ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN
CHECKING OF THE CRANKSHAFT JOURNAL (POWER TAKE OFF SIDE)
FOR ROTAX® ENGINE TYPE 912 AND 914 (SERIES)
ASB-912-059UL
ASB-914-042UL

Mandatory

Symbols used:
Please, pay attention to the following symbols throughout this document emphasizing particular information.

▲ WARNING: Identifies an instruction, which if not followed, may cause serious injury or even death.
■ CAUTION: Denotes an instruction which if not followed, may severely damage the engine or could lead to suspension of warranty.
◆ NOTE: Information useful for better handling.

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1) Planning information

1.1) Engines affected

All versions of the engine type:
- 912 UL from S/N 6,770.159 up to S/N 6,770.176 inclusive/6,770.184
- 912 ULS from S/N 6,777.492 up to S/N 6,777.547 inclusive/6,777.563 up to 6,777.569/6,777.576 up to 6,777.594 inclusive/6,777.609/6,777.610/6,777.624 up to 6,777.642 inclusive/6,777.667/6,777.668/6,777.686/6,777.688 up to 6,777.690 inclusive
- 912 ULSFR S/N 6,777.514/6,777.527
- 914 UL from S/N 6,774.151 up to S/N 6,774.160 inclusive/6,774.165/6,774.166/6,774.168 up to 6,774.171 inclusive/6,774.176 up to 6,774.193 inclusive/6,774.199 up to 6,774.213 inclusive/6,774.220

◆ NOTE: Crankshafts with the following serial number (S/N) that were installed in the above-mentioned engines are also affected, if removed:
S/N 40233 up to 40235 inclusive/40237/40239/40240/40244/40246/40247/40249 up to 40255 inclusive/40258/40260 up to 40263 inclusive/40266/40269 up to 40299 inclusive/40301/40304 up to 40309 inclusive/40311 up to 40328 inclusive/40330 up to 40336 inclusive/40338 up to 40348 inclusive/40350 up to 40357 inclusive/40360/40362 up to 40372 inclusive/40374/40408 up to 40421 inclusive/40425/40427/40451/40452/40454/40457 up to 40460 inclusive/40465/40467/40468/40470 up to 40476 inclusive/40481 up to 40485 inclusive/40487/40489 up to 40506 inclusive

In addition, also affected, all crankshaft set part no. 888164 with crankshaft S/N 40232/40238/40241/40242/40245/40248/40428 up to 40430 inclusive/40486, as spare parts or installed at engine repair/general overhaul.

For complete instructions and compliance to this Alert Service Bulletin refer to Alert Service Bulletin-ASB-912-059 / ASB-914-042, latest edition section 1.2 onward.

◆ NOTE: Section 1.6) Approval: Is not required for engines of the type UL (Series).
Section 3) Accomplishment: In addition: persons with adequate type-specific training.
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1) Planning information

1.1) Engines affected

All versions of the engine type:
- 912 A from S/N 4,410.884 up to S/N 4,410.887 inclusive
- 912 F from S/N 4,412.984 up to S/N 4,412.985 inclusive
- 912 S from S/N 4,924.044 up to S/N 4,924.054 inclusive/4,924.056/4,924.058/4,924.064 up to 4,924.077 inclusive/4,924.081 up to 4,924.084 inclusive/4,924.086
- 914 F from S/N 4,420.965 up to S/N 4,420.970 inclusive/4,420.972 up to 4,420.978 inclusive

◆ NOTE: Crankshafts with the following serial number (S/N) that were installed in the above-mentioned engines are also affected, if removed:
S/N 40236/40256/40257/40259/40264/40265/40267/40300/40302/40303/40310/40329/40335/40337/40349/40358/40359/40361/40373/40422 up to 40424 inclusive/40426/40432/40435/40438 up to 40447 inclusive/40450/40453/40455/40456/40461 up to 40464 inclusive/40466/40469/40477/40478/40480/40488/40507

In addition, also affected, all crankshaft set part no. 888164 with crankshaft S/N 40232/40238/40241/40242/40245/40248 up to 40428 up to 40430 inclusive/40486, as spare parts or installed at engine repair/general overhaul.

1.2) Concurrent ASB/SB/SI and SL

none

1.3) Reason

Due to a deviation in the manufacturing process some crankshafts may have a crack formation occur on the power take off side. These cracks can cause a breakage of the crankshaft support bearing and may lead to engine stoppage.

1.4) Subject

Check of the crankshaft journal (power take off side) for ROTAX® engine type 912 and 914 (Series).
1.5) **Compliance**
- Required before next flight, but at the latest before 01. January 2012. The checking of crankshaft journal (power take off side) identified by the engine serial number (S/N) listed in section 1.1) must be conducted according to the following instructions in section 3.

◆ **NOTE:** If a ferry flight is required, a magnetic plug check prior to next flight must be conducted (see latest Maintenance Manual Line Chapter 12-20-00 Check of magnetic plug). If no deviation from normal operation (chips, excess metal filings) is found continued flight is allowed for max. 4 hours in operation, but at latest before 01. January 2012.

