

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT: Numerous

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this alert is to advise the aviation community via maintenance entities, parts distributors, suppliers, and manufacturers of all types of aircraft and related parts that the FAA has received information concerning the production and sale of nonconforming fasteners. Specifically:

NAS 1351	MS16995	MS16997	MS24667	MS24671	MS24674
NAS 1352	MS16996	MS16998	MS24668	MS24672	

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Defense, Inspector General, has reported to the FAA that KSS Socket Screw located in Phoenix, Arizona, has sold NAS and MS fasteners to various distributors under the pretense that the subject fasteners met the applicable Mil Specifications. Tests performed by the Department of Defense revealed nonconformances for a sample of fasteners manufactured and sold by KSS Socket Screw. KSS Socket Screw's customers could not be identified.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Aircraft owners, operators, maintenance entities, parts distributors, suppliers, and manufacturers should determine if they have received or installed any NAS and MS parts from KSS Socket Screw. Installation of the hardware should not be made unless the items have been re-inspected and/or tested to show conformance with the applicable Mil Specification. Type Certificated products are required to conform to their Type Design. In instances where hardware has been installed, appropriate action should be taken.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO), listed below, would appreciate any information that you could provide concerning the discovery of these parts from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove them from aircraft and/or stock.

This notice originated from the Phoenix MIDO, 7500 E. Butherus, Suite T, Scottsdale, AZ 85206; telephone (602) 640-2101, fax (602) 640-2113 and was published through the Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office, AVR-20, (703) 661-0111, fax (703) 661-0113.