
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

For the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below issues the following Airworthiness Directive (AD) under subregulation 39.1 (1) of CASR 1998. The AD requires that the action set out in the requirement section (being action that the delegate considers necessary to correct the unsafe condition) be taken in relation to the aircraft or aeronautical product mentioned in the applicability section: (a) in the circumstances mentioned in the requirement section; and (b) in accordance with the instructions set out in the requirement section; and (c) at the time mentioned in the compliance section.

Cessna 206 Series Aeroplanes

AD/CESSNA 206/59

KAP 140 Autopilot System

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Applicability: Cessna 206H and T206H model aeroplanes listed below that are equipped with a Honeywell KAP 140 autopilot computer system, part number (P/N) 065-00176-2501, 065-00176-5001, 065-00176-5101 or 065-00176-5201, all serial numbers.

Model	Serial Numbers
206H	20608001 through 20608183, 20608185, 20608187 and 20608188
T206H	T20608001 through T20608039, T20608041 through T20608367, T20608369 through T20608379, T20608381, T20608382 and T20608385

Note 1: The KAP 140 P/Ns listed above are in addition to those listed in AD/CESSNA 206/58 Amdt 2.

Requirement:

1. If not previously accomplished, install the update to the KC 140 autopilot computer system operating software by following Honeywell Installation Bulletin (IB) No. 491, Rev. 4, dated December 2003; Cessna Service Bulletin (SB) SB02-22-01, dated 25 November 2002, and Honeywell SB No. KC 140-M1 Rev 2, dated December 2003.

Software updates accomplished in accordance with earlier revisions of IB 491 or SB KC 140-M1, before the effective date of the Directive, are considered acceptable for compliance with this Requirement.

2. KC 140 autopilot computer systems P/Ns 065-00176-2501, 065-00176-5001, 065-00176-5101 or 065-00176-5201 may not be installed on any Cessna Model 206H or T206H aeroplanes as a replacement part unless the computer has been modified as specified in Requirement 1 of this Directive.

Note 2: FAA AD 2004-15-18 Amdt 39-13752 refers.

Compliance: For Requirement 1 - Within 100 hours time in service after the effective date of this Directive.

For Requirement 2 - As of the effective date of this Directive.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 30 September 2004.

Cessna 206 Series Aeroplanes

AD/CESSNA 206/59 (continued)

Background: The United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received reports of inadvertent and undetected engagement of the autopilot system in Cessna Models 172R, 172S, 182S, 182T, T182T, 206H, and T206H aeroplanes. These aeroplanes are equipped with a Honeywell KAP 140 autopilot computer system installed in the centre instrument control panel near the throttle.

However, when issuing AD 2003-24-13 the FAA inadvertently omitted four part numbers from the applicability that was reflected in AD/CESSNA 206/58 Amdt 2. This Directive, whilst not superseding AD/CESSNA 206/58 Amdt 2, complements that Directive by listing the omitted KAP 140 autopilot computer system part numbers.

This Directive requires the installation of an update to the operating software of the KAP 140 autopilot computer system. This action is intended to prevent unintentional engagement of the KAP 140 autopilot computer system, which could cause the pilot to take inappropriate actions.



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