



ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN No. 07a
to all distributors, concerned owners

**Malfunction of Akrapovič Stainless Steel
performance exhaust**

MANDATORY / IMMEDIATE

Please pay attention to the following safety definitions used in this service bulletin:

WARNING! Disregarding the following instruction leads to severe deterioration of flight safety and hazardous situations, including such resulting in serious injury and loss of life.

CAUTION! Disregarding the following instruction leads to serious deterioration of flight safety, may cause serious damage to the aircraft and suspend warranty.

Aircraft affected: sn. 037 V 912 06 01
179 VL 912 08 05
183 SN 912 10 05
192 SN 912 02 06
193 S 912 03 06
197 V 912 05 06
203 S 912 05 06
204 S 912 06 06
207 V 912 07 06
208 V 912 09 06
212 V 912 10 06
213 S 912 11 06
214 SL 912 11 06

215 SN 912 01 07
216 SNLD 912 05 07
218 SN 912 12 06
219 SN 912 01 07
220 VLt 912 02 07
223 V 912 04 07
225 SL 912 05 07
226 S 912 05 07
227 SL 912 04 07
229 S 912 05 07
233 SN 912 05 07

Distributors are to translate this service bulletin into their native language and forward it to all concerned owners in your area immediately.

Please see following page(s) for further details.

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Problem description

It was reported that Akrapovič Stainless Steel performance exhausts (optional equipment) on Sinus/Virus aircraft range developed a serious malfunction. There have been three cases of muffler cracking along the joints and welds, also causing the part of muffler to be burned-through by hot exhaust gases, thereby forming a hole in the muffler. The below cases illustrate the type and extent of the muffler malfunction.

At this point and time it is not known what exactly causes this issue. Akrapovič performance exhausts (the producer of the items in question) have been notified about the malfunctions and are already investigating the issue.







Required actions

Due to the fact that the above-described muffler malfunction poses a potential danger for the safety of flight and the fact, that the cause of the issue is not yet clear, Pipistrel have decided to GROUND all aircraft equipped with Akrapovič Stainless Steel performance exhaust.

This order is valid NOW and will be terminated by Alert Service Bulletin 7b, which will provide detailed analysis of the problem and solution to the issue.

WARNING! Do not, under any circumstances attempt to fly with an aircraft (see serial numbers on cover page), equipped with a Akrapovič Stainless Steel performance until the information and requirements of the to-be-published in ASB 7b understood and fulfilled.

Distributors

As a distributor you are to advise each concerned owner about this topic.

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