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SUBJECT:

Pre-manufactured oil and fuel hose assemblies, part numbers VA-129, VA-133, VA-134, VA-135, VA-138, VA-139 purchased from Van's Aircraft, Inc. before December 10, 2002. These hoses carry fuel between the gascolator, fuel pump and carburetor/injector body, and oil between the engine and oil cooler. Most have been supplied as part of Van's Firewall Forward Kit, but some may have been sold individually through Van's Accessories Catalog.

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION:

Van's Aircraft, Inc. inspections have revealed that some hose assemblies may have been improperly manufactured by the vendor supplying the hose to Van's. Small curls of rubber, cut from the inside of the hose as the ends were installed, may remain attached to the inner wall of the hose. These may obstruct the flow of fluid through the hose and result in potentially unsafe conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

All VA-129, VA-133, VA-134, VA-135, VA-138, VA-139 hose assemblies purchased from Van's Aircraft, Inc. before December 10, 2002 should be carefully inspected. If necessary, remove the hoses from the aircraft and clean the interior with a stiff rod and soft cloth or gun-cleaning patch.

Place a clean white sheet of paper on a flat surface and shine a bright light down on it.

Look carefully through the hose toward the paper surface. The curls, if present, will be near the end of the metal inserts in each end of the hose. Look through the hose from each end and slowly swivel the far end around to reflect light along the entire length of the hose.

If rubber curls or other unsafe or questionable conditions are found, return the hose to Van's Aircraft, Inc. for a replacement. Be sure to include your name, date, address, customer number and a short description of the reason for return.