

Subject: SZD-50-3 - Notification of uncertified parts installed

Ref. Publications:

Allstar PZL Glider Sp. z o.o. (Allstar PZL) Service Information Letter (SIL) SIL-001/SZD/2026 Issue 0 (original issue) dated 14 September 2026.

Applicability:

Allstar PZL SZD-50-3 "Puchacz" sailplanes, all serial numbers.

Description:

EASA has been informed that the Type Certificate Holder, Allstar PZL, has been making uncertified rubber shock absorbers available for installation (hereinafter referred to as the uncertified part) in the Main Landing Gear (MLG) assembly of SZD-50-3 sailplanes. This uncertified part consists of a shock ring in the form of a closed-loop hoop that does not require the ends to be joined (see Figure 1). Two rubber shock absorbers are installed in each MLG assembly.

According to Allstar PZL, this practice has been in place since at least 2018 and was related to market unavailability of the certified rubber shock absorber.



Figure 1 - Uncertified Part

In September 2026, Allstar PZL published SIL-001/SZD/2026 describing how to distinguish between an uncertified and a certified parts and how to perform an inspection.

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

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Recommendation(s):

EASA recommends owners, operators and maintenance organisations to inspect, before the next flight, the MLG rubber shock absorbers and determine whether the MLG rubber shock absorbers comply with the approved type design.

If any uncertified part is found during the inspection, it is recommended that the uncertified part is quarantined to prevent re-installation and that Allstar PZL is contacted for further guidance on replacement parts. Owners, operators and maintenance organisations should also ensure that the sailplane complies with its approved type design and remains airworthy before returning it to service.

Contact(s):

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