

HARTZELL PROPELLER INC.
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**Propeller - Overhaul Periods and Service Life Limits for Hartzell
Propellers, Governors, and Propeller Damper Assemblies**

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FAA approval has been obtained on technical data in this publication that affects type design.

Changes are shown by a change bar in the left margin of the revised pages.

Some of these changes that do not affect technical content may not be highlighted in this transmittal sheet.

This revision is issued to change the following:

- Added additional Airworthiness Limitations references
- Added Section 5. Life Limits for a Propeller Installed on an Experimental Engine or an Engine with Modifications
- Added references to Hartzell Steel Hub Reciprocating Propeller Overhaul and Maintenance Manual 177 (61-10-77)

This Service Letter is reissued in its entirety.

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1. Planning Information

A. Effectivity

- (1) All Hartzell Propellers, Governors and Propeller Damper Assemblies regardless of installation are affected by this Service Letter.

B. Concurrent Requirements

- (1) None

C. Reason

- (1) Federal Aviation Regulations require publication of overhaul periods and service life limits for propellers and governors.

D. Description

- (1) This Service Letter provides overhaul periods and service life limits for propellers, governors, and propeller damper assemblies.

E. Compliance

WARNING: TO MAINTAIN THE FLIGHT SAFETY OF PROPELLERS AND PROPELLER CONTROL SYSTEMS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY BE OVERHAULED AT THE INTERVALS SPECIFIED IN THIS SERVICE LETTER AND THAT THE OVERHAULS BE PROPERLY PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S SERVICE DOCUMENTS. SERVICE EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT PROPELLERS THAT ARE NEGLECTED, NOT OVERHAULED OR OVERHAULED IMPROPERLY CAN RESULT IN A COMPONENT FAILURE THAT COULD RESULT IN DEATH, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AND/OR SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE.

- (1) Hartzell propellers installed on reciprocating engines must be overhauled at the intervals specified in Section 3, Overhaul Periods, Paragraph B.
- (2) Hartzell propellers installed on turbine engines must be overhauled at the intervals specified in Section 3, Overhaul Periods, Paragraph C.
- (3) Hartzell governors must be overhauled at the intervals specified in Section 3, Overhaul Periods, Paragraph D.
- (4) Hartzell damper assemblies must be overhauled at the intervals specified in Section 3, Overhaul Periods, Paragraph E.

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- (5) Life limited components are to be retired from service at the intervals specified in Section 4, Life Limited Installations, or as specified in the Airworthiness Limitations sections of the applicable Hartzell Overhaul manual.

F. Approval

- (1) FAA approval has been obtained on technical data in this publication that affects type design.

G. Manpower

- (1) None

H. Weight and Balance

- (1) Not Changed

I. Electrical Load Data

- (1) Not Changed

J. References

- (1) Hartzell Service Bulletin 152E
- (2) Hartzell Hydro Selective Propeller Overhaul Manual 100D
- (3) Hartzell Hydro Selective Propeller Overhaul Manual 100E (61-10-00)
- (4) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 105A
- (5) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 108A
- (6) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 109A
- (7) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 110
- (8) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 111
- (9) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 112A
- (10) Hartzell Compact Non-Feathering and Aerobatic Propeller Overhaul Manual 113B (61-10-13)
- (11) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 114B
- (12) Hartzell Steel Hub Propeller Overhaul Manual 114C (61-10-14)

