



EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject: Forward Baggage Door Locking Mechanism Components - Inspection / Lubrication / Replacement

Ref. Publications: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO) 08013 dated 29 May 2008 and the Supplement thereof; and Piper Aircraft Inc. Service Bulletin (SB) 1194 dated 15 July 2008.

Description: The FAA has published the referenced advisory document (attached as pages 2 through 19 of this bulletin) to provide operators of Piper PA-23, PA-31 and PA-42 series aircraft with recommendations for preventing the forward baggage door from opening in flight.

This SIB has been revised because Piper Aircraft Inc. has published SB 1194, which is applicable to more aircraft and contains recommendations to periodically inspect, lubricate and replace the components of the Nose Baggage Door Locking Mechanism.

After reviewing the available information, EASA concurs with and fully supports the recommendations contained in both the FAA advisory and Piper SB. This SIB is published to ensure that all owners and operators of affected aircraft, registered in European Union Member States or associated countries, are aware of these recommendations.

Applicability: Piper Model PA-23, PA-31, and PA-42 series aircraft, as identified by Model and serial number in Piper Aircraft Inc. SB 1194 dated 15 July 2008. That SB can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.piper.com/company/Publications/SB%201194.pdf>.

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