

Service Bulletin: 19 Extended Usable Service Life for AERO Specialties Towbar products.

Important Notice: Recommended Service Life of AERO Specialties Towbar Products

Equipment Type: AERO Specialties, Inc.'s Towbar Products
Models: All models of AERO Specialties, Inc.'s towbar and towbar heads
Years: NA
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The use of old, unmaintained or damaged towbar products result in multimillion dollar accidents each year. Like any product, towbars and towheads have a limited life span. In the interest of ramp safety, AERO Specialties, as an industry-leading manufacturer of towbar products, would like to provide their customers with manufacture recommendations concerning the usable life expectancy of this crucial aircraft-handling product.

AERO Specialties has extended the recommended usable service life of its towbar products as follows:

- **Towbar products: 10 years from time of purchase***
- **Towhead products: 15 years from time of purchase***

*Service Life is based on the following criteria:

- Operator must have an established and ongoing inspection and maintenance program. Product has been inspected in compliance with AERO Specialties recommendations as stated in the "Inspection Schedule: Towbars" and/or the "Inspection Schedule: Heads" section(s) in the manuals.
- Inspections to include daily inspections and ongoing 30, 60, and 90 day progressive inspections. Only AERO Specialties approved parts and materials are utilized in the maintenance and repairs to the product.
- Products cannot be repaired or altered in any fashion not approved by AERO Specialties in writing.

It is incumbent on the operator to maintain accurate records of maintenance and repairs performed.

AERO Specialties is available to assist in the evaluation of any suspected damage or wear questions you have on your towbar products. Any questions should be referred to the incorporation at service@aerospecialties.com or at +1 208-378-9888. Please have the model and serial number of product available. Pictures of the affected area would be very helpful and will assist in making the most accurate recommendation possible.

This recommendation does not apply to General Aviation (GA) universal towbars. Once this lifetime is achieved, it is recommended that the product be retired to avoid any unnecessary damages caused by aging.