

Instructions for Continued Airworthiness

Grizzly Claw Ski Drag

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Aircraft Serial Number:

STC Number: SA02428AK

These Instructions for Continued Airworthiness shall be included in the airplane Maintenance Material when the Grizzly Claw Ski Drag is installed.

The information contained in this manual supplements or supersedes the type design data only in those areas listed herein. For maintenance practices and procedures, not contained in this document, consult the maintenance material, or other information that was required by the applicable regulations under which the airplane was type certificated.

REVISION RECORD

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*This document will be updated in entirety when revisions are incorporated.

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Airframes Alaska Grizzly Claw Ski Drag is a drag device that attaches to wheel replacement skis. The drag is designed to enhance ground handling characteristics and aid the pilot in controlling ground speed on ice and snow by simultaneous or differential application of the aircraft's brake pedals.

SECTION 2: CONTROL AND OPERATION

The drag mechanism is a hydraulically controlled lever arm actuated by the existing brake pedals on the aircraft. Depressing a brake pedal causes actuation of a hydraulic slave cylinder on the respective ski which puts upward force on the forward end of the arm. The aft end of the arm has a head with steel or steel/carbide studs that extend down through a hole in the ski and are forced into the ice or snow below the ski. The mechanism is mounted to the top surface of the ski near the pedestal on the inboard side.

SECTION 3: INSTALLATION, REMOVAL AND SERVICING INFORMATION

3.1 Installation

Refer to following drawings as applicable for installation instructions: A copy is attached to this ICA and replacement copies may be obtained by contacting Airframes Alaska per Sect. 6 of this document.

Ski Model	Installation Drawing No.
Airglas: L2000A	AF48040-100
L2500A	
L3000	

3.2 Removal

Removal of the ski drag is opposite of installation. If the skis are to be operated with the ski drags removed, the three attachment holes should be filled with the appropriate length ¹/₄ in. 82 deg. countersunk screws and locknuts to prevent the holes from clogging and to retain the bushing.

3.3 Servicing

The only necessary servicing of the drag assembly is maintaining the proper level of brake fluid in the system and replacement of worn studs. Maintaining the brake fluid level can be done by following the aircraft manufacturer's instructions. A bleeder valve is located on the side of the cylinder to aid in removing air or adding fluid to the system. Use only MIL-H-5606 or MIL-H-5606 compatible brake fluid.

3.4 Stud Replacement

If ski drag performance drops below the desired level, replace the studs using the procedure contained below.

Refer to attached drawing AF48040 Sheet 1

- a) Remove the bolt connecting the drag head to the arm.
- b) Remove the two internal hex set screws from the top of the head.
- c) Remove the worn stud using a narrow blade slotted screwdriver from the top of the head.
- d) Install new stud opposite of removal.
- e) Install set screw behind stud until contact is made and tighten until snug.
- f) Place head on arm and reinstall bolt.

3.5 Inspections

1. Inspect ski drags on a 100hr or Annual basis as applicable.

Inspect for:

- Loose or damaged hardware tighten or replace as necessary.
- Bent or damaged arm or drag head components replace if found.
- Hydraulic fluid leakage between cylinder and piston or brake line attachment.
 - If leakage is found between cylinder and piston, replace O-rings and inspect cylinder inside diameter for scoring. Replace a scored cylinder if leaking continues after replacement of O-rings.
 - For leakage at the brake line attachment, tighten fitting or reinstall fitting with new thread sealant in place.
- Wear on piston cap replace when height of cap measures less than .560 in.
- Wear in pivot bushings If side to side movement of the arm is more than .10 in. measured at the slave cylinder centerline – inspect bushings and replace if inside diameter measures more than .328 in.
- Inspect complete assembly for proper operation and verify spring fully retracts drag head when in neutral position.
- Inspect cut-out for drag head in ski to ensure sealant on cut edge remains intact and no delamination or other damage to the fiberglass structure has occurred. If damage or delamination is found, follow the ski manufacturer's instructions for proper repair procedures. If sealant needs replacing, use a marine grade polyurethane sealant.
- 2. Inspect ski drags if the drag head inadvertently contacts surfaces or obstacles other than ice or snow such as rocks, gravel or other hard objects.

Inspect for:

- Loose or damaged hardware tighten or replace as necessary.
- Bent or damaged arm, head or other ski drag components replace if found.

SECTION 4: AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATIONS

The Airworthiness Limitations Section is FAA approved and specifies maintenance required under Secs. 43.16 and 91.403 of the Federal Aviation Regulations unless an alternative program has been FAA approved.

No additional airworthiness limitations are added.

SECTION 5: PARTS LIST

Refer to the attached assembly drawings AF48040 sheets 1-3 and installation drawing AF48040-100 for a complete parts list. For replacement parts, please use the contact information below.

SECTION 6: DOCUMENT DISTIBUTION

Copies of this ICA document will be distributed to all known purchasers of the Grizzly Claw Ski Drag. Replacement copies and the latest revision of this document are available at the Airframes Alaska Website or by contacting us using the information below.

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To request a paper or electronic copy to be sent to you please contact:

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- 2. SEAL CUT OR DRILLED EDGES WITH MARINE GRADE POLYURETHANE SEALANT. 3M 5200 IS AN
- 3. DRILL AND ADD RIVETS IF NECESSARY ON CENTERLINE OF STEEL RUNNERS TO MAINTAIN A MAXIMUM EDGE DISTANCE OF 0.625 IN. COUNTERSINK BOTTOM SIDE OF RUNNERS 5/16" DIA X .080 DEPTH AND INSTALL STAINLESS STEEL 3/16" DIA. DOME HEAD BLIND RIVET, IFI GRADE 50 OR 51. (ITEM 8) INSTALL WITH RIVET HEAD ON TOP SURFACE OF SKI.
- 4. CONNECT AIRCRAFT HYDRAULIC BRAKE LINE TO FITTING ON CYLINDER. IF ADDITIONAL BRAKE LINE LENGTH OR FITTINGS ARE NECESSARY, INSTALL PER AC43.13-1B.
- 5. ADD BRAKE FLUID AS SPECIFIED PER AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS. A BLEEDER VALVE IS LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF THE ACTUATING CYLINDER TO AID IN REMOVING AIR OR ADDING FLUID TO THE SYSTEM AS NECESSARY.
- 6. VERIFY SKI DRAG HEAD EXTENDS AND RETRACTS PROPERLY BEFORE RETURNING AIRCRAFT TO
- 7. UPDATE AIRCRAFT WEIGHT AND BALANCE RECORDS.

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