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FUSELAGE - GENERAL

DO A CHECK OF THE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE ENGINE MOUNT FITTINGS AND, IF NECESSARY, DO A CHECK FOR CRACKS WITH A BOROSCOPE

1. **Planning Information**

Α. **Effectivity**

MSN 101 thru MSN 248 and MSN 501 thru MSN 567.

All engine mount fittings (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 and P/N 553.10.09.124) held as spare or in stock.

В. **Concurrent Requirements**

None.

C. Reason

(1) **Problem**

An operator reported Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) on the engine mount fittings.

(2) Cause

Initially the material specification of the parts was AA2024-T351. The material specification was subsequently changed to AA2124-T851 to decrease the risk of stress corrosion.

Solution (3)

Do a one time inspection of the four engine mount fittings to:

- (a) Check the material specification of the fittings.
- If the fittings are made from AA2124-T851, make an entry in the aircraft logbook as (b) required in paragraph 3.F.(3).
- If the fittings are made from AA2024-T351, do a one time inspection with a (c) boroscope for cracks.
- (d) If cracks are found, contact Pilatus.

NOTE: Mandatory inspections will be added to Chapter 5 of the Aircraft

> Maintenance Manual (AMM). The inspections will give instructions on how to examine the four engine mount fittings for cracks. The inspections will

only be applicable to parts made from AA2024-T351.

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NOTE: A Service Bulletin will be issued to give instructions and data on how to replace the parts made from AA2024-T351. The new parts are made from AA2124-T851. Parts that are replaced with those made from AA2124-T851 will cancel the requirement for the mandatory repetitive inspections.

D. **Description**

This Service Bulletin gives the data and instructions necessary to:

- (1) Check the material specification of the fittings.
- (2) If the fittings are made from AA2124-T851, make an entry in the aircraft logbook of the new part number.
- If the fittings are made from AA2024-T351, do a one time inspection with a boroscope for (3)

These instructions are applicable to:

- The left engine upper-mount fittings P/N 553.10.09.123
- The right engine upper-mount fittings P/N 553.10.09.122
- The left and right, engine lower-mount fittings, P/N 553.10.09.124.

E. Compliance

Mandatory.

Accomplishment required not later than 90 days after the effective date of this Service Bulletin.

F. **Approval**

The technical content of this Service Bulletin is approved under the authority of Letter of DOA Acceptance ref. FOCA.21J.002.

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H. Manpower

	Total
Preparation	2.0
Eddy-current conductivity measurement-test	0.5
Boroscope inspection (If Necessary)	2.0
Close up	2.5
TOTAL MAN-HOURS	7.0

I. Weight and Balance

(1) Weight Change

Not changed.

(2) Moment Change

Not changed.

J. Electrical Load Data

Not changed.

K. Software

Not changed.

L. References

Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM): 06-20-00 or 12-00-00, 20-31-00, 25-10-00.

M. Publications Affected

AMM, Chapter 05.

Structural Repair Manual (SRM): 53-10-00.

N. Interchangeability of Parts

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Not applicable.



2. Material Information

A. Material - Price and Availability

Operators who require more information should contact:

PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD, INTEGRATED LOGISTIC SUPPORT MANAGER,

CH 6371 STANS, Tel: +41 41 619 66 30 SWITZERLAND Fax: +41 41 610 33 51

KIT NUMBER	PRICE	AVAILABILITY
500.60.09.146	Contact address above	Contact address above

NOTE: Kit No. 500.60.09.146 is the kit for the reference pieces used to help identify the material specification of the suspect parts. One kit is required for each fleet of aircraft.

NOTE: This is the same kit used for the accomplishment of Service Bulletin 57-016. If you have the pieces from that kit, you do not need to procure the kit again.

B. Material Necessary for Each Aircraft

(1) Material to be Procured

Kit No. 500.60.09.146 has these parts:

PART No.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	REMARKS
513.57.09.149	AA2024-T351 REFERENCE PLATE	1	
513.57.09.150	AA2124-T851 REFERENCE PLATE	1	

NOTE: One kit is required for each fleet of aircraft.

(2) Operator Supplied Materials (Ref. AMM 20-31-00)

MATERIAL NO.	DESCRIPTION	TION QTY REMARKS	
P01-010	SOLVENT	A/R	Or equivalent
P02-031	ABSORBENT PAPER	A/R	Or equivalent

C. Material Necessary for Each Spare

None.

