COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

Piper PA-23 (Apache and Aztec) Series Aeroplanes

AD/PA-23/82 Flap Spar Hinge Attachment Areas - Inspection 4/81

Applicability: All models PA-23/PA23-160, PA23-235, PA-23-250 and PA-23-250 (6 place) with

S/Nos. prior to 27-7405301.

Document: Piper SL No. 853.

Note: FAA AD 81-04-05 amendment 39-4040 also refers.

Compliance: Unless already accomplished, initially inspect within 100 hours time in service

after achieving 2000 hours time in service since manufacture and thereafter at intervals not exceeding 100 hours time in service until modified in accordance with

Piper SL 853.

Background: Reports have been received by the manufacturer of cracks forming in the flap spar

and radiating from the hinge attachment areas.