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LETTER TO OPERATORS NO 531
STAMPE AIRCRAFT - ALL VARIANTS
INSPECTION OF AILERON CIRCUIT OPERATING LEVER

During a pre-flight cockpit check the aileron circuit was found to be disconnected from the control column. An inspection revealed that the aileron cable operating lever on the control column torque shaft had cracked through in two separate locations. The aircraft had accomplished 4500 flight hours mainly of aerobatic flight.

In order to establish the airworthiness of the operating lever carry out the following inspection before further flight after receipt of this Letter to Operators.

1. Remove the inspection cover on the lower surface of the fuselage below the control column in the rear cockpit.
2. Remove the central bolt attaching the aileron cable to the operating lever. Thoroughly clean the lower portion of the lever and inspect the lever for cracks at or near the rivets attaching the doubler plate, using a dye penetrant technique or similarly effective method.
3. If the lever is not cracked the aircraft may return to service.
4. If cracks are found the lever must be replaced before further flight. Rollason Aircraft of Shoreham are producing replacement operating levers.

The aircraft manufacturer has been contacted and it is envisaged that repeat inspections will be required the frequency of which is to be decided upon and Operators will be informed in due course.

For further information contact Mr W A Bevan of the General Aviation Section at the above address.

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