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This form (Part 2 of 2) is the response from RotorSport UK Ltd to a Service Repair and Evaluation/Approval request, which specifies the company authorised repair method. Deviation from this method renders the authorisation ineffective.

Upon completion of the repair the repairer must enter details into the logbook/worksheet with the repair number and sign as normal.

If any problems with carrying out the work authorised, contact RSUK immediately on +44(0)1588 650769, or email gerry@rotorsport.org.

Repair No. and Issue: SRA-020 Iss2	CCAR No.: None	Repair
Calidus Mast bracket cracks		classification:
	Mod approval No: None	MAJOR or
Aircraft type	Aircraft serial No. RSUL/CALS/005	MINOR
Calidus	First application: G-YROZ	WIIIVOIX

Repair problem description & cause of problem if known

Calidus G-YROZ was found to have small cracks in the welds attaching the uppermost body mounting brackets to the vertical mast tube. This SRA-020 describes how to repair these cracks and reinforce the weld to prevent recurrence. It is considered a MINOR repair as there is significant redundancy in the mast-to-body mounting (8 bolted locations)

2-off Upper mounts

4-off central mounts



2-off lower mounts

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Crack in right-hand bracket



Crack in left-hand bracket



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Limitations on implementation

The cracks must not have propagated more than 33% of either weld length (i.e. max crack length 22mm)

Welding must be carried-out by a welder approved by RSUK/CAA

Approval statement.

The technical content of this document is approved under the authority of the UK CAA Design Organisation Approval Ref: DAI/9917/06.

Tooling required.

Conventional hand tools and TIG welding equipment only

Weight and balance.

Not affected

Manuals affected.

None affected

Previous modifications affecting this SRA.

None

List of materials required to complete this SRA:

Weld filler rod only

List of components required to complete this SRA:

None

Interchangeability:

Not applicable

Parts disposition:

Not applicable

Accomplishment instructions/details of the repair:

- 1) In order to create sufficient space for access the body and airframe must be separated slightly. Park the aircraft on level ground and remove the engine cowlings as described in AMM RSUK0061. Remove the rear seat cushions and ease-back the fabric trim from the bulkhead as required. Release the four fuel-tank straps a little to avoid straining the fuel tanks. Release by a few turns the 8 fasteners securing the body to the airframe, more so at the upper fasteners than the lower ones. Place a suitably padded trolley jack under the body and carefully lift the aircraft so that the upper mounting points separate sufficiently for access. Whilst moving the body monitor the control tube aft bearing (fitted centrally at the rear of the aircraft). If any strain is evident the fastener should be slackened. (Note: if this is done then on reassembly it must be removed to allow fresh Loctite 243 to be applied)
- 2) Remove the air-redirection plates, disconnecting the coolant pipe as required
- 3) Release the cable-ties securing the push-pull cables to the mast and move the cables clear of the working area. If necessary the cables must be disconnected from their mountings in order to move clear mark accordingly to ensure correct set-up on reassembly
- **4)** Release the cable-ties securing the wiring harness to the mast and move the harness clear of the working area

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- **5)** Protect the body and firewall pad with suitable heat-resistant covering. Protect the engine parts and fuel tanks with fire-proof covering. If there is any doubt then drain and remove the fuel tanks.
- 6) Provide suitable fire-safety precautions (e.g. local fire extinguishers and personnel)
- 7) Wash/wipe the intended weld area to remove any oil or dirt deposits
- 8) Using a Dremmel-type tool with small grinding wheel (typ 0.75mm thick) progressively grindout the length of the crack. Expose, **but do not grind into** the mast wall. Remove all grinding debris and clean-up with Amberclene LO30. Arrange inspection of the exposed mast wall in the area of the crack by a qualified inspector using a dye-penetrant process. If there is no evidence of a crack in the mast wall then remove the process deposits and proceed as below. If any crack is evident or there is any doubt, do not proceed but refer to RSUK.
- 9) Weld-up each prepared crack in one continuous pass (see below for welding requirements)
- **10)** Working behind the bracket make a vertical fillet weld between the bracket and the mast section (both sides of aircraft)
- 11) Reinstate 8-off body/mast mountings at the same time as progressively removing trolley jack
- 12) Retighten fuel tank straps and replace filler
- 13) Refit all other items removed
- **14)** If removed refit cable rod-ends to control points and check satisfactory operation of controls. Note that a second signature is required to verify this activity
- 15) Refit cowlings, seat cushions

Welding requirements for paras 9 & 10

1. Final preparation of weld area

Remove any deposits by cleaning with a lint-free cloth and halogen-free solvent (Amberclene LO30).

