

Airworthiness Directive of The Netherlands

Bijzondere Luchtwaardigheids Aanwijzing - BLA

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Caution

In accordance with the Aviation Act 2001 (Wet Luchtvaart), Article 3.22, the following Airworthiness Directive (BLA) is issued by the Minister of Transport, Public Works and Water Management. Airworthiness Directives affect aviation safety. These are regulations which require immediate attention. You are cautioned that no person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements thereof.

BLA nr. 2002-111

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Date : July 31, 2002

FOKKER SERVICES B.V.

(formerly Fokker Aircraft B.V.)

Model F.28 Mk.0070 and Mk.0100

CAA-NL Type Certificate Nr.

T-100-87

EQUIPMENT & FURNISHING - PEDESTAL SIDE COVER ATTACHMENT - INSPECTION/MODIFICATION

Description :

One Fokker 100 (F.28 Mk.0100) operator reported a loose pedestal side cover, whereby the pilot's foot became stuck between the pedestal side cover and the rudder pedal during alignment of the aircraft with the runway during approach. The pilot managed to free his foot and landed the aircraft safely. Subsequent investigation revealed that at least one such incident has occurred before. On most aircraft, this particular problem has already been solved by the introduction of an attachment bracket that holds the pedestal side cover in position. A review of the aircraft maintenance documentation revealed that the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM) does not contain an instruction to install the pedestal side cover in the attachment bracket. Therefore it cannot be excluded that already modified aircraft are flying with a loose cover. This condition, if not corrected, could lead to further incidents, possibly resulting in loss of control of the aircraft. Since an unsafe condition has been identified that may occur on other aircraft of the same type design, this Airworthiness Directive (BLA) requires a one-time inspection and, if necessary, modification of the Pedestal Side Cover attachment.

Applicability : Fokker Aircraft B.V. Model F.28 Mk.0070 and Mk.0100 aircraft, all serial numbers.

Effective date : September 1, 2002

Compliance : Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

(a) Within the next 12 calendar months after the effective date of this directive, inspect the Pedestal Side Cover attachment in accordance with Part 1 of the Accomplishment Instructions of Fokker Service Bulletin (SB) F100-25-092 dated February 4, 2002 or a later CAA-NL Approved revision;

(b) If the attachment is present and properly installed, no further action is required;

(c) If the attachment is present and not properly installed, before further flight, reinstall the Pedestal Side Cover in accordance with Fokker Services' Manual Change Notification – Maintenance Documentation (MCNM) F100-068 dated February 4, 2002, which introduces the applicable installation procedure into the Aircraft Maintenance Manual;

(d) If the attachment is not present, before further flight, modify the pedestal side cover attachment in accordance with Part 2 of the Accomplishment Instructions of Fokker SB F100-25-092 dated February 4, 2002 or a later CAA-NL Approved revision.

Remarks :

- Operators of the affected aircraft may obtain copies of the referenced service information upon request directly from **Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept., P.O.Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, The Netherlands; telephone (31) 252-627-350; facsimile (31) 252-627-211; e-mail technicalservices.fokkerservices@stork.com.**
- Compliance with this directive must be recorded in the proper Aircraft Log Book(s).
- Where applicable, the requirements of this directive must be integrated into the aircraft's Maintenance Schedule.

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