

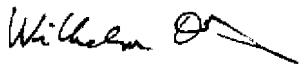
## Maintenance Manual DG-500

### Recommendations to order spare parts

Please try to determine the exact designations of the spare parts for your order using the maintenance manual. This is to guarantee a fast and correct delivery of the parts.

The designations are to find in the sections system description, instructions for assembly and servicing work and especially in the diagrams of the maintenance manual.

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# Maintenance Manual DG-500

## 0 General

### 0.1 Manual amendments

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## Instructions for continued airworthiness

### 0.4 Airworthiness limitations

#### 0.4.1 Repairs

Repair damaged wings, fuselage and tail surfaces prior to next flight. Repairs outside the scope of DG Flugzeugbau DG-500 repair manual and major repairs must be accomplished at an approved repair station or an approved mechanic rated for composite aircraft structure work in accordance with DG Flugzeugbau repair methods.

Use only genuine spare parts.

For all aircraft under EASA regulations the following applies: According to part 21, subpart M to accomplish major repairs an approved repair instruction is required, see also TN DG-G-01 "Approved repair methods according to EU Commission Regulation 1702/2003 part 21, subpart M"

#### 0.4.2 Life time of the airframe

The maximum allowable operating time for the Variants DG-500/22 ELAN, DG-500 ELAN Trainer, DG-500/20 ELAN and DG-500 ELAN Orion is 12000 flight hours. Therefore inspection according to sect. 2.4 of this manual has to be executed at 3000 h, 6000 h, 9000 h and every 1000 hours following thereafter.

#### 0.4.3 Life time of equipment and components

- a) The **fabric straps of the safety harness** have to be exchanged according to the instructions of the respective manufacturer. If no limitations are given, exchange after 12 years.
- b) The **rubber cords** in the elevator control system see sect. 1.2.6 and in the wing flap control system (DG-500/22 and /20) see sect. 1.4.6 have to be replaced at least every 6 years.
- c) **Other components:**  
All other components like tow hook, wheels, gas struts, control system parts, bolts, pins etc. have no life time limitation, but should be replaced when worn, damaged or disqualified by excessive corrosion.

#### 0.4.4 Service time, maintenance documents of equipment and components

Follow the instructions of the respective manufacturer.

- a) Operating Manual for Safety Tow Releases Series: Europa G 88 Safety Tow Release latest approved version  
Operating Manual for Tow Releases Series: E 85 Nose Tow Release latest approved version
- b) safety harness: instructions of the manufacturer
- c) minimum instrumentation: instructions of the manufacture

## 1 System description and adjustment data

### 1.1 Wing and tail plane setting data

Sweep Back (Leading edge):

0 + 3 mm ( $\pm 0.12$  in.) at wing taper change ( $y = 5.75$  m)

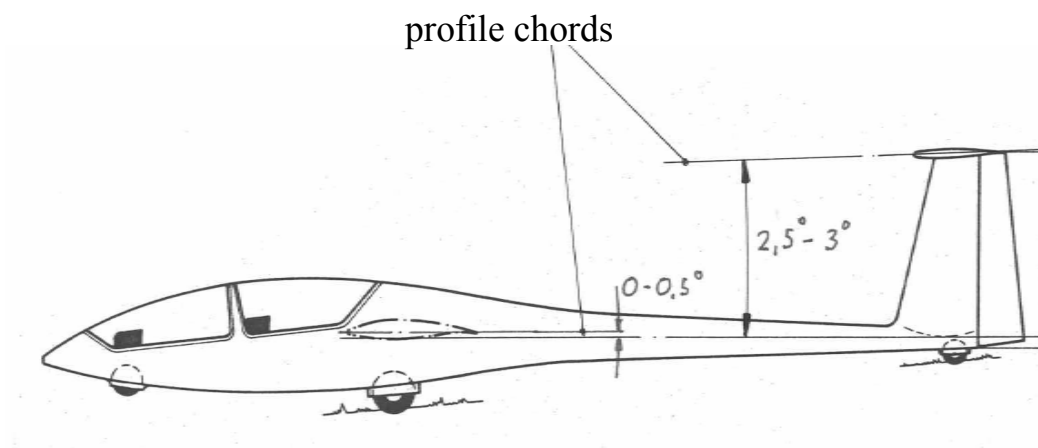
Dihedral (Leading edge line):

3° = 282 mm (11.1 in.) at wing taper change ( $y = 5.75$  m)

Angles of Incidence:

Wing: 0° up to -0.5° measured at wing flap setting -0°.

