

Information Bulletin

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Aircraft Type: Slingsby T67 Firefly Series (All Marks)

Title: Issue of EASA Specific Airworthiness Specification No EASA.SAS.A.390 and Surrender of Type Certificate EASA.A.390.

This Information Bulletin has been raised to inform operators and National Airworthiness Authorities of the issue of EASA Specific Airworthiness Specification No. EASA.SAS.A.390, as notified by EASA Certification Information No. 2019-13 dated 13 May 2019 and the surrender of the Slingsby Firefly Series Type Certificate EASA.A.390.

Please accept this Information Bulletin as formal notification from Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Limited that we have ceased discharging the T67 Firefly Series Type Certificate Holder's responsibilities and that the Type Certificate has been revoked. Since Marshall acquired Slingsby Advanced Composites Limited in 2010, we have found it increasingly difficult to continue providing full support to this aircraft type. After the aircraft type was retired from active service with its last military operator, all the costs of providing ongoing engineering and continued airworthiness services have sat with Marshall. To a degree, these have been covered by the relatively small group of operators who chose to subscribe to our regular services but this was never sufficient to cover all of the costs concerned. With each request for an engineering or manufacturing solution to a specific problem, it became clear that most individual civil operators are not equipped to pay for the costs associated with investigating and then implementing a solution. In many cases these are very difficult and time-consuming to resolve because original manufacturers of parts either no longer exist or no longer provide the required support. In the end we had no option but to request the revocation of the Type Certificate.

As part of the process we have been through with EASA, a formal notification was placed on the EASA website (under Certification Information Notice 2019-07) requesting that any party interested in assuming the Type Certificate Holder's responsibilities express an interest. This has not been fruitful at this time, which has led to the official revocation, announced by EASA on May 13th under Certification Information Notice 2019-13.

We would like to confirm that we are willing to provide assistance to establish a suitable third party with the T67 Firefly Series data that may wish to support operators in the future and that we will continue to make copies of existing Service Bulletins and Information Bulletins available on our website at the following location, https://marshalladg.com/legal/t67-firefly/service-bulletin.

We recommend that you read the full Certification Information Notice 2019-13 on EASA's website to ensure that you fully appreciate the implications of this change for you as an operator of this aircraft type.



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EU operators are reminded that in the event of an airworthiness occurrence that this should be reported via the EU Aviation Safety Reporting website,

http://www.aviationreporting.eu/AviationReporting/. For operators outside of the EU, occurrences should be reported to the appropriate National Airworthiness Authority.

Marshall will not be able to support future requests for assistance from operators for spares or technical queries, User Experience Reports will no longer be answered.

References:

EASA.SAS.A.390 for Slingsby T67

https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/specific-airworthiness-specifications/easasasa390

EASA Certification Information No. 2019-13 dated 13 May 2019; Revocation of Type Certificate No. UK BA17 and EASA Type Certificate Data Sheet No. EASA.A.390 affecting Slingsby T67 Firefly aircraft series and issuance of EASA Specific Airworthiness Specification No. EASA.SAS.A.390

https://www.easa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/dfu/EASA%20Certification%20Information%202019-13_Revocation%20of%20Type%20Certificate%20for%20T67%20Firefly%20series_Marshall%20of%20Cambridge%20Aerospace%20Ltd.%20%28MA%29_2019%2005%2013.pdf

EASA Certification Information No. 2019-07 dated 11 March 2019; Request by Marshall of Cambridge Aerospace Ltd. (MA) to surrender EASA Type Certificate No. EASA.A.390 affecting Slingsby T67 Firefly series.

https://www.easa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/dfu/EASA%20Certification%20Information%202019-07_Request%20for%20surrender%20of%20EASA%20Type%20Certificate%20for%20Slingsby%20T67%20Firefly %20series Marshall%20of%20Cambridge%20Aerospace%20Ltd.%20%28MA%29 2019%2003%2011.pdf

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