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Eclipse Aerospace is committed to the safe operation of the Eclipse Jet fleet. Proper maintenance is a critical component in the overall safety of the fleet.

Since its inception, EAI has made the delivery of high-quality, FAA approved replacement parts a priority. With only rare exception, parts for supported aircraft configurations are available upon order.

EAI is aware that various parties/entities have been offering, or proposing to offer, salvage parts available for re-sale. Operators should be aware of the risks associated with the use of salvage parts.

Well-maintained airworthy aircraft hold great value. The sum of the saleable parts falls far short of the market value of the whole. Salvage parts generally come to market from aircraft that are damaged, corroded, or under-maintained until it is beyond economical repair. By their very nature, salvage parts should be highly suspect. In fact, FAA regulations require that Repair Stations have procedures to inspect such parts for hidden damage prior to use.

Many companies providing salvage parts do nothing more than remove and visually inspect the parts prior to shipping them to the end user. No functional tests are performed and often no records of the service life of the part are transmitted to the end user. This is a highly undesirable condition.

Due to the inherent risks associated with salvage parts, EAI does not support the use of salvage parts on the Eclipse aircraft. The serial numbers of all installed items on any salvage aircraft will be listed as "not eligible for installation" in the EAI database and the unapproved installation of such parts will void any existing aircraft warranties, including those for replacement parts. EAI may also, at their sole discretion, discontinue support services for aircraft with salvage parts installed.

In the future, EAI may consider the use of salvage parts from those parties/entities providing EAI with an acceptable salvage part Quality Assurance program that assures the condition, serviceability, and pedigree of any removed parts

Operators interested in assistance evaluating the acceptability of any parts should contact EAI Field Service.