

## Service Bulletin SB-14

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Procedures specified in this service bulletin must be accomplished in accordance with accepted methods of aircraft maintenance and applicable government regulations. Appropriate log book entries must be made.

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### I. SUBJECT

This Mandatory Service Bulletin addresses the use of the MC0743624-2 Shimmy Dampener Assembly on various Cessna 210 model aircraft. An interference issue has been identified between this shimmy dampener and the nose gear door and nose gear door linkage.

### II. BACKGROUND

Interference has been identified between the MC0743624-2 Shimmy Dampener Assembly and the nose gear door and nose gear door linkage on retractable gear aircraft (see Section III for AFFECTED AIRCRAFT). Due to this incompatibility, the MC0743624-2 Shimmy Dampener Assembly should be removed from existing installations and excluded from future installation on these aircraft. Part number MC0743624-2 remains eligible for installation on Cessna 206 and 207 model aircraft as indicated on PMA Supplement 190 dated May 16, 2022.

### III. AFFECTED AIRCRAFT

The aircraft affected by this service bulletin are as follows:

Make	Series	Model	S/N Range
Cessna	210	210G/T210G	ALL
		210H/T210H	
		210J/T210J	
		210K/T210K	
		210L/T210L	
		210M/T210M	
		210N/P210N/T210N	
		210R/T210R	

### IV. AFFECTED PARTS

The parts affected by this service bulletin are as follows:

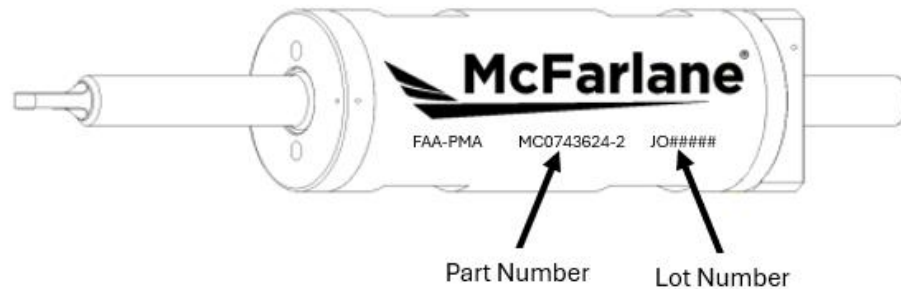
Part Number	Lot Number
MC0743624-2	104648
	110666
	112303

These lots were released between October 17, 2024, and July 15, 2025. No future lots of part number MC0743624-2 should be installed or used on the affected aircraft.

## V. IDENTIFICATION METHODS

These affected lots were released from McFarlane Aviation Products between October 17, 2024, and July 15, 2025.

The Part Number and Lot Number for the shimmy dampener assembly can be identified on the barrel of the assembly as shown:



## VI. COMPLIANCE

Compliance with this service bulletin is mandatory. The Accomplishment Instructions must be completed as soon as possible for affected aircraft.

## VII. ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Compliance with this service bulletin must be accomplished as follows:

- Remove the MC0743624-2 shimmy dampener assembly from affected aircraft per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.
- Return assembly to McFarlane Aviation, LLC.

## VIII. MATERIAL PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

McFarlane Aviation, LLC. does not offer a suitable FAA-PMA replacement shimmy dampener assembly for the affected aircraft at this time.

## IX. CREDIT INFORMATION

To receive credit for compliance with this service bulletin, the aircraft N-number, model, and serial number will need to be provided. Credit will be provided upon return of the shimmy dampener assembly to McFarlane Aviation, LLC. Credit will be allocated for reasonable labor costs for compliance with this service bulletin.

## X. DISTRIBUTION

This service bulletin has been distributed to all customers for whom McFarlane Aviation, LLC. has sales records indicating the purchase of affected parts. All McFarlane service bulletins may also be found at [www.mcfarlaneaviation.com](http://www.mcfarlaneaviation.com). Please forward this urgent information to the current owner or operator of the affected aircraft. For further information or questions call (800) 544-8594 or (785) 594-2741. All persons are free to copy this bulletin if it is copied in its entirety with no alterations or additions.