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- (13) Hartzell Compact Constant Speed and Feathering Propeller Overhaul Manual 117D (61-10-17)
- (14) Hartzell Steel Hub Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 118F (61-10-18)
- (15) Hartzell Governor Maintenance Manual 130B (61-23-30)
- (16) Hartzell Five Blade Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 132A (61-10-32)
- (17) Hartzell Aluminum Blade Overhaul Manual 133C (61-13-33)
- (18) Hartzell Composite Blade Overhaul Manual 135F (61-13-35)
- (19) Hartzell Four Blade Lightweight Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 141 (61-10-16)
- (20) Hartzell Three and Four Blade Lightweight Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 142 (61-10-42)
- (21) Hartzell Four Blade Lightweight Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 143A (61-10-43)
- (22) Hartzell Six Blade Lightweight Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 144 (61-10-44)
- (23) Hartzell Composite Spinner Maintenance Manual 148 (61-16-48)
- (24) Hartzell Four Blade Lightweight Turbine Propellers with Composite Blades Overhaul Manual 156A (61-10-56)
- (25) Hartzell Five Blade Lightweight Turbine Propeller Overhaul Manual 158A (61-10-58)
- (26) Hartzell -1, -4, -6 Series Steel "A" Hub Propeller Maintenance Manual 171 (61-10-71)
- (27) Hartzell -2 Series Steel "A" Hub Propeller Maintenance Manual 172 (61-10-72)
- (28) Hartzell Steel Hub Reciprocating Propeller Overhaul and Maintenance Manual 177 (61-10-77)
- (29) Hartzell Standard Practices Manual 202A (61-01-02)
- (30) Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-253
- (31) Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-255

K. Other Publications Affected

- (1) None

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2. Accomplishment Instructions

A. Factors Involved in Establishing Overhaul Periods

- (1) The engine to which the propeller is applied determines the pattern of vibration or stress the propeller must absorb.
- (2) The practices employed maintaining a propeller while in service are also limiting factors if they are not carried out per recommended procedures.
- (3) The calendar time which affects the life of seals directly or indirectly exposed to the elements, and other parts subject to corrosion, are also limiting factors.
- (4) Propellers are constantly subjected to natural corrosion and erosion from use and environmental exposure.

B. Continued Airworthiness

- (1) If propeller flight time or calendar time in service are unknown, the propeller should be overhauled to confirm its airworthiness.

NOTE: Propeller logbook entries are required to indicate Time Since Overhaul (TSO) and Time Since New (TSN). The information is used as the basis for subsequent overhauls as well as the basis for life limited parts and for compliance with Airworthiness Directives. For propellers that have been rebuilt with parts from other propellers, consideration of TSN of the hub and each blade should be made.

- (2) In order to achieve TBO, propellers must be maintained in accordance with Hartzell Propeller Inc. applicable publications.
- (3) Propellers exposed to impact damage, lightning strikes or overspeed **must** be inspected in accordance with the Special Inspections chapter of Hartzell Standard Practices Manual 202A (61-01-02) before return to service.
- (4) Propellers must comply with all applicable FAA or foreign equivalent, airworthiness directives, some of which may affect overhaul periods.
- (5) Some propellers may require overhaul before the specified TBO limits. Propellers subjected to abnormal use or environmental exposure, particularly seaplanes and agricultural aircraft, often require premature overhaul when abnormal damage or corrosion is evident.

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C. Calendar Limits

- (1) The effects of exposure to the environment over a period of time create a need for propeller overhaul regardless of flight time. Corrosion can create hidden defects in critical blade retention components; therefore, a 36, 60 or 72 calendar month limit between overhauls is specified
- (2) Start date for calendar limit is when the propeller is first installed and run on an engine. Calendar limit is not interrupted by subsequent removal and/or storage.

NOTE: Start date for calendar limit should not be confused with overhaul date.

- (3) Experience has shown that special care, such as keeping an aircraft hangared, is not sufficient to allow extension of the calendar limit.

