

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS

MacLean Sky, Commerce, CA - Manufactured and sold aircraft bolts without FAA approval.

PURPOSE

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors regarding P/N: LM-421-33 bolts, subcomponents of the P/N: LM-421-SA20, Dynafocal Mounting Assembly Low Profile kit were manufactured without the benefit of an FAA Production Approval.

BACKGROUND

Information received during an FAA suspected unapproved part (SUP) investigation revealed that from 2009 to 2012, MacLean Sky (formerly Sky-Manufacturing), 5989 Rickenbacker Road Commerce, CA was manufacturing parts for an FAA Production Approval Holder (PAH) and selling the excess parts to a distributor for installation on Type Certificated Aircraft, without holding either FAA production approval or a letter of direct ship authorization from the PAH. The FAA PAH discovered that MacLean Sky had sold the excess manufactured parts directly to a distributor, Fasteners Dimensions of Ozone Park, New York. MacLean Sky is allowed to produce and sell standard parts, however, the parts manufactured by MacLean Sky for the PAH were not standard parts.

RECOMMENDATION

Regulations require that type-certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for the referenced part numbers. If these parts are found in existing inventory, it is recommended that they be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding their eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can obtain further information concerning this investigation from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) given 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 aircraft and/or parts inventories.

This notice originated from the FAA Los Angeles MIDO, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712, Telephone (562) 627-5385, Fax (562) 627-5293.