Remove any surface debris by brushing with a stainless-steel wire-brush.

2. Welding

Set the TIG welder for job +ve, electrode -ve.

Using an electrode 2.4mm diameter, filler metal 316 stainless steel and heat-setting 60-70amps produce continuous fillet welds in a single run.

Ensure that filler metal is present in the whole welded length so that a joint "fused only" is not created.

3. Clean-up

Remove burn marks from the weld and areas adjacent using a stainless-steel wire-brush followed by Scotchbrite pads or rubbing blocks if required.

Do not use any acid treatment for clean-up

4. Inspection

Using a magnifying glass at least 4x and good illumination inspect the weld to ensure that there is a high build for the whole length of the weld with no inclusions or voids present and that the start and end of each run are of uniform shape.

Reference to other documentation:

None

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Test and inspection records:								
Complete attached worksheet								
Special Tools & Health and Safety requirements, and/or components required for repair:								
No special tools or components required								
Quality Inspection requirements after repair:								
Visual inspection required as described above								
Flight test require	ements after repair:							
No flight test required								
Documentation completion:								
 Complete the SRA worksheet attached After embodiment of this repair SRA-020 the authorised engineer must make an entry in the airframe logbook white pages stating that the repair has been embodied. 								
Service repair aut	thorised by: (name,	signature, and date	of signature)					
Quality Control Manager	Engineering Manager	Chief Test Pilot (where an effect on flight performance or safety) None required	CVE	Head of Airworthiness				
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Document effectivity date:								
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Photographs





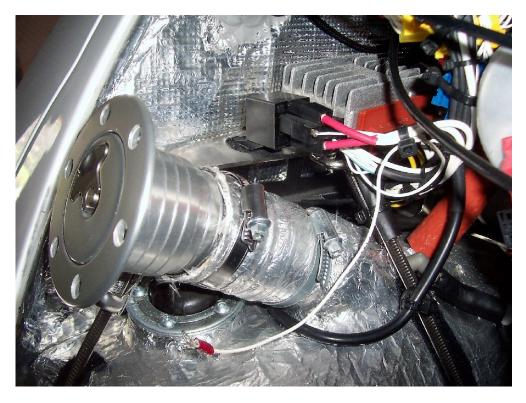
Access at rear of cockpit

Cables and harness attachment



Air redirection plate each side

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Access to left-centre mountings behind fuel filler inlet



Access to right centre mountings behind oil tank

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Vertical fillet weld each side of airframe (shown red)



Aft Control tube bearing

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Aircraft serial no.	Servic	e Repair	Date	Date raised:			
Registration G-	Implem	entation	Raise	Raised by:			
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Purpose – record servi	ce repair impleme	implementation actions Docu		ument reference:			
taken, then to inspect a	aircraft and return	•					
Maintenance manual re issue level/date:	eferred to and						
Note; attach any secor	ndary sheets to this	S					
document				T			
Task	Notes			Eng'r check/date	Inspector check/date		
Part body/airframe interface damage	without						
Grind-out cracks for inspectmast wall.	tion of State res	sult:					
Remake horizontal welds (2 and inspect	2-places)						
Make new vertical welds (2- and inspect	-places)						
Body/airframe mounting re- established							
Control tube bearing secure fresh Loctite 243	ed with Only if re	Only if released					
Fuel tanks reinstalled							
Control cables refitted and verified	controls Duplicat	e signature must be pro	vided				
Other items replaced							
All protective coverings rem	noved						
Cowlings replaced							
Confirm no tools or equipm aircraft	ent left in						
Customer acceptance: Name:		Aircraft Hob	Aircraft Hobbs meter reading:				
		Confirm log	Confirm logbooks annotated:				
Signature/date:					4 14		
Permit Maintenance Release: The work recorded above has been completed to my satisfaction and in that respect the aircraft is considered fit for flight.							
Engineer/Inspector signatur	re re	Date of wor	k				
Name:			_				
CAA Authorisation code :		Location wh	Location where work completed				

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