



SERVICE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Flexible Fuel Valve Controls, Right and Left

MODEL AFFECTED: PA-23 Apache, Serials 23-160 to 23-162 incl., 23-166 to 23-168 incl., 23-170, 23-172, 23-193 to 23-219 incl., 23-221 to 23-224 incl., 23-226 to 23-229 incl., 23-231 to 23-234 incl., and 23-237; also 23-177.

This letter supplements our May 20th telegram sent to each Apache owner whose airplane was equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks. The telegram read:

"Do not operate auxiliary fuel system on Apaches so equipped. Fuel valve control action not positive. Information and modification forthcoming."

On the above noted airplanes the two flexible fuel valve controls have been found to flex excessively at the splice. This conceivably could cause malfunctioning of the fuel valve and it is, therefore, mandatory that Kit 754 103 be installed as soon as it can be obtained from your distributor.

Owners of Apaches with auxiliary fuel tanks were notified by wire inasmuch as this condition was more critical on those airplanes.

Installation instructions are contained in the kits and a sufficient number of kits have already been mailed to each distributor for final distribution to owners. No warranty labor will be allowed.

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