D. TBO Extension

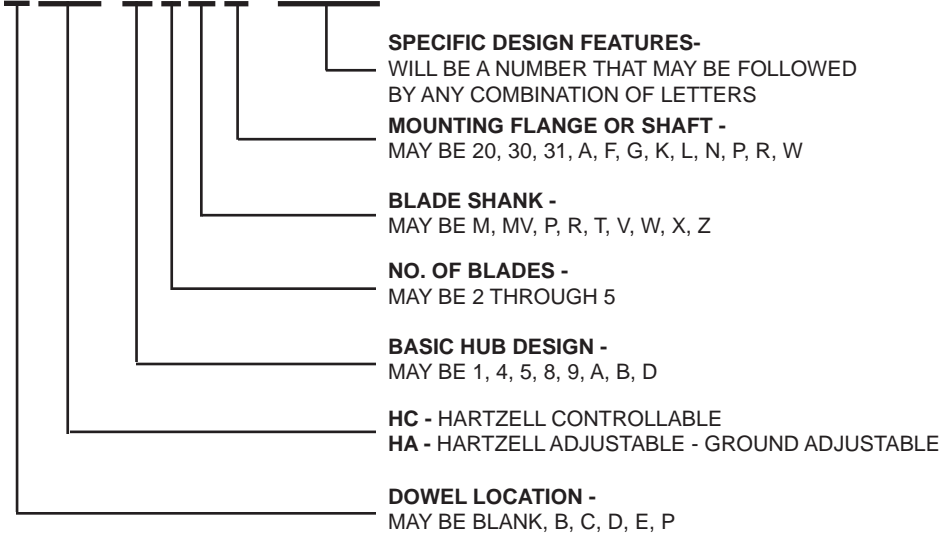
- (1) Hartzell frequently receives individual requests for extension of published TBO limits. In all cases, actual **approval must be obtained from the operator's FAA (or foreign equivalent) controlling authority**. Any statement by Hartzell does not, in itself, constitute approval. TBO extensions, if allowed, may be either permanent or temporary in nature:
 - (a) *Permanent* - Fleet operators often desire a permanent TBO extension. Such extensions must result from a program of approved sampling and are normally incremental in nature. For example, a 3000 hour TBO may be increased to 3300 after evaluating the results of several 3000 hour overhauls, further extension requires evaluation of several 3300 hour overhauls, etc. The sampling program should be established through coordination with the government agency, the operator, the propeller overhaul facility, and Hartzell Propeller Inc. All TBO extensions must be FAA (or foreign equivalent) approved and documented in the operator's approved maintenance or operational publications.
 - (b) *Temporary* - Hartzell considers that "temporary" or "one time only" extensions of 100 hours or three months (beyond published limits) to be acceptable in cases where a more flexible overhaul schedule will avoid grounding of aircraft. Approval must be obtained from the operator's FAA (or foreign equivalent controlling authority) and should be limited to a specific propeller. Such extensions should not be construed to allow a permanent TBO extension or allow an operator to routinely deviate from published TBO limits.

