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Reference: STI AF-SBC-97-005

Special Technical Instruction - Possible premature wearing to elevator trim tab link rod and idler arm. It has been noted on some high hour pilot training aircraft that this area is not being maintained to its engineering standard.

Procedure: Inspect componentry for excessive wear by withdrawing split pins and removing link rod. Refer previous STI-AF-SBC-95-001 issued July 1995 for detailed description and modification carried out to increase service life. Link rod should be renewed if diameter is worn to 50% of original size.

Rectification:

Renew worn componentry as required. If previously supplied STI-95-001 has not been kept for reference please contact the undersigned and another copy will be sent.

We would suggest that the link rod bearing surfaces be periodically lubricated by spraying with a DRY lube silicone type aerosol spray, for instance "Selleys Ezi Glide" or similar product. **DO NOT USE GREASE OR OIL** as these attract and hold dirt etc.

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