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Customer P/N (Assy): -	Umbra P/N (Assy): 09762P000-03	
Nomenclature: Gust Lock Actuator	Serial Number: 00075 (see photo 1)	
WORK TO BE CARRY OUT:		
Inspection required following an Accident/Incident Notification from NTSB (Figure 1).		

Inspection Attendees			
ANSV	EMBRAER	UMBRA	
Alessandro Cometa	Victor Bellei P. Soares	Marco Nardeschi	
Vittorio Borsi	Luis Savio dos Santos	Paolo Nasoni	
		Federico Perni	

Inspection Procedure

The inspection took place on June 16th 2015 at Umbra Cuscinetti in Foligno (Italy) and has adhered to the agreed agenda. See Attachment 1.

Actuator History

Actuator S/N 00075 was delivered by Umbra to Embraer on February 28th 2011.

The Actuator S/N 00075 failed during tests in ACFT S/N 00052 at Embraer assembly line in May 19th of 2011.

The non conformity reported by Embraer quality department was "Rudder gust lock actuator inoperative". See figure 2 and 3.

The Actuator was returned to Umbra on 15/07/2011 by Embraer.

The Actuator was repaired: both the microswitches were replaced, and delivered to Embraer on November 28th 2011.

Then, the Actuator returned to Embraer stock and was assembled in the ACFT S/N 00089 (C-GJOL).

Even if not specified in Embraer documentation it seems that a microswitch was not working properly at the assembly line; in Umbra documentation there is not any comment concerning the failure confirmation but both microswitches were replaced.

It seems that the Actuator, before being removed from the A/C at the presence of the Embraer area representative at Palm Spring International airport (PSP), was confirmed to have failed in locked position (i.e. extended) and was very hot. Before the removal, it seems the technicians there tried to operate the Actuator.

Α	Nov. 11, 2015	Added electronic board inspection and replies to comments from NTSB.
-	July 20, 2015	First issue.
Rev.	Date	Change description



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DIMENSIONAL CHECKS / VISUAL INSPECTION

Check of pin to pin distance

Scope

To verify if the Actuator is at its end stroke position or locked in an intermediate one.

Check

The Actuator has been installed in the test rig (see photo 2 and 3), which is tuned at the correct pin-to-pin distance, and it was not possible to insert the Pin 2 because the Actuator length is shorter than required. Measurements of the rod end in respect of the Actuator body confirm the pin-to-pin distance is shorter in respect of the full-extended position (i.e. 6.8 mm shorter, 29.2 vs. 22.4 mm, new and 00075 unit respectively). The minimum stroke is 25.4 mm. See photos 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Result

The Actuator is locked in a position closed to the extended one.

DISASSEMBLY

Disassembly

Scope

To identify the cause of Actuator seizure.

Check

The Actuator was coupled to the test rig supply and management system and when operated did not move even if the max current at rated voltage was supplied.

The Actuator cover (see photo 8) was removed and then the solenoid/locking system. The electronic board was moved on side but kept connected. The cam, which actuates the microswitch, is closed to the microswitch actuating lever but does not operate it. See photo 9.

The solenoid was not disassembled. The solenoid/locking system is found locked at extended position or close by (i.e. the locking system engages the ballnut/screwshaft preventing the rod end to move). See photo 10 and a sketch of the solenoid section, figure 4. The reel function is to guide the Pin that, pushed by the solenoid spring, engages the ballnut and locks the screwshaft/rod in position. The Pin resulted to be sized inside the solenoid body, likely due to distortion of the plastic reel heated. The Pin position was closed to the full extension. Measurement of the exact position was prevented by pin misalignment due to distortion of the solenoid plastic reel. The functionality of the microswitches was checked with positive result. Even if with the solenoid/locking system removed the Actuator did not move electrically, even if the max. current at rate voltage was supplied, and manually as well (the load applied was not measured but a new unit would have moved under such load).

The cap was then removed and the ballscrew was moving freely. See photos 11, 12 and 13 and a section of the actuator section, figure 5. The Cap is the seat of a bearing, preloads the bearing, is the seat of the dynamic seal and closes the actuator body. The Cap did not show any sign of interference with closed items. The resistance of the three windings have been found between 4.3 and 7.3 ohm, it means that the windings are not short because such figures are acceptable for a new motor. The motor brushes were not checked. The rotor OD shows signs of possible interference with the stator. See photo 14. The part measurements in three axial positions revealed that the gap between rotor and stator is per drawing (i.e. about 1 mm); if any contact between the two parts occurred that happened when the motor was hot. Such signs, which are not measurable, could have been even caused during handling of the rotor.

The bearings were found operative with no axial play.