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STEEL HUB PROPELLERS

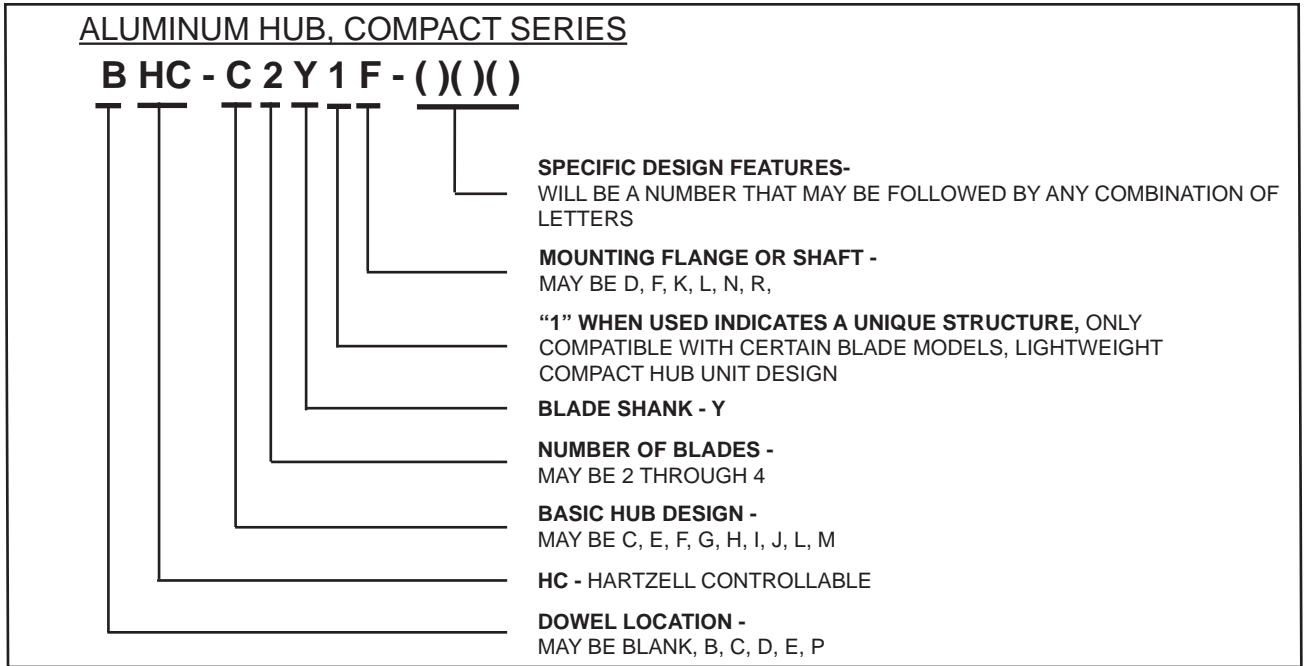
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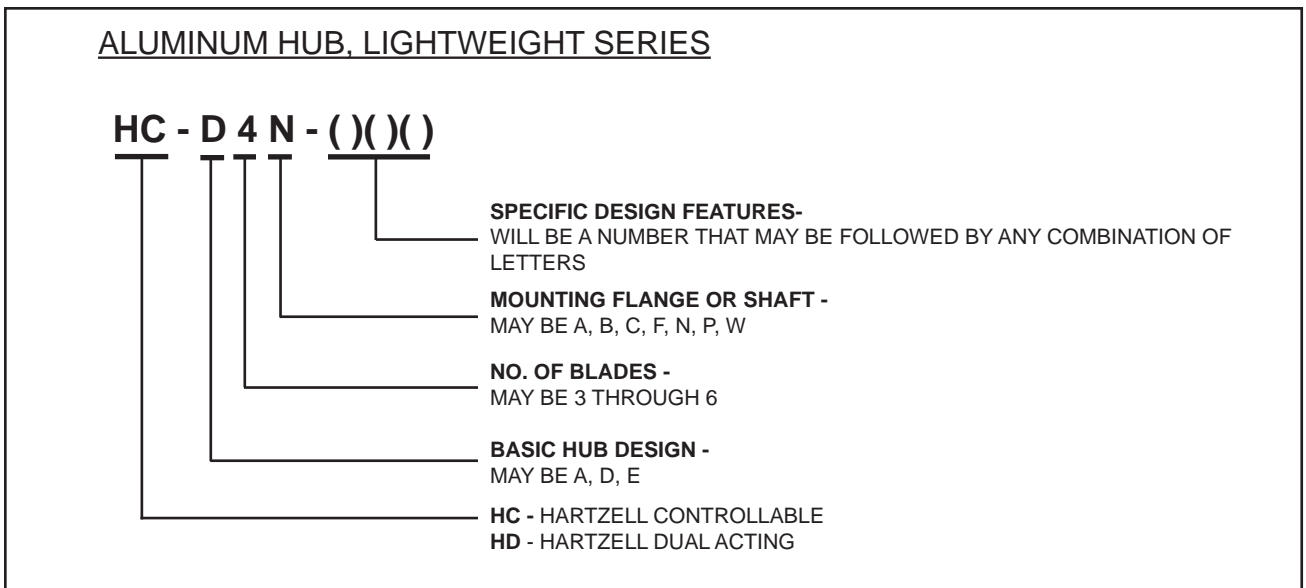
**Steel Hub Propeller Identification
Figure 1**

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Aluminun Hub Propeller Identification - Compact Series
Figure 2



Aluminum Hub Propeller Identification -Lightweight Series
Figure 3

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E. Long Term Storage

- (1) Propellers (with 0 hours time in service since new or overhaul) that have been in long term storage have additional inspection requirements prior to installation. Details of these requirements are published in Hartzell Standard Practices Manual 202A (61-01-02).
- (2) Propellers with time in service that were placed in long term storage without first being overhauled have additional inspection requirements prior to return to service. Details of these requirements are published in Hartzell Standard Practices Manual 202A (61-01-02).

