



SAFETY DIRECTIVE

No. 2018.01

Date of issue: November 01, 2018.

SUBJECT: Titanium Autogyro (TAG) fitted with folding mast option

BACKGROUND:

This safety Directive is relevant to all TAG operators and owners. A Titanium Explorer gyroplane was involved in a fatal accident near Orange NSW on the 31.10.2018.

A preliminary investigation into the circumstances surrounding the accident has been completed by Officers from the Australian Sport Rotorcraft Association (ASRA). The investigation is continuing.

ASRA Officers completed an inspection of the accident gyroplane and reported that the gyroplane was fitted with an optional two (2) piece folding mast. There was evidence to support that the cheek plates locking the folding mast in the flight position, had failed. This possibility represents a major risk to flight safety.

DIRECTIVE:

With immediate effect, all Titanium Autogyro (TAG) gyroplanes that are fitted with a folding mast option are grounded until further notice.

Regards,

Jeff Blunt
ASRA Operations Manager.