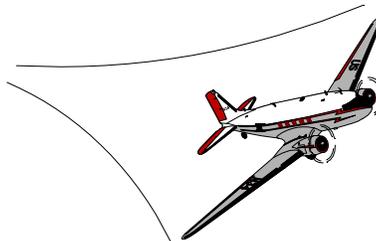


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of **SOCATA Model TBM 700 airplanes**, that SOCATA has issued Service Bulletin (SB) **No. SB 70-102**, titled "Check and Correction of C6 and C8 Cross – Beam Bolt Tightening", dated April 2003. The SB notifies owners and operators of a rotating cross-beam bolt due to insufficient torque applied at the time of production.

Background

The French DGAC has issued an Airworthiness Directive (**AD 2003-271(A)**), dated July 23, 2003, referencing the SB. SOCATA listed the SB as "Mandatory" for aircraft serial numbers 121-159, 161-211, 213-239, and 241-249.

Recommendation

We aren't issuing an AD at this time, but highly recommend that you accomplish the inspections per the required compliance time in the SB.

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