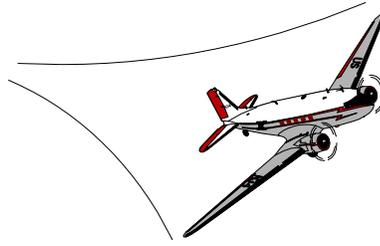


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) alerts you, an owner or operator of **SOCATA TB 9, TB 10, and TB 200 airplanes**, that SOCATA has issued a Service Bulletin (SB) **No. 10-138**, dated May 2003, "Nose Gear Fork." The French DGAC has issued an Airworthiness Directive (**AD 2003-285(A)**), dated August 06, 2003, referencing the SB 10-138. This SB specifies the following aircraft and that the nose gear fork may possibly have inverted material grain.

Models	Serial Numbers
TB 9, TB 10, and TB 200	2054
	2074-2155
	2184

Background

There exists a possibility of incorrect material grain flow due to a wrong manufacturing process.

Recommendation

We are recommending, but not requiring, that owners and operators of **SOCATA TB 9, TB 10, and TB 200 aircraft** listed above, accomplish inspection at the next major inspection or before December 31, 2003, to check for Nose Gear Fork correct material grain flow and if necessary replace as stated in **SB 10-138**.

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