



EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject: Loose Equipment in the Flight Compartment and on Glare Shields

Ref. Publications: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) [CE-10-35](#) dated 24 May 2010.

Applicability: All aircraft.

Description: The FAA published the above-referenced advisory document to remind owners, operators and installers of potential hazards and airworthiness concerns related to having loose equipment in the flight compartment; particularly items placed on the glare shield.

After reviewing the available information, EASA support the recommended actions contained in FAA SAIB CE-10-35.

Since this is a 'generic' subject that addresses all aircraft, i.e. not only those of US origin, the SAIB cannot be considered as a 'State of Design' advisory. For that reason, EASA have decided to explicitly apply these recommendations to all aircraft.

This SIB is published to ensure that all aircraft owners and operators are made aware of the FAA safety recommendations, now endorsed by EASA.

In addition, EASA emphasises that any loose item in the cockpit can lead to a flight safety problem. Flight control jams have been reported, due to loose objects such as calculators, pens, coins, etc. getting into throttle quadrants or rudder pedal systems. At least one accident is known to have occurred, where a screwdriver, having fallen from the pilot's pocket, ended up in the elevator quadrant during an aerobatic manoeuvre, resulting in jammed elevators and loss of the aircraft with fatal consequences for the pilot.

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