# THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA



**GFA AD 513** 

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# **GFA AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE**

TYPE AFFECTED:

LS-6, all models, all serial numbers

SUBJECT:

Obstruction of emergency canopy jettison.

BACKGROUND:

This AD supersedes Issue 1 of AD 513, requiring a deflector on the upper instrument panel edge to avoid possible jamming of the instrument panel after actuation of the canopy emergency jettison

system.

DOCUMENTATION:

Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) Airworthiness Directive No 1999-266/2 and Rolladen-Schneider Technical Bulletin No 6036/2 form

part of this AD.

**ACTION REOUIRED:** 

Carry out actions described in TB 6036/2.

WEIGHT AND BALANCE: Not affected.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** 

Before further flight.

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:

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AIRWORTHINESS

For and on behalf of:

THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

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# **Airworthiness** Directive 1999-266/2

# Luftfahrt-Bundesamt

Airworthiness Directive Section Hermann-Blenk-Str. 26 38108 Braunschweig Federal Republic of Germany

Effective Date: March 15, 2001

# Rolladen-Schneider

Affected:

Kind of aeronautical product:

Manufacturer:

Sailplane Rolladen-Schneider, Egelsbach, Germany

Type:

LS<sub>6</sub>

Models affected:

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Serial numbers affected:

All Note:

Please consider notes in the Technical Bulletin

German Type Certificate No.;

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## Subject:

Obstruction of emergency canopy jettison and avoidance of possible injuries

### Reason / Action:

A deflector on the upper instrument panel edge avoids possible jamming of the instrument panel between the canopy mounted panel cover after actuation of the canopy emergency jettison. Install an edge protector on the deflector, if not already has been done.

The actions must be done in accordance with the instructions given in the Technical Bulletin.

### Compliance:

Before the next flight.

## Technical publication of the manufacturer:

Rolladen-Schneider Technical Bulletin No. 6036/2 dated February 12, 2001 which becomes herewith part of this AD and may be obtained from Messrs .:

> Rolladen-Schneider Flugzeugbau GmbH Mühlstrasse 10

D- 63329 Egelsbach Federal Republic of Germany Phone: ++ 49 6103 204126 Fax: ++ 49 6103 45526

# Accomplisishment and log book entry:

Action to be accomplished by an approved service station and to be checked and entered in the log book by a licensed inspector.

This AD supersedes the AD-No. 1999-266 dated July 06, 1999...

### Holders of affected aircraft registered in Germany have to observe the following:

As a result of the a.m. deficiencies, the airworthiness of the aircraft is affected to such an extent that after the expiry of the a.m. dates the aircraft may be operated only after proper accomplishment of the prescribed actions. In the interest of aviation safety outweighing the interest of the receiver in a postponement of the prescribed actions, the immediate compliance with this AD is to be directed

### Instructions about Available Legal Remedies:

An appeal to this notice may be raised within a period of one month following notification. Appeals must be submitted in writing or registered at the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt, Hermann-Blenk-Str. 26, 38108 Braunschweig.

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Subject: Obstruction of emergency canopy jettison and avoidance of possible injuries

## Effectivity: All LS3 models.

(Versions LS6, LS6-a, LS6-b, LS6-c, LS6-c18, LS6-18w)

- a) Serial numbers affected, as far as equipped with 40 cm (15.75 in) wide instrument panels during production, see page 2.
- b) Further serial numbers may be affected due to modification to this panel version.
- c) The 27 cm (10.6 in) wide panel version may be affected due to lateral extensions.

# Accomplishment: Before next flight

Reason: A deflector on the upper instrument panel edge avoids possible jamming of the instrument panel between the canopy mounted panel cover after actuation of the canopy emergency jettison.

> When the plane is already equipped with a reflector according to TB 6036. this should be shortened by 10 mm (0.4 in) and be covered with an edge protector. Details and view see working instruction.

- Material and Instructions: 1. Rivet deflector with edge protector according to drawing 3R7-73a to upper instrument panel edge for above mentioned cases using 3 blind rivets 4mm Ø and washers.
  - 2. Fix placard "Minimum Cockpit Load" to under side of this deflector.
  - 3. Nuts and bolts protruding from the instrument panel cover underside (for instance due to compass fittings) should be covered by a deflector according to drawing 4R7-74.
  - 4. Lateral instrument panel extensions may require further measures depending on case or removal of extensions.
  - 5. In any case of doubt, a jettison test should be performed together with a helper, as outlined on page 2.

