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# SERVICE SPARES LETTER

NO. 525

Date: May 17, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

**REPLACEMENT DATA PLATES**

**MODELS AFFECTED:**

ALL

**SERIAL NUMBERS AFFECTED:**

ALL

**PURPOSE:**

To announce the conditions that must be met before a determination on a replacement data plate is made by Piper Aircraft, Inc.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**1. GENERAL**

- a. Piper Aircraft, Inc. reserves the right to deny the issuance of a replacement data plate such that the subject aircraft has been damaged to the point of having to be rebuilt, modified, or altered, and is no longer in an airworthy condition or does not meet its type design.
- b. Piper Aircraft, Inc. charges a fee for replacement data plates and a quote may be provided upon satisfactory submittal of the requested information herein.
- c. Prior to the purchase of any Piper aircraft, aircraft project, or aircraft restoration; make a determination that the data plate is present such that the aircraft is properly identified by data plate and Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) eligibility. If the data plate is missing, contact Piper Aircraft, Inc. (prior to the purchase) to verify if the aircraft is eligible for a replacement data plate.
- d. For early model aircraft, the replacement data plate will not look like the original.
- e. Early model tube and fabric aircraft have several serial numbers: one is for the airframe (which is considered the aircraft), one is for the fuselage, and one for each wing. It has been Piper's experience that the serial numbers of the wings have been difficult to identify due to the age of the aircraft and the type of marker used. In order to be considered for a replacement data plate, the correct serial number for the aircraft (airframe) and the fuselage must be provided in the request. It is recommended to provide the wing serial numbers, but not required. Failure to provide the correct serial numbers for the fuselage and the aircraft will result in denied request.
- f. Requests for replacement data plates must be sent to Piper Aircraft, Inc. at the following address:

Piper Aircraft, Inc. Attn: Part Sales Office  
 2926 Piper Drive, Vero Beach Florida, 32960

- g. Before a replacement data plate will be issued, illegible, damaged, or destroyed data plates must be returned to Piper Aircraft, Inc. at the following address:

Piper Aircraft, Inc. Attn: Production Certification Office  
 2926 Piper Drive, Vero Beach Florida, 32960

ATA/JASC: N/A

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## 2. REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions must be met before Piper Aircraft, Inc. can make a determination on a replacement data plate:

- a. The request for a replacement data plate must be written in English.
- b. The reason for requesting a replacement data plate must be provided, i.e., lost, stolen, illegible, damaged, destroyed, etc.
- c. Current photos of the aircraft from all sides and close up photos of where the data plate will be physically attached to the airframe must be provided.
- d. A formal letter from the airworthiness authority of the country in which the aircraft is or will be registered must be included within the request submitted to Piper Aircraft, Inc. This letter must be written in English, be on the letterhead of said airworthiness authority, and contain the following information:
  - Verification that the individual requesting the data plate is the registered owner of the aircraft.
  - Verification that the subject aircraft is the correct aircraft for which the replacement data plate is being requested.

**NOTE:** This verification can be done through any means found to be acceptable by the Safety Inspector for the airworthiness authority of the country of registration and may include, but is not limited to, the verification of serial numbers of installed components or major assemblies, verification of maintenance records, review of historical data pertaining to operation, purchase, or sale.

- Per 14 CFR §45.13(b), on behalf of the airworthiness authority for the country in which the aircraft is registered, the Safety Inspector must provide approval for the replacement data plate to be affixed to the aircraft for which a replacement data plate has been requested.

**NOTE:** For an example of how this information should be formatted in the letter, see Figure 1. Following this formatting can help facilitate the determination process.

- e. The accident history of the aircraft must be researched and a review of the TCDS for aircraft eligibility must be completed by Piper Aircraft, Inc. personnel. Any information pertaining to accident history, major alterations, or completed FAA Form 337 which have been completed to document modifications to the aircraft must be submitted with the request for a replacement data plate to expedite this review.

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of ( Name of Airworthiness Authority ), I, ( Name and Title ), have verified the following information and have authorized a replacement data plate to be affixed to this aircraft;

Current or Previous Registration:

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Serial Number:

Fuselage Serial Number: ( If Applicable )

Wing Serial Number: ( If Legible )

Applicable TCDS:

This letter is not to be used in a determination of airworthiness and is only presented as a verification of the above information in order to procure and affix a replacement data plate. The final determination of airworthiness is done by the entity which provides the airworthiness certificate and the Pilot in Command prior to the operation of the aircraft.

**Figure 1**

An example of the recommended formatting to use in the Formal Letter

**MATERIAL REQUIRED:** N/A

**AVAILABILITY OF PARTS:** Piper Aircraft Inc. - Production Certification Office

**SUMMARY:** To announce the standardized policy on replacement data plates and the conditions that must be met before Piper Aircraft, Inc. can make a determination on replacement data plates.

**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:

PIPER AIRCRAFT, INC.

Attn: Customer Service

2926 Piper Drive

Vero Beach, FL 32960

or:

CustomerService@piper.com

Please include in subject line: "Aircraft ownership update"