# INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED AIRWORTHINESS FOR THE HARTZELL HC-E5A-3A/NC10245B PROPELLER ON PILATUS PC-12 AIRCRAFT

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## INTRODUCTION

The Instructions for Continued Airworthiness below document the unique maintenance requirements and procedures associated with the Hartzell HC-E5A-3A/NC10245B five-blade composite propeller installed on Pilatus PC-12 aircraft. These instructions only address areas that are affected by installation of the composite five-blade propeller, for all other information refer to the applicable PC-12 Aircraft Maintenance Manual.

## **Chapter 4 – AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATIONS**

NOTE: The Airworthiness Limitations section is FAA approved and specifies maintenance required under Secs. 43.16 and 91.403 of the Federal Aviation Regulations unless an alternative program has been FAA approved.

There are no new (or additional) airworthiness limitations associated with this equipment and/or installation.

## **Chapter 5 - TIME LIMITS / MAINTENANCE CHECKS**

All required maintenance, inspections, time intervals and procedures for Hartzell Propellers are provided in Hartzell Manual 147 (Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual) provided with each propeller. Recommended Time-Between-Overhaul (TBO) for the STC propeller is also provided in Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-61Y. Propeller overhaul must be accomplished by a certified propeller repair station with the appropriate rating.

All propeller inspection requirements contained in Phase, Special, Biennial, Interim, Complete and Unscheduled inspections remain unchanged and should be complied with as provided in Chapter 5 of the applicable Pilatus PC-12 Maintenance Manual. Procedures unique to the composite blade construction are provided in the Maintenance Practices section of Hartzell Manual 147 (Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual).

Due to the composite construction of the propeller blade, in addition to the lightning strike inspection criteria provided in the Pilatus PC-12 Maintenance Manual, refer to Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual 147, Chapter 5, Special Inspections - Lightning Strike for detailed information on propeller lightning strike inspection and disposition.

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## **Chapter 30 ICE AND RAIN PROTECTION**

### Propeller De-Ice System - Description and Operation

The Hartzell HC-E5A-3A/NC10245B propeller uses a dual heating element deicer boot that is functionally equivalent to the deicer installed on the Hartzell four-blade propeller de-ice system described in the Pilatus PC-12 Aircraft Maintenance Manual. The primary change is how the de-ice boots are heated. Instead of the whole boot on opposing blades being heated simultaneously and then alternating to the opposing pair of blades, the five-blade propeller de-ice design heats the inboard or outboard boot sectors of all five blades simultaneously, then alternates to the other sector based on the propeller de-ice timer mode as described below:

Mode Number	Timer Function
Mode 1 (IOAT above 0°C)	The timer is in standby and none of the de-ice boots are heated.
Mode 2 (IOAT from 0°C to -16°C)	The outboard sectors of all five blades are heated for 45 seconds, then the inboard sectors of all five blades are heated for 45 seconds, then all sectors/blades are off for 90 seconds. The cycle is then repeated.
Mode 3 (IOAT below -16°C)	The outboard sectors of all five blades are heated for 90 seconds, and then the inboard sectors of all five blades are heated for 90 seconds. The cycle is then repeated.

A new brush block bracket and MOV assembly is installed to accommodate the larger diameter slip ring used on the five-blade propeller. All other propeller de-ice system components and system functionality remains unchanged and the system description provided in the Pilatus Aircraft Maintenance Manual is applicable.

There is one operational warning/caution that must be observed to prevent damage to the composite blades when operating the propeller de-ice system without the engine running. If the propeller de-ice system is operated without the propeller turning, the deicer can heat the blades to temperatures that will damage the composite blade. The following caution is provided in the STC Installation Instructions and Airplane Flight Manual Supplement:

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#### **CAUTION**

DO NOT ALLOW THE PROPELLER DE-ICE BOOTS TO BE HEATED FOR MORE THAN 10 SECONDS OR SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE COMPOSITE BLADES MAY RESULT. IF 10 SECONDS IS EXCEEDED, CONTACT HARTZELL PRODUCT SUPPORT AT:

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### Propeller De-Ice System - Inspection/Check

The inspection and check procedures provided in the PC-12 Aircraft Maintenance Manual are applicable to the five-blade propeller.

For propeller mounted de-ice system inspection and maintenance details, refer to Hartzell Manual 180; refer to the Pilatus PC-12 manual and the STC Installation Instructions for the airframe mounted (non-rotating) system components.

