

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

Airplane Seat Belt Extender, model A and model B, sold by HID Country to purchaser and sold via online website.

PURPOSE:

This notification advises aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and parts suppliers and distributors regarding seat belt extenders produced without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) production approval.

BACKGROUND:

Information received during an FAA suspected unapproved parts investigation revealed that, HID Country, 3333 North Washington Blvd, Sarasota, Florida, sold unapproved seat belt extenders, Seat Belt Extender- model A and model B without FAA production approval. It was found that these Airplane Seat Belt Extenders were not manufactured and tested to the necessary standards required for use on U.S. type certificated aircraft.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 parts inventories for the referenced HID Country seat belt extenders. If these Airplane Seat Belt Extenders are found in existing inventory, it is recommended that they be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding their origin and eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

You can obtain further 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 Orlando Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO), 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822. Phone number is 407-855-9050 and FAX number 407-438-1900.