

SAAB SF340 Series Aeroplanes

AD/SF340/72

MLG Hydraulic Swivel Brackets

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Applicability: Model SF340A aircraft, serial numbers 004 through 159, and Model 340B aircraft, serial numbers 160 through 339.

Requirement: Action in accordance with SAAB Aircraft AB Mandatory Service Bulletin 340-29-009 Revision 2, dated 2 July 1999.

Note: LFV AD 1-145 refers.

Compliance: Before 2 July 2000.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 7 October 1999.

Background: A misalignment of the downlock or brake swivels in the main landing gear dragbrace and shock strut trunnions has, due to excessive loads during extension/retraction of the landing gear, resulted in abnormally high failure rate of the hydraulic swivels; and subsequent loss of hydraulic systems.