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D. Re-identified Parts

If the engine mount fittings, either installed on the aircraft or held as spare, are made from AA2124-T851, their part numbers will change as follows:

DESCRIPTION	OLD PART NUMBER	RE-IDENTIFIED PART NUMBER
LEFT ENGINE UPPER- MOUNT FITTING	553.10.09.123	553.10.09.851
RIGHT ENGINE UPPER- MOUNT FITTING	553.10.09.122	553.10.09.852
LEFT OR RIGHT, ENGINE LOWER-MOUNT FITTING	553.10.09.124	553.10.09.854

E. Tooling - Cost and Availability

PART No.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	REMARKS
-	EDDY-CURRENT EQUIPMENT WITH CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT PROBE	1	Local supply
	OR		
-	CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT	1	Local supply
-	BOROSCOPE	1	Local supply
-	ALUMINIUM OR STEEL TUBE OF APPROXIMATELY 800 MM LENGTH X 10 MM DIAMETER	1	Local supply

NOTE: Because of the difficult access, Pilatus recommends that the maximum diameter of the measurement probe is 6,25 mm (0.25 in.).

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3. Accomplishment Instructions - On Aircraft

WARNING: MAKE SURE THAT BOTH EJECTION SEATS HAVE THE SAFETY PINS INSTALLED IN THE SAFE FOR SERVICING LOCATIONS BEFORE YOU GO INTO THE COCKPIT (REF. AMM, 25-10-00, PAGE BLOCK 201).

WARNING: READ AND OBEY THE MANUFACTURERS HEALTH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU USE THE CONSUMABLE MATERIALS.

A. Preparation

- (1) Remove the access panel F3 (Ref. AMM, 06-20-00 or 12-00-00, Page Block 1).
- (2) Remove the ejection seat from the front cockpit (Ref. AMM, 25-10-01, Page Block 401).
- (3) Obey the manufacturer's operating instructions and calibrate the conductivity measurement equipment.
- (4) Put the eddy current probe in position on the reference plates (P/N 513.57.09.149 and P/N 513.57.09.150).
- (5) Record the value shown on the test equipment.

NOTE: The temperature of these parts must be approximately the same:

- The left upper engine-mount attachment-fitting (P/N 553.10.09.123)
- The right upper engine-mount attachment-fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122)
- The left and right lower engine-mount attachment-fittings P/N 553.10.09.124)
- The reference plates (P/N 513.57.09.149 and P/N 513.57.09.150).

B. Do the Test to Find the Material Specification (Ref. Fig. 1)

NOTE: Only personnel that are qualified and authorized by their delegated Airworthiness Authorities are allowed to do this test.

NOTE: Because of the access, Pilatus recommends that the conductivity probe has a maximum diameter of approximately 6.25 mm (0.25 in.).

(1) For the left upper engine-mount attachment-fitting (1) (P/N 553.10.09.123):

WARNING: BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU USE THE CONSUMABLE MATERIALS. OBEY THE MANUFACTURER'S HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) Remove the dirt and grease from the test area with the absorbent paper (Material No. P02-031) made moist with the solvent (Material No. P01-010).

NOTE: It is not necessary to remove the layers of surface protection (including paint) to do the test.

NOTE: The temperature of the engine -mount attachment-fittings must be approximately the same as the reference plates (P/N 513.57.09.149 and P/N 513.57.09.150).

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- (b) Put the eddy current probe in position on the left upper engine-mount attachmentfitting (1) (P/N 553.10.09.123).
- Record the value shown on the test equipment. (c)
- (d) Compare the value recorded above with the values recorded in Section 3.A.(5) and determine if the attachment fitting is manufactured from AA2024-T351 or AA2124-T851.
- Do Steps 3.B(1)(b) thru (d) again to make sure the result is the same. (e)
- (f) Write the type of material that the left upper engine-mount attachment-fitting (1) (P/N 553.10.09.123) is made from on the Status of Parts Form (Ref. Fig 5).
- Do Step 3.B.(1) of this Service Bulletin again on: (2)
 - The right upper engine-mount attachment-fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122)
 - The left and right lower engine-mount attachment-fittings P/N 553.10.09.124).
- (3)If you find an engine mount fitting made from AA2024-T351, continue this Service Bulletin from Step 3.C.
- (4) If all the engine mount fittings are made from AA2124-T851, continue this Service Bulletin from Step 3.D.
- C. Do the Boroscope Inspection to Find Cracks (Ref. Fig. 2)

NOTE: Step 3.C. is only applicable to engine mount fittings made from AA2024-T351.