Definition and maintenance of propeller-mounted deicer system components are provided in the Hartzell Manual listed below:

Manual 180 - Propeller Ice Protection System Manual

Refer to "De-Ice Kit Install-Parts" to see Illustrated Parts Lists for Propeller De-Ice Kit P/N 105934

These manuals can be viewed and/or obtained via the internet on the Hartzell Propeller website (<a href="www.hartzellprop.com">www.hartzellprop.com</a>). The manuals are located in the "Service & Support" section under Services/Reference Library/Manuals/Ice Protection Manuals.

The MOV module does not require troubleshooting because, much like a fuse, it is passive component that is only replaced in the event of a lightning strike.

The propeller de-ice installation drawings 105934, 105940, 105942, and 106103 (latest revisions) can also be referenced to aid in troubleshooting.

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## Propeller De-Ice System - Adjustment/Test

### **Support equipment**

Name	Identification / Reference	Qty	
Safety clip (Circuit breaker hold open)	Part /110.88.07.065	as required	
Stop watch	Part /Local supply	as required	
Maintenance box	Part /985.99.99.610 (PC-12/47E)	1	
	Or Part /985.99.99.601 (PC-12, /45, /47)		
Voltmeter	Part Local supply	as required	
Current Clamp Meter	Part Local supply	as required	

#### **Procedure**

#### 1 General

This section gives the test procedures to do:

- An operational test of the propeller de-ice system (after propeller installation, propeller de-ice system component replacement, and for normal maintenance checks)
- A fault isolation procedure of the propeller deice system when a PROPELLER DE-ICE caution is present and/or to aid troubleshooting when incorrect operation is suspected.

From when the system is set to on, a time delay of approximately 20 seconds occurs before the Caution and Advisory System (CAS) indications change. This is the time taken for the propeller de-ice timer built-in system test to be completed.

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#### Note

The following procedures cover multiple aircraft models with different avionics terminology. The generic terms used in the following operational and fault isolation procedures are defined for each system below:

Propeller De-Ice Switch = ICE PROTECTION PROPELLER (PC-12/47E) = DE ICING PROP (PC-12, PC-12/45, PC-12/47)

The Propeller De-Ice Caution indicates the propeller de-ice system is in selftest, weight is on wheels, engine is off, or a fault in the system has been detected.

Propeller De-Ice Caution = "CAS PROPELLER DE-ICE"

(PC-12/47E on lower MFD)

= amber "DE ICE" and green flashing "PROP DE ICE" on CAWS display (S/N 101-320 and 322-400)

= amber "DE ICE" on CAWS display (S/N 321 and 401-999)

The propeller De-Ice Advisory indicates the propeller de-ice system is functioning normally.

Propeller De-Ice Advisory = green "PROPELLER" in ICE PROTECTION

window (PC-12/47E on lower MFD)

= steady green "PROP DE ICE" on CAWS display

(S/N 101-320 and 322-400)

Nothing displayed

(amber De-Ice Caution goes off)

(S/N 321 and 401-999)

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#### 2 Operational Test of the Propeller Deicing System

#### 2.1 **Preparation**

#### CAUTION

Two people are necessary to perform this procedure, one person in the cockpit and one person at the propeller. During the tests the person at the propeller must turn the propeller slowly and continuously. If the propeller is not turned continuously, the temperature between the brush pack and slipring assemblies can increase and cause damage to equipment.

#### CAUTION

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#### CAUTION

WAIT FOR 2 MINUTES BETWEEN TESTS TO ALLOW THE PROPELLER BLADES TO COOL BEFORE INITIATING THE OPERATIONAL TEST AGAIN.

#### Note

The propeller De-Ice Caution message has a time delay of 20 seconds from when the Propeller De-Ice Switch is set to ON. This 20 second delay is due to the de-ice timer power on self-test.

- 2.1.1 Make sure the area around the propeller is clear of objects and the Propeller De-ice Switch is set to OFF.
- 2.1.2 Install Maintenance Test Box (if aircraft not equipped with Ground Maintenance Panel)
- 2.1.3 Open and install a Safety clip (Circuit breaker hold open) on this circuit breaker:
  - STARTER (ESSENTIAL BUS).
- 2.1.4 Energize the aircraft electrical system; refer to applicable Aircraft Maintenance Manual procedure.

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#### 2.2 **Procedure**

**Note:** The aircraft is on the ground (weight on wheels) for steps 2.2.1 through 2.2.3 of this procedure.

**Note:** The following step initiates the 20 second power on self-test of the de-ice timer and energizes the propeller de-ice boot sectors for 5-10 seconds each. The outboard de-ice boot sector is heated first, followed by the inboard sector.

