

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

Airplane Seat Belt Extenders Model A for use on commercial aircraft, produced by Travelon located in China, and sold by Think Big Products, LLC (d/b/a LivingXL, Casual Male) from September 2011 to November 7, 2011, via their online website. **Note:** See attached Pictures.

PURPOSE:

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, passengers, parts suppliers and distributors regarding parts manufactured without FAA authorization and not marked in accordance with FAA requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Information received during an FAA SUP investigation revealed that between September 2011 to November 7, 2011, Think Big Products, LLC (d/b/a LivingXL, Casual Male), 555 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021, sold Airplane Seat Belt Extenders Model A without FAA TSO Authorization and were not marked in accordance with TSO-C22g (Safety Belts) requirements. Consequently, these Airplane Seat Belt Extenders were not manufactured and tested to the necessary standards required for use on U.S. certificated aircraft.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Regulations require that type-certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, part suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts or materials inventory for the referenced Travelon Airplane Seat Belt Extenders Model A. If these Airplane Seat Belt Extenders are found in existing inventory, it is recommended that they be quarantined to prevent installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

You can obtain further information concerning this investigation from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) listed below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the above-referenced Seat Belt Extenders from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove them from aircraft and or parts inventories.

This notice originated from the FAA Boston Manufacturing District Office (ANE-MIDO-42), 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803, telephone (781) 238-7191, fax (781) 238-7898.