Only personnel that are qualified and authorized by their delegated Airworthiness NOTE: Authorities are allowed to do this test.

- (1) Obey the manufacturer's instructions and use a boroscope to examine the areas shown in Fig. 2:
 - (a) Use the aluminium or steel tube as a guide for the boroscope to access the inspection areas.
 - If you find cracks: (b)
 - You must contact Pilatus Customer Support before next flight. The address 1 is:

PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD., Customer Technical Support (MCC), P.O. Box 992 6371 Stans, Switzerland

Fax: +41 (0)41 619 67 73

Email: Techsupport@pilatus-aircraft.com

- 2 Make a report of the inspection results, refer Step 3.D.
- (c) If you do not find cracks, make a report of the inspection results, refer Step 3.D.

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D. Report the Inspection Results

- (1) Make a copy of the Inspection Report Form(s) (Ref. Fig. 3 and Fig. 4).
- (2) Complete the Inspection Report Form(s):
 - Give the date of the inspection.
 - · Give the aircraft details.
 - Show the location(s) and dimensions of the crack(s) found (if applicable).
 - · Add any comments.

NOTE: If there are no crack indications, use the Inspection Report Form(s) to tell Pilatus Aircraft Ltd the aircraft details.

(3) Add the part number of the engine mount fittings to the final column of the Status of Parts Form (Ref. Fig. 5).

NOTE: If the engine mount fittings are made from AA2024-T351, the part number will be the same as that entered in column 3. If the engine mount fittings are made from AA2124-T851, the part number will change as shown in Para. 2.D.

(4) Send or fax the completed form(s) and a copy of the Status of Parts Form (Ref. Fig. 5) to Pilatus Customer Support.

E. Job Close-Up

- (1) Remove all equipment, materials and tools from the work area. Make sure that the work area is clean.
- (2) Install the ejection seat in the front cockpit (Ref. AMM, 25-10-01, Page Block 401).
- (3) Install the access panel F3 (Ref. AMM, 06-20-00 or 12-00-00, Page Block 1).

F. Documentation

- (1) Make an entry in the Aircraft Logbook that this Service Bulletin has been incorporated.
- (2) Use the Service Bulletin Evaluation Sheet and report your results and the serial number of the aircraft to Pilatus.
- (3) Put the Status of Parts Form (Ref. Fig 5) in the Aircraft Logbook.

NOTE: If the engine mount fittings are made from AA2024-T351 but have no cracks, you will need to do repetitive inspections (Ref. AMM, Chapter 05). You will need this Form (Ref. Fig. 5) to tell you which engine mount fittings require the inspection.

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4. Accomplishment Instructions - Engine Mount Fittings Held as Spare or in Stock

This procedure is applicable to all engine mount fittings (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 and P/N 553.10.09.124) held as spare or in stock.

Α. **Preparation**

- (1) Obey the manufacturer's operating instructions and calibrate the conductivity measurement equipment.
- (2) Put the eddy current probe in position on the reference plates (P/N 513.57.09.149 and P/N 513.57.09.150).
- (3) Record the value shown on the test equipment.

The temperature of the engine mount fittings (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 and P/N 553.10.09.124) and the reference plates (P/N 513.57.09.149 and P/N 513.57.09.150) must be approximately the same.

В. Do the Test to Find the Material Specification

NOTE: Only personnel that are qualified and authorized by their delegated Airworthiness Authorities are allowed to do this test.

For an engine mount fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 or P/N (1) 553.10.09.124):

WARNING: BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU USE THE CONSUMABLE MATERIALS. OBEY THE MANUFACTURER'S HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) Remove the grease from the test area with the absorbent paper (Material No. P02-031) made moist with the solvent (Material No. P01-010).

NOTE: It is not necessary to remove the layers of surface protection (including paint) to do the test.

