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3. **Maintenance**

3.2 **Maintenance of the airframe**

The sailplane is service free except for the care of the surfaces (see sect. 3.1) and greasing and oiling of the control system and all pins (see sect. 3.3).

After a landing in a soft field, the undercarriage box and tow hook should be thoroughly cleaned.

3.3 **Greasing and oiling**

- A The contact surfaces of the canopies to the fuselage are to be rubbed with colourless floor-polish (canopy and fuselage side) to reduce grating noise in flight. Polish at the beginning of the flight season and then every month.
- B Once a year your DG-500 ELAN ORION should be carefully checked and all bearings, including control surface hinges, should be cleaned and greased if necessary. The various greasing points are as follows:
- Aileron drive connections at the inboard aileron.
  - Airbrake drive connection - in airbrake box, also grease the brake paddle pivots.
  - Remove the access panels on the left hand cockpit walls and grease all the pushrod guides, but not those with Teflon linings, note see below.
  - Remove the baggage compartment floors and open the baggage compartment rear cover to grease all bearings.
  - Open the access panels (2 in the front and 2 in the rear cockpit). In the rear cockpit you have to remove the height adjustable seat pan first. Grease all accessible bearings (ball bearings and rod ends with universal bearings)
  - Remove the control column covers and grease all the bearings associated with the control columns.
  - Grease the rudder pedal adjustment slide.
  - Oil all hinge points on the undercarriage in the undercarriage box.
  - Clean and grease all control surfaces hinges.
  - Clean and grease the control hook ups for, ailerons, airbrakes and elevator control.
  - Clean and grease all pins and bushes of the wing and tailplane attachment.

**Note:** The greases we recommend are lithium based pressure-resistant anti-corrosion greases or lithium-soap greases (multi-purpose greases for rolling element bearings).

**Note:** The sliding guides of the following parts are made from Teflon and should not be greased:

Landing gear controlhandle 5FW39 on 5St68/2 and airbrake control handle 5St69 on 5St68/.

If these parts have been greased inadvertently you have to disassemble the parts and to clean them completely with Acetone.