

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



FAA
Aviation Safety

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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

Airplane Seatbelt Extenders Model A for use on commercial Aircraft. The Airplane Seatbelt Extenders Model A were produced for and sold by SNI, Bensalem, PA and marketed as the Cloudz brand through Hudson News Corporation from October 15, 2012 to March 15, 2013.

PURPOSE:

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

BACKGROUND:

Information received during an FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts (SUP) investigation revealed that between October 2012 and January 2013, SNI Corporation, 2525 State Road, Bensalem, PA 19020, produced and sold Airplane Seat Belt Extenders Model A without FAA TSO Authorization. The seat belts were not marked in accordance with TSO-C22g (Safety Belts) requirements. Consequently, these Airplane Seat Belt Extenders Model A, 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, and parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for the referenced SNI (Cloudz) Airplane Seatbelt Extenders Model A. If any Airplane Seatbelt Extenders Model A are found in existing inventory, it is recommended they be quarantined to prevent installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

You can obtain further information concerning this investigation from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) given below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the above-referenced Airplane Seatbelt Extenders Model A 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 New Cumberland, PA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (ANE-MIDO-44), Capital City Airport, 400 Airport Drive, Building 201, Room 102, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Telephone (717) 782-4425, Fax (717) 782-2231.