

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS

AmSafe Inc. restraint systems, subassemblies and articles (part number list provided in separate document).

PURPOSE

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers and distributors regarding AmSafe restraint systems, subassemblies and articles manufactured and sold without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) production approval.

BACKGROUND

Information received during an FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts (SUP) investigation revealed that between October 2010 and April 2016, AmSafe Inc., an FAA Production Approval Holder, located at 1043 N. 47 Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85043, manufactured and sold restraint systems, subassemblies and articles without FAA production approval.

Restraint systems, subassemblies and articles have these characteristics:

- The articles are not serialized.
- The articles were not delivered with a FAA Form 8130-3.
- The articles were ordered from AmSafe Inc. between October 21, 2010 and April 19, 2016.

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 part numbers. If the referenced articles 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

Further information concerning this Unapproved Parts Notification can be obtained 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 articles from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove them from aircraft and/or parts inventories.

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