AD/ELECT/51 SAFT 40AH Type 40976 Batteries 10/88 Amdt 1

Applicability: All SAFT 40 AH Type 40976 batteries P/No 18585 fitted to aircraft or held as spares.

Note: Aircraft types which may be fitted with this battery include but are not limited to Cessna 650.

Requirement: Action in accordance with SAFT SB 0005. FAA Telex AD T85-03-51 also refers.

Compliance:

1. For batteries installed in aircraft, before further flight after 20 October 1988.
2. For uninstalled batteries, before installation in an aircraft.

Background: Inspection of SAFT 40 AH Type 40976 batteries has revealed that the battery cell terminals can penetrate the rubber insulation under the lid and short circuit to ground thus potentially resulting in fire and/or loss of battery power. Amendment 1 to this Directive is issued to clarify the Compliance date.