

<b>EASA</b>	<b>EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<p><b>AD No.: 2009-0238-E</b></p> <p><b>Date: 30 October 2009</b></p> <p>Note: This emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation</p>
<p>This AD is issued in accordance with EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.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 by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].</p>	
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b>	<b>Type Approval designation(s) :</b>
SOCATA	TBM 700 aeroplanes
TCDS Number :	EASA.A.010
Foreign AD :	Not Applicable
Supersedure :	None
<b>ATA 09</b>	<b>Towing – towing bar foam pads – Removal</b>
Manufacturer(s):	SOCATA (formerly EASA – SOCATA)
Applicability:	TBM 700 aeroplanes, all models, from serial number 331 and up.
Reason:	<p>It has been discovered that the foam inside the towing bar box is not conformed to the certification specification, and especially the flame resistance properties.</p> <p>In case of fire in the front baggage compartment, the non conformed foam could rapidly propagate the flames and/or emit toxic fumes in the cabin.</p> <p>For the reason stated above this Airworthiness Directive (AD), as a temporary measure, mandates the removal of the foam, pending a foam change.</p>
Effective Date:	03 November 2009
Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <p>Within 20 flight hours (FH) or at the next scheduled annual check, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, remove the foam from the towing bar stowage box in accordance with the accomplishment instructions of SOCATA Service Bulletin No.70-179 initial issue.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>SOCATA Service Bulletin No.70-179 initial issue, dated October 2009.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>

Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.</li><li>2. The safety assessment has requested not to implement the full consultation process and an immediate publication and notification.</li><li>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management &amp; Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li><li>4. For any questions concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: SOCATA Direction des services 65921 Tarbes Cedex 9 France Phone : + 33 (0)5 62 41 73 00 Fax : + 33 (0)5 62 41 76 54</li></ol>
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