Horizontal tailplane: -2.5° up to -3°



Wing oscillation frequency:	DG-500/22	approx.122/min
	DG-500/20	approx.135/min
	DG-500 TRAINER	approx.150/min
	DG-500 Orion 17,2m	approx.165/min
	18m	approx.155/min
	20m	approx.135/min

Aircraft should rest on main wheel and tailwheel during frequency measurements.

## 1.2 Elevator control and trim system

### 1.2.1 Control system see diagram 1

### 1.2.2 Elevator deflections and tolerances

Up  $25.5^{\circ}$  -  $26^{\circ}$

Down  $23.5^{\circ}$  -  $24^{\circ}$

measured at 227 mm (8.94 in.) from hinge axis.

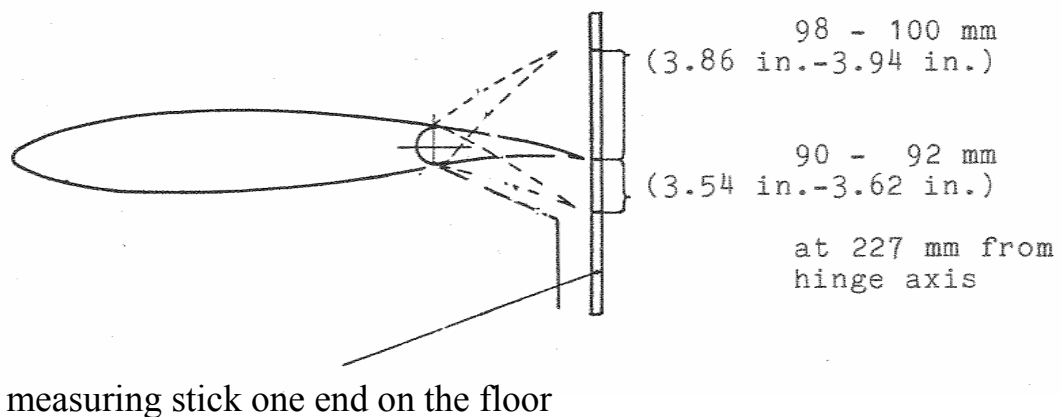
Measurement:

Hold a measuring stick with one end on the floor.

Set the elevator to zero by using a pattern. A drawing for the zero-pattern is available from DG Flugzeugbau.

Mark the 0-point on the stick.

Then measure the up and down deflections.



### 1.2.3 Elevator stops

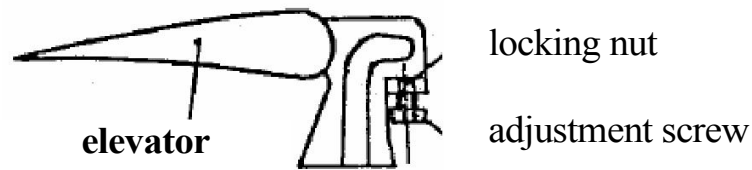
The elevator stops are located at the rear control column and can be adjusted with a 10 mm open end wrench.

### 1.2.4 Elevator control circuit free play

With the elevator held fixed in the zero position, the free play at the top of the control column can be  $\pm 2$  mm ( $\pm 0.08$  in.). Within the automatic elevator connection there should be no free play noticeable in the zero position when the elevator is moved at its trailing edge.

### 1.2.5 Adjusting free play

Any free play can be reduced by screwing in the adjustment screw on the automatic connector funnel.

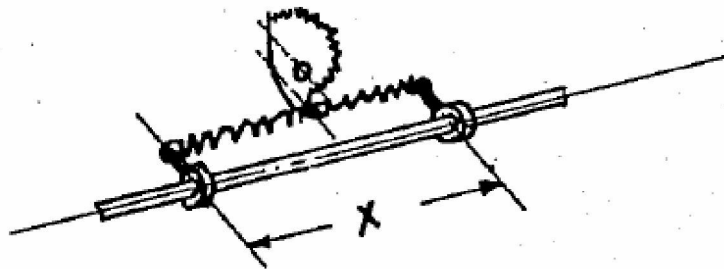


### 1.2.6 Trim

The trim mechanism should be adjusted so that with full forward (nose down) trim the control column is in the maximum forward position.

