

DATE: July 11, 1969

TO: Owners and Operators of Yankee Aircraft

SUBJECT: Exhaust System Modification

MODELS AFFECTED: AAL-0001 through AAL-0159

TIME OF COMPLIANCE: At the next scheduled inspection or sooner at owner's discretion.

Starting with aircraft Serial No. AAL-0160 we are installing a new type exhaust tail pipe brace. This new rigid brace is much more effective in absorbing and distributing vibrational stresses than the flexible hanger previously used.

Since some reports have been received from the field regarding vibration induced muffler and tail pipe cracks, it is recommended that the following be accomplished on all aircraft listed above as soon as possible, but no later than the next scheduled inspection.

1. Inspect muffler assembly and muffler shroud for cracks, particularly in the area adjacent to the welds inside the shroud at the transition between the muffler and tail pipe. If cracks are found in the muffler or tail pipe, they should be heli-arc welded. (Muffler material is 321 Stainless Steel). If cracks are found in the muffler shroud they should be stop-drilled or heli-arc welded. (Shroud material is 304 Stainless Steel).
2. Install the new rigid tail pipe brace.

The new brace with related hardware and instructions is available as Service Kit No. SK-106, "Exhaust System Modification" (copy attached). Service Kit No. SK-106 will be available at no charge from your Authorized American Aviation Corporation Dealer by July 30, 1969.

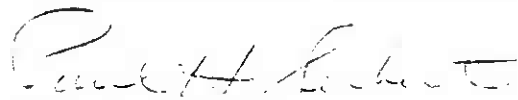
A labor allowance of .5 hours at the Dealer's prevailing shop rate will be credited for the installation of Service Kit No. SK-106 providing the work is performed or authorized by an Authorized American Aviation Corporation Dealer.

Work must be completed and Warranty Claim Form AA-740, submitted to the factory prior to September 30, 1969 for credit allowance.

The Service Reply Card (attached) is to be completed and mailed immediately upon completion of the modification.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION

  
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