Governor - Installation of Hartzell Propeller Inc. Governors

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- Revision 1, dated Aug 06/09
- Revision 2, dated Oct 01/15

Changes are shown by a change bar in the left margin of the revised pages.

Revision 2 is issued to change the following in the Service Letter:

- Added the adjustment procedure for fixed RPM governors to the section, "Operational Checks - Ground Operation"
- Added Figure 2, "RPM Adjustment Components for Fixed RPM Governors"
- Added the adjustment procedure for fixed RPM governors to the section, "Operational Checks - In-Flight"
- Made other language/format changes

This Service Letter is reissued in its entirety.
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1. Planning Information
   
   A. Effectivity
      
      (1) All Hartzell Propeller Inc. governors are affected by this Service Letter.

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   B. Concurrent Requirements
      
      (1) Additional service documents may apply to the components/propellers affected by this Service Letter. Compliance with additional service documents may be necessary in conjunction with the completion of the Accomplishment Instructions in this Service Letter. Refer to the Hartzell Propeller Inc. website at www.hartzellprop.com for a cross-reference of service documents.

   C. Reason
      
      (1) This Service Letter provides installation information for governors manufactured by Hartzell Propeller Inc.

   D. Description
      
      (1) This Service Letter provides Additional Maintenance Information (AMI).

      (2) This Service Letter provides general installation instructions for Hartzell Propeller Inc. governors if airframe manuals or other installation information is not available.

      (3) These instructions may be used in conjunction with installation information supplied by the airframe manufacturer, or used as general installation guidelines when governor installation information is not provided by the airframe manufacturer.

      (4) Information provided by the airframe or engine manufacturer supersedes information provided in this Service Letter.
E. Compliance
(1) Compliance with this Service Letter is optional.

F. Approval
(1) This technical document is approved by Hartzell Propeller Inc.

G. Manpower
(1) Manpower will be variable, depending upon the location of the governor pad on the engine, cowling removal, linkage connections, etc.

H. Weight and Balance
(1) Governor weight will vary depending upon design. If necessary, weigh the governor before installation.

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I. References
(1) Pilot’s Operating Handbook (POH).

2. Material Information
A. Material Necessary for Each Propeller/Component

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B. Consumable Materials

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Governor Gasket
Figure 1

Screen

Raised screen toward governor
3. Accomplishment Instructions

A. Installation

**WARNING:** DURING GOVERNOR INSTALLATION, AIRFRAME AND ENGINE MANUFACTURER’S MANUALS AND PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED, BECAUSE THEY MAY CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS VITAL TO AIRCRAFT SAFETY THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED IN THIS SERVICE LETTER.

**CAUTION:** APPLICATION OF RELEASE COMPOUND PERMITS EASIER REMOVAL OF THE GASKET WHEN THE GOVERNOR IS REMOVED, BUT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LEAKING AT THE GASKET. USE RELEASE COMPOUND SPARINGLY.

1. If desired, apply a coating of Dow Corning® 7 release compound or equivalent to the new mounting gasket.

2. Make sure that the correct studs are installed on the engine governor mounting pad in accordance with the engine or airframe manual.
   
   (a) The studs must be of sufficient length to permit at least one thread to be visible above each mounting nut after the governor is installed.

   (b) Replacement of the governor mountings studs may be required if the governor mounting studs do not extend sufficiently through the governor attachment nut when installing a Hartzell governor.

      1 Lycoming P/N 31C-16 mounting stud is one example of a longer mounting stud.

3. Using a solvent listed in Paragraph 2.B., clean the engine governor mounting pad, the governor mounting surface, and the studs.

4. With the raised screen on the mounting gasket facing the governor, put the mounting gasket over the studs on the engine governor mounting pad. Refer to Figure 1.

5. Put the governor on the mounting studs.

   (a) If necessary, rotate the governor drive shaft or the engine crankshaft to align the splines on the governor shaft with the engine drive gear.
CAUTION 1: USE ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THE GOVERNOR ASSEMBLY FROM DAMAGE WHEN IT IS INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT ENGINE. DO NOT GOUGE OR PUT PRESSURE AGAINST THE GOVERNOR BODY WHEN INSTALLING OR REMOVING THE NUTS.

CAUTION 2: FOR E, U, V, AND S SERIES GOVERNORS, USE CAUTION WHEN USING AN OPEN END WRENCH TO TIGHTEN THE MOUNTING NUTS. THE WRENCH CAN GET CAUGHT BETWEEN THE MOUNTING NUT AND GOVERNOR BODY WALL, CAUSING THE WALL OF THE GOVERNOR BODY TO CRACK AND LEAK.

6) Install the correct washers and nuts on the mounting studs in accordance with the engine or airframe manual.

7) Torque the nuts to 18-20 ft-lbs (24.5-27.1 N•m) unless otherwise indicated in the engine or airframe manual.

8) Connect the propeller push/pull control cable to the governor control arm.

   (a) A governor control arm may have more than one hole for connecting the push/pull control. Use the hole specified in the airframe manual. If no hole is specified, use the hole that permits the control arm to move throughout the full range of movement with the least restriction.

B. Operational Checks - Ground Operation

(1) Variable RPM Governors

   (a) Cycle the propeller control throughout its operating range from low to high, or as directed by the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH).

   (b) Repeat the step in paragraph 3.B.(1)(a) at least three times to purge air from the propeller hydraulic system and to introduce warmed oil to the cylinder.

