



## EASA Safety Information Notice

**No.:** 2008-21

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**Subject:** FOLA Airsafe Life Vests Type A-190 or A-290

**Ref. Publication(s):** Luftfartsstyrelsen (Swedish Civil Aviation Authority) Airworthiness Directive 1-201, issued 27 February 2008, effective date 1 March 2008; and FOLA Airsafe Service Bulletin 9-387 rev. A.

**Introduction:** Luftfartsstyrelsen, representing the State of Design of the affected equipment, issued the referenced AD (attached as page 2 of this notice) following the discovery that life vests of type Airsafe A-190 and Airsafe A-290 may have an error on the zippers from assembly at the factory. If an incorrect zipper is installed, this could lead to an uncontrolled inflation of the life vest.

According to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, EASA has only taken over Member States obligations that are related to design approval. As a consequence, EASA is only authorised to issue ADs related to design approval. EASA has determined that the above referenced unsafe condition is not related to design approval, as it is the result of manufacturing non-conformity and that the type design is therefore not affected. However, this is a serious safety issue and this Safety Information has been issued accordingly. National Aviation Authorities of the EU member states may adopt the referenced AD under their State of Registry responsibility.

**Applicability:** All aircraft that have these life vests installed. It should be noted that this type of equipment is often carried on board as 'personal equipment' and may therefore not be installed on the aircraft.

**Recommendation:** This Safety Information Notice is for information only.

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## **SWEDISH AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES (SAD)**

### Section 1. Swedish Manufactured Aeronautical Products

**AIRWORTHINESS  
DIRECTIVE NO:** 1-201

**APPLICABILITY:** FOLA Airsafe life vests type A-190 or A-290

**SERIAL No:s  
AFFECTED:** ALL

**SUBJECT:** Inspection of the zipper on the life vest valise

**BACKGROUND:** Valises for life vests of type Airsafe A-190 and Airsafe A-290 may have an error on the zippers from assemble at factory. If an incorrect zipper is installed this could lead to an uncontrolled inflation of the life vest.

**REFERENCE  
DOCUMENTS:** FOLA Airsafe Service Bulletin 9-387 rev. A or later revision

**ACTIONS:** Perform actions described in FOLA Airsafe Service Bulletin 9-387 rev. A or later revision

**COMPLIANCE  
TIME:** To be performed within three months from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 1 March 2008

**DECISION:** LS 2008-0762

**LUFTFARTSSTYRELSEN / Swedish Civil Aviation Authority**

The actions contained in this directive and reference document(s) have been classified as mandatory for aircraft on Swedish register

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