The tensioning of the trim mechanism springs is adjusted as shown in the sketch.  $x = 340 \text{ mm}$  (13.4 in.)

The springs are located in the rear cockpit on the left hand side.



### 1.2.7 Pilot force reducing rubbercord

The rubber cord produces an elevator stick force in push direction. If the trim efficiency of your DG-500 in push direction is reduced, you have to inspect the rubber cord.

The rubber cord is located on the left hand side behind the main bulkhead below the baggage compartment floor.

The rubber cord runs from bellcrank 5St19 to a fork at the main bulkhead. The length of the rubber cord when loose should be 500 mm (19.7 in.).

If the cord is longer or worn it must be replaced.

The cord must be replaced at least every 6 years.

## 1.3 Rudder control

### 1.3.1 Rudder control circuit - see diagram 2

### 1.3.2 Rudder deflections and tolerances

217-5 mm (+ 30°) (8.54 - .2 inch)

measured at 420 mm (16.5 inch) from the hinge axis.

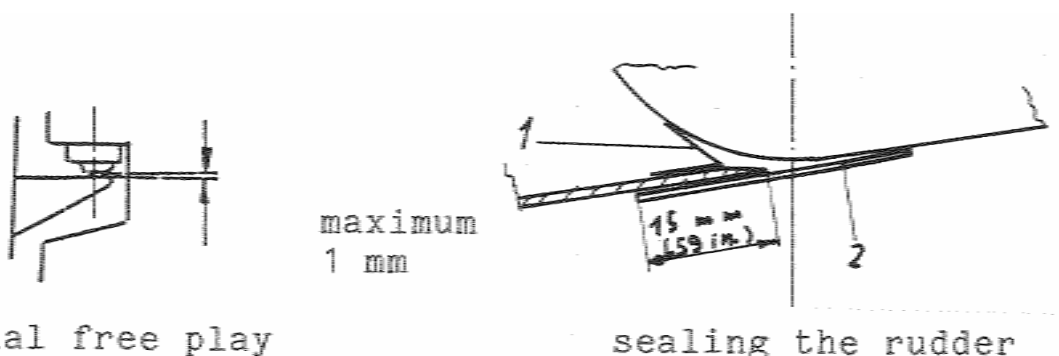
### 1.3.3 Rudder stops

The rudder stops are located at the lower hinge of the rudder.

### 1.3.4 Axial free play

The maximum allowable free play at the upper hinge point is 1 mm  
(0.04 inch)

### 1.3.5 Sealing the rudder



The rudder is sealed on both sides. Inside the fin with a V sealing tape (3 M Scotch Flexodicht Band 2743 white) which is attached at the fin trailing edge. If damaged it should be replaced and sprayed with Teflon spray. On the outside a combo sealing (flexible sealing with turbulator zig-zag dents at its leading edge) is installed.

Prior to installation of this sealing clean the glue area of the fin with Acetone.

**Caution:** Acetone may damage competition no's. or the colour scheme.

**Warning:** These sealings are not to be removed. If damaged or if the flexible sealings does not touch the rudder any more, the sealing have to be exchanged. Use only original material.

These materials should be purchased from DG.

item part.-no. amount

1 70000295 2 x 1.5 m(59 in.) V sealing tape

2 30003130 2 x 1.48 m (58 in.) combi sealing 30/15

## 1.4 Aileron and wing flap control

### 1.4.1 DG-500/22 and DG-500/20

#### 1.4.1.1 Control circuit (see diagrams 3 and 4)

A spring at the mixer shaft 5St60 provides additional aileron return force at positive wing flap settings.

#### 1.4.1.2 Deflections and tolerances

##### Aileron deflections:

up  $20^\circ \pm 1^\circ$   $64 \pm 3$  mm

down  $10^\circ \pm 1^\circ$   $32 \pm 3$  mm

measured at 182 mm (7.17 in.) from hinge axis (at the aileron root), wing flap setting  $0^\circ$ .

##### Wing flap deflections:

-  $10^\circ$   $-40 \pm 3$  mm ( $1.57 \pm 0.12$  in.)

L = +  $15^\circ$   $+59 \pm 3$  mm ( $2.32 \pm 0.12$  in.)

measured at 228 mm (9.0 in.) from hinge axis against the fixed part at the wing root.

At flap setting  $0^\circ$  the wingflaps have to be adjusted against the fixed part at the wing root with  $0 \pm 1$  mm ( $0 \pm 0.04$  in.).

