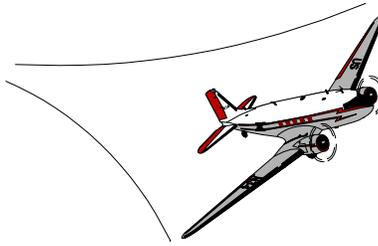


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Introduction

The purpose of this Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin is to advise owners/operators of SIAI Marchetti F-260 series aircraft of the need to assure the proper positioning of the fuel selector switch.

Background

The Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conducted a review of an FAA safety recommendation that would have required an Airworthiness Directive (AD) be issued against the SIAI Marchetti F-260 series aircraft to install a protective guard over the fuel selector switch. This would be to prevent an inadvertent movement of the switch.

Recommendation

The information provided with this safety recommendation was not considered appropriate for AD action at this time, however, the FAA strongly suggests that all owners/operators of SIAI Marchetti F-260 series aircraft review their operating procedures to be sure of the proper positioning of the fuel selector switch at all times.

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