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Dear Sir or Madam

**ALL TIGER MOTH VARIANTS - FUSELAGE LATERAL TIE ROD FITMENT**

You will be aware of an unfortunate accident involving a de Havilland DH-82A Tiger Moth, VH-TSG East of Stradbroke Island on 16 December 2013. Without pre-empting the outcome of the ATSB's investigation, CASA believes it is important to seek specific information from all Tiger Moth (and other related aircraft variant) owners.

The information sought is related to the fore and aft lateral tie rods that are fitted to your aircraft (the tie rods pass through the lower fuselage structure and hold the two lower wings together). Specifically you are asked to provide the following information:

1. The manufacturer of the tie rods fitted to your aircraft – for example de Havilland or an Australian Parts Manufacture Approval (APMA) or other Parts Manufacture Approval (PMA) holder.
2. If the tie rods were produced by an APMA or a PMA, the manufacturer's part number or identification number – for example J & R Aerospace, part number JRA-776-1?
3. When the tie rods were fitted to the aircraft?
4. How many landings the aircraft has conducted since these tie rods were fitted?
5. How many flight hours have been accumulated on your aircraft since these tie rods were fitted?

It would be appreciated if you could respond to the above questions along with your name, aircraft serial number and aircraft registration details to the following email address by COB 28 February 2014 at the latest: [airworthiness.directives@casa.gov.au](mailto:airworthiness.directives@casa.gov.au)

If you require any further information in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6217 1242.

Yours faithfully

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