Result

The Solenoid/locking system was found sized at approximately the full extended position.



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ACCIDENT/INCIDENT NOTIFICATION

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Air Accidents Investigation Branch NAME: Investigator on Call	
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Agenzia Nazionale per la Sicurezza del Volo (ANSV)
Telephone:	
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a) Identifying abbreviation ACCID/INCID:	INCID
b) Type, model, nationality and registration marks of the aircraft:	Embraer-505 Phenom
 c) Name of owner, operator and hirer if any of the aircraft: 	Owner: Hawkeye Aviation
d) Name of pilot-in-command:	Gregory G. McQuaid
e) Date and time (UTC) of the accident:	11.23.14 1052 PST
Last point of departure and point of intended landing of the aircraft:	Palm Spring Intl (PSP), Palm Springs, CA to Springbank, Alberta Canada (CYBW
 g) Position of the aircraft with reference to an easily defined geographical point and latitude and longitude: 	N 33 deg 49.78 min W 116 deg 30.40 min elev: 477 ft msl
 h) Number of crew and passengers aboard, killed and serious injured; others killed and serious injured: 	1 pilot and 4 passenger; no injuries.
Nature of the accident and the extent of damage to the aircraft so far as it is known:	Pilot reported an uncommanded, severe right yaw immediately after takeoff. Requested return to airport. On final approach had to use differential thrush to keep airplane aligned with runway. Subsequent to landing the airplane went off the side of ruwway. Minor damage only to left wing.
 j) an indication to what extent the investigation will be conducted or is proposed to be delegated by the State of Occurrence: 	Limited investigation
k) Physical characteristics of the accident area:	Flat terrain on airport.
I) Identification of the originating authority and means to contact the investigator-in-charge and the accident investigation authority of the State of Occurrence at any time:	NTSB IIC- Thomas M. Little
m) Presence and description of dangerous goods on board aircraft.	None
n) Remarks:	Further examination of gust lock actuator required.

In accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the Government of United States welcomes the participation of States with an interest in the investigation and representation from the



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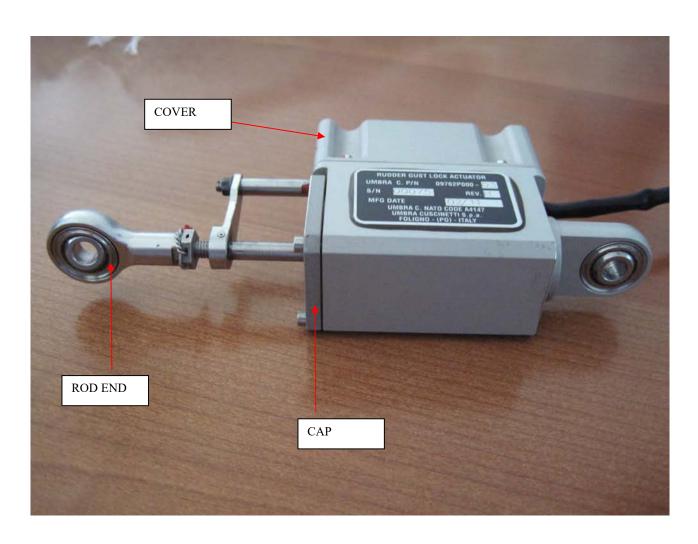


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Photo 2 Gust Lock Test Rig (a new Actuator is installed)



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Photo 3 Gust Lock installed into the test rig (a new actuator is installed)



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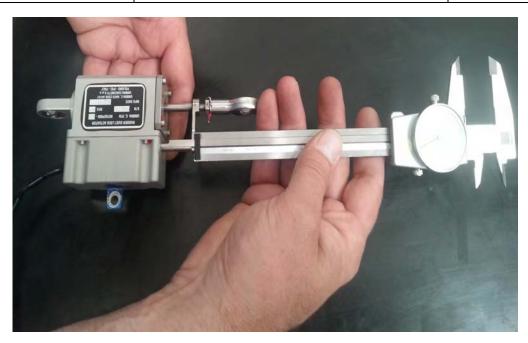


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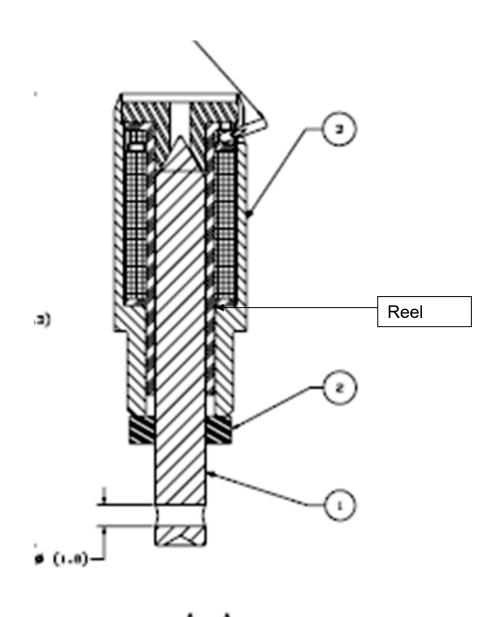


