

AIRWORTHINESS ALERT
HOFFMANN HO-V343 PROPELLER HUB.

On Wednesday 14th July 2004 the CASA issued an AD (No AD/PHOF/2) relating to Hoffmann HO-V343 propeller hubs, and it is understood that this AD was issued by Express Post directly to Certificate Holders of powered sailplanes fitted with Hoffmann props. Unfortunately, this action was taken without consultation with the GFA Airworthiness department, where the original German AD, issued on Friday 09 July, had already been researched and found not applicable.

The HO-V343 is a 3 blade constant speed propeller and is used on Lycoming O-360 series engines, which are far too big for use in powered sailplanes. Consequently, there are *no* HO-V343 propellers in the Australian powered sailplane fleet. It *is* used in the GROB 115, which is definitely not a powered sailplane.

Owners or Certificate Holders of powered sailplanes who receive this AD should disregard it.

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