


<b>EASA</b>	<b>EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>	
	<b>AD No : 2008-0057-E</b>  <b>Date: 19 March 2008</b>	
No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.		
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b> SN CENTRAIR		<b>Type/Model designation(s):</b> SNC 34C "Alliance 34" gliders
TCDS Number: France No 188		
Foreign AD: Not Applicable		
Supersedure: None		
<b>ATA 57</b>	<b>Wings – Wing Root Ball Joint Supports – Inspection &amp; Flight Manual / Placards – Limitation – Aerobatics Prohibited</b>	
Manufacturer:	Société Nouvelle Centrair	
Applicability:	SNC 34C gliders, all serial numbers.	
Reason:	<p>Damage has reportedly been found on a SNC 34C glider root rib next to the ball joint support insert. This damage affected the attachment of the insert to the wing root. This zone is very stressed under high load factor. It is also a zone exposed to impacts on assembling and disassembling the glider. Special attention must therefore be paid to it during the regular inspections on the glider.</p> <p>This condition, if not detected and corrected, can cause the wing to be severely damaged and could lead to a wing rupture.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) requires the repetitive inspection all six ball joint support inserts and the wing root rib. In addition, this AD prohibits all aerobatic figures until clear analysis conclusions have been established.</p>	
Effective Date:	21 March 2008	
Compliance:	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <p>(1) Before next flight after the effective date of this AD, accomplish the following:</p> <p>(a) Amend the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM), section Limitations, to incorporate the following limitation:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AEROBATIC MANOEUVRES PROHIBITED</b></p> <p>This may be accomplished by inserting a copy of this AD into the Limitations section of the AFM;</p> <p>(b) Affix a placard on the instrument panel in full view of the pilot, bearing the</p>	

	<p>following limitation:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AEROBATIC MANOEUVRES PROHIBITED</b></p> <p>(c) Inspect all six ball joint support inserts and the wing root rib in accordance with the instructions of SN CENTRAIR Service Bulletin (SB) 34-14 Revision 1;</p> <p>(2) Thereafter, repeat the inspection as required by paragraph (1)(c) of this AD at the interval specified in the manufacturer maintenance programme (annual maintenance check and 5 years maintenance check);</p> <p>(3) If, during any of the inspections as required by paragraph (1)(c) or paragraph (2) of this AD, any discrepancies are detected, before further flight, contact the manufacturer (address details in the 'Remarks' section of this AD) to obtain approved repair instructions to allow the aircraft to be restored to an airworthy condition.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>SN CENTRAIR SB 34-14 Revision 1 dated 4 March 2008.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can accept alternative Methods of compliance for this AD.</li> <li>2. The safety assessment has requested not to implement the full consultation process and an immediate publication and notification.</li> <li>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be addressed to the AD Focal Point - Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a></li> <li>4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact S.N. Centrair, Customer Support, Aerodrome, 36300 Le Blanc, France; Telephone +33-2-5437-0796; Facsimile +33-2-5437-4864; E-mail <a href="mailto:SNCENTRAIR@aol.com">SNCENTRAIR@aol.com</a></li> </ol>