



Press Release

BRP-POWERTRAIN EXTENDS TIME BETWEEN OVERHAULS ON ITS 912 SERIES AIRCRAFT ENGINES

Gunskirchen, Austria, December 16, 2009 – BRP-Powertrain received certification to extend the period of operation of its Rotax® 912 series piston aviation aircraft engines from 1,500 to 2,000 hours of Time Between Overhauls (TBO).

Carried out in agreement with the Certificate Authority European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the program for the extension of the period of operation achieved positive results. Therefore, the TBO for 912 series engines is now increased from 1,500 to 2,000 hours TBO. The TBO increase is also in effect for 912 series engines in the field, subject to the performance of applicable service bulletins.

In the past 20 years, more than 30,000 units of Rotax 912 series aircraft engines have been produced.

“The increase of TBO has been achieved by the continuous improvement in the development of our products”, said Michael Wagner, Director Aircraft Engines, BRP-Powertrain. “It is another proof of the quality and reliability of Rotax aircraft engines. This milestone was made possible by the remarkable cooperation between BRP-Powertrain, the authorities and worldwide BRP’s network of authorized distributors for Rotax aircraft engines. It demonstrates our distributors’ commitment to customers and the Rotax brand”, concluded Wagner.

BRP-Powertrain is also working on extending the period of operation for the 914 series engines so that all programs are carried out in accordance with the Part 21 homologation to increase TBO on this series as well.

About BRP-Powertrain

BRP-Powertrain (formerly BRP-Rotax), an affiliate of Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP), is a leader in the development and production of innovative 4- and 2-stroke high performance Rotax® engines for BRP products (Ski-Doo® and Lynx™ snowmobiles, Sea-Doo® watercraft and sport boats, Can-Am™ quads and roadsters) as well as for motorcycles, karts, ultra light and light aircraft.

Over the past 50 years, the company has developed more than 350 engine models for recreational products and has produced more than six million engines.

About BRP

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP), a privately-held company, is a world leader in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and marketing of motorized recreational vehicles. Its portfolio of brands and products includes: Ski-Doo® and Lynx® snowmobiles, Sea-Doo® watercraft and sport boats, Evinrude® and Johnson® outboard engines, direct injection technologies such as Evinrude E-TEC®, Can-Am™ all-terrain vehicles and roadsters, as well as Rotax® engines and karts.

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