

Southwest Region Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas FAA ASW-170 2601 Meacham Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76137

February 19, 2009

Mr. Larry Ahlers CEO Ahlers Aerospace, Inc. 3621 Raider Drive Hurst, TX 76053

Dear Mr. Ahlers:

We have completed our evaluation of your Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) project, FAA Project Number ST3020RC-R, and find that you have satisfactorily demonstrated compliance with the applicable certification regulations. Accordingly, we have enclosed STC SR09545RC dated February 19, 2009, which approves Installation of infrared filters to cockpit instruments to make them NVIS/NVG compatible on Eurocopter France EC130B4.

This STC represents official Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of an alteration and may be used to authorize identical installations on other aircraft. A copy of this STC should be provided with each installation. Instructions necessary for an installer to complete and inspect this alteration must be provided with parts shipments. Modified aircraft should be returned to service by means of an FAA Form 337, which refers to this STC.

Your responsibility for safety compliance regarding your new STC continues as long as there are any aircraft with valid airworthiness certificates with the STC installed. If you transfer this STC, it can only be done by granting ownership of the STC to a new legal entity, e.g., an individual or a corporation willing and capable of maintaining safety compliance. Such transfer must be initiated by an individual who has authority to act on behalf of the legal entity. In the event the owner is an individual, some form of proof of identity and/or notarization will be required. In the event the owner is a corporation, some proof will be required that the individual transferring the STC on behalf of the corporation has the authority to act on behalf of that corporation. An attestation by the secretary of the corporation with the corporate seal would serve this purpose.

As recipient of this approval, except as provided in 14 CFR §21.3(d), you are required to report any failure, malfunction, or defect in any product or part manufactured by you that you have determined has resulted or could result in any of the occurrences listed in 14 CFR §21.3(c). The report should be communicated initially by telephone to the Manager,

Rotorcraft Directorate, (817) 222-5100, within 24 hours after it has been determined that the failure has occurred. In addition, written notification to the Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0100 is also required. FAA Form 8330-2 (Malfunction or Defect Report) or any other appropriate format is acceptable in transmitting the required details.

If you plan to manufacture replacement or modification parts for sale, you must comply with 14 CFR 21.303 and 45.15. A Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) may be issued under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.303(d) when you submit a statement certifying that you have established a fabrication inspection system as required by 14 CFR 21.303(h). Your statement may be in letter form, with a reference to the STC number, and should be mailed to: Manager, Manufacturing Inspection District Office, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0180.

If you agree to permit another person to use this STC to alter the product, it is your responsibility to give the other person written evidence of that permission in the form of a "permission statement." This permission statement should contain the agreement specifying the product to be altered, the STC number, and the person who is being given consent to use the STC. In addition, this STC may be transferred or otherwise made available to another party by means of a licensing agreement in accordance with 14 CFR 21.47. You are requested to advise this office within 30 days when you transfer or grant license rights to the STC.

Sincerely,

Lance T. Gant

Manager, Rotorcraft Certification Office

Enclosure

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Supplemental Type Certificate

Number SR09545RC

This certificate issued to

Ahlers Aerospace, Inc. 3621 Raider Drive Hurst, TX 76053

certifies that the change in the type design for the following product with the limitations and conditions therefor as specified hereon meets the airworthiness requirements of Part 27 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Original Product -- Type Certificate Number:

Eurocopter France

Model:

EC130B4

Description of Type Design Change: Installation of Night Vision Goggle Compatible Interior Lighting System in accordance with Ahlers Aerospace, Inc., Master Drawing List MDL E030-01 (E99-158) Revision E, dated February 19, 2009, or later Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved revision. Rotorcraft Flight Manual Supplement, RFMS E99-194, Revision IR, dated February 19, 2009, or later FAA approved revision is required.

(See continuation sheet 3 of 3)

Limitations and Conditions: Installation of Infrared Filtered Cockpit Lighting does not include or imply approval for flight operations with Night Vision Goggles (NVG). The operator must receive approval from their Civil Aviation operational authority to operate with NVG.

