

Aerospatiale (Socata) TB 200 Series Aeroplanes

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**AD/TB 200/3                      Vertical Stabiliser Forward Junction Doubler                      10/99**

Applicability: All Model TB200 aircraft.

- Requirement: 1. Perform a visual inspection to verify that there is no gap between the vertical stabiliser leading edge and the fuselage.
- If the inspection reveals:
- a. there is no gap between the vertical stabiliser leading edge and the fuselage, the aircraft is considered airworthy.
  - b. there is a gap between the vertical stabiliser leading edge and the fuselage, before further flight, contact the manufacturer.
2. Check through the air cooling oval hole, located on the leading edge of the vertical stabiliser, the presence of the vertical stabiliser forward junction doubler.
- If the inspection reveals:
- a. the vertical stabiliser small spar junction doubler is installed, return the aircraft to service.
  - b. the absence of the vertical stabiliser forward junction doubler, before further flight, contact the manufacturer.

*Note 1: Model TB200 aircraft were subject to the requirements of Direct Mail AD/TB 20/34, and are now subject to the requirements of this Directive which is specific to the Model TB200.*

*Note 2: DGAC AD T1999-319(A) refers.*

- Compliance: 1. At each pre-flight inspection after 7 October 1999; until Requirement 2 is accomplished.
2. Within 50 hours time in service after 7 October 1999, or at the next periodic inspection after 7 October 1999, whichever occurs first; unless already accomplished.

*Note: This Directive shall be entered on the Maintenance release as maintenance required. The visual inspection required by Requirement 1 may be performed by the Pilot in Command, in which case certification is to be made by entering AD/TB200/3 against the daily inspection certification of the Maintenance Release. A copy of this Airworthiness Directive is to be kept in the aircraft.*

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 7 October 1999.

Background: The DGAC received a report that indicated the vertical stabiliser forward junction doubler was missing on a Model TB10 aircraft.

