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Issue 9

OPTIONAL

Service Bulletin

1 Subject:

Installation of parachute options / modifications

2 Applicability:

This Service Bulletin is applicable to the aircraft identified in Table 1.

Table 1: Applicability

AIRCRAFT	SERIAL NUMBER(s)
GA8	This Service Bulletin is applicable to all GA8 aircraft*.
GA8-TC 320	This Service Bulletin is applicable to all GA8 TC 320 aircraft*.

* For Issue 9 and onwards, an authorisation letter from GippsAero allowing the installation of this Service Bulletin to the aircraft serial number is required for new installations.

3 Amendments:

- Issue 1: Initial Issue.
Issue 2: Internal Grab Handle, GA8-526017-11, added, inclusive of details.
Issue 3: Numbering sequence revised & references corrected.
Issue 4: Step option removed.
Issue 5: New Internal Grab Handle Assembly added.
Issue 6: Door holding parts added.
Issue 7: Added LH flap reinforcement. Updated documentation section. Parts updated to appear in kits. Ref: GAE11#1304.
Issue 8: Item 18, part number updated. Ref: GAE11#2413.
Issue 9: Formatting updates. Addition of fuselage side skin reinforcement. Ref: GAE11#2828.

4 Background:

This Service Bulletin details several modifications and optional enhancements for GA8 and GA8-TC 320 aircraft conducting parachute operations. Each of these options can be installed independently.

Table 2: Parachute Options

OPTION	NOTES
Grab Handles	Internal and / or external handles installed at the rear cabin door.
Static Line Anchor	If the static line anchor is installed the wind deflector must be strengthened by the addition of a steel wind deflector foot.
Door Stop	A catch which locks the rear cabin door in the open position.
LH Flap Skin Reinforcement	Designed to minimise damage to the trailing edge caused by parachuting operations.
LH Fuselage Side Skin Reinforcement	Designed to minimise damage to the fuselage side skin caused by parachuting operations.