- Put the eddy current probe in position on the engine mount fitting (P/N (b) 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 or P/N 553.10.09.124).
- (c) Record the value shown on the test equipment.
- (d) Compare the value recorded above with the values recorded in Section 4.A.(3) and determine if the engine mount fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 or P/N 553.10.09.124) is made from AA2024-T351 or AA2124-T851.
- Do Steps 4.B(1)(b) thru (d) again to make sure the result is the same. (e)
- (f) If the engine mount fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 or P/N 553.10.09.124) is made from AA2024-T351, send it to Pilatus Customer Support. Pilatus will send a replacement engine mount fitting (P/N 553.10.09.849, P/N 553.10.09.850 or P/N 553.10.09.853) made from AA2124-T851.
- If the engine mount fitting (P/N 553.10.09.122, P/N 553.10.09.123 or P/N (g) 553.10.09.124) is made from AA2124-T851, re-identify the fitting (Ref. Para. 2.D.) with a permanent marker pen (or equivalent).

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C. Job Close-Up

- (1) Return the engine mount fittings to stores.
- (2) Make sure the part number is correct and either:
 - P/N 553.10.09.849 (New) or P/N 553.10.09.851 (Re-identified)
 - P/N 553.10.09.850 (New) or P/N 553.10.09.852 (Re-identified)
 - P/N 553.10.09.853 (New) or P/N 553.10.09.854 (Re-identified).

D. Documentation

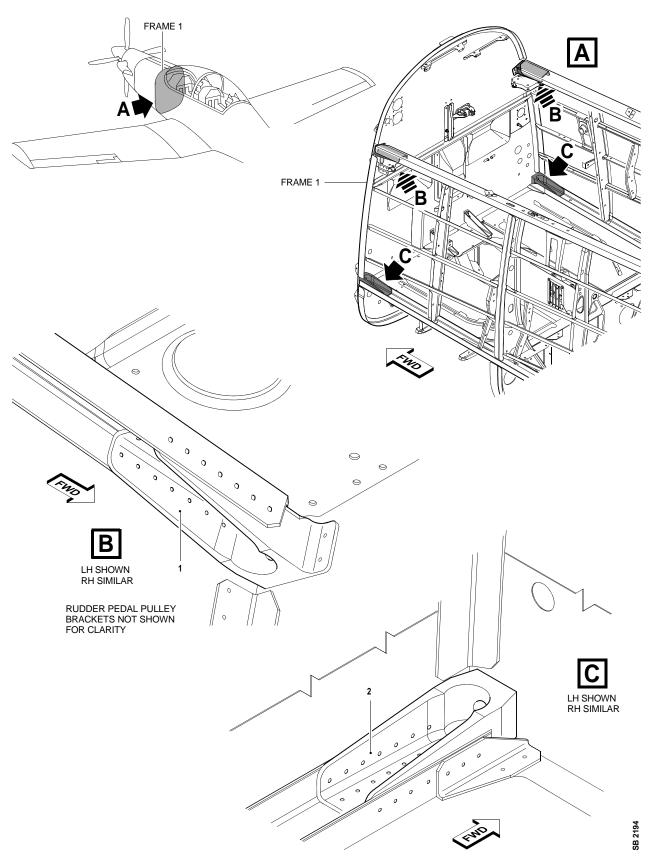
- (1) Make an entry on the serviceable label (attached to the engine mount fitting) that this Service Bulletin has been incorporated.
- (2) Use the Service Bulletin Evaluation Sheet and report your results to Pilatus.

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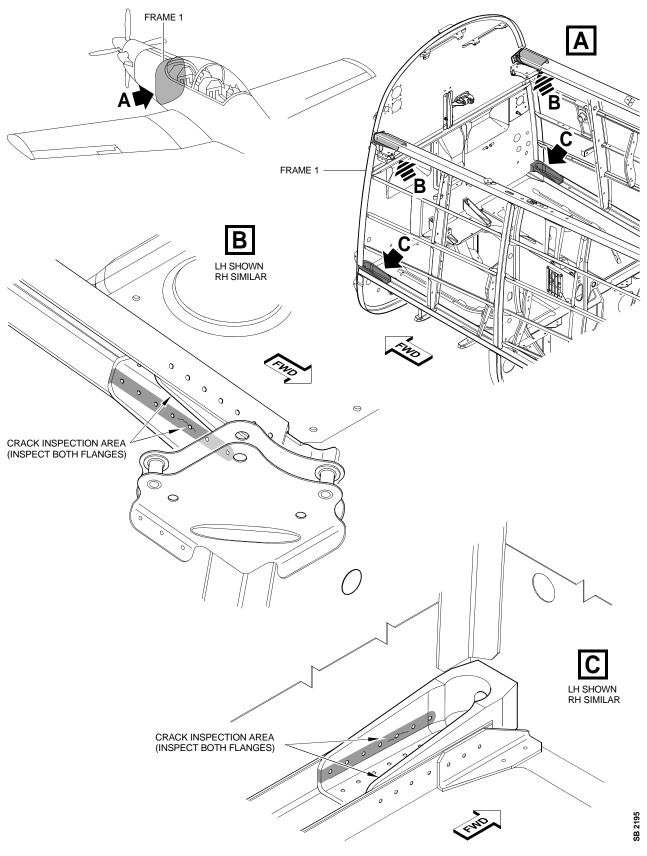


