AUTO GYRO

Title: Calidus front fork top steering plate replacement		
AG-SB-2018-04-A-EN		**Compliance Category:**
Applicability		**A - MANDATORY** ~~B – RECOMMENDED~~ ~~C - OPTIONAL~~
Aircraft type & model: Calidus	Affected Serial number(s): All Calidus with rear seat instructor pedals fitted	
The maintenance manual to be referenced is this stated or subsequent issue.		As per AutoGyro website

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Documentation (Service Bulletin Completion action)

The accomplishment of this Service Bulletin, or the decision of its rejection, must be properly documented, if such procedure is required by the relevant authority

Category Codes

A – Mandatory   – failure to comply result in a significant reduction of flight safety, injury or death

B – Recommended   – failure to comply may result in reduced safety margin, injury and/or equipment damage

C - Optional   – improves operating behavior, reliability and/or maintainability

Chief Certification Officer	Chief Technical Officer

Reason and overview of the Service Bulletin (cause of problem if known)

It has been found that in certain operating conditions it is possible for a rear seat occupant to cause significant distortion to the front fork top steering plate when operating the rear seat rudder pedals. This damage, if not noted and rectified, can lead to reduced yaw control in flight.

This bulletin releases a strengthened front fork plate that prevents this issue from occurring

Manpower estimates

The task may only be performed by an organization or individual entitled and trained to do: Heavy maintenance.

Estimated man-hours to complete the task as a stand-alone item is:

ca. 25 minutes

Tooling required

No special tooling required.
However, using a shortened 8mm allan key gives easier access to the fork plate securing caphead screw.

Weight and Balance Effects

No significant effect

Manuals affected

POH AutoGyro and MMM AutoGyro are not affected.

Previous Modifications that affect the SB

None

Accomplishment instructions (Action required to implement this bulletin):

Effective date of this SB is 5th May 2018

Instructions

1. Open canopy, apply wheel brakes.
2. Loosen central cap head 10mm screw that retains the fork top plate to the fork.
3. Disconnect rudder cable from rudder, one side.
4. Remove the fastenings that hold the pushrod rod-ends to the fork top plate.
5. Remove top plate.
6. Fit the new top plate (46115), ensuring it is fitted in the correct orientation (the rod ends will not fit if upside down)
7. Use Loctite 243 on the caphead screw clamping the plate to the fork.
8. Re-attach the pushrod rod-ends to the plate, using new nylock nuts.
9. Re-attach the rudder cable connection to the rudder.
10. Check and, if required, adjust the rudder cable tension and rudder position as per the AMM.

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11. Note! The yaw control limit stops are those between the pedal bracket and the stop bracket mounted on top of the center console, behind the instrument panel. When a rear seat rudder pedal is pushed fully forwards, the limit stops should be reached.
12. Note the SB action within the aircraft documentation.

Completion of this Service Bulletin must be recorded

Material information (Parts required to be made to implement this service bulletin):

New plate part number is 46115 Control Nosewheel II

List of components (with purchasable part nos)

Consumables used: None

Interchangeability

Not affected

Parts disposition

a) Disposal requirements – Normal waste
b) Environmental hazards of parts containing hazardous materials - None
c) Scrap requirements (e.g. mutilate scrapped items beyond use) – Not applicable

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