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<b>CAP10B - FUEL - Front tank - Support strap</b>	
Supersedes : N/A	

This document is a courtesy translation of its original French version.  
 In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## EFFECTIVITY

Models	Serial numbers affected
<b>CAP10B</b>	<b>All</b>

## COMPLIANCE

**MANDATORY**

Is the subject of an airworthiness Directive (AD)

## TIME OF COMPLIANCE

This service bulletin is applicable on receipt.

**The front tank support straps must be replaced.**

**Straps with less than 4,000 flight hours: comply with life limit i.e. 4,000 flight hours.**

**Straps from 4,000 to 6,000 flight hours: 150 flight hours or 6 weeks from SB receipt, whichever comes first.**

**Straps with more than 6,000 flight hours: before June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

## REASON

The failure of a front tank support strap on a CAP10B led to an emergency landing ; the tank fell and blocked left rudder pedals in neutral position.

The metallurgic examination of the strap has shown that the failure was a fatigue failure. The tank support straps had 7,000 flight hours.

Maintenance schedule requires removal and inspection of supports straps every 2000 flight hours (or 4 years). Due to possible seriousness of the consequences compared to the low cost, it has been decided, after analysis, to set the tank support strap life limit to 4,000 flight hours.



## AIM - DESCRIPTION

The aim of this SB is to make the replacement of the straps compulsory on the airplanes on which straps have exceeded the strap life limit.

This Service Bulletin

- informs the users about the life limit of the front tank support straps ;
- provides the users with temporary maintenance schedule updates.

## APPROVAL

Inspection data described in the original French version of this Service bulletin are approved in accordance with CE 1702/2003 Regulation and are mandatory as stated in an EASA Airworthiness Directive.

## MANPOWER

The instructions in this Service Bulletin are only to be implemented by an individual/organization authorized by the relevant supervisory Authority.

## MATERIAL

Material (supplies) consist of old and/or new parts as listed in section 'MATERIAL INFORMATION' of this SB. Spare parts can be procured from APEX Aircraft [Fax: +33 380 35 60 58, E-mail : [parts@apex-aircraft.com](mailto:parts@apex-aircraft.com)].

## TOOLING

Standard tools.

## PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED

- CAP10B Maintenance schedule : insert a copy of this Service bulletin until the next update.
- CAP10C Maintenance schedule : insert a copy of this Service bulletin until the next update.
- Service Letter 990813 SB/SL list: to update.

## FEEDBACK

Please inform APEX Aircraft Airworthiness Office about the implementation of the inspection/change described in this Service Bulletin.

You may use:

- postal mail: address on the first page of this Service Bulletin,
- fax : (+33) (0) 380 356 515,
- e-mail: [airworthiness@apex-aircraft.com](mailto:airworthiness@apex-aircraft.com),
- the APEX Aircraft web page: <http://www.apex-aircraft.com>.



## LIFE LIMIT

The life limit of the CAP10B front tank support strap is 4,000 flight hours.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The temporary updates of maintenance schedules for CAP10B and CAP10C are in appendix. They must be inserted in the corresponding maintenance schedule until next update.

## ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **Airplanes on which straps have exceeded the strap life limit (more than 4000 flight hours):**  
The support straps must be replaced (refer to § TIME OF COMPLIANCE).
- **Airplanes on which straps have not yet reached the strap life limit (less than 4000 flight hours):**  
Comply with the current maintenance schedule.

## MATERIAL INFORMATION

Part number	Quantity	Key word	Instructions
CAP10-70-08-01	2	Front strap <i>Sangle AV</i>	

For information : the front tank support assembly CAP10-70-08-00 comprises in addition:

Part number	Quantity	Key word	Instructions
CAP10-70-08-02	2	Mounting plate forward <i>Contreplaque AV</i>	
L 22 125 – 50 – 60 30 BCL	4	Screw <i>Vis</i>	
CAP10-70-08-04	2	Rear mounting plate <i>Contreplaque AR</i>	
CAP10-70-08-03	2	Bracket <i>Barillet</i>	
L 23 116 – 50 DGA	4	Washer <i>Rondelle</i>	
L 23 111 – 50 DGA	4	Washer <i>Rondelle</i>	
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Designation	Make	Type	Maintenance		Storage		Reference document
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ELT battery	EBC	00-22-006-1	Depend on date	VL			
Oil filter	Lycoming	LW-13215	50 h 4 months	VL			Textron Lycoming SB-480D
Electronic G-meter	M.E.V.	PGM1212					PGM1212 V3 operating handbook "Cycling check"
Internal battery			5 years	VL			
Clock battery			5 years	VL			
Front tank support strap			4000 flight hours	VL			SB 040102

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- regulations requirements (Airworthiness Directives (CN)...),
- aircraft customization (personal or due to SB modification, repair, optional or particular equipment installation...),

are not necessarily included. This section must list all these operations.

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Electronic G-meter M.E.V. PGM1212	Log of flight record on aircraft log book by a mechanic		Every 120 aerobatic flights	5 flights	
	Slight drifting check by "switch on" procedure	PGM1212 manual V3	Every annual inspection	2 months	PGM1212 V3 op. handbook "cycling check"
Tail wheel support	Dye check	SB nr 5 dtd Nov 17, 1977	Every two years		SB nr 5 rev. 1 dtd Sept 10, 1996
Sensenich propeller	Inspection	Sensenich Propeller Co.	Every 100 h and VA	10 h 2 months (VA)	SB nr R-15A Oct 4, 1989

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