Check of the Material Specification Figure 1

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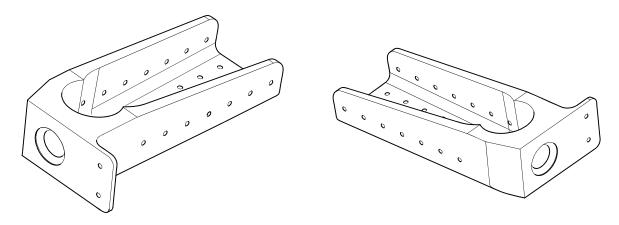




Fittings - Crack Inspection (If Necessary)
Figure 2

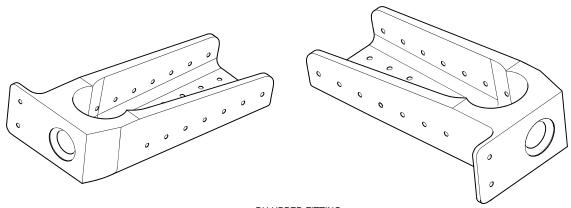
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LH UPPER FITTING

DATE:		AIRCRAFT MSN:	FLYING HOURS:	LANDINGS:
CRACK 1 LENGTH	mm	ADDITIONAL COMMENT	S	
CRACK 2 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 3 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 4 LENGTH	mm			



RH UPPER FITTING

DATE:		AIRCRAFT MSN:	FLYING HOURS:	LANDINGS:
CRACK 1 LENGTH	mm	ADDITIONAL COMMENT	S	
CRACK 2 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 3 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 4 LENGTH	mm			

Upper Fittings - Inspection Form Figure 3

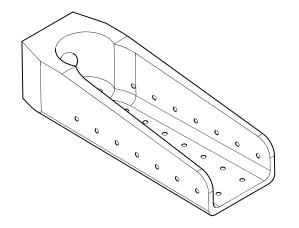
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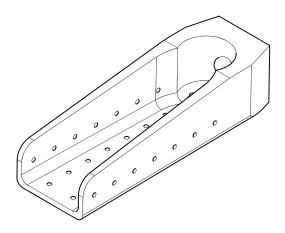
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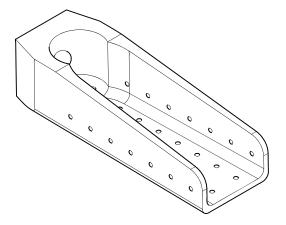


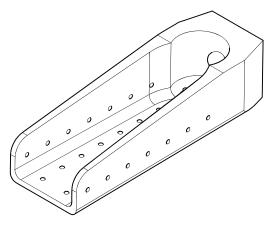




LH LOWER FITTING

DATE:		AIRCRAFT MSN:	FLYING HOURS:	LANDINGS:
CRACK 1 LENGTH	mm	ADDITIONAL COMMENT	S	
CRACK 2 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 3 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 4 LENGTH	mm			





RH LOWER FITTING

DATE:		AIRCRAFT MSN:	FLYING HOURS:	LANDINGS:
CRACK 1 LENGTH	mm	ADDITIONAL COMMENT	S	
CRACK 2 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 3 LENGTH	mm			
CRACK 4 LENGTH	mm			

Lower Fittings - Inspection Form Figure 4



Line No.	Component	Part Number	Material, after accomplishment of this Service Bulletin	Material, after accomplishment of this Service Bulletin
-	The engine upper-mount fitting, LH	553.10.09.122		
2	The engine upper-mount fitting, RH	553.10.09.123		
ဗ	The engine lower-mount fitting, LH	553.10.09.124		
4	The engine lower-mount fitting, RH	553.10.09.124		

Status of Parts Form Figure 5





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	Necessary,	Do a Check fo	or Cra	icks with	a Boro	oscope	
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