**Instructions for Continued Airworthiness**

McFarlane Aviation, LLC. FAA-PMA Part Number MC0743624-2 Shimmy Dampener Assembly.  
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**INTRODUCTION**

This document is intended to provide for the continued airworthiness of McFarlane Aviation, LLC. PMA replacement shimmy dampener assembly, part number MC0743624-2, eligible for installation on various Cessna 206, 207, and 210 models. For all items not related to the installation of the McFarlane Aviation, LLC. shimmy dampener assembly, refer to the basic airplane model service and parts manuals.

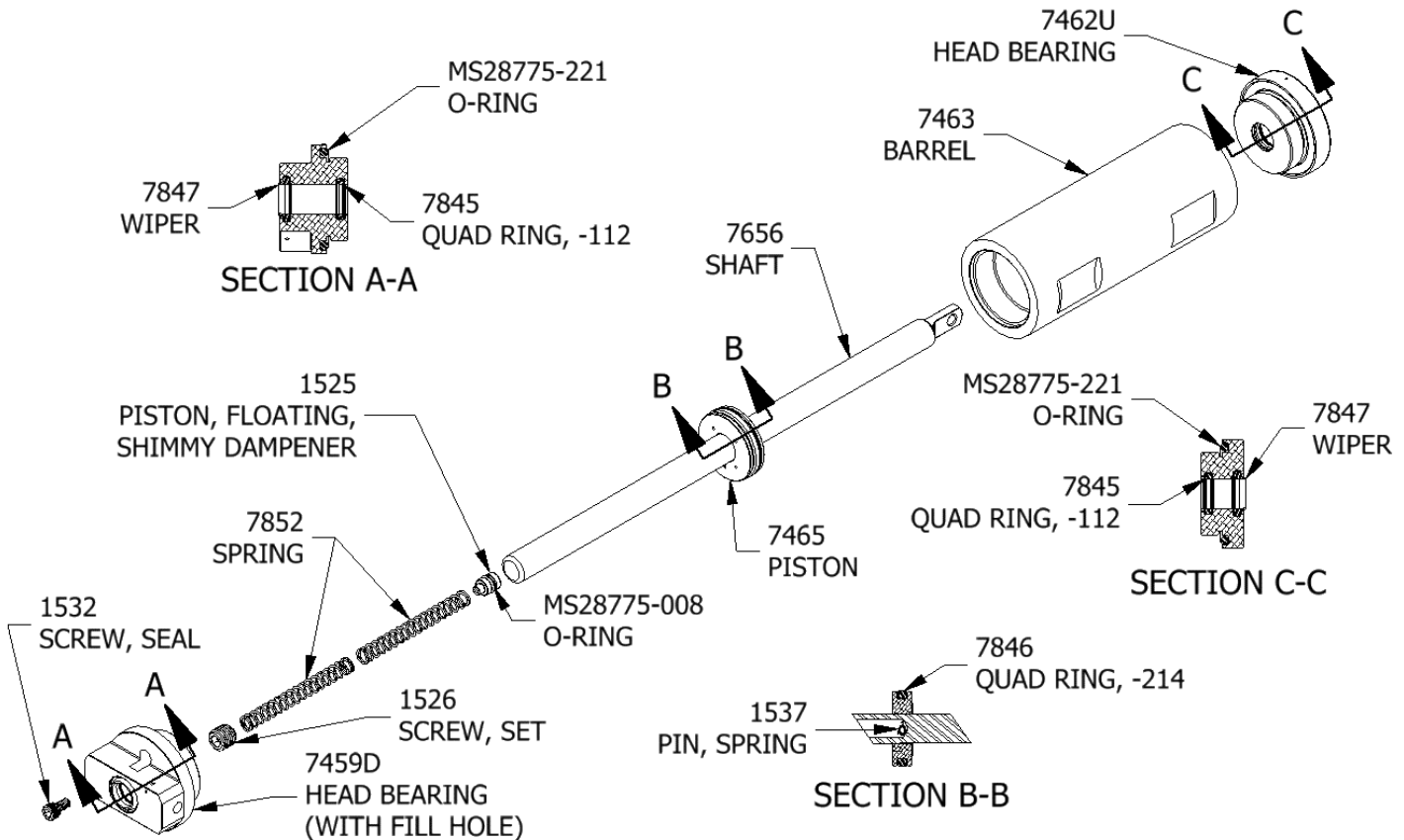
Cessna P/N	McFarlane P/N	Aircraft Eligibility
0743624-2	MC0743624-2	206H, P206B, P206C, P206D, P206E, TU206B, TU206C, TU206D, TU206E, TU206F, TU206F, TU206G, T206H, U206B, U206C, U206D, U206E, U206F, U206F, U206G, 207, 207A, T207, T207A, 210G, 210H, 210J, 210K, 210L, 210M, 210N, 210R, P210N, P210R, T210G, T210H, T210J, T210K, T210L, T210M, T210N, T210R
SE1068-3		
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**SPECIAL OPERATING INFORMATION**

