

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 2001-002(A)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

SOCATA

TB9, TB10, TB200, TB20 and TB21 aircraft

Rudder bearing (ATA 27)

1. APPLICABILITY:

The present Airworthiness Directive is applicable to TB9, TB10, TB200, TB20 and TB21 aircraft of more than 4 years or of more than 2000 flight hours at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

2. REASONS:

A case of separation between the rudder and its control linkage due to the rupture of the lower hinge fitting has been reported.

This Airworthiness Directive requires an inspection of the fleet. It does not constitute a terminating action.

3. ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are made mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive:

A - During the next scheduled inspection and at the latest on March 31, 2001, visually inspect for cracks the lower hinge rudder fitting, according to the instructions of SOCATA TB Service Bulletin No. BS 10-114-55.

If a crack is detected, flights are prohibited until application of SOCATA repair No. 20-018.

B - Whatever the result of the inspection is, inform SOCATA (see address in the Service Bulletin).

Record the application of this Airworthiness Directive in the aircraft log book.

REF.: SB SOCATA TB No. 10-114-55 dated September 2000 (or later revisions)
SOCATA Repair No. 20-018 dated December 1st, 2000 (or later editions).

EFFECTIVE DATE : JANUARY 20, 2001