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Antirotation Rod

Cap

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Photo 6 - New Unit



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Photo 7 – New Unit



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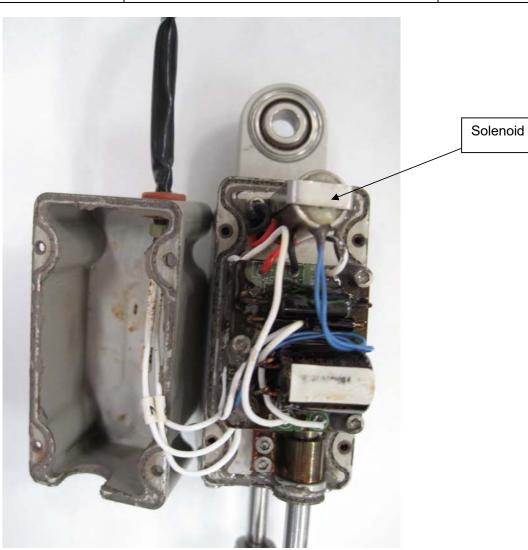
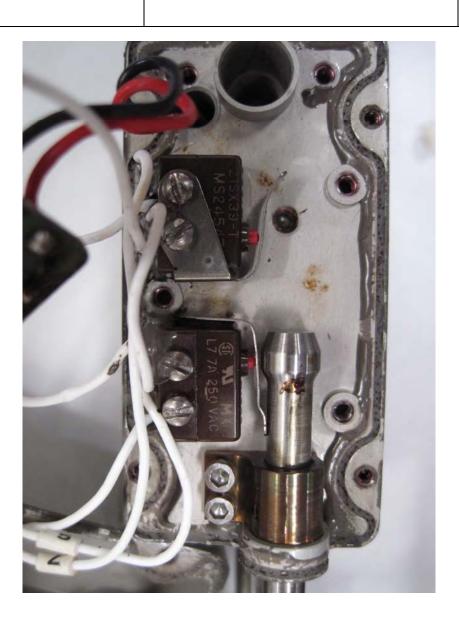


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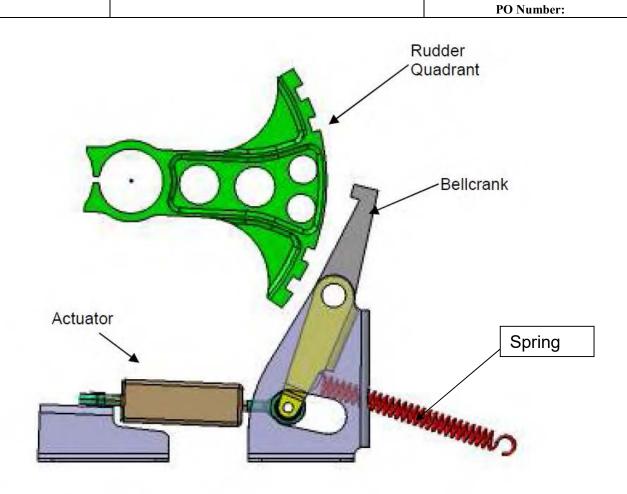


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Inspection of the electronic board 09762P019-70 (see photo 15)

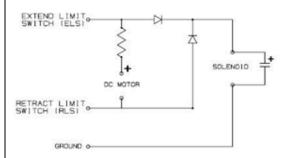
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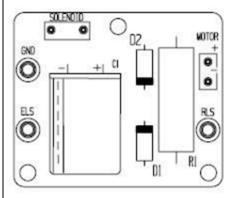
The inspection took place on October 14th 2015 at Umbra Cuscinetti in Foligno (Italy).

VISUAL INSPECTION

The schematic of the electronic board is shown below



The mounting scheme of the electronic board is shown below.



No evidence of mechanical failure on components and PCB. Surface coatings has been found damaged.



