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Subject:

1. Empty weight C.G. range

2. Plugged piece of hose at the pneumatic

fuel pump

3. Manual revisions

4. Locking pins on wing tips

Effectivity:

Motorglider DG-400

Serial No. 4 - 1 up to 4-228

Accomplishment: Latest date June 30 1988

Reason:

- 1. When using thin parachutes, there is the possibility, that the pilots position is behind the position used for calculating the present empty weight C.G. range diagram.
- 2. The plugged piece of hose at the pneumatic fuel pump which closes the extra outlet came off on 1 DG-400.
- 3. Manual revisions
- 4. On some DG-400's the head of the locking pins failed by shear due to vibrations when taxiing.

Instructions:

- 1. Using the new empty weight C.G. range diagram and the data of the latest weight and balance report and the table on page 21 flight manual the actual min. cockpit load has to be determined. If this value exceeds 70 kg (154 lbs.) one of the following measures la or 1b has to be executed.
  - 1a. Enter the new value for the min. cockpit load in the table on page 21 flight manual and in the cockpit data placard.
  - 1b. Remove (if any) or reduce the amount of lead ballast in the tail of your DG-400. This requires removal of the rudder for access. Or install fixed ballast in the fuselage nose (two 6 mm insersts are installed). After this action execute a new weight and balance measurement. Enter the results into the table on page 21 flight manual and add the new weight and balance report to the logs. Adjust the rudder and secure it properly
- 2. Check the plugged piece of hose at the pneumatic fuel pump for tight fit. Therefore che the hose clamp at the plug and at the pump. Check at every 25 h inspection again, see maintenance manual sect. 3.4.1 item 6.

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3. Exchange the following manual pages against the new pages issued April 1988. The changes are marked at the side. Content and changes Flight manual Manual amendments 1 Content - new issue dates 2 17 a RPM Indicator - new type 20 Loading chart 23 Length of the towing cable-changed to 30 - 70 m28 Daily inspection - split pin for wing tip securing deleted 42 Wing tanks - text supplemented 46 Rigging of the wing tips - splitpin for wing tip securing no more necessary 47 Filling the wing water ballast tanks warning supplemented 50 Service and care - new translation petroleum ether 50 a Charging the batteries supplemented Maintenance manual 0.1 Manual amendments Content - new issue dates 1 2 3 Life time - plugged fuel line, flexible fuel bags 11 Tail wheel - supplemented 14 Spark plugs - new type Bosch W 3 CC 15 Gas strut - designation corrected 17 c Flexible fuel bags - supplemented 18 Regulator - new type Glaser-Dirks 4 E 26 23 Charging the batteries - supplemented 30 General maintenance - corrections 31 Greasing and oiling - corrections 32 Servicing the engine - cylinder head nuts (item 2), plugged fuel line (item 6) 34 plugged fuel line 39 Removal of the spindle-drive - corrected 40 Removal of ext.-retr. motor - corrected 41 Replacement of the gas strut - changed 48 Pilot C.G. corrected 49 Instrumentation, accessories list - correctedtion - new instruments 51 List of special tools - special wrenches supplemented diagr. 2 Landing gear - part no.'s amended diagr. 5 Waterballastsystem - part no.'s amended diagr. 6 Engine - spring washer part no. diagr. 7 Extension - retraction mechanism gas strut - corrected diagr. 8 Fuel system - plugged fuel line supplemented diagr. 10 Empty weight C.G. range - new diagram

File the installation sketch EFWK "landing gear doors" (issued Oct. 1987) and drawing W 33 and W 34 (issued March 1988) at the end of the maintenance manual.

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4. The locking pins of the 15 m wing tip and the 17 m wing tip extensions have to be exchanged against new pins part no. 4 F 31. Therefore the split pin at the locking device has to be removed.

Then the locking pin and spring can be removed.

The pins 4 F 31 have no hole for a split pin and no thread as this is unnecessary. Grease the parts when installing (see M.M. sect. 3.3).

Use a new split pin 2 x 20 DIN 94 zn.

Material:

4 locking pins 4 F 31

4 split pins 2 x 20 DIN 94 zn

Remarks:

Instruction 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 4 are to be executed by a licenced work shop and to be inspected and entered in the aircraft logs by a licenced inspector.

Instruction 3 may be executed by the aircraft

owner.

Bruchsal 4, April 20 1988

LBA-approved:

Signature:

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The German original of this TN has been approved by the LBA under the date of April 29, 1988 and is signed by Mr. Skov.

Dipl. Ing. W. Dirks

The translation into English has been done by best know-ledge and jugdement. In any case of doubt the German original is authoritative.

## Instruction

## Modification for easier disassembly of the C.G. tow hook

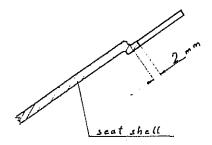
Effectivity: All DG-Singleseaters

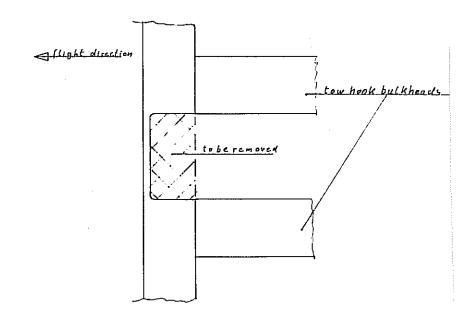
Reason: As the cut-out in the seat shell is relatively

small for disassembliing the tow hook it is possible to loosen the seatshell from the tow hook bulkheads when disassembliing the tow hook.

