



EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject: Propeller Counterweight Slug Bolt Inspection

Ref. Publication: Hartzell Propeller Inc. Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) HC-ASB-61-313 dated 17 November 2008.

Description: Hartzell has published the referenced service publication to inform owners and operators of aircraft with certain Hartzell propellers installed that instances of bolt failure have been reported on certain B-3386-14H counterweight slug attachment bolts, causing the counterweight slug to separate from the propeller. Bolt failure may lead to counterweight slug separation from the propeller, possibly resulting in damage, vibration and reduced control of the aircraft. In-flight loss of parts may cause injury to persons on the ground.

After reviewing the available information, EASA concurs with the Hartzell publication and fully supports the recommendations contained therein. This SIB is published to ensure that all owners and operators of the affected aircraft are aware of these recommendations. Subsequent EASA action to issue or adopt (in case of FAA action) an Airworthiness Directive (AD) for this subject cannot be excluded at this time.

Applicability: Hartzell HC-A3VF-(), HC-B3MN-(), HC-B3TF-(), HC-B3TN-(), HC-B4MN-(), HC-B4MP-(), HC-B4TN-(), HC-B5MA-() and HC-B5MP-() series propellers.

These propellers are known to be installed on, but not limited to, the aircraft types and models identified in Hartzell Propeller Inc. ASB HC-ASB-61-313 dated 17 November 2008. A copy of this document can be obtained upon request from Hartzell, e-mail techsupport@hartzellprop.com

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