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Power Off Test

With the board powered off, the status of the components was:

Components	Type of test	Nominal value	Measured value	Test results
Resistor R1	Impedance	0.5 Ω	0.53Ω	Passed
Diode D1	Continuity test	-	-	Passed
Diode D2	Continuity test			Passed
Capacitor C1	Short/Open circuit test	Open circuit	Open Circuit	Passed
Solenoid				
09762P037-01	Impedance	55Ω ± 20%	50ΚΩ	Failed



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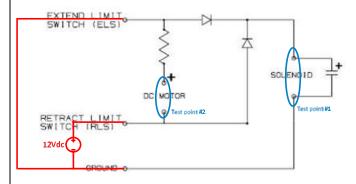
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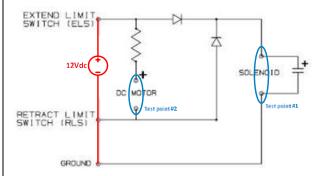
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Power On Test

The test was performed according the test set-up below. See Photo 16.





To verify the health of PCB and component when the board was powered, the following tests was executed:

Test #	Type of test	Test Condition	Expected results	Test results
Test #1	To retract configuration test	ELS → +12Vdc RLS → 0Vdc GND → 0Vdc	Voltage of 12Vdc at: Solenoid terminalsMotor terminals	Passed
Test #2	To extend configuration test	ELS → 0Vdc RLS → +12Vdc GND → 0Vdc	Voltage of 12Vdc at: Solenoid terminalsMotor terminals	Passed



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Electronic board inspection results

The electronic board 09762P019-70 works as expected.

No evidence of damage or failure has been noted.

The solenoid 09762P037-01 has been found with a high impedance at the coil terminal.



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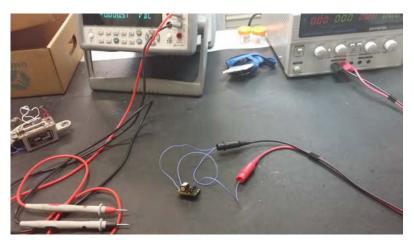


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ANALYSIS

This investigation determined the following most likely failure scenario:

- a) The Actuator was commanded to retract and reached the retracted position but failed to keep such position under the load applied by the spring (see figure 6);
- b) The screwshaft/rod end extended under the load applied by the spring but, because the command to retract, the solenoid and the motor were supplied again until the retracted position was achieved over again;
- c) The sequence depicted in point a) and b) was repeated until the solenoid temperature reached a level such to deform the plastic reel and the winding failed open; the electric motor brushes failed as well;
- d) The screwshaft/rod end not locked by the solenoid/locking system and with the motor failed was pushed in the found position under the action of the spring;
- e) The high temperature reached by the solenoid, electric motor and other parts closed to those (i.e. bearings, antirotation rod), could have caused a misalignment of the screwshaft/rod and thickened lubricant; this fact can explain why the actuator did not move after the solenoid/locking system was removed but did it freely after the removal of the cap.
- f) From figure 38 of the report "Embraer Phenom rudder gust lock actuator CT factual report final" supplied by NTSB it seems that the solenoid/locking system is in a position such to engage the groove into the ballnut. It is likely that the locking system, under the force applied by its spring, reached such position while the actuator was cooling down.

COMMENTS

- a) The failed Actuator was found about 6.8 mm shorter i.e. pin-to-pin distance than a new Actuator in the extended position. Umbra is not in the position to determine if the bellcrank would be in contact with the quadrant in such Actuator condition (see figure 6). The personnel who assisted at disassembly of the Actuator from the A/C at PS Airport could confirm the respective position between the quadrant and the bellcrank. Embraer could answer to such question from design point of view.
- b) The Actuator design does not include any "unmistakable warning" of the engaged system. In rev. B (i.e. the latest) of Embraer's Technical Specification there is the requirement for an indication of the extended (i.e. engaged) position. A microswitch in the Gust Lock Actuator was provided to meet such requirement. Later (i.e. January 9th, 2009) Embraer requested Umbra to remove such microswitch. Dash number -03 was then generated and qualified. Dash number -03 is the only production actuator configuration provided by Umbra to Embraer. Umbra do not know if there are means in the whole gust lock system that provides unmistakable warning of the extended (i.e. engaged) position. Embraer could answer to such question.
- c) The solenoid and electric motor, according the technical specification, are not sized for a continuous duty cycle; the requirement is a cycle (extend and retract) per flight.
- d) There are no safety requirements for the Actuator: it is a single point failure item;
- e) The contact in flight of the bellcranck with rudder quadrant in the circumferential area within the indentures, due to a failure of the Actuator, cannot cause the lock in position of the rudder;
- f) During the meeting on June 16th 2015 in Foligno, Embraer, on the contrary of what is defined into the component technical specification, reported that the quadrant has two indentures instead of four and the indenture position can be reached during the flight if commanded by the pilot.

Analysis:	Date:	Approval:	Date
Marco Nardeschi Engineer	11/11/2015	Luciano Pizzoni V.P. Engineering	11/11/2015