(See continuation sheet 3 of 3)

This certificate and the supporting data which is the basis for approval shall remain in effect until surrendered, suspended, revoked or a termination date is otherwise established by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Date of application: September 30, 2008

Date reissued :

Date of issuance: February 19, 2009

Date amended:

Mance T. Gant, Manager

By direction of the Administrator

Rotorcraft Certification Office

Southwest Region

Any alteration of this certificate is punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both.

INSTRUCTIONS: The transfer endorsement below may be used to notify the appropriate FAA Regional Office of the transfer of this Supplemental Type Certificate.

The FAA will reissue the certificate in the name of the transferee and forward it to him.

TRANSFER ENDORSEMENT

Transfer the ownership of Supplemental Type Certificate Number
to (Name of transferee)
(Address of transferee)(Number and street)
(City, State, and ZIP code)
from (Name of grantor) (Print or type)
(Address of grantor) (Number and street)
(City. State, and ZIP code)
Extent of Authority (if licensing agreement):
Date of Transfer:
Signature of grantor (In ink):

United States of America

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Supplemental Type Certificate

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Number SR09545RC

Date of Issuance: February 19, 2009

Description of Type Design Change (Continued):

Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, Ahlers Aerospace, Inc., Document No. E9960, Revision D, dated February 19, 2009, or later revision is required for this installation.

Limitations and Conditions (Continued):

Any deviation to the cockpit/cabin/glareshield masking configuration specified in the type design of this STC may affect the compatibility with NVG and may require a reevaluation by the FAA Aircraft Certification Office (ACO).

This STC does not approve the glareshield or its installation. A separate FAA approval is required for the glareshield.

Once the aircraft is modified with this STC, any future modification to the aircraft may also affect the compatibility with NVG and may require re-evaluation by the FAA ACO. The installer must determine whether this design change is compatible with previously approved modifications.

If the holder agrees to permit another person to use this certificate to alter the product, the holder shall give the other person written evidence of that permission.

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FAA APPROVED

ROTORCRAFT FLIGHT MANUAL SUPPLEMENT

(Ahlers Aerospace, Inc Doc. E99-194)

FOR

EUROCOPTER FRANCE MODEL: EC130 B4

WITH

COCKPIT INFRARED FILTER SYSTEM

Aircraft Registration No.	
Aircraft Serial No.	

This supplement must be attached to the appropriate FAA Approved Rotorcraft Flight Manual when the Cockpit Infrared Filter System is installed in accordance with STC No. SR09545RC

The information contained herein supplements or supersedes the basic manual only in those areas listed. For limitations, procedures, and performance information not contained in this supplement, consult the basic Aircraft Flight Manual and applicable Flight Manual Supplements.

APPROVED:

ance T. Gant

Manager, Rotorcraft Certification Office

Federal Aviation Administration Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0170

DATE:

February 19, 2009

Rotorcraft Flight Manual Supplement (Make & Model) Cockpit Infrared Filter System Doc. E99-194

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL

The Ahlers Aerospace Cockpit Infrared Filtering System is an adjunct to the standard aircraft lighting system. The system contains custom infrared filters installed externally over the cockpit instruments, caution & warning panel, communication & navigation radios, cockpit utility light, magnetic compass and cabin passenger lights. Lighted switches will be modified with IR reducing filters. Cockpit lighting is provided and controlled by the standard aircraft lighting system as installed by the manufacturer.

The standard installation includes:

A. Nav/Comm Display Filters:

Most radio control heads include LED or LCD data displays for frequency, mode or other data and internal lighting for function controls. Data displays are not dimmed with instrument lights and are made NVG compatible by the addition of unique polycarbonate Infrared filters installed externally over the displays. In some cases, filter installation of the data display is internal in accordance with FAA approved Process Specifications, which allow replacement of outer display lens with Infrared filter material.