The control and operation of the nose gear does not change with the installation of the McFarlane Aviation, LLC. Shimmy Dampener Assembly; see applicable Cessna/Textron Service Manual for the operational information.

**PART REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND SERVICE INFORMATION**

Remove the old shimmy dampener and install the McFarlane replacement shimmy dampener assembly, part number MC0743624-2, per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.



**Figure 1: Subcomponent Part Numbers**

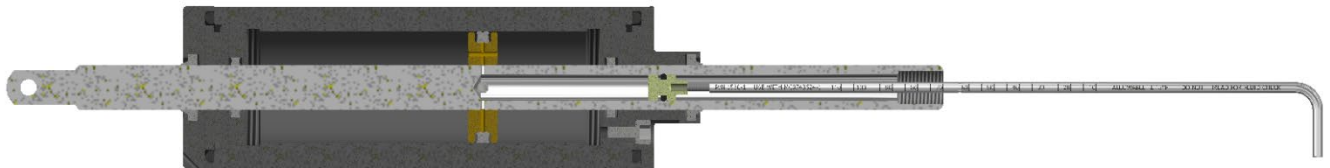
The following service information is to be utilized when servicing the McFarlane Shimmy Dampener Assembly. NOTE: McFarlane Aviation, LLC. seal kit SDKT-8 and replacement parts are available for purchase if the originals are not re-usable (See Figure 1 for subcomponent part numbers).

**CHECKING FLUID LEVEL (CHECK EVERY 50 HOURS)**

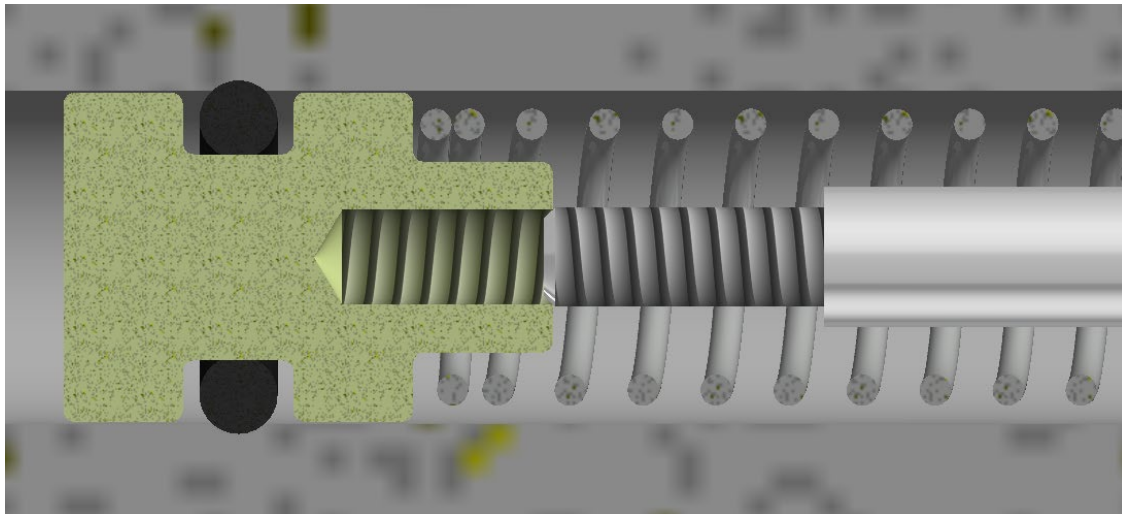
- 1) The ambient temperature must be between 35 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit to check the fluid level. Do not check the fluid level if the shimmy dampener is not at the same temperature as the ambient air (i.e., the plane has been flown recently and the engine is still hot). This will skew the results.
- 2) If the fluid level cannot be checked with the shimmy dampener mounted on the aircraft, remove the shimmy dampener from the aircraft per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.
- 3) Measure the floating piston position in the shaft by inserting the floating piston tool into the vent hole of the set screw.

