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DCA/R2000/41 Air Filter – Inspection and Replacement

Applicability: Model R2000 series aircraft, S/N 001 through to 378.
Model HR200 series aircraft, all S/N.

Requirement: To prevent the air filter collapsing due to lack of internal support which could result in loss of engine power, accomplish the following:

1. Inspect air filter P/N 57.34.00.010 per the instructions in Alpha Aviation Service Bulletin No. AA-SB-71-006 dated May 2012 or later approved revisions. If the air filter is not fitted with a metallic mesh, replace the filter with a serviceable part before further flight.
2. An air filter P/N 57.34.00.010 may not be installed on any aircraft unless the filter is in compliance with SB No. AA-SB-71-006.

(Alpha Aviation SB No. AA-SB-71-006 refers)

Compliance: 1. Within the next 25 hours TIS or by 11 July 2012 whichever occurs sooner.
2. From 11 June 2012.

Effective Date: 11 June 2012

Background: This emergency AD with effective date 11 June 2012 is prompted by a report from EASA of finding a non conforming air filter fitted to an overseas aircraft during maintenance. Investigation revealed that air filters with P/N 57.34.00.010 supplied by CEAPR between June 2009 and April 2012 may not have the metallic mesh inside the filter. This AD mandates an inspection of air filters with P/N 57.34.00.010 to determine if a metallic mesh is fitted.



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