



# SERVICE LETTER

## In-Service Engineering and Technical Support

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DATE: February 27, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Part Design Approval collaboration between De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and 3-Points Aviation Corp.

**MODEL:** DHC 8 Series

**APPLICABILITY:** All

### **PURPOSE:**

This Service Letter is issued to notify operators that DeHavilland Aircraft of Canada and 3-Points have reached an agreement concerning PDA replacement parts.

### **DISCUSSION:**

For the PDA replacement parts being produced by 3-Points, De Havilland Canada (DHC) has entered an arrangement with 3-Points to provide OEM approved data to ensure that 3-Points has access to a level of knowledge and capability appropriate for the replacement part. With this arrangement in place, DHC fully supports the use of PDA replacement parts manufactured by 3-Points for use on DHC Approved Type Designs.

The PDA is similar to an FAA-issued PMA, however, the PDA is a design approval only for the replacement part, with the manufacturing approval requirements still governed by CAR 561.

**Part Design Approval (PDA):** *a document that is issued by the Minister to record approval of the type design of a replacement part identified by a part number or by some other means of identification unique to the part, for use on an aeronautical product that is identified by type or model. (Ref. Subsection 101.01(1) of the CARs).*

**Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA):** *an approval issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the production of modification or replacement parts, which includes materials, parts, processes and appliances. For a replacement part, it is both a design and a production approval. For a modification part (i.e. parts approved via an FAA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC), it is a production approval only.*



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For further information regarding PDA, please refer to the following link  
[Advisory Circular \(AC\) No. 521-007](#)

**OPERATOR ACTION:**

In consideration of this agreement with 3-Points, when DHC does not have stock of a particular part and is unable to offer an alternative solution, DHC encourages Operators to contact 3-Points for availability of a replacement part.

Please direct responses and inquiries regarding the content of this Service Letter to your DE HAVILLAND AIRCRAFT OF CANADA LIMITED Field Service Representative or the Technical Help Desk in Toronto at telephone +1 647 277 5820 or Toll-Free North America +1 855 310 1013 or e-mail: [thd@dehavilland.com](mailto:thd@dehavilland.com).

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