



Airworthiness Directive

AD No.: 2016-0027

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) 216/2008 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.

This AD is issued in accordance with Regulation (EU) 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [Regulation (EC) 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

Design Approval Holder's Name:

SCHEMPP-HIRTH FLUGZEUGBAU GmbH

Type/Model designation(s):

Discus-2 and Ventus-2 sailplanes and powered sailplanes

Effective Date: 23 February 2016

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.049, EASA.A.050, EASA.A.274, EASA.A.301

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 27 – Flight Controls – Airbrake Panels – Inspection

Manufacturer(s):

Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH

Applicability:

Discus-2a, Discus-2b, Discus-2c sailplanes, Ventus-2a, Ventus-2b and Ventus-2c sailplanes, and Discus-2T, Discus-2cT, Ventus-2cT and Ventus-2cM powered sailplanes, serial numbers as listed in Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH issued Technische Mitteilung / Technical Note (TN) 349-39, 360-29, 825-55 and 863-22 (published as a single document).

Reason:

Operational experience shows that, under certain conditions, the overlap between the two airbrake panels can be insufficient and the panels can interlock.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to blockage of the airbrakes, possibly resulting in reduced control of the (powered) sailplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH issued TN 349-39, 360-29, 825-55 and 863-22 (single document, hereafter referred to as 'the TN' in this AD), to provide inspection instructions to verify the correct overlap between the two affected airbrake panels.



For the reason described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the overlap of the affected airbrake panels and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s).

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

- (1) Within 40 days after the effective date of this AD, inspect the overlap of the airbrake panels in accordance with the instructions of the TN.
- (2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any discrepancy is detected, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the instructions of the TN.

Ref. Publications:

Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH TN 349-39, 360-29, 825-55, 863-22 (single document) and the associated Arbeitsanweisung (Working Instructions) to the TN, both dated 22 January 2016.

The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.
2. Based on the required actions and the compliance time, EASA have decided to issue a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the public consultation process until after publication.
3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
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