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SERVICE BULLETIN 12-08-09

Date Released:	August 9, 2012
Date Effective:	August 9, 2012
Subject:	Cracks in Nose Wheel Fairing Brackets
Affected Models:	RV-12 Wheel Fairing Kits shipped before August 9, 2012.

Synopsis: Aircraft in the field were found to have cracks in planar flange of U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets.

Recommended Action: Inspect in-service U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets for cracks. Replace brackets if cracks are found. Reinforce U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets by installing U-00006D Doubler Plates.

Time of Compliance: Before further flight. (Aircraft may be flown with the nose wheel fairing removed prior to compliance with this service bulletin.)

Method of Compliance:

Inspect U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets for cracks. See Figure 1 below.

If any cracks are found, remove and replace U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets.

Install U-00006D Doubler Plate to U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets.

Replacement and Modification Procedures:

PARTS REQUIRED Qty 2 U-00006D Doubler Plate Qty 10 AN470AD3-4 Qty 10 AN426AD3-4 PARTS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED Qty 1 U-00006A Wheel Fairing Bracket Qty 1 U-00006C Drill Template Qty 6 K1000-08 nutplates Qty 24 CCR-264SS-3-2 rivets

REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

RV-12 Builder's Manual, Page 36-09, Revision 0 RV-12 Builder's Manual, Page 36-10, Revision 1 RV-12 Builder's Manual, Page 36-11, Revision 1

<u>Step 1</u>: Remove the U-00005B Wheel Fairing Aft and U-00005A Wheel Fairing Front from the WD-1230 Nose Fork.

<u>Step 2</u>: Inspect U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets for cracks at the locations depicted in Figure 1 below.

If a crack is found:

<u>Step a</u>: Drill off the U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets from the U-00006B Splice Strips.

<u>Step b</u>: Install new U-00006A-L/R Wheel Fairing Brackets per Page 36-09, Revision 0.

Step c: Complete step aa below.

If no cracks are found:

Step aa: Install U-00006D Doubler Plates per Page 36-10, Revision 1.

<u>Step 3</u>: Reinstall the U-00005A Wheel Fairing Front and U-00005B Wheel Fairing Aft to the WD-1230 Nose Fork per Page 36-11 of the RV-12 Builder's Manual.

Step 4: Make a logbook entry indicating compliance with Service Bulletin 12-08-09.