B. Caution and Warning Panel Annunciators:

Already NVIS/NVG compatible

C. Flight Instruments:

The infrared filters are bonded externally over the face of the analog clock, airspeed indicator, altimeter, tachometer, and over the status lights on the standby attitude indicator. Flight instruments lighting is provided by internal lighting and is dimmed by the standard aircraft dimming system. Application of this STC does not alter the normal lighting operation as described in the approved Rotorcraft Flight Manual.

D. Reduced Instrument Panel Glareshield/Shroud Assembly:

The Glareshield/Shroud assembly comes equipped with upper and side slide out visors. These visors are to be utilized during flight to increase daylight readability of flight instruments & avionics and reduce windscreen glare/reflections during night operations.

E. Subsequent Modifications:

Any subsequent modification to the Cockpit any Aircraft lighting, (including role equipment) that involves a light emitting or reflecting device will require reassessment to ensure the aircraft is still NVG compatible. Any modification to the Glareshield or instrument panel will require reassessment to ensure the aircraft is still NVG compatible.

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SECTION 2 – LIMITATIONS

No flight shall be predicated upon the use of the NVGs.

A. Installation of this NVIS Compatible Filter System does not include or imply approval for flight operations with Night Vision Goggles (NVG).

The Operator must receive approval from their FAA Flight Standards District Office to operate with NVGs.

- B. Required Equipment for NVG Operations
 - 1. Helmet with NVG mount for each pilot using NVGs.
 - Night Vision Goggles that meet TSO-C164 or ITT 4949F Goggles or Litton M949 Goggles for crewmembers using NVG
 - 3. Operational Radar Altimeter.
 - 4. Slip/Skid indicator.
 - 5. Gyroscopic attitude indicator.
 - Gyroscopic direction indicator or equivalent.
 - 7. Vertical speed indicator or equivalent.
 - 8. Communications and navigation equipment necessary for the successful completion of an inadvertent IMC procedure in the intended area of operations.
- C. <u>Minimum Crew</u>: Additional crewmember use of NVGs during single-pilot operations into and out of unimproved sites.
 - Landing: An additional crewmember shall be equipped with and use NVGs during landing to assist in obstacle identification and clearing.
 - 2. Takeoff: An additional crewmember shall use NVGs during takeoff from unimproved sites to assist in obstacle identification and clearance if operational conditions permit (i.e., patient status, etc.) allows.
- **D.** The NVG must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.
- **E.** The NVIS lighting system must be maintained in accordance with the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness.

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SECTION 3 – EMERGENCY/MALFUNCTION PROCEDURES

A. NVG malfunction or failure:

In the event of a failure, transition from aided to unaided flight as required.

- B. NVIS lighting malfunction or failure: Discontinue NVG use if the malfunction or failure degrades NVIS compatibility.
- C. Aircraft Emergencies:

Maintain aircraft control and then initiate RFM procedures. The pilot's decision to continue use of NVGs should be based on the emergency situation.

D. Inadvertent IMC:

Loss of visual references requires executing established inadvertent IMC procedures.

SECTION 4 – NORMAL PROCEDURES

- A. <u>Preflight Check:</u> When preparing for night operations add the following procedures to the standard preflight checks.
 - 1. Check windshield, windows, and chin bubble windows for suitability (scratches, gazing, cleanliness, etc).
 - 2. NVG adjustment and alignment.
 - 3. Adjust lighting as required.
 - 4. Check NVIS lighting for light leakage and compatibility.
- **B.** <u>In-flight Operations:</u> Transition to aided operations from unaided operations (and vice versa) as necessary.

NOTE

Use of Operating Lights (i.e. Landing, Loading, Position, Search, Scene, Strobe, and Cabin) may cause reflections for pilots and/or observers. Pilot should determine appropriate lighting for each operation.

SECTION 5 – PERFORMANCE

No change

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