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**SAFETY ALERT**

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**Subject:**

Velcon Fuel Filters

**Distribution:**

All DOI Activities (Coordinated with Forest Service Aviation Safety)

**Discussion:**

Velcon Filters, Inc. has recently announced that they have discovered a manufacturing flaw affecting their ACO-40901SPK spin-on-filter. This flaw could result in contamination getting past filter media. To correct the problem Velcon Filters, Inc. is offering to replace, at no charge, all defective filters.

**Recommendation:**

Replace all ACO-40901SPK spin-on-filters with a manufacturing date prior to July 2000 (note: the 40501SPK may be a suitable substitute with the flow rate being the critical determining factor).

Destroy all defective filters as suitable replacement filters become available.

A form for replacing defective filters is attached for your convenience (see reverse side).

If you have further questions regarding this subject please contact the Fuel Quality Assurance Specialist, OAS/Alaska Regional Office, at 907-271-3700 or Velcon's Order Entry Department at 800-531-0180.



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