



Airworthiness Directive

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Design Approval Holder's Name:

DIAMOND AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES GmbH

Type/Model designation(s):

DA 42 and DA 42 M aeroplanes

Effective Date: 31 May 2017

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.005 and EASA.A.513

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2016-0156R1 dated 23 November 2016.

ATA 78 – Engine Exhaust – Exhaust Pipes – Modification / Inspection

Manufacturer(s):

Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH (Austria), Diamond Aircraft Industries Inc. (Canada)

Applicability:

DA 42 and DA 42 M (both Normal and Restricted category) aeroplanes, manufacturer serial numbers 42.004 to 42.427 inclusive, 42.AC001 to 42.AC151 inclusive, 42.M001 to 42.M027 inclusive, if equipped with TAE 125-02-99 engines (modification MÄM 42-198 or Optional Service Bulletin (OSB) 42-046) or TAE 125-02-114 engines (modification OÄM 42-252 or OSB 42-107).

Reason:

Two cases were reported of uncommanded engine in-flight shutdown (IFSD) on DA 42 aeroplanes. Subsequent investigations identified that these occurrences were due to failure of the propeller regulating valve, caused by hot exhaust gases coming from fractured engine exhaust pipes. The initiating cracks on the exhaust pipes were not detected during previous inspections, since those exhaust pipes are equipped with non-removable heat shields that do not allow inspection for certain sections of the exhaust pipe.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to further cases of IFSD or overheat damage, possibly resulting in a forced landing, with consequent damage to the aeroplane and injury to occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Diamond Aircraft Industries (DAI) developed an exhaust pipe without a directly attached integral heat shield that allows visual inspection over the entire



exhaust pipe length. DAI issued Mandatory Service Bulletin (MSB) 42-120 and relevant Working Instruction (WI) WI-MSB 42-120, providing instructions to install the modified exhaust pipes. As an interim measure, an additional bracket was designed to hold the exhaust pipe in place in case of a pipe fracture. EASA issued AD 2016-0156 (later revised), requiring replacement of the exhaust pipes with pipes having the new design, or installation of the additional brackets.

Since EASA AD 2016-0156R1 was issued, cracks were found during inspection on modified exhaust pipes. Further investigation determined that, with the modified exhaust pipe design, vibration leads to cracking.

To address this potential unsafe condition, DAI published MSB 42-129 providing instructions for inspection of modified exhaust pipes.

For the reasons described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2016-0156R1, which is superseded, and requires repetitive inspections of modified exhaust pipes and, depending on findings, repair or replacement. This AD is considered interim action and further AD action may follow upon availability of an improved exhaust pipe design.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Re-statement of the requirements of EASA AD 2016-0156R1:

Note 1: DAI Part Number (P/N) D60-9078-06-01, Technify P/N 52-7810-H0001 02, Technify P/N 52-7810-H0001 03, and Technify P/N 52-7810-H0001 04 exhaust pipes are hereafter collectively referred to as “affected exhaust pipe” in this AD.

Note 2: The modification specified in paragraph (1) of this AD is required for aeroplanes having the original exhaust pipe installed.

Modification(s):

- (1) Within the compliance time as identified in Table 1 of this AD, accomplish the actions as required by paragraph (1.1) or (1.2) of this AD.
 - (1.1) Install additional brackets on each affected exhaust pipe in accordance with the instructions of Section III.2 of DAI WI-MSB 42-120.
 - (1.2) Replace each affected exhaust pipe with a modified exhaust pipe and modify the aeroplane by installing heat shielding in accordance with the instructions of Section III.1 of DAI WI-MSB 42-120.

Table 1 – Brackets Installation / Exhaust Pipe Replacement (see Note 3 of this AD)

FH Accumulated	Compliance Time
1 300 FH or less	Before the exhaust pipe exceeds 1 500 FH
More than 1 300 FH	Within 200 FH or 12 months, whichever occurs first after 16 August 2016



Note 3: Unless specified otherwise, the FH in Table 1 of this AD are those accumulated on 16 August 2016 [the effective date of the original issue of EASA AD 2016-0156] since first installation of an affected exhaust pipe. If those FH are not known, the total time accumulated by the aeroplane since its first flight applies instead.

New requirements of this AD:

Note 4: DAI P/N D60-9078-06-01_01 and Technify P/N 52-7810-H0014 01 exhaust pipes are hereafter collectively referred to as “modified exhaust pipe” in this AD.

Note 5: The inspection specified in paragraph (2) of this AD is required for aeroplanes which have been modified in accordance with Section III.1 of DAI MSB 42-120 (installation of modified exhaust pipe and heat shielding). No action is required for aeroplanes which have been modified in accordance with Section III.2 of DAI MSB 42-120 (installation of additional brackets).

Inspection(s):

- (2) Within the compliance time as identified in Table 2 of this AD and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 50 FH, inspect each modified exhaust pipe in accordance with the instructions of DAI MSB 42-129.

Table 2 – Initial Inspection of Modified Exhaust Pipes (see Note 6 of this AD)

FH Accumulated	Compliance Time
40 FH or more	Within 10 FH after the effective date of this AD
Less than 40 FH	Before the exhaust pipe exceeds 50 FH

Note 6: For the purpose of this AD, the FH in Table 2 of this AD are those accumulated since installation of modified exhaust pipes on an aeroplane as specified in paragraph (1.2) of this AD.

Corrective Action(s):

- (3) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, any cracks are found on a modified exhaust pipe, before next flight, repair the exhaust pipe or replace it with a new exhaust pipe in accordance with the instructions of DAI MSB 42-129.

Terminating Action:

- (4) None.

Ref. Publications:

DAI MSB 42-120 original issue, dated 24 June 2016, or revision 01, dated 10 November 2016.

DAI WI-MSB 42-120 original issue, dated 24 June 2016.

DAI MSB 42-129 original issue, dated 17 May 2017.

The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.



Remarks:

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.
2. Based on the required actions and the compliance time, EASA have decided to issue a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the public consultation process until after publication.
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