



COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 18-035

[Published on 09 March 2018 and officially closed for comments on 06 April 2018]

Commenter 1: Ballonservice & Technik – Nik Binder – 13/03/2018

Comment # 1

We think for safety reasons it would be essential to perform these x-ray tests on affected cylinders.
We as AT.MG.517 have already performed these tests on all affected cylinders we are responsible for.

EASA response:

Comment not agreed. This AD requires does not require x-ray test, but removal from service of certain affected propane cylinders, for which an unsafe condition is known to exist. This is to be accomplished using Cameron Balloons Limited SB 25, Revision 3.

As for other cylinders, listed in Cameron Balloons Limited SB 26 (which recommends an x-ray test), EASA has no evidence that the same unsafe condition exists, hence no AD is to be issued.

No changes have been made to the Final AD in response to this comment.

Commenter 2: British Balloon and Airship Club – Graham Hallett – 13/03/2018

Comment # 2

The BBAC is grateful for the opportunity to comment on PAD 18-035 of 9 March 2018. The BBAC acted as a technical consultant to the manufacturer on the work which led to SB25 and SB26 in their final form and as such the BBAC is in agreement that SB25 rev 3 should be made into an airworthiness directive and the specified cylinders withdrawn from service.

We would like to make the point, however, that we believe the associated SB26 should not be made into an AD, since the revision of the original SB25 into SB25 and SB26, now allows differentiation between the two related cases.



EASA response:

Comment agreed. See answer to Comment #1.

No changes have been made to the Final AD in response to this comment.

Commenter 3: Easy Balloons – Chris Dunkley – 07/04/2018**Comment # 3**

Having been involved in ensuring the continued airworthiness of Lindstrand Titanium flight cylinders following the issue of Cameron Balloons Ltd SB25 we have no problem with the removal of the listed previously 'failed' cylinders being removed from service and CBL SB26 becoming an AD as described in PAD 18-035.

EASA response:

Comment not agreed. PAD 18-035 does not propose to require action in accordance with Cameron Balloons SB26. See answer to Comment #1.

No changes have been made to the Final AD in response to this comment.

