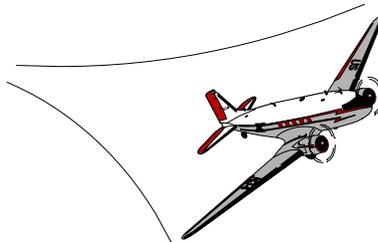


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of **SOCATA Model TBM 700 airplanes (serial numbers 1 to 9999)**, that SOCATA has issued Service Bulletin (SB) No. **SB 70-104**, titled "Inspection of the Vertical Stabilizer Attachment Fittings", dated June 2003. The SB notifies you of cracks on the vertical stabilizer attachment fittings and states that corrosion is the root cause of these cracks.

Background

The French DGAC issued Airworthiness Directive (**AD 2003-366(A)**), dated October 1, 2003, referencing **SB 70-104**. SOCATA listed the SB as "Mandatory" for **TBM 700** aircraft serial numbers 1 to 9999.

Recommendation

We aren't issuing an AD at this time, but highly recommend that you accomplish the inspections per the required compliance time stated in the SB.

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