



SAFETY NOTICE

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All Chief Aerotow Coaches, Pegasus Aviation, BMAA.

If you hold a copy of the BHPA Technical Manual this notice must be inserted into it and retained until it is withdrawn or superseded on instructions from the Chairman FSC.

XL Tug Monopole Crack

A crack has been found in the top of the monopole of an XL tug. The crack runs from the bushed main hang bolt hole for a distance of approximately 8mm.

The tug has approximately 260 hours total time from new and had completed a little over 1,000 tows. It is thought possible that the frequent torsion loading of the monopole during crosswind touchdown and whilst turning at the end of the landing roll may be causal factors.

The monopole had to be replaced.

Please inspect this area of your tug aircraft before further flight and at regular intervals thereafter (we suggest every 100 hours or every 300 tows).