Service Bulletin
Installation of Starter Solenoid on CTLS with Large SLA Battery
SB-ASTM-CTLS-16

Repeating Symbols:
Please pay attention to the following symbols throughout this document emphasizing particular information.

▲ Warning: Identifies an instruction, which if not followed may cause serious injury or even death.
■ Caution: Denotes an instruction which if not followed, may severely damage the aircraft or could lead to suspension of warranty.
● Note: Information useful for better handling.

1 Planning Information

1.1 Affected Aircraft
Type: CT
Model: CTLS
Serial Number: F-10-01-01, F-10-01-02, F-10-01-03, F-10-02-07, F-10-02-08, F-10-06-04, F-10-07-05, F-10-07-06, F-10-07-07; F-10-08-05, F-10-08-06, F-10-08-11, F-10-08-12, F-10-11-07, F-10-12-03, F-11-04-05, F-11-04-11, F-11-04-13, F-11-05-02, F-11-05-11, F-11-07-03, F-11-07-06, F-11-09-04, F-11-09-12, F-11-10-01, F-11-10-03, F-11-10-06, F-11-10-07, F-12-02-09, F-12-02-10, F-12-02-10, F-12-04-09, F-13-04-08, F-14-04-03, F-14-04-06, F-16-06-46

Other aircraft equipped with large battery may be affected as well.
Applicable Countries: Not limited.

1.2 Concurrent Documents
- none -
1.3 **Reason**

Some CTLS are equipped with a larger sealed lead acid battery. This requires a different location of the starter solenoid. Under certain unfavorable combination of tolerances, contact of the starter solenoid may contact the throttle cable housing, which in return gets worn through over time. An unprotected electric short circuit may be the result.

![Incorrect installation of starter solenoid, collision with throttle cable housing](image)

This kind of misaligned installation should have been observed and corrected at the factory or during any annual condition inspection.

1.4 **Subject**

The starter solenoid must be installed in a correct position. This may be accomplished either by using existing tolerances or by help of an adaptor plate.

1. Inspection for applicability
2. Correction of installation of starter solenoid
1.5 Compliance
Inspection: before the next flight.
Correction: without signs of wear and tear: within next 10 hours of operation
with signs of wear and tear: before next flight

▲ Warning: Non-compliance with these instructions could result in further damages, personal injuries or death.

1.6 Approval
This SB is approved by the aircraft manufacturer i.a.w. ASTM F2483-05 for conduct on affected aircraft as defined in 1.1. Subsequent to complete and correct conduct of this SB the aircraft being repaired will still meet the requirements of the applicable ASTM design and performance specification subsequent to the repair.

1.7 Type of Maintenance
Inspection: Line or pilot/owner maintenance
Correction: Heavy

1.8 Personnel Qualifications
Inspection: A&P Mechanic, LSA Repairman, Owner/Operator with Sport Pilot certification or higher, Part 145 Repair Station, Flight Design Service Center
Correction: A&P Mechanic, LSA Repairman, Owner/Operator with Sport Pilot certification or higher, Part 145 Repair Station, Flight Design Service Center

1.9 Release to Service
Conduct of this SB must be logged in the aircraft documentation by A&P Mechanic, LSA Repairman, Owner/Operator with Sport Pilot certification or higher, Part 145 Repair Station, or a Flight Design Service Center.

1.10 Weight and Balance
- no effect –

1.11 References
- none –
1.12  Superseded Documents
- none –

1.13  Contact Details
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2  Resources

2.1  Workshop Conditions
No specific requirements.

2.2  Parts
- none –

2.3  Materials
None-conductive material for preparation of an adaptor plate, if required, e.g. GFRP or phenolic material with thickness 7-10 mm (1/4-5/8 inch). Refer to the drawing below.
2.4 **Tools**
standard metric tools

2.5 **Special Tools**
- none –

2.6 **Manpower**

Inspection: 10min  
Correction: 2 hours

3 **Instructions**

- **Note:** Before maintenance, review the entire documentation to make sure you have a complete understanding of the procedure and requirements.

3.1 **General**

This chapter provides extended explanation for the inspection and/or correction of the misaligned installation of the starter solenoid.
### 3.2 Inspection Procedures
- Open the cowling
- Identify the throttle cable housing of the right carburetor
- Identify the starter solenoid
- Determine the distance between Bowden wire and contacts of the solenoid
- Distance should be at least 15mm-1/2 inch (a finger should fit in between)

![Correct installation of starter solenoid](image)

### 3.3 Procedure for Correction
- Disconnect battery
- Detach solenoid from firewall
- Turn solenoid by 180 degrees (need to detach starter wiring temporarily)
- If needed prepare an adaptor plate to relocate the solenoid for correct distance to throttle cable housing.
- Properly attach solenoid and starter wiring.
- Reconnect battery.
- Close cowling.