Note: The floating piston tool (Part Number 1530-2) is included with each shimmy dampener. If you don't have a floating piston tool, either purchase a new one from McFarlane (the tool will also be necessary for fluid addition and servicing of the shimmy dampener) or refer to "CHECKING FLUID LEVEL WITHOUT FLOATING PISTON TOOL".

Insert the tool until it contacts the nearest face of the floating piston (See Figure 2 and Figure 3). Do not thread the tool into the floating piston; this will result in an erroneous measurement.

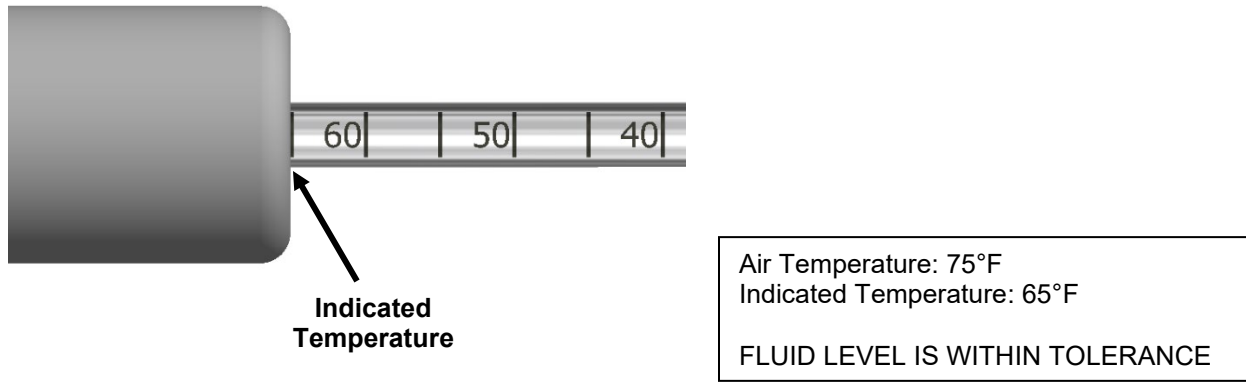


**Figure 2: Section View of Fluid Check Procedure**



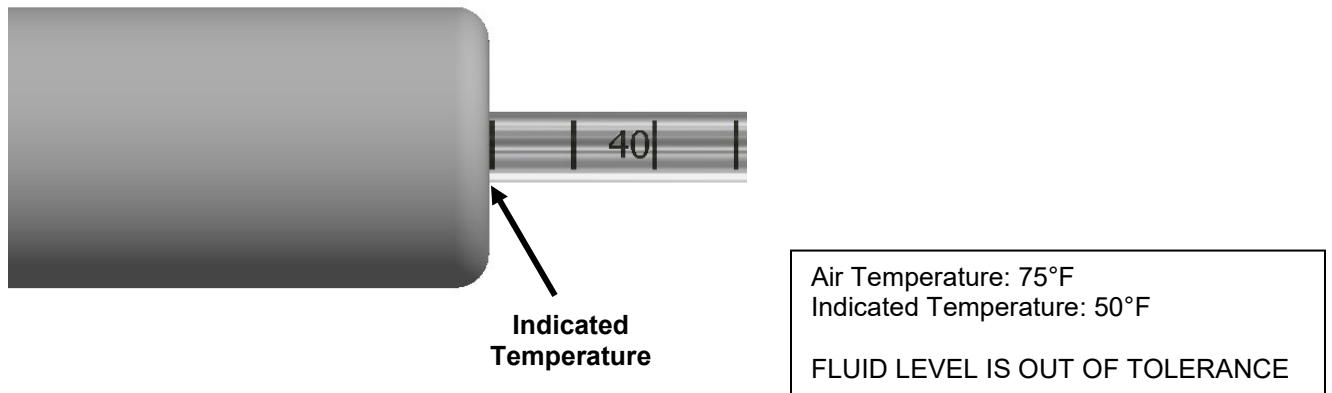
**Figure 3: Section View of Fluid Check Procedure (Detailed)**

- 4) The indicated temperature is determined by reading the marking on the tool that lines up with the end of the shaft. If the indicated temperature on the tool is within 15°F of the ambient air temperature, the fluid level in the shimmy dampener is within tolerance (See Figure 4). Reinstall the shimmy dampener per the Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.



**Figure 4: Fluid Check Example (Fluid Level within Tolerance)**

If the difference between the indicated temperature on the tool and the ambient air temperature is greater than 15°F, the fluid level must be adjusted (See Figure 5); complete “HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL ADJUSTMENT”.



**Figure 5: Fluid Check Example (Fluid Level out of Tolerance)**

**CHECKING FLUID LEVEL WITHOUT FLOATING PISTON TOOL**

- 1) If you don't have the floating piston tool, checking the fluid can also be accomplished with a properly sized zip tie (used in this example) or a similar object.
- 2) The ambient temperature must be between 35 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit to check the fluid level. Do not check the fluid level if the shimmy dampener is not at the same temperature as the ambient air (i.e., the plane has been flown recently and the engine is still hot). This will skew the results.
- 3) If the fluid level cannot be checked with the shimmy dampener mounted on the aircraft, remove the shimmy dampener from the aircraft per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.
- 4) Ensure that the end of the zip tie will fit through the hole in the set screw (diameter: 0.134") but not enter into the threaded hole in the floating piston (diameter: 0.089"), as this will result in an erroneous measurement.

Note: if using a zip tie, be sure to cut off the tapered end so that it will not enter the threaded hole of the floating piston, causing an erroneous measurement.

- 5) Mark the zip tie using the MAX and MIN values from Table 1 that correspond with the ambient air temperature.

