

Date: 11 March 2026

Subject: Recommendation on Handling the Aircraft Cabin Doors During Taxi Operations with the Cabin Doors in the Open Position

Dear Valued Owners and Operators,

Pipistrel would like to draw your attention to the proper handling of the aircraft cabin doors during taxi operations, particularly when the doors are kept in the open position.

This circular letter applies to all Pipistrel high-wing aircraft equipped with upward-opening cabin doors that can be latched to the wing using the external door hold-open pin.

Multiple instances of the cabin doors being kept open and latched during taxi operations have been observed. Keeping the door open and latched to the wing during taxi operations may lead to vibration and deformation of the door, which may in turn lead to the initiation of cracks around the hinge area. Repeated taxi operations with the door open and latched may propagate the initial cracks, leading to structural damage of the door.

Although the cabin door may be kept open during taxi for ventilation purposes, it should be held open manually by the pilot and should not be latched to the wing. Therefore, to prevent additional structural degradation, we recommend avoiding taxi operations with the door open and latched.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachments:

[1] None.

List of issues and alterations

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