   NOTE: Pitch change response on the first operation from low to high blade pitch may be slow, but should speed up on the second and third cycles.

   (c) Make sure of correct operation from low pitch to high pitch and throughout the operating range.

   (d) Perform the static RPM check in accordance with the applicable Propeller Owner's Manual.

   (e) Shut down the engine in accordance with the POH.

   (f) Make adjustments as necessary in accordance with the POH.
B-3808-5 Lock Nut

B-6330 Beveled Washer

103669 Seal Washer

Maximum RPM Adjustment Screw

Orient the B-6330 beveled washer with the beveled side toward the 103669 seal washer.
(2) Fixed RPM Governors

(a) Perform the static RPM check in accordance with the applicable Propeller Owner's Manual.

1 If RPM adjustment of the governor is necessary, shut down the engine in accordance with the POH and adjust the maximum RPM adjustment screw on the governor. Refer to Figure 2.

   a Loosen the B-3808-5 lock nut on the maximum RPM adjustment screw.

   b Turn the maximum RPM adjustment screw clockwise to increase engine RPM, counter-clockwise to decrease engine RPM.

   **NOTE:** One quarter turn of the maximum RPM adjustment screw will change engine speed approximately 30 RPM.

   **CAUTION:** OVERTIGHTENING THE B-3808-5 LOCK NUT MAY DAMAGE THE 103669 SEAL WASHER, RESULTING IN AN OIL LEAK.

   c Torque the B-3808-5 lock nut to 30 - 36 In-Lb (3.4 - 4.0 N•m)

(b) Perform the static RPM check in accordance with the applicable Propeller Owner's Manual.

(c) Shut down the engine in accordance with the POH.

(d) Make adjustments as necessary in accordance with the POH.

(e) Examine the governor for oil leaking at the maximum RPM adjustment screw. Refer to Figure 2.

   1 If an oil leak is detected, check the B-3808-5 lock nut for proper torque.

   2 If the oil leak continues, replace the 103669 seal washer.
Maximum RPM Adjust Screw Locations (Variable RPM Governors Only)

Figure 3
C. Operational Checks - In-Flight

(1) Variable RPM Governors

**CAUTION:** DO NOT PERMIT THE PROPELLER TO OVERSPEED DURING THESE OPERATIONAL CHECKS. SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE AND/OR PROPELLER MAY RESULT.

(a) Make a record of the maximum propeller RPM during takeoff acceleration.
(b) Climb to a safe altitude and level out the aircraft.
(c) Leave the propeller control in the maximum RPM position.
(d) Monitor the propeller RPM for 3 to 5 minutes.

1. If the propeller exceeds the maximum RPM:
   a. Using the propeller control lever, reduce the propeller RPM to achieve the desired maximum RPM.
   b. Leave the propeller control in the newly adjusted maximum RPM position.
   c. Land the aircraft and shut down the engine.
   d. Remove the aircraft cowling to access the governor.
   e. Adjust the maximum RPM screw so that the screw just touches the governor control arm stop. Refer to Figure 3.
   f. Perform an in-flight check to confirm the correct settings.

2. If the propeller RPM is below maximum RPM:
   a. Make a record of the maximum propeller RPM and land the aircraft.
   b. Remove the aircraft cowling to access the governor.
   c. Turn the maximum RPM screw counter-clockwise to increase RPM or clockwise to decrease RPM as desired. Refer to Figure 3.

   (1) Turn the maximum RPM screw 3 to 4 turns counter-clockwise to increase the maximum RPM approximately 100 RPM.

   (2) Turn the maximum RPM screw 3 to 4 turns clockwise to decrease the maximum RPM approximately 100 RPM.

   d. Determine maximum RPM change relative to the adjustment of the maximum RPM screw.
   e. Perform an in-flight check to confirm if the correct maximum RPM has been obtained.
(2) Fixed RPM Governors

**CAUTION:** DO NOT PERMIT THE PROPELLER TO OVERSPEED DURING THESE OPERATIONAL CHECKS. SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE AND/OR PROPELLER MAY RESULT.

(a) Make a record of the maximum propeller RPM during takeoff acceleration.

(b) Climb to a safe altitude and level out the aircraft.

(c) Monitor the propeller RPM for 3 to 5 minutes.

(d) If RPM adjustment is necessary:
   1. Land the aircraft and shut down the engine in accordance with the POH.
   2. Loosen the B-3808-5 lock nut on the maximum RPM adjustment screw. Refer to Figure 2.
   3. Turn the maximum RPM adjustment screw clockwise to increase engine RPM, counter-clockwise to decrease engine RPM. Refer to Figure 2.

   **NOTE:** One quarter turn of the maximum RPM adjustment screw will change engine speed approximately 30 RPM.

**CAUTION:** OVERTIGHTENING THE B-3808-5 LOCK NUT MAY DAMAGE THE 103669 SEAL WASHER, RESULTING IN AN OIL LEAK.

4. Torque the B-3808-5 lock nut to 30 - 36 In-Lb (3.4 - 4.0 N•m). Refer to Figure 2.

(e) Determine the maximum RPM change relative to the adjustment of the maximum RPM adjustment screw.

(f) Perform an in-flight check to verify proper adjustment of the maximum RPM.

(g) Examine the governor for oil leaking at the maximum RPM adjustment screw. Refer to Figure 2.
   1. If an oil leak is detected, check the B-3808-5 lock nut for proper torque.
   2. If the oil leak continues, replace the 103669 seal washer.
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