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Mr. Gregory L. Wilcox
21649 Allison Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

This is in response to your letter dated July 8, 2008, requesting an alternate method of compliance (AMOC) for the recurring inspection procedures as referenced in the Airworthiness Directive (AD) 77-13-21.

We have reviewed your request for an AMOC to use Piper Service Letter (SL) No. 782B, dated December 1, 1977, in place of Piper SL No. 782A as listed in the AD.

This office has issued an AMOC to Piper regarding the use of Piper SL No. 782B as an alternative to SL 782A. We have enclosed a courtesy copy of that letter issued to Piper addressing the AMOC which is intended to be shared with owners/operators/mechanics trying to comply with the AD.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Hector Hernandez at (770) 703-6069.

Sincerely,

Melvin D. Taylor, Manager
Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office

Enclosure



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SEP 26 2008

Mr. Jack Mill
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The Piper Aircraft, Inc
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Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Mr. Mill:

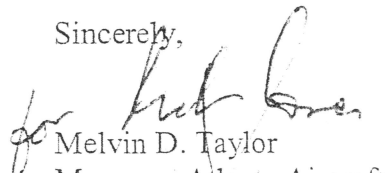
This letter is in response to Mr. Jack Mill e-mail dated September 17, 2008, requesting an alternate means of compliance (AMOC) to Airworthiness Directive (AD) 77-13-21 for Piper Model PA-24, PA-24-250, PA-24-260, PA-24-400, PA-30 and PA-39 aircraft. This AD is to prevent the failure of the normal gear extension due to worn out parts or component that exceeded the published tolerances as indicate on page 3 of Piper Service Letter (SL) 782A, dated March 21, 1977.

Your e-mail indicated that Piper SL 782B has superseded SL 782A, and requested that SL 782B be accepted as an AMOC to AD 77-13-21.

We have reviewed your request and find that SL 782B may be used in lieu of SL 782A when complying with AD 77-13-21. This AMOC does not relieve any other requirements of the AD.

When complying with AD 77-13-21 using this alternate means of compliance, a copy of this letter shall be inserted into the maintenance records of the airplane. Please include a copy of this AMOC when distributing SL 782B.

Sincerely,


Melvin D. Taylor
Manager, Atlanta Aircraft
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