- 2.2.1 While the assistant is turning the propeller by hand, set the Propeller De-Ice switch to ON.
- 2.2.2 Verify the following Caution and Advisory messages:
  - the Propeller De-Ice Caution message is ON.
  - the Propeller De-Ice Advisory is OFF.
- 2.2.3 Have the assistant feel by hand while rotating the propeller, for heat on all five deice boots, outboard sector first, followed by inboard sector.
- 2.2.4 20 seconds after placing the Propeller De-Ice Switch to ON and confirming all boots, all sectors are heated, on the Maintenance Box (or Ground Maintenance Panel if equipped) momentarily (less than 10 seconds) set and hold the AIR/GND switch to AIR.

**Note:** The propeller heating will not operate if the ambient temperature is above 3°C.

- 2.2.5 Verify the following Caution and Advisory messages:
  - the Propeller De-Ice Caution message is OFF.
  - the Propeller De-Ice Advisory is ON.

**Note:** This step confirms the propeller de-ice timer power-on self-test was successful and the system is operational.

- 2.2.6 Release the AIR/GND switch.
- 2.2.7 Set the Propeller De-Ice Switch to OFF and have the assistant stop turning propeller.
- 2.2.8 De-energize the aircraft electrical system; refer to applicable Aircraft Maintenance Manual procedure.

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- 2.2.9 Remove the safety clip and close the circuit breaker:
  - STARTER (ESSENTIAL BUS).
- 2.2.10 Remove Maintenance Test Box if installated.
- If one or all inboard or outboard de-ice boot sectors does not get warm to the touch during this operational test, inspect the brush block connections and propeller mounted de-ice components per Hartzell Manuals 180 and 181 and then repeat the Operational Test. If the Operational Test continues to be unsuccessful, perform the Fault Isolation procedures of Section 3.

#### 3 Fault Isolation of the Propeller Deicing System

The fault isolation procedures of the propeller deice system are performed when one or more de-ice boots or boot sectors does not get warm during the Operational Test, a PROPELLER DE-ICE caution is presented after the system power-on self-test with the AIR/GND switch set to AIR, and/or to aid troubleshooting when incorrect operation is suspected.

Use the fault isolation flowchart on the following page to determine which components require service or replacement to restore propeller de-ice system functionality.

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#### STC SA03466CH Note 1: Perform the operational test of the This question is only applicable to the 20 seconds of the power-on self-test part of the operational propeller de-ice system Refer to Section 2 of the ICA test, or if ambient temperature during test is below Note 2: The propeller de-ice system inhibit (WOW or Yes engine oil pressure) is only applicable to Steps Are the test 2.2.4 through 2.2.5 of the operational test. The Return to Service results correct? inhibit is not a factor in running the 20 second power-on self-test. Note 3: Heater pad resistance is provided in No Hartzell Manual 182 (See Note 1) Some None How many of the heat PROBABLE CAUSE: PROBABLE CAUSE: Intermittent or lost electrical connection to Propeller de-ice system inhibit is active (see to touch? individual heater pads Note 2) Malfunction of individual heater pads Electrical power not available at the timer/heater pads. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Αll Power supply CB wire or switch defective Ground not available • Propeller de-ice system deactivated due to specific heater and/or sector (Section 2 of PROBABLE CAUSE: overcurrent short circuit (>35A) Current or voltage out of tolerance (degraded contact on slip ring or increased resistance or short circuit in electrical insulation) ICA) Propeller de-ice controller defective o Perform a resistance check of cold de-ice boot circuits CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: · OAT sensors out of tolerance o Investigate harness and heater pads for . Verify the correct function of the short circuit to aircraft ground "Propeller De-Ice" caution Indication fault. WOW input signal Repair or replace parts as required Replace harness/heater pads as required, Engine not running input signal Verify voltage and good condition of the CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: refer to Hartzell Manual 182 Inspect/clean slip ring and brush block, refer to applicable PC-12 AMM o Power supply CB, wires and switches o Ground wire and grounding points · Repair or replace slipring or brush block as . Inspect the connector, harness, brush block, required, refer to applicable PC-12 AMM slip ring and heater pads for damaged Refer to Hartzell Manual 181 insulation or foreign objects Check the resistance of individual heater pads Repair or replace parts as required Repair harness/heater pads as-required, refer to Hartzell Manual 182 · Replace propeller de-ice timer, refer to Perform the operational test of the applicable PC-12 AMM propeller de-ice system. Refer to Section 2 of the ICA <18.7A or <24 VDC Yes Are the test results correct? . The electrical resistance in the power supply PROBABLE CAUSE: or return wires is too high resulting in less than · OAT sensors out of tolerance No 24 VDC at the propeller de-ice timer, caused "Propeller De-Ice" caution indication fault · Propeller de-ice controller defective Corroded electrical connection (connector grounding, etc.) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS weasure. The current used by the propeller de-ice system (current clamp at propeller de-ice timer). The voltage at the propeller de-ice system (volt meter at brush block). Perform Operational Test (Section 2 of ICA) to exercise system while measuring current and voltage. Defect in electrical harness Too high electrical resistance in brush or • Check the: Resistance of OAT sensors heater pad assembly caused by: ■ Approx. 100 Ohm @ 0°C/32°F ■ Approx. 108 Ohm @ 20°C/68°F ○ Continuity of all three wires to OAT o Defective heater pad Loss of electrical connection to individual heater pad voltage sensors Difference in resistance between LH and CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: RH OAT sensors is <2.8 Ohm Check caution wire from timer to MAU Inspect connector and brush block Investigate power supply CB, wire and ground Replace propeller de-ice timer, refer to applicable PC-12 AMM wire including ground point . Measure resistance of complete heater pad . Replace GIO module in MAU, refer to Is the measured assembly. Total resistance per sector must be Yes applicable PC-12 AMM Current 18.7 – 35A? Voltage >24 VDC? less than 1.5 Ohm +/- 10% Measure resistance of individual heater pads . Clean, repair/replace components as required No