Weight and Balance: Not affected.

Remarks: Technical Bulletin may be performed by owner, operator or national authority approved repair station.

> Accomplishment must be entered into TB-AD-Accomplishment List in Maintenance Manual and signed by inspector.

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## Inspection of Canopy Emergency Jettisson

- a) Remove spring of rear canopy temporary hinge at rear canopy end after checking force required to lift canopy out of temporary hinge. Reference value between 8 and 15 kg (17.6 to 33 lbs). When force is below reference, spring must be adjusted before re-assembly. (Required tool: hexagon head key 2.5 mm)
- b) "Pilot" with spring gauge in seat.
- Both canopy locking levers in open position.
- d) Force required to actuate jettisson 15 kg (33 lbs) maximum. With force too high, the following places should be lubricated:

  Bushes of 4 canopy locking pins using grease

  Bowden cable from canopy separation to handle using engine oil Engaging lever and bolt in region of rotation using grease
- e) With a helper at the canopy front end, canopy lifting speed due to gas strut can be reduced enough to visualize the system in operation. The instrument panel should in no case jam between canopy frames.
- f) To connect the opening mechanism with the canopy, the pilot holds it at both locking levers in fully open position. The helper pushes the spring loaded engaging bolt upward and connects both units by turning the engaging lever counter clockwise.
- g) Re-assemble possibly adjusted spring of temporary hinge at rear canopy end.

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The following serial numbers of LS6 / LS6-a have been delivered with the 40 cm (15.75 in) wide
instrument panel: 6001
                         6003
                                6004
                                        6007
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                 6093
                         6094
                                6097
                                        6101
                                               6115
                                                      6125
                                                              6133
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The delivery status of the following S/N LS6 / LS6-a could not be verified:
                 6000
                         6005
                                6006
                                       6008
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The following serial numbers **LS6-b** have been delivered with the 40 cm (15.75 in) wide instrument panel: 6130 6132 6134 6137 6141 6142 6151 6153

6157 6162 6169 6179 6185 6186 6188 The delivery stautus of the following S/N **LS6-b** could not be verified:

. 6161 6176 6186 6146 6147

The following serial numbers **LS6-c / LS6-c18 / LS6-18w** have been delivered with the 40 cm (15.75 in) wide instrument panel:

The delivery status of the following S/N LS6-c / LS6-c18 / LS6-18w could not be verified:

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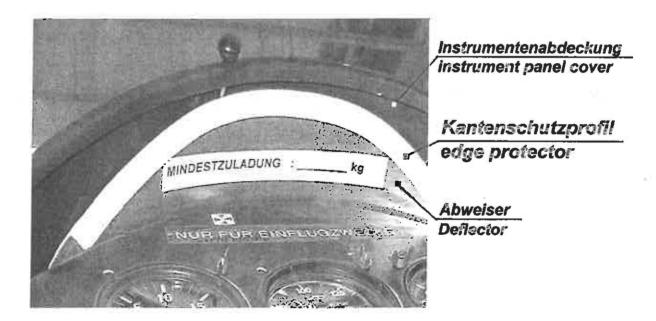
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### Modification of the Deflector

- 1. Drill blind rivets. If need be, unscrew upper instruments (Hexagon head 2.5 mm und ratchet with 7mm socket) and place them on top of the second row.
- 2. Mark new fixing holes 10mm (0.4 in) offset from originals and drill. This enables to use the existing holes at the instrument panel edge.
- 3. Shorten straight edge of deflector by 10 mm, soften edge and paint black. Maximum depth of deflector after trimming is 100 mm (3.94 in).
- 4. Rivet deflector back to top of instrument panel, facing towards the pilot (Blind rivets Ø 4mm\*6.5, large washers Ø4.3 \* 12 \* 1mm DIN 9021-St).
- 5. Push edge protector (as long as instrument panel allows) onto deflector edge.

# Deflector with edge protector:



Should the instrument panel cover be too short to allow the protector to fit underneath, contact manufacturer stating model and serial number.

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