



Safety Information Bulletin

Airworthiness

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Subject: Notification of Suspected Unapproved Propellers

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Applicability:

Ales Kremen V 218, V 218A and V 218B series fixed pitch wooden propellers.

These propellers are known to be installed on, but not limited to, powered sailplanes L 13 SW Vivat and L 13 SE Vivat.

Description:

Information was received indicating that unknown person(s) manufactured or modified V 218 series fixed pitch propellers without a valid production approval or supplemental type certificate. These unapproved products may have been installed on different powered sailplanes or aeroplanes.

At this time, the safety concern described in this SIB is not considered to be an unsafe condition that would warrant Airworthiness Directive (AD) action under Regulation (EU) [748/2012](#), Part 21.A.3B.

Recommendation(s):

Owners, operators, and maintenance organisations are recommended to inspect the potentially affected propellers to determine that the propeller is an approved product. This determination can be done by an inspection accomplished in accordance with the instructions of Woodcomp SB 07/00. Any V 218 series propeller found that is suspected to be a 'bogus' product should be removed from the aeroplane or powered sailplane, quarantined for further examination and, if confirmed unapproved, disposed.

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