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#### Close up

- De-energize the aircraft electrical system; refer to the applicable Aircraft 4 Maintenance Manual procedure. Remove the jumper wire from the engine oil pressure switch at the engine AGB. 5 Connect engine oil pressure switch electrical connector to the engine oil pressure 6 switch. Remove the Propeller De-Ice Check box connector from the de-ice timer and 7 associated aircraft harness (connector A030P2 on Schematic 30-60-00), re-install on de-ice timer and safety wire connector. Disconnect the Maintenance box from the maintenance panel. 8 Make sure that the work area is clean and clear of tools and other items. 9 Close access panel 52 NB and 62 NB near the OAT sensors. 10 Close access panel 21 QZ. 11 12 Close the engine cowlings 43 AL and 43 AR. Perform Operational Test of the Propeller Deicing System (Section 2) to verify 13 system integrity and boot heating during power-on self-test.
  - STARTER (ESSENTIAL BUS).

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Remove the safety clip and close the circuit breaker:

### Brush Pack and MOV - Removal/Installation

The brush block and MOV installation for the five-blade propeller are very similar to the original four-blade propeller except for the bracket used to locate the brushes at a larger radius. The brush block and MOV removal and installation procedures provided in the PC-12 Aircraft Maintenance Manual apply except for part numbers and brush block shim location. Refer to Hartzell Drawing 106103, de-ice kit drawing 105940 and Installation Instructions INST\_030314 for brush block installation details.

The Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) module is installed on a new bracket near the brush block assembly for propeller de-ice system lightning protection. Hartzell recommends the MOV be replaced in the event of a lightning strike per Hartzell Manual 181. Refer to Hartzell airframe de-ice kit P/N 105940 (defined in Hartzell Manual 180) and STC installation instructions INST\_030314 for MOV installation details.

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### **Deicer Boot Removal and Installation**

See latest revision of Hartzell Manual 180, Propeller Ice Protection System.

## Chapter 61 - PROPELLERS

### Propeller - Description and Operation

The STC propeller is a 105" diameter, five-blade, constant-speed, feathering and reversing propeller. For additional information refer to "Description and Operation" section of Hartzell Manual 147 (Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual) for "Feathering and Reversing Propellers HC-E(4,5)()-3() Series."

### Propeller - Adjustment/Test

The dynamic balancing procedures provided in the PC-12 Aircraft Maintenance Manual are applicable to the composite five-blade propeller.

## Propeller Blades - Repair

All required maintenance, inspections, time intervals and procedures are provided or referenced in Hartzell Manual 147 (Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual) provided with each propeller.

Recommended Time-Between-Overhaul (TBO) limits for the STC propeller are provided in Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-61Y. Propeller overhaul must be accomplished by a certified propeller repair station with the appropriate rating.

## <u> Propeller – Removal/Installation</u>

The STC propeller is installed in accordance with STC Installation Instructions INST\_030314. Installation and removal details are provided in Hartzell Manual 147 (Hartzell Propeller Owner's Manual) for "Feathering and Reversing Propellers HC-E(4,5)())-3() Series."

## Spinner Inspection/Maintenance

Refer to Hartzell Manual 127 for 105820(P) aluminum spinner assembly inspection and maintenance information.

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