



# SERVICE BULLETIN

## CHECKING OF THE CRANKCASE

### ON ROTAX® ENGINE TYPE 912 AND 914 (SERIES)

#### SB-912-029 R3

#### SB-914-018 R3

## MANDATORY

### Repeating symbols:

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.

### 1) Planning information

#### 1.1) Engines affected

All versions of the engine type:

- 912 A to S/N 4,410.689
- 912 F to S/N 4,412.914
- 912 S to S/N 4,923.308
- 914 F to S/N 4,420.606

All crankcase assy. supplied as replacement part with the following serial numbers:  
up to and including S/N 27811

#### 1.2) Concurrent ASB/SB/SI and SL

none

#### 1.3) Reason

Through the introduction of the optimized crankcase assy. the affected engine serial numbers were restricted.

One or more of the following could result in formation of cracks on the crankcase:

- Unapproved and untested modifications
- Improper carburetor synchronization
- Unsuitable idle speed (too low)
- Unsuitable engine suspension / non-neutralized vibrations
- Propeller balance out of tolerance
- Friction torque in the backlash range of gearbox not within tolerance
- Lack of maintenance
- Ground contact
- Excessive thermal strain
- Exceeding of maximum admissible engine speed
- Exceeding of maximum admissible manifold pressure

Vibrations, impacts, forces, thermal strain etc. could cause cracks on the crankcase.

▲ **WARNING:** Rectify any of the aforementioned without delay.

#### 1.4) Subject

Checking of the crankcase on ROTAX® Engine type 912 and 914 (Series)

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### **1.5) Compliance**

- Every 100 hours the checking of crankcase must be conducted according to the following instructions in section 3.

### **1.6) Approval**

The technical content is approved under the authority of DOA Nr. 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

- Illustrated Parts Catalog (IPC)
- Maintenance Manual (MM)

### **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 will be supplied on request by ROTAX<sup>®</sup> Authorized Distributors or their Service Centers.

### **2.2) Company support information**

- In case of cracks on the crankcase the complete engine must be returned F.O.B. to a ROTAX<sup>®</sup> Authorized Distributor or Service Center.
- 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<sup>®</sup>.

### **2.3) Material requirement per engine**

none. The repair has to be performed by the engine manufacturer.

### **2.4) Material requirement per spare part**

none

### **2.5) Rework of parts**

none

### **2.6) Special tooling/lubricant-/adhesives-/sealing compound - Price and availability**

none

### 3) Accomplishment / Instructions

#### Accomplishment

All the measures must be taken and confirmed by the following persons or facilities:

- ROTAX<sup>®</sup>- Airworthiness representative
- ROTAX<sup>®</sup>-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.

- Secure aircraft against unauthorized operation.
- Disconnect negative terminal of aircraft battery (if a removal of engine is necessary).

#### 3.1) Checking of crankcase:

see fig. 1

- Visually inspect the crankcase (1) and engine suspension for cracks in accordance with the relevant Maintenance Manual.

Visually inspect the crankcase especially:

- in the area of cylinder 1 upper side (2)
- between cylinder 1 and 3 upper side (3)
- in the area of cylinder 4 lower right side (4) and
- detailed inspect in the area (5). See view **A** fig. 2.

For those engines using the ROTAX<sup>®</sup> cooling air baffle. Visually inspect for oil leaks in area (2) and (3). If leaks are found, then further investigation to determine the cause of the oil leak is required. If the exact origin of the leak can not be determined i.e. governor, then removal of the cooling air baffle must be required.

Alternative methods of inspection may be used, i.e. bore scope , to inspect the areas without removal of the shroud.

◆ **NOTE:** If absolutely necessary, and if only a small amount of oil leakage is found, a ferry flight to a maintenance facility is permitted. Before the flight a measurement of the mean crankcase pressure at full load (min. 0,1bar) (min. 1.46 psi.) will be necessary, responsible for proper oil return from crankcase "blow-by gas" to oil tank. At a massive oil leakage replacement of engine without delay will be necessary.

- If cracks are detected the nearest ROTAX<sup>®</sup> Authorized Distributor (see also our official ROTAX-Web-Site: [www.rotax-aircraft-engines.com](http://www.rotax-aircraft-engines.com)) has to be informed and if necessary the engines has to be removed from aircraft and must be returned to a ROTAX<sup>®</sup> Authorized Distributor.
- Reconnect negative terminal of aircraft battery (after installation of engine).

