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NOTIFICATION 18-02-23

Date Released: February 23, 2018 (Initial Release)
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Date Effective: March 12, 2018

Subject: PASSENGER WARNING PLACARD

Affected Models: RV-12 ELSA Aircraft that have not received an airworthiness certificate but have received an RV-12 DOC PACKET shipped prior to November 16, 2017. No action is required for aircraft that have been inspected by a DAR and have received an airworthiness certificate.

Required Action: Remove and replace the passenger warning label

Time of Compliance: Before the airworthiness inspection

Supercedes Notice: N/A

Labor Required: 0.1 Hours (if applicable)

Level of Certification: Owner

Synopsis:

The ELSA warning placard needs to change to be compliant with a revised form of 8130-2J. FAA Order 8130.2J currently requires a passenger warning for EAB aircraft and indicates that this new warning also applies to ELSA/SLSA aircraft. Letters from the FAA (Terry Chasteen) indicates that this requirement is in error and the placard text should match the ASTM F37 F2245 9.1.4 consensus standard.

Placards shipped after November 16, 2017 are not affected by this notification.

Method of Compliance:

Compare your placard to Figure 1, if not identical then purchase the placard shown in the figure using the part number provided. Remove the existing Passenger Warning placard, if installed, and replace it with the one shown in Figure 1. Discard the old placard.

PART NUMBER: Purchase a new placard from Van's Aircraft. Part no. F-1200PW

NOTE: As a response to questions regarding the placard's legitimacy present this Notification and the two attached copies of FAA correspondence with Van's Aircraft.

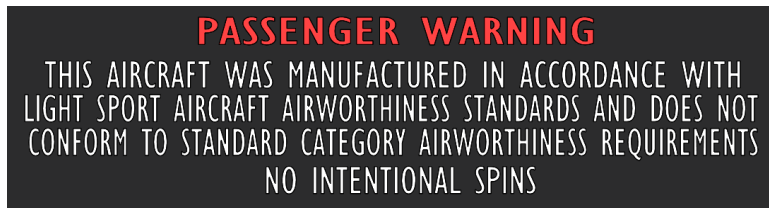


FIGURE 1: PASSENGER WARNING PLACARD

I again contacted FAA HQ on this issue and this time received notice of action to correct the policy in Order 8130.2J. Here is the email that I received with a plan of action to correct the issue.

Good Morning Terry-

As we discussed yesterday briefly...placarding should be done in accordance with the FAA accepted consensus standard for Light Sport aircraft. So yes, we will be issuing a Memo just as soon as I can get it out which I will attempt to expedite as well as fix any verbiage in the revision to 8130.2J as required. In the meantime, you can use this email as guidance to Van's or anyone else regarding this issue.

Mitch - please feel free to disseminate this email amongst your designee contact list as you feel appropriate.

I'll keep you both updated as we progress with the memo.

Thanks Terry-

VR,
Mike

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So, this email is an interim notice of intent to correct the policy until a memo is issued on the subject. For SLSA and ELSA the passenger warning placard used must meet the applicable FAA accepted consensus standard, not the placard in Order 8130.2J.

Best regards,

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I heard back from HQ regarding the placard issue in Order 8130.2J, 17-3.d.(7) on page 17-5.

Here is the response I received from AIR-6C3 –

I have made a change in the Order to 17-5, (7) that now reads...*”Verify that the LSA displays the applicable passenger warning per the FAA-accepted consensus standard.”* The Rev to the Order goes into initial coordination in approximately 2 weeks.

Apparently, it has been decided to make a change to the Order in lieu of issuing a memo. I hope you can use my previous email and this email as a policy correction statement to fix your placard inventory until the publication of the revision to the Order.

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