

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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AFFECTED PRODUCTS

All articles manufactured, sold, or distributed by Ameri-King Corporation (Corp.) for installation on type certificated products. This applies to Ameri-King Corp. parts and articles including:

Ameri-King Corp. Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) articles:

Global Positioning System (GPS) Navigation Switching Annunciator Panel: AK-950

GPS Cooling Fan: AK-950-F1, AK-950-F2, AK-950-F3, AK-950-F4, AK-950-F5

Radio Frequency Interface (RFI) Direct Current (DC) Filters: AK-950-FTR, AK-950-FTR1

Ameri-King Corp. Technical Standard Order Authorization (TSOA) articles:

Automatic Pressure Altitude Digitizer Equipment (Altitude Encoder): AK-350

Airborne Static ("DC to DC") Electrical Power Converter: AK-550 Series, AK-551 Series

Emergency Locator Transmitter Equipment: AK-450 Series, AK-451 Series

Lithium Batteries: 450010 Series

PURPOSE

This notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors regarding the unapproved status of Ameri-King Corp. parts and articles.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined Ameri-King Corp., located at 17881 Sampson Lane, Huntington Beach CA 92648, manufactured, sold or distributed parts and articles for installation on FAA type certificated aircraft, which did not conform to an approved design, but were represented as FAA approved. On December 28, 2015, the FAA issued an emergency cease and desist order to Ameri-King Corp., terminating their TSOA and PMA. The emergency cease and desist order required Ameri-King Corp. to immediately cease and desist manufacturing, selling, and distributing any parts and articles for installation on FAA type certificated aircraft. Prohibited activities also include advertising, repairing, rebuilding, and altering any articles intended for installation on type certificated products.

It appears Ameri-King Corp. may be continuing to produce parts and articles represented as TSOA or PMA approved despite the emergency cease and desist order. Any parts and articles produced by Ameri-King Corp. after December 28, 2015, were produced without an FAA production approval.

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RECOMMENDATION

FAA regulations require that type certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for subject parts and articles produced by Ameri-King Corp. Those parts and articles produced or shipped after issuance of the cease and desist order are not FAA approved. If the subject parts and articles are found installed in a type certificated aircraft, it is recommended they be removed. If the parts and articles are found in inventory, it is recommended these parts and articles not be sold or distributed for installation on any type-certificated product.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Based on the investigation that led to the issuance of the emergency cease and desist order, the FAA is not confident parts and articles manufactured by Ameri-King Corp. prior to December 28, 2015, were manufactured in accordance with approved design. The FAA will continue to evaluate the continued operational safety of these parts and articles and may issue an Airworthiness Directive to address any unsafe condition(s).

Further information concerning this unapproved parts notification can be obtained from the contacts noted below. In addition to the above recommendation, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the referenced Ameri-King Corp. parts and articles from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove the parts and articles from aircraft and/or inventories.

This notice originated from the FAA Los Angeles Manufacturing Inspection District Office, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712, Telephone (562) 627-5291, Fax (562) 627-5293. Contact this office for manufacturing, supplier or distributor related questions.

For aircraft owner, operator or maintenance organization related questions, contact the FAA Seattle Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), 1601 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057, Telephone (425) 227-2829, FAX (425) 227-1200.