Instructions: The cut-out in the sheat shell shall be enlarged to the front see scetch. This can be done with a

fine rasp or with a power grinder.





Bruchsal 4, March 1st 1988

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CONCERNING: T N 826/20

MOTORGLIDER D G - 400

- 1. DESCRIPTION OF UNSAFE CONDITION:
  - a) When using thin parachutes, there is the possibility, that the pilots position is behind the position used for calculating the present empty mass C.G. range diagram.
  - b) The plugged piece of hose at the pneumatic fuel pump which closes the extra outlet came off on 1 DG-400. c) On some DG-400's the head of the locking pins failed
  - by shear due to vibrations.
- 2. PROBABLE CONSEQUENCE, IF UNSAFE CONDITION IS NOT RECTIFIED:
  - a) flight behind aft C.G.
  - b) fuel flowing into fuselage, unsufficient fuel flow to engine.
    c) locking bolt falling out and wing tip coming off.
- 3. IS CONDITION LIKELY TO EXIST IN OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE SAME TYPE?

YES see 4.

- 4. SERIAL NUMBER APPLICABILITY: 4 - 1 up to 4 - 228
- 5. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FCAA A.D. AND SERVICE BULLETIN, IF ANY?

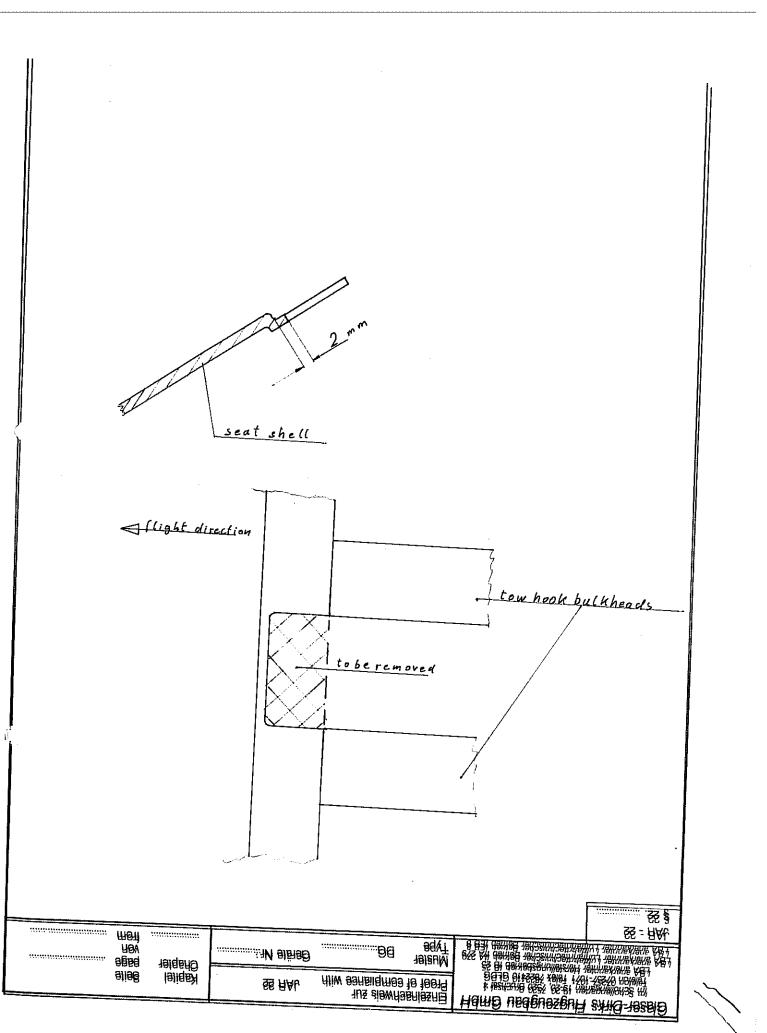
- 6. BASIS OF SERVICE OF LIFE LIMITED PARTS (e.g. service experience, test or analysis):
- 7. BASIS OF INSPECTION TIMES:
  - a) /
  - b) every 25 h see M.M. 3.4.1 life time 5 years see M.M. 0.2
  - c) daily inspection
- 8. AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENT PARTS:
  - a), b), no parts necessary
  - c) parts will be supplied at no charge with TN 826/20
- 9. COMPATIBILITY OF MODIFICATION WITH OTHER AIRPLANE COMPONENTS:

- 10. NUMBER OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS/REPORTS: none
- 11. APPROXIMATE COST TO ACCOMBLISH MODIFICATION/INSPECTION:

instruction 1a of TN 826/20 no cost instruction 1b cost of weight and balance and 1 or 2 working hours.

April 20 1988

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