3. Overhaul Periods

A. To determine the applicable overhaul period, the propeller model number and engine must be known. The propeller model can be found stamped on the side of the propeller hub and in the propeller logbook. Overhaul Periods are specified by engine (reciprocating or turbine) and propeller type (steel or aluminum hub). Refer to Figure 1 through 6 to determine the propeller type.

B. Reciprocating Engine Propellers

- (1) All Hartzell propellers installed on reciprocating (piston) engine aircraft must be overhauled within the flight hour/calendar month periods (whichever occurs first) listed below:

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Steel Hub Propellers on Reciprocating Engines

Model Numbers as shown in Figure 1

<u>Propeller Model and Application</u>	<u>Flight Hours/Calendar Months</u>
All Installations	
Hard Alloy Blades as defined in Note 6	1000/36
Agricultural Installations as defined in Note 2	
Steel Hub M, MV, R, P, T, Z, or W Shank	
Option 1	2000/36
Option 2 - Maintained and Inspected in accordance with Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-253	2000/60
Steel Hub X and V Shank	
Option 1	1000/36
Option 2 - Maintained and Inspected in accordance with Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-253	1000/60
Fire Fighting Installations as defined in Note 9	2000/60
Aerobatic Installations as defined in Note 3	1000/60
Jacobs R-755 Engine Installations	
Steel Hub R, Z, W, or P Shank	1000/60
All Other Installations	
Steel Hub M, MV, R, P, T, Z, or W Shank	2000/60
Steel Hub X and V Shank	1000/60

HC-(1,D)2X20-(7,8) and HC-(1,D)2(M)V20-(7,8) Hartzell Hydro-Selective propellers require replacement of rubber diaphragm (P/N B119-2) at intervals not to exceed 24 months or 250 hours of operation whichever occurs first. These propellers utilize a non-rotating piston and cylinder attached to the engine.

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Aluminum Hub Propellers on Reciprocating Engines
Model numbers as shown in Figure 2

<u>Propeller Model and Application</u>	<u>Flight Hours/Calendar Months</u>
Agricultural Installations as defined in Note 2 -	
Option 1	2000/36
Option 2 - Maintained and Inspected in accordance with Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-255	2000/60
Acrobatic (aerobatic) Installations as defined in Note 3	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	1000/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	1000/72
Fire Fighting Installations as defined in Note 9	2000/60
Franklin Engine Installations	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	1500/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	1500/72
All other 2 Bladed propellers manufactured before 1997 as defined in Note 4 - See Figure 4	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	2000/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	2000/72
All other 2 Bladed propellers manufactured after April 1997 as defined in Note 4 - See Figure 4	2400/72
All other 3 Bladed propellers manufactured before 1983 as defined in Note 5 - See Figure 5	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	2000/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	2000/72
All other 3 Bladed propellers manufactured after 1983 as defined in Note 5 - See Figure 5	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	2400/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	2400/72
All other 4 Bladed propellers	
Manufactured or overhauled before October 1991 - Note 1	2400/60
Manufactured or overhauled after October 1991 - Note 1	2400/72

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C. Turbine Engine Propellers

- (1) All Hartzell propellers installed on turbine engine aircraft must be overhauled within the flight hour/calendar month periods (whichever occurs first) listed below:

Steel Hub Propellers on Turbine Engines

Model numbers as shown in Figure 1

<u>Propeller Model and application</u>	<u>Flight Hours/Calendar Months</u>
Hard Alloy Blades Installations as defined in Note 6	3000/36
Agricultural Installations as defined in Note 2 -	
Option 1	3000/36
Option 2 - Maintained and Inspected in accordance with Hartzell Service Letter HC-SL-61-253	3000/60
Acrobatic (aerobatic) Installations as defined in Note 3	3000/60
Fire Fighting Installations as defined in Note 9	3000/60
All Other Installations	3000/60