#### 1.4.1.3 Stops

The aileron stops are located at the rear control column and can be adjusted with two 10 mm open-end wrenches.

The stop for positive wingflap setting is located under the removable left-hand side panel of the rear seat on the pushrod of the wingflap handle 5St73.

The sleeve which is riveted to the rod must stop at the main bulkhead in landing setting. Adjustment is by adjusting the rear pushrod 5St74 against 5St73.

The stop for negative setting (front) is located in the front cockpit on the inner guiding tube 5ST68/2 of the front wingflap handle 5St72.

Adjustment by placing shims with inside diameter 12 mm (0.47 in.) between 5St72 and the sleeve which is riveted to 5St68/2.

## 1.4.1.4 Free play

### Ailerons

The max. free play measured at the trailing edge of the ailerons measured at 166 mm (6.54 in.) from hinge axis should not exceed  $\pm 1.5$  mm (0.06 in.) The control stick and the wingflap should be in neutral position.

If the free play is excessive replace the hinge axis (part 2F7/1) at the aileron control surface horn.

With both ailerons fixed, a maximum free play of  $\pm 2$  mm (0.08 in.) at the top of the control stick is allowed.

### Wingflaps

The max. free play measured at the trailing edge of the wingflap measured at 228 mm (9.0 in.) from hinge axis should not exceed  $\pm 2$  mm (0.08 in.). The control stick and the wingflap should be in neutral position.

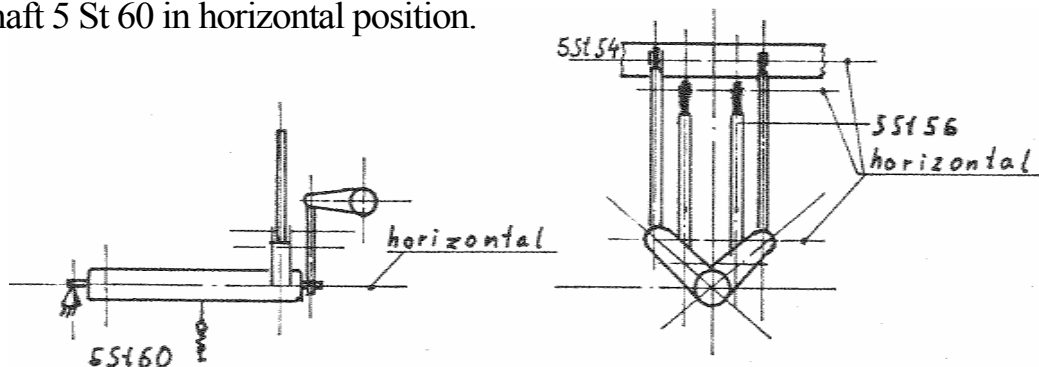
With excessive free play replace the pin of the wingflap hook up 5St46 against an oversize pin (part no. 5St46/3 oversize 1).

## 1.4.1.5 Complete readjustment

Should it be necessary to completely reset the flap and aileron control, proceed as follows:

Rig the glider with the inboard wing panels only.

Place the fuselage with the center line horizontal see sect. 1.1. Fix the mixer shaft 5 St 60 in horizontal position.



then:

1. Adjust the control stick to neutral.
2. Adjust the wing flap handle to 0° flapsetting.
3. Adjust wing flaps and ailerons to zero.

### Adjustment of the ailerons

Deflect aileron downwards. Then screw off the aileron control surface horn 5St3/2 (at the wing parting) by use of a 10 mm socket wrench.

Then loosen the counter nut at the rod end with a 10 mm open end wrench.

Adjustment is made by rotating the complete drive.

**Caution:** Secure the bolts again with a small amount of Loctite 243.

### **Adjustment of the wing flaps**

Adjust at the rod ends of the pushrods 5ST56 which run from the mixer shaft 5 St 60 to the wing flaps operating shaft 5St54.

4. Adjust the aileron stops.
5. Check the flap deflections and adjust the stops if necessary.

#### **1.4.1.6 Pilot force reducing rubber cord**

The rubber cord in the wing flap control system reduces the pilot forces when moving the flap into the positive positions. The cord is located on the left hand side behind the main bulkhead below the baggage compartment floor. The cord runs from a fork at the main bulkhead around a pulley at the rear main bulkhead to the spring at pushrod 5St74. The length of the rubber cord when loose should be 700 mm (27.5 in.) If the cord is longer or worn it must be replaced. It must be replaced at least every 6 years.



