on order from Omnipol F.T.C. Washingtonova 11, Prague, Czechoslovakia or a local agent.

Compliance:

The necessity for special attention to aileron push rod ends during daily pre-flight inspections as set out above is to be brought to the notice of all persons responsible for carrying out such inspections effective from the date of receipt of this directive.

This directive is issued pursuant to Air Navigation Regulations under delegated authority of the Secretary of Department of Transport.



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Owners/Operators Blanik Serial Nos. 171210 to 174913

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