

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS

All aviation articles sold for installation on FAA approved Type-Certificated (TC) product by California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation.

PURPOSE

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors of all sold articles supplied and/or manufactured by California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation for installation on FAA approved TC product without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) production approval.

BACKGROUND

Information discovered during an FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts (SUP) investigation in conjunction with a DOT Inspector General Investigation revealed that between July 2017 and April 2022, California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation, located in Riverside, California, produced numerous articles for installation on FAA approved TC products without the approval and authorization of the FAA and FAA design holder. California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation sold the articles to various aftermarket users without the approval and authorization of the FAA and FAA production or design approval holder. California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation is not an FAA production approval holder.

Any articles produced and/or sold by California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation during the above time-frame are considered unapproved parts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FAA regulations require that all type-certificated products conform to their FAA approved type design and in condition for safe operation. The FAA encourages aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for any articles supplied or manufactured by California Aircraft and Avionics Corporation. If these articles are found in existing inventory, the FAA recommends that they be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding their eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You may obtain further information concerning this investigation from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) Section below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of

the above-referenced parts from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove the parts from the aircraft and/or parts inventories.

This notification originated from the FAA Los Angeles MIDO section, Telephone (562) 627-5265, Fax (562) 627-5319.