## 1.4.2 DG-500 Trainer und DG-500 Orion

### 1.4.2.1 Control circuit

See diagram 3a and diagram 4a

### 1.4.2.2 Deflections and tolerances

Aileron deflections:

**Normal:**

up  $30^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  75  $\pm$  3 mm

down  $15^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  38  $\pm$  3 mm

**Option TM 348/11 only Orion:**

up  $24^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  60  $\pm$  3 mm

down  $12^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  30  $\pm$  3 mm

measured at 144 mm (5.67 in.) from hinge axis (inboard of the aileron)

### 1.4.2.3 Stops

The aileron stops are located at the rear control column and can be adjusted with two 10 mm open-end wrenches.

### 1.4.2.4 Free play

The max. free play measured at the trailing edge of the ailerons measured at 144 mm (5.67 in.) from hinge axis should not exceed  $\pm 1.5$  mm (0.06 in.) The control stick should be in neutral position.

If the free play is excessive replace the hinge axis (part 2F7/3) at the aileron control surface horn.

With both ailerons fixed, a maximum free play of  $\pm 2$  mm (0.08 in.) at the top of the control stick is allowed.

### 1.4.2.5 Complete readjustment

Should it be necessary to completely reset the flap and aileron control, proceed as follows:

Rig the glider with the inboard wing panels only.

Fix the mixer shaft 5St104 in horizontal position.

then:

1. Set the control stick to neutral.
3. Set the ailerons to zero.

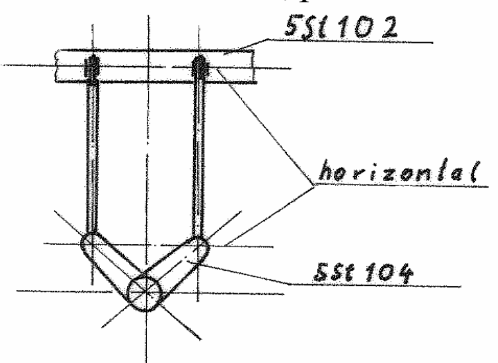
#### Adjustment of the ailerons

Deflect aileron downwards. Then screw off the aileron control surface horn by use of a 10 mm socket wrench.

Then loosen the counter nut at the rod end with a 4 mm Allen key wrench.

Adjustment is made by rotating the complete drive.

**Caution:** Secure the bolts again with a small amount of Loctite 243.



## 1.5 Airbrake control, wheelbrake

### 1.5.1 Control circuit

See diagrams 3 and 4 DG-500/22 and /20, or Diagrams 3a and 4a DG-500 Trainer and Orion.

The wheelbrake is connected to the airbrake torsion shaft (part 5 St 57).

### 1.5.2 Adjustment

- a) Airbrake overcentre locking force.

Adjust the airbrake rod in the airbrake box so that both airbrakes retract evenly and that the overcentre locking force on the airbrake operating handle is between 15 - 20 daN (33-44 lbs). Adjustment can be done with a 13mm open end wrench..

Further details see "Instruction for inspection DG-500 airbrakes" (attached to this manual)

- b) Airbrake extension height.

The height the airbrakes extend depends on the wheelbrake adjustment.

- c) Wheel braking force.

With insufficient braking effect, the wheel-brake can be adjusted at the adjustment screws between torsion shaft 5 St 57 and the master cylinder (at the landing gear box). If this does not increase the braking effect refer to sect. 1.6.4 b).

- d) **Only DG-500/20, Trainer, Orion:**

During the annual inspection check the airbrakes according to "Instruction for inspection DG-500 airbrakes" (attached to this manual).

### 1.5.3 Airbrake Stops

The airbrake control extension stop is located at the main bulkhead.

The stop, in locked direction, is situated at the wing rootribs. The corresponding stop at

the guide rod 5 St 68/1 in the cockpit should be placed to allow a free play of 0-3 mm (0-.12 in.) between the airbrake handle and the stop at the guide rod with the airbrakes locked over centre.

Adjustment can be made by adjusting the rod end between pushrod 5 St 71 and the airbrake torsion shaft 5 St 57.

### 1.5.4 Free play

Free play in the airbrake control system has no effect.

The airbrakes themselves at their hinges should not have so much free play that the bolt heads hit the wing surface instead of entering into the airbrakeboxes during retraction under airloads.

