## PIPER CONSIDERS COMPLIANCE MANDATORY

| SUBJECT: | PERIODIC REPLACEMENT OF MAIN LANDING GEAR ATTACHMENT HARDWARE |
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| MODELS AFFECTED: | SERIAL NUMBERS AFFECTED: |
| PA-28-140 Cherokee Cruiser | 28-20001 through 28-26946; 28-7125001 through 28-7725290 |
| PA-28-150 Cherokee | 28-03; 28-1 through 28-4377, and 28-1760A |
| PA-28-160 Cherokee | 28-03; 28-1 through 28-4377, and 28-1760A |
| PA-28-180 Cherokee | 28-03; 28-671 through 28-5859; 28-7105001 through 28-7205318 |
| PA-28-235 Cherokee Pathfinder | 28-10001 through 28-11378; 28-7110001 through 28-7710089; 28E-11 |
| PA-28-236 Dakota | 28-7911001 through 28-8611008; 2811001 through 2811050 |
| PA-28-151 Warrior | 28-7415001 through 28-7715314 |
| PA-28-161 Cadet | 2841001 through 2841365 |
| PA-28-161 Warrior II | 28-7716001 through 28-8616057; 2816001 through 2816109 |
| PA-28-161 Warrior III | 2816110 through 2816119; 2842001 and up |
| PA-28-180 Archer | 28-E13; 28-7305001 through 28-7505260 |
| PA-28-181 Archer II | 28-7690001 through 28-8690056; 28-8690061; 28-8690062; 2890001 through 2890205 |
| PA-28-181 Archer III | 2890206 through 2890231; 2843001 through 2843999; 2881001 and up |
| PA-28-181 Piper Pilot 100i | 28020001 and up |
| PA-28-201T Turbo Dakota | 28-7921001 through 28-7921095 |
| PA-32-260 Cherokee Six | 32-03; 32-04; 32-1 through 32-1297; 32-7100001 through 32-7800008 |
| PA-32-300 Cherokee Six | 32-15; 32-21; 32-40000 through 32-40974; 32-7140001 through 32-7940290 |
| PA-32-301 Saratoga | 32-8006002 through 32-8606023; 3206001 through 3206019; 3206042 through 3206044; 3206047; 3206050 through 3206055; 3206060 |
| PA-32-301T Turbo Saratoga | 32-8024001 through 32-8424002 |
| PA-32-301FT Piper 6X | 3232001 through 3232074 |
| PA-32-301XTC Piper 6XT | 3255001 through 3255051 |

For affected aircraft which have accrued 2,000 hours time in service (TIS) or seven (7) calendar years TIS, initial compliance is to coincide with the next regularly scheduled maintenance event, but not to exceed the next 100 hours TIS.
Thereafter, compliance shall be at a recurring interval of 2,000 operating hours TIS or 7 calendar years TIS, whichever occurs first.

## APPROVAL:

The engineering aspects of this service document have been shown to comply with the applicable Federal Aviation Regulations and are FAA approved.

A review of service history reveals that for the affected aircraft, the landing gear mounting hardware is subject to metal fatigue and corrosion. Failure of this hardware could result in a landing gear collapse.
This service bulletin provides instructions for the recurring replacement of this hardware.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

## NOTES:

- Temporary removal of some interior components and/or access panels may be required in order to accomplish the instructions described in this service letter.
- Prior to inspection, wipe surfaces clean using a soft cloth dampened with isopropyl alcohol, mineral spirits, naphtha, or other suitable cleaning agent compatible with cured paints and primers.
- Refer to the appropriate section of the applicable Airplane Maintenance Manual or Service Manual for the procedures to jack the airplane and for model-specific instructions for the removal and installation of the main landing gear.
- These instructions apply to both the left and right sides of the aircraft.

The main landing gear (MLG) are attached to the aircraft with threaded fasteners that pass through mounting flanges on the strut cylinder and the upper and lower flanges of the main wing spar, as depicted in the illustration below. On some of the affected aircraft, additional threaded fasteners pass through the web of the main wing spar.
Replace the MLG mounting hardware as described below.

1. Place the aircraft on jacks.
2. Remove the fairing from around the cylinder housing and the access plate located on the bottom of the wing and to the rear of the housing by removing attaching screws.
3. Remove and discard all of the threaded fastener stack ups (which includes screws and bolts, as well as nuts and washers) that attach the MLG to the main wing spar. (See Figure 1.)
4. Inspect mounting holes and mating surfaces of MLG and main wing spar for damage, and repair or replace on condition.
NOTE: Contact Piper Customer Service for repair guidance: (+1) 772-299-2141 or CustomerService @ piper. com. Piper's normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern).
5. Order and install new mounting hardware, as specified in the applicable Piper Airplane Parts Catalog (IPC).
6. Reinstall the access plate onto the bottom of the wing and the fairing that surrounds the cylinder housing.
7. Remove the airplane from jacks.
8. Make a logbook entry documenting compliance with this service bulletin.


MAIN LANDING GEAR (TYPICAL)
RIGHT SIDE SHOWN (LEFT SIDE OPPOSITE)
Figure 1
Main Landing Gear - Mounting Hardware

MATERIAL REQUIRED: Per aircraft:

- Eight (8) Screws and 12 Bolts each, as described in the Instructions, per the applicable Piper IPC.
- Quantity as required, Washers and Nuts, as described in the Instructions, per the applicable Piper IPC.


## AVAILABILITY OF PARTS: Your Piper Approved Service Center

EFFECTIVITY DATE: This service bulletin is effective upon receipt.

## SUMMARY:

Please contact your Piper Approved Service Center to make arrangements for compliance with this service bulletin in accordance with the compliance time indicated.

NOTE: Please notify the factory of any address/ownership corrections. Changes should include aircraft model, serial number, and current owner's name and address.

Corrections and/or changes should be directed to:

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PIPER AIRCRAFT, INC.
Attn: Customer Service
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Vero Beach, FL }3296
or:
CustomerService@piper.com
Please include in subject line: "Aircraft ownership update"
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