

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

Crew seat back covers, part number 25110002, produced and sold by Aircraft Interior Design, Inc.

PURPOSE:

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and part suppliers and distributors regarding crew seat back covers produced without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) production approval.

BACKGROUND:

Information received during an FAA suspected unapproved parts investigation (SUP) revealed that between April 27, 2005 and January 30, 2012, Aircraft Interior Design, Inc., 2659 Nova Drive, Dallas, TX 75229, produced 40 crew seat back covers under owner/operator, provisions of 14 (CFR) 21.303(b)(2). On August 11, 2005, 13 of the crew seat back covers were sold to one customer and the remaining 27 crew seat back covers cannot be accounted for. The manufacturing company has closed and the Fort Worth MIDO cannot locate the owners to verify the records.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) 21.316 states in part: Ensure that each PMA article conforms to its approved design and is in a condition for safe operation. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organization, and parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for the referenced part number. If these crew seat back covers 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 and guidance regarding the above-referenced parts from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) shown below. In addition to compliance the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the parts, the means used to identify the source, and the action taken to remove the parts from service.

This notification originated from the FAA Fort Worth MIDO, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137, telephone (817) 222-5819, fax (817) 222-5696.