

**** An urgent reminder about Spring Gear Bolts – Service Bulletin 051198RB**

We have been informed recently that an inner bolt has failed on an **Rebel / Elite** - causing damage to the aircraft, and no injuries - The owner of the aircraft was not aware of this bulletin, and has over 360 hours on the AC.

Here's a link to the Spring Gear Bulletin :

<http://www.pattersonaerosales.com/Aircraft/Rebel/TechSpt/SpringGearBulletin.pdf>

We wish to remind all that this procedure is **mandatory before next flight, and every 100 hours after, or annually, whichever comes first.**

**** Spring gear bolts on ALL models**

While we are talking about bolts, builders should be checking **all** the clamping and main attach bolts for the spring gear for proper torque every 100 hours, or annually. Please remove and replace these bolts and nuts, if they are found loose, as they may have been stretched. Be sure they are torqued to the correct value only, on replacement.