▲ **WARNING:** Non-compliance with these instructions could result in engine damages, personal injuries or fatal injuries.

1.6) **Approval**
The technical content of this document is approved under the authority of DOA ref. EASA.21J.048.

1.7) **Manpower**
Estimated man-hours:
engine installed in the aircraft - - - manpower time will depend on installation and therefore no estimate is available from the engine manufacturer.

1.8) **Mass data**
change of weight - - - none.
moment of inertia - - - unaffected.

1.9) **Electrical load data**
no change

1.10) **Software accomplishment summary**
no change

1.11) **References**
In addition to this technical information refer to current issue of
- Maintenance Manual (MM)

◆ **NOTE:** The status of Manuals can be determined by checking the table of amendments of the Manual. The 1st column of this table is the revision status. Compare this number to that listed on the ROTAX WebSite: www.rotax-aircraft-engines.com. Updates and current revisions can be downloaded for free.

1.12) **Other publications affected**
none

1.13) **Interchangeability of parts**
not affected

2) **Material Information**

2.1) **Material - cost and availability**
Price and availability and any possible support consideration will be supplied on request by ROTAX® Authorized Distributors or their Service Center.

2.2) **Company support information**
- Shipping cost, down time, loss of income, telephone costs etc. or cost of conversion to other engine versions or additional work, as for instance simultaneous engine overhaul is not covered in this scope and will not be borne or reimbursed by ROTAX®.
2.3) **Material requirement per engine**

*parts requirement:*

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2.4) **Material requirement per spare part**

none

2.5) **Rework of parts**

none

2.6) **Special tooling/lubricant-/adhesives-/sealing compound**

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<td>50 cc.</td>
<td>LOCTITE 5910</td>
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<td>5 cc.</td>
<td>LOCTITE 648</td>
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■ **CAUTION:** In using these special tools observe the manufacturers specifications.
3) Accomplishment / Instructions  

◆ NOTE: Before maintenance, review the entire documentation to make sure you have a complete understanding of the procedure and requirements.

Accomplishment  
All the measures must be taken and confirmed by at least one of the following persons or facilities:
- ROTAX® -Airworthiness representative
- ROTAX® -Distributors or their Service Centers
- Persons approved by the respective Aviation Authority

▲ WARNING: Proceed with this work only in a non-smoking area and not close to sparks or open flames. Switch off ignition and secure engine against unintentional operation. Disconnect negative terminal of aircraft battery.

▲ WARNING: Risk of scalds and burns! Allow engine to cool sufficiently and use appropriate safety gear while performing work.

▲ WARNING: Should removal of a locking device (e.g. lock tabs, self-locking fasteners, etc.) be required when undergoing disassembly/assembly, always replace with a new one.

◆ NOTE: All work has to be performed in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual.

3.1) Check of crankshaft journal (power take off side)  
See fig. 1.

1. Lock the crankshaft in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual (Line).
2. Remove the propeller gear box. Use puller assy part no. 877660 or puller tool part no. 877540.
3. Remove the drive gear in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual (Heavy).
4. Clean and degrease the test area of the crankshaft journal.
5. Crack detection can be carried out with engine installed in aircraft.

◆ NOTE: Pay attention to manufacturer specifications (crack inspection device).

6. Unlock the crankshaft to do the check on the entire periphery of the crankshaft.
   - Detailed crack detection in the area (2) of the thread runout using penetration test. Perform this test in accordance to the requirements of the applicable aviation authority in your region for non destructive testing (NDT) and according to DIN EN 571 or equivalent.

◆ NOTE: Protect the crankcase against contamination by the test material.

■ CAUTION: In case of crack or doubt contact your aircraft manufacturer and your nearest authorized ROTAX aircraft engine distributor. The engine must not be taken into operation until the cause has been identified and eliminated.

7. If no cracks can be found, then the reassembly has to be conducted in accordance with following steps:
   - Lock the crankshaft in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual (Line).
   - Clean and degrease crankshaft journal, threads and splines.
   - Install the drive gear with a new friction washer in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual (Heavy).
   - Clean the sealing surface of crankcase and gear cover.
   - Install the propeller gear box.
   - Remove locking pin of crankshaft in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual (Line).
   - Restore aircraft to original operating configuration.
   - Connect negative terminal of aircraft battery.
3.2) **Test run**  
Conduct test run including ignition check and leakage test.

3.3) **Summary**  
These instructions (section 3) have to be conducted in accordance with compliance in section 1.5.  
The execution of the mandatory Alert Service Bulletin must be confirmed in the logbook.

Approval of translation to best knowledge and judgement - in any case the original text in German language and the metric units (SI-system) are authoritative.
4) Appendix

the following illustrations/drawings should convey additional information:

Fig. 1

**crankshaft journal**

◆ NOTE: The illustrations in this document show the typical construction. They may not represent full detail or the exact shape of the parts which have the same or similar function. Exploded views are **not technical drawings** and are for reference only. For specific detail, refer to the current documents of the respective engine type.