**Table 1: Floating Piston Position Limits**

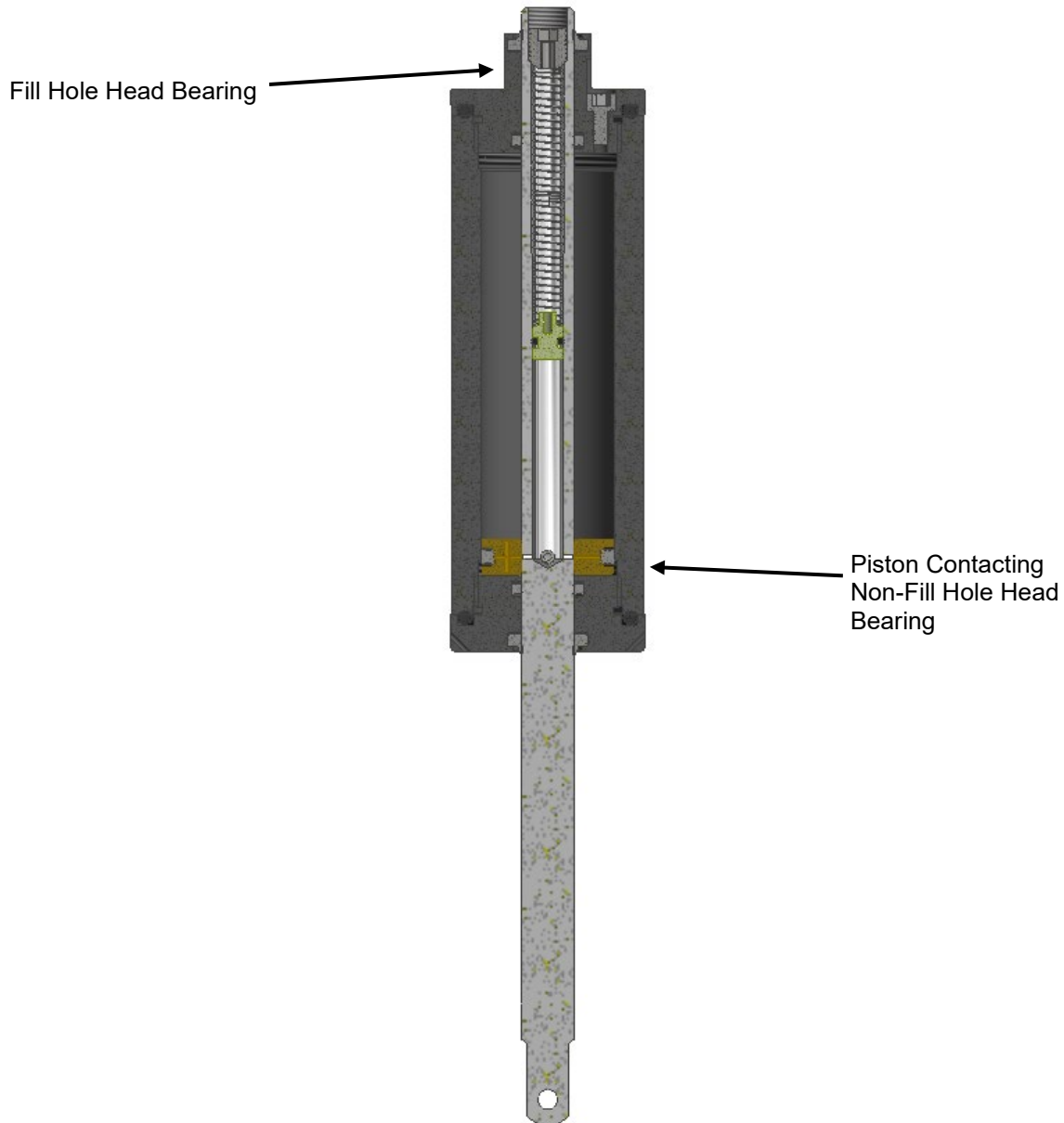
Temperature (°F)	MAX MIN (in)
35	4.31 3.45
40	4.17 3.31
45	4.03 3.17
50	3.88 3.02
55	3.74 2.88
60	3.60 2.74
65	3.45 2.60
70	3.31 2.45
75	3.17 2.31
80	3.02 2.17
85	2.88 2.02
90	2.74 1.88
95	2.60 1.74

- 6) Insert the zip tie into the shaft through the hole in the set screw until it contacts the nearest face of the floating piston.
- 7) If the end of the shaft falls between the marks on the zip tie, the fluid level is within tolerance. If the end of the shaft does not fall between the marks on the zip tie, the fluid level is out of tolerance and “HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL ADJUSTMENT” must be completed.

#### HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL ADJUSTMENT

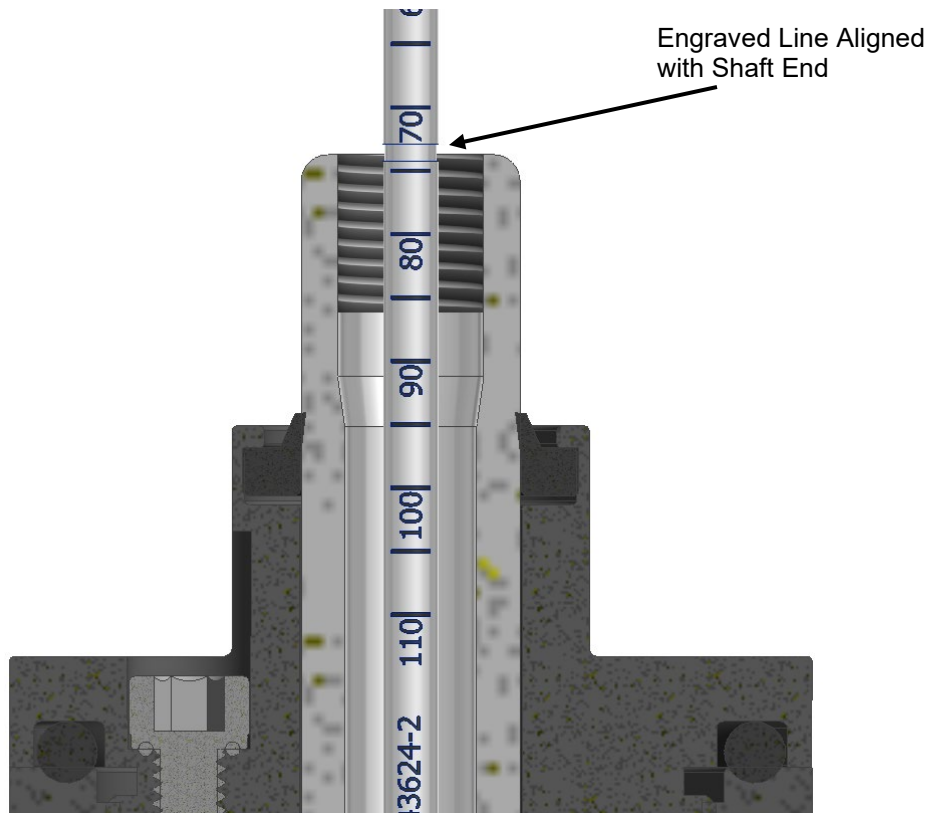
See Figure 1 for reference.

- 1) The ambient air and hydraulic fluid temperature must be approximately 70°F to complete this step.
- 2) If it hasn't been removed already, remove the shimmy dampener from the airplane per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.
- 3) Position the shaft all the way to the end with the non-fill hole head bearing. Position the shimmy dampener so the barrel is vertical with the seal screw on the top of the assembly. See Figure 6 for Reference.



**Figure 6: Filling Configuration**

- 4) Remove the seal screw.
- 5) Remove the set screw, spring(s), and floating piston.
- 6) Fill the shimmy dampener with MIL-PRF-5606 hydraulic fluid through the fill hole in the head bearing until the fluid fills up the shaft.
- 7) Wait 30 minutes to allow any air bubbles to rise out the shimmy dampener.
- 8) Top off the shimmy dampener with hydraulic fluid if the fluid level has decreased.
- 9) Thread the floating piston tool fully into the floating piston and slowly insert the floating piston into the shaft until the engraved line on the floating piston tool is aligned with the end of the shaft (See Figure 7). Unthread and remove the floating piston tool.



**Figure 7: Floating Piston Placement**

- 10) Install the seal screw.
- 11) Install the spring(s) and set screw.
- 12) Cycle the unit by hand. If the movement is erratic or a gurgling sound is heard, there is still air in the shimmy dampener.
- 13) If a significant amount of air is identified, cycle the shimmy dampener several more times to work it out, then restart at step 3 of this section.
- 14) Check for proper “feel” while cycling. The shaft should move relatively easily at low speeds but resist significantly at high speeds. If this is not the case, the shimmy dampener may have failed or been improperly assembled, complete “DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION.”
- 15) Clean the shimmy dampener with a cleaning agent and dry with a clean cloth.
- 16) Re-install the shimmy dampener on the airplane per the applicable Cessna/Textron Model Service Manual.

**DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION**

- 1) Cut and remove the safety wire or safety cable.
- 2) Remove the seal screw, set screw, spring(s), and floating piston.
- 3) Drain the hydraulic fluid.
- 4) Remove the head bearings by unthreading them from each end of the barrel.
- 5) Remove the shaft assembly from the barrel.
- 6) Examine the following parts: Barrel, Head Bearings, Piston, Shaft, Floating Piston. Replace them if there are any scratches, gouges, excessive wear, or corrosion (minor discoloration or small scratches are acceptable). If the anodize (black coating) has come off at all on the bearing surface of the head bearings or the inner bore of the barrel, that part must be replaced.

- 7) Examine all the seals and replace them if any flattening or knicks are present.
- 8) Ensure none of the holes in the piston are plugged.
- 9) If the piston must be removed from the shaft, remove the piston seal and use a 1/8" punch to eject the roll pin.
- 10) Clean all parts in a petroleum solvent or mild water/detergent solution. All parts must be rinsed, cleaned, and dried.

## ASSEMBLY

- 1) Before you assemble the shimmy dampener, make sure there are no sharp edges on the parts that can result in damage of the seals when assembled.

**CAUTION:** Dirt and dust can cut the seals in the barrel. Keep all parts clean during assembly.

- 2) If removed, install the piston to the shaft using the roll pin (Note: ensure that all holes in the piston line up with those on the shaft).

**CAUTION:** Make sure to support the piston and shaft with a soft material while installing the piston to the shaft to avoid denting or bending the parts.

- 3) Replace all seals and any other damaged parts (Note: All Replacement parts and Seal Kit P/N SDKT-8 are available for individual purchase).
- 4) Lubricate all internal parts with MIL-PRF-5606 hydraulic fluid.
- 5) Ensure there are no knicks or sharp edges; these could cut the seals.
- 6) Install the shaft assembly in the barrel.
- 7) Install the head bearings onto the shaft and thread them into the barrel. Ensure the shaft orientation, with respect to the head bearings, is correct (see Figure 1). Tighten the head bearings to the barrel with a torque of 50 ft-lbs.
- 8) Secure the head bearings together using .032" safety wire or safety cable.
- 9) Perform "HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL ADJUSTMENT" steps 3, 6-16.

**NOTE: PRE-FLIGHT CHECK LIST AND 100 HOUR AIRCRAFT INSPECTION ARE NOT ALTERED AS A RESULT OF THIS INSTALLATION.**

## TROUBLESHOOTING

- **ERRATIC MOVEMENT OR GURGLING SOUND HEARD:** When cycling the unit by hand, if the movement is erratic or a gurgling sound is heard, there is air in the shimmy dampener. If a significant amount of air is identified, cycle the shimmy dampener several more times to work it out, then complete "HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL ADJUSTMENT" procedure.
- **IMPROPER STEERING CHARACTERISTICS:** Remove the shimmy dampener from the aircraft. Check for proper "feel" while cycling the shimmy dampener by hand. The shaft should move relatively easily at low speeds but resist motion significantly at high speeds. If this is not the case, start by performing the "CHECKING FLUID LEVEL" procedure and adjust fluid level if needed. If problem persists, complete the "DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION" procedure.
- **FLUID LEAKAGE:** Complete "DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION" procedure to determine cause of leakage.

## PLACARDS

None applicable

**DATA**

None applicable

**INSPECTION**

Every 50 Hours: Complete "CHECKING FLUID LEVEL" and inspect the exterior of the shimmy dampener for any major knicks or other defects. Ensure there is no major fluid leakage.

**RECOMMENDED OVERHAUL PERIODS**

No additional overhaul time limitations exist with the use of these parts.

**AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATIONS**

The Airworthiness Limitations section is FAA approved and specifies maintenance required under Sec. 43.16 and 91.403 of the Federal Aviation Regulations unless an alternative program has been FAA approved. No additional airworthiness limitations exist.

**ASSISTANCE & REVISIONS**

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