



RECOMMENDED **SERVICE BULLETIN**

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KILBIRNIE, WELLINGTON 6022, NZ**

SUBJECT: Seat Belt Cutters

MODELS AFFECTED: All aircraft produced by The Vintage Aviator Limited that are fitted with an authentic German style seat belt, or English Sutton Harness.

COMPLIANCE: At operator's discretion.

BACKGROUND: In an inverted situation, it may be difficult to unfasten these seat belts and exit the aircraft, due to the pilot's weight bearing on the fastening pin assembly, causing it to lock.

PURPOSE: This bulletin is to inform the operator of this risk, and suggest that seat belt cutters are fitted to the aircraft models.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Determine a suitable location for the seat belt cutter that will not interfere with the operation of the aircraft, or any moving parts, including controls. Ideally this cutter should be placed in a loose fitting pouch or box that would restrain it, but allow it to freely fall out if the aircraft was inverted.
2. Tie the seat belt cutter into the aircraft in such a manner, that if the aircraft were to be inverted, the cutter would be hanging in an accessible position for the pilot to be readily able to use.
3. Make a logbook entry indicating compliance with this Service Bulletin.

PARTS SUPPLIER: Locally sourced, or The Vintage Aviator Limited.



Example of Seat belt cutter made by The Vintage Aviator Ltd.