

# UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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## **AFFECTED PRODUCTS**

Boeing bushings, part number BACB28AK07-465, sold by Wesco Aircraft and Fitz Aerospace (dba ESNA).

## **PURPOSE**

This notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors regarding unapproved bushings produced and sold by Wesco Aircraft and Fitz Aerospace (dba ESNA).

## **BACKGROUND**

Information received during a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Suspected Unapproved Parts (SUP) investigation revealed that Wesco Aircraft located in Valencia, California, caused the production of Boeing bushings, part number BACB28AK07-465 (Lot number 116690-1) and sold the articles to aerospace customers from September 2007 to the present. Wesco Aircraft and Fitz Aerospace (dba ESNA) are not FAA production approval holders.

Boeing did not authorize Wesco Aircraft to produce and direct ship bushings to aerospace customers under Boeing's FAA production approval. Wesco Aircraft shipping documents identify Fitz Aerospace (dba ESNA) as the manufacturer. All subject bushings (Lot number 116690-1) from Wesco Aircraft or ESNA (formerly Fitz) are considered unapproved.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

FAA regulations require that type certificated products conform to their type design and are in a condition for safe operation. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for the referenced part number. If these bushings are found installed on a type certified aircraft or in existing inventory, it is recommended they be removed from the aircraft and/or existing inventory and be quarantined to prevent installation. Additionally, it is recommended these parts and articles not be installed on any type-certificated product until their origin and installation eligibility can be determined.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

You may obtain further information concerning this investigation from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) listed below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the above referenced articles from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove the articles from aircraft and/or inventories.

This notice originated from the FAA Van Nuys Manufacturing Inspection District Office, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 100, Van Nuys, CA 91406, Telephone (818) 904-6298 x227, Fax (818) 904-6001. Contact this office for manufacturing, supplier or distributor related questions.