



**SUBJ:** Fuselage, Wing Attach Fittings; De Havilland Models DH60, DH82,  
and DH83 airplanes; lateral tie rods

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## **Introduction**

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin is being issued to alert operators and owners of certain **de Havilland Models DH60, DH82, and DH83** airplanes of an airworthiness concern, specifically that there may be a potential unsafe condition that involves these airplanes and certain replacement parts fabricated in Australia.

These airplanes are not type certificated in the United States, but may be operated on an airworthiness certificate that is other than a standard airworthiness certificate.

The FAA has issued AD 2014-17-09 with respect to the same situation on de Havilland Model DH82A airplanes that are type certificated. This AD may be found at [http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory\\_and\\_Guidance\\_Library/rgAD.nsf/0/75990708B7AAA3FE86257D48004F20B9?OpenDocument](http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAD.nsf/0/75990708B7AAA3FE86257D48004F20B9?OpenDocument).

## **Background**

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Commonwealth of Australia has issued the following proposed airworthiness directives (PAD):

- PAD/DH 82/17, applicable to all variants of the DH82 and DH82A (Tiger Moth);
- PAD/DH 83/5, applicable to all variants of the DH83 (Fox Moth); and
- PAD/DH 60/9, applicable to all variants of the DH60M (Moth) airplanes.

In addition, the Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom has issued Emergency Airworthiness Directive G-2014-0001-E, applicable to the Models DH82, DH82A, and DH82B airplanes, as well as all variants and replicas except the Thrupton Jackaroo.

These actions require the inspection of the tie rods and removal of those made by J&R Aerospace of Australia and any of unknown origin.

## **Recommendations**

The FAA recommends that owners and operators of the above named model airplanes that are being operated under a non-standard airworthiness certificate comply with the provisions of the applicable foreign airworthiness information.

The UK Airworthiness Directive may be found at:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/20140321UKADG20140001E.pdf>

The Australian PADs may be found at:

<http://www.casa.gov.au>

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