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NOTIFICATION 14-12-11

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Subject: VS-801PP Vertical Stabilizer skins

Affected Models: All RV-7/7A, 8/8A, 14/14A Empennage kits shipped between June 1 and November 30, 2014

Synopsis: We recently discovered that some RV-7/7A, RV-8/8A and RV-14/14A builders may have received empennage kits containing VS-901 skins that were mislabeled as VS-801PP. These skins were manufactured and shipped between June 2014 and November 2014. Not all kits shipped during this period had mislabeled skins, most will be correct.

Although these skins have identical hole patterns and shapes, they are made from sheet of different thicknesses.

A correct VS-801PP is made from aluminum 0.032" thick.

An incorrect VS-801PP is made from aluminum 0.025" thick and SHOULD NOT BE USED on an RV-7/7A, RV-8/8A or RV-14/14A.

Required Action: Check if you received a VS-801PP during the specified period. To determine whether a skin is correct, peel the blue plastic away from both sides of one corner of the skin and use an accurate dial caliper or micrometer to measure the thickness. A sheet of known thickness or feeler gauge may also be used for comparison.

If an mislabeled skin is found, contact Van's to arrange a replacement. The correction necessary will depend on how far construction has progressed.