



Civil Aviation Authority
**EMERGENCY
AIRWORTHINESS
DIRECTIVE**



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Note: In this Airworthiness Directive, references to EU regulations are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and are referenced as "UK Regulation (EU) year/number or UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year".

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by the UK CAA in accordance with UK Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 Part 21.A.3B, acting as the Authority of the State of Design for the affected product(s), under Article 34 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 (ANO) and UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139.

In accordance with UK Regulation (EU) No. 1321/2014 Annex I (Part-M), M.A.301 / Annex VB (Part-ML), ML.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 or agreed by the CAA [Part-M, M.A.303 / Part-ML, ML.A.303].

Design Approval Holder's Name:

CAMERON BALLOONS Ltd

Type Designation(s):

Fuel Cylinders Part Number CB2990
(Alugas)

Effective Date:	16 May 2022
TCDS Number(s):	Not Applicable
Foreign AD:	Not Applicable
Supersedure:	None

ATA 28 – Fuel - Fuel Cylinders (for balloons) – Temporary Withdrawal from Service

Manufacturer(s):

Cameron Balloons Ltd.

Applicability:

All balloons equipped with fuel cylinders Part Number CB2990 (Alugas) having serial numbers:
OC25001 to OC25202
QI14001 to QI14494

Note: This serial number range covers all CB2990 (Alugas) cylinders currently in service.

These fuel cylinders are known to be installed on, but not limited to, hot-air balloons and airships manufactured by Cameron Balloons Ltd, Colt Balloons, Lindstrand Balloons Ltd (LBL), Lindstrand Hot Air Balloons Ltd, Sky Balloons, Thunder Balloons, and Thunder & Colt.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

Affected Part: CB2990 Fuel Cylinder.

The ASB: Cameron Balloons Alert Service Bulletin SB33.

Reason:

Five CB2990 (Alugas) cylinders have developed cracks in the weld between the cylinder valve plate and the upper dished end. These cracks allow the release of propane from the cylinder. Failures have been observed during periodic inspection (hydraulic pressure test) and leak test. All the in-service failures seen to date have been from the batch of cylinders with serial numbers starting OC.

It is likely that other CB2990 cylinders may develop similar failures in service.

To address this potential unsafe condition this Alert Service Bulletin is issued to temporarily withdraw all CB2990 (Alugas) cylinders from service pending investigation of these failures.

Cameron Balloons are working urgently with the original fabricator to determine the cause and scope of these failures.

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

From the effective date of the AD, the affected parts must be removed from service, no further flight is permitted.

The affected parts must be inspected for fuel leaks in accordance with Cameron balloons Alert Service Bulletin No 33, Section 5 Accomplishment Instructions.

Note: This inspection can be performed by the pilot.

If leaks are detected the cylinder must be emptied of fuel immediately.

If no leaks are detected, the cylinder must be emptied as soon as practicable, but in any case, within 7 days.

Important: A satisfactory leak check does not allow the affected parts to be returned to service.

Reference Publications:

Cameron Balloons Limited Alert Service Bulletin No 33 revision 0 dated 04 May 2022.

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

Remarks:

1. The safety assessment has warranted immediate publication and notification without implementing the full consultation process.
2. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this AD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this AD, can be reported to the CAA aviation safety reporting system [Occurrence reporting Civil Aviation Authority](#) This may include reporting on the same or similar components, other than those covered by the design to which this AD applies, if the same unsafe condition can exist or may develop on an aircraft with those components installed. Such components may be installed under an FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or other modification.
3. Enquiries regarding this Airworthiness Directive should be referred to: ga@caa.co.uk
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