#### 3.2) Summary

These instructions (section 3) have to be conducted in accordance with compliance in section 1.5.

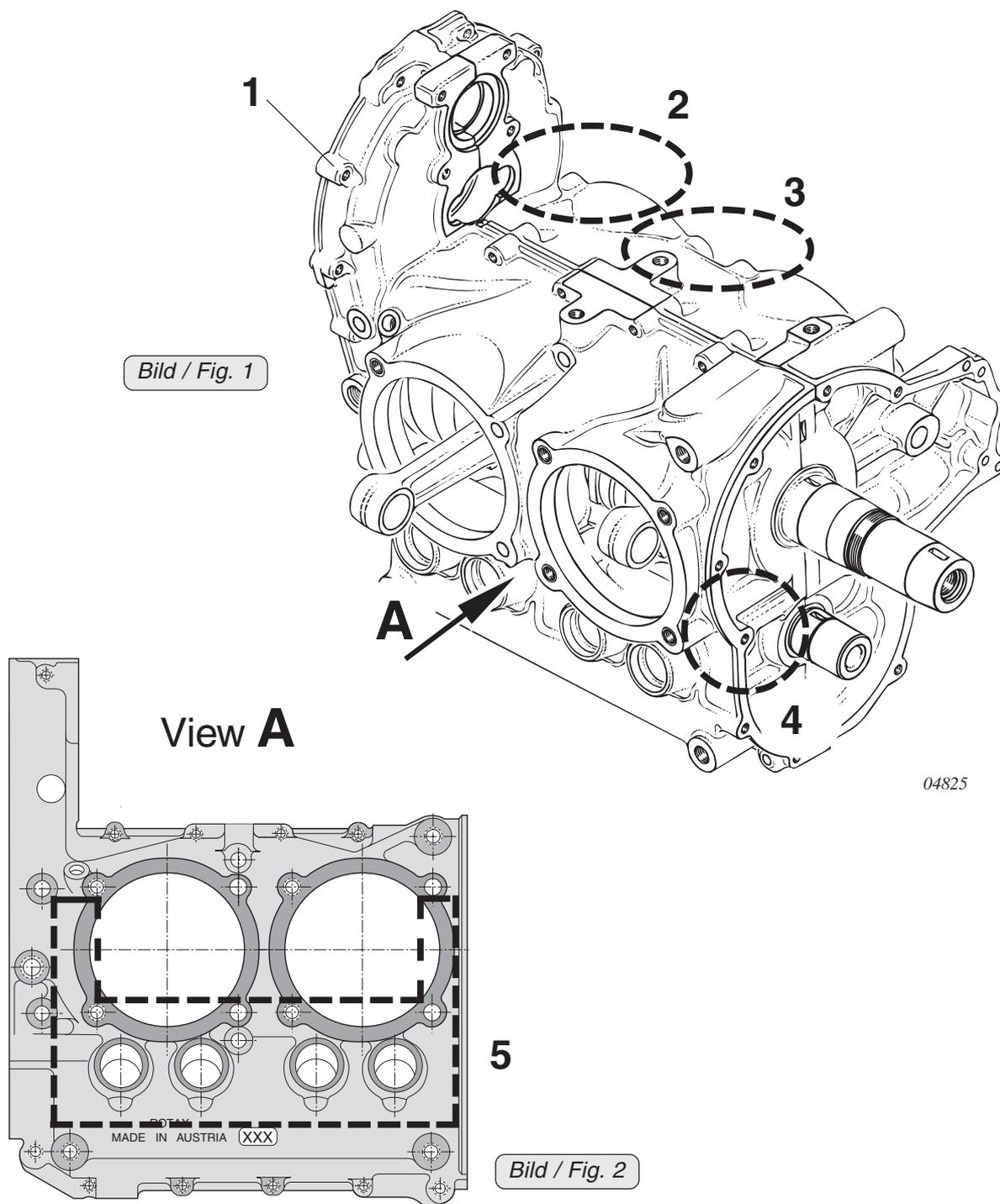
Confirm the implementation of the specified Service Bulletin in the Engine Log book.

▲ **WARNING:** Non-compliance with these instructions could result in engine damage, personal injury or death!

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 drawings should convey additional information:



◆ **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.