

**May 19, 2000**

**Dear RV-8/8A QuickBuilder:**

**When RV-8/8A QB wings are delivered, the tanks are secured for (shipping purposes ONLY) by a few screws through the tank skin and several bolts through the Z-brackets on the back of the tank. It is expected that the builder will install the rest of these critical fasteners before the airplane is inspected or flown.**

**We are concerned that RV-8/8A QuickBuilders may not be installing or tightening the AN3-3A bolts through the Z-brackets as shown on DWG 16, Sections C-C' and D-D'. These bolts are reached through the access holes in the bottom of the wing.**

**THE CORRECT INSTALLATION OF THESE BOLTS IS ESSENTIAL TO FLIGHT SAFETY.**

**Please check to see that correct type and number of bolts are installed and that they are tightened to the correct 20-25 inch-pounds.**

**Thank you for your prompt attention.**

**Van's Aircraft, Inc.**