

IMMEDIATE ACTION

**SERVICE**



**BULLETIN**

NUMBER 144

April 11, 1956

**SUBJECT:** Hot Air Ducts

**MODEL AFFECTED:** PA-23, Serials 23-376 to 23-445 inclusive  
23-447 to 23-478 inclusive  
23-480 to 23-488 inclusive  
23-490 and 23-493

The 1956 Apaches, identified by the above serial numbers, were partially equipped with a brown aero duct flexible tubing in the aircraft hot air system. This material has not been satisfactory in that in certain concentrated heat areas of the system, the air temperature was high enough to cause the resin of the flexible tube to separate and give off an offensive odor. In time the tubing will deteriorate to the point where it will turn black and become porous.

It is requested that the brown flexible tubing in the hot air system of the above-mentioned airplanes be removed and replaced. It is further requested that the cabin heater be operated on low heat only until these ducts can be changed. The replacement material can be obtained through the distributor from whom the airplane was purchased. Detailed instructions and replacement duct will not be available until June 1, 1956. Sixteen hours of warranty labor will be granted to make this modification. Compliance with this bulletin is required prior to October 1, 1956.

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