

## IMMEDIATE ACTION

# SERVICE



# BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: PA-23 Landing Gear

MODELS AFFECTED: See Below

There has been a design change in the landing gear forgings on the main wheels of the PA-23 Apache. This change was made because continued service tests indicated that there is a possibility that fatigue cracks may develop in the forgings. It is requested that the two main landing gears be changed on PA-23 Apaches, serial 23-2 thru 23-46 inclusive.

We are enclosing with this Bulletin a copy of a Service Bulletin from the B. F. Goodrich Company concerning wheel and bolt failures on the PA-23 Apaches, serial 23- thru 23-48 inclusive and 23-54 thru 23-56 inclusive.

The Piper Aircraft Corporation will start shipping immediately replacement gear forgings and wheels to the Distributors through whom the airplanes were delivered. Shipment will be made prepaid on a Memo Charge basis. It is requested that the old landing gears and wheels be cleaned and returned prepaid to the Piper Aircraft Corporation using the original shipping containers. We anticipate being able to make this exchange at the rate of five (5) sets per week.

End

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