## 1.6 Landing gear

### 1.6.1 Main wheel retractable (all variants)

#### 1.6.1.1 Landing gear control circuit see diagram 7

In the retracted position the landing gear is locked by an overcenter device.

In the extended position the lock is by a

locking plate in the rear cockpit.

A gas strut reduces the retraction force and keeps the landing gear in the overcenter locking position (retracted and extended).

#### 1.6.1.2 Adjustment

- a) Overcenter lock in retracted position

Adjustment at the adjustment screw between landing gear operating lever 5FW8 and the bellcrank 5FW36.

The stop is located at the pushrod 5 FW 38 and stops against the pedestal 5FW41.

Adjust this stop after adjusting the lock in the extended position see b) by gluing slotted shims onto the stopsleeve on 5FW38.

- b) In extended position (landing gear struts over center) a max. free play of approx. 0.5 mm (0.02 in.) between the lock at pushrod 5FW38 and the locking plate 5FW35 is allowed.

Adjustment at the rod end in pushrod 5FW37 between 5FW38 and 5FW36.

#### 1.6.1.3 Free play

Free play between lever 5 FW 8 and the upper strut 5FW12 is not allowed. If there is any free play, the two securing bolts M6 x 40 should be tightened with a 10 mm open-end wrench. If there is still some free play, the bolts should be removed and the holes drilled out and reamed to diameter 8 H7. M8 x 40 LN9037 bolts should then be installed.

### 1.6.1.4 Hydraulic brake system

- a) Brake fluid approved specification DOT 3, DOT 4, SAEJ 1703.

The brake fluid must be exchanged at least every 4 years.

**Warning:** brake fluid is poisonous

- b) Adjustment: see section 1.5.2 c)

If adjustment does not increase the braking effect as desired, the brake system is leaking or there is air in the brake system.

Bleeding of the brake system see section 4.5.

- c) The brake linings must be replaced if they are used up to a thickness of 2.5 mm (0.098 in.). Removal of brake calliper see sect. 4.4 B.

Replacement set (2 linings, 6 rivets)

Tost No. 075860

- d) The brake disc must be replaced if it is used up to a thickness of 4.2 mm (0.167 in.). Removal of the wheel see sect. 4.4 A.

### 1.6.2 Main wheel non retractable (optional DG-500 Trainer)

#### 1.6.2.1 System

See diagram 10

Instead of the hydraulic disc brake a wheel with drum brake is used.

#### 1.6.3 Tyre pressure:

	DG-500/22, /20, Orion			DG-500 Trainer		
Main wheel	3	bar	(44.5 psi)	2.5	bar	(36 psi)
Nose wheel	2.5	bar	(36 psi)	2.5	bar	(36 psi)
Tail wheel	4	bar	(58 psi)	4	bar	(58 psi)

## 1.7 Tow hooks

### 1.7.1 Tow release circuit see diagram 5

### 1.7.2 Adjustment

Check if both tow releases open fully.

Adjustment at the bellcrank 5R32 in the rear cockpit.

**Caution:** The ring muzzle of the C.G. hook should not be bent or ground down and move easily. If the muzzle is damaged, the tow release has to be exchanged and repaired by the manufacturer (Tost).

### 1.7.3 Removing the tow hooks

#### C.G. tow hook

Remove the mounting bolts and the actuating lever. Don't remove the bolt which carries the actuating lever.

Move the tow hook some mm in an upward direction (use a piece of hard wood and a hammer). Then pull it out towards the front.

#### Nose tow hook

Remove the tow hook with the fittings 5 R 3/2 and 3.

### 1.7.4 Rubber cords

To keep the actuating cables tight there is a rubber cord at both of the cables in front of the bellcrank 5 R 32.

Replace the rubber cords if worn.

For further information refer to the operating and maintenance instructions for the release mechanism. (See sect. 0.4 of this maintenance manual)

## **1.8 Water ballast system**

### **1.8.1 DG-500/22 and DG-500/20**

#### **1.8.1.1 Water ballast system see diagram 6**

#### **1.8.1.2 Wing tanks**

##### **1.8.1.2.1 Adjustment**

For the dump valve in the closed position, there should be 1 mm (.04 in.) space between the 8 mm (.315 in.) diameter PVC rod from the dump valve, and the plate lever on the fuselage.

Adjust at the adjustment screw located at the fuselage wall. If this is insufficient, the 8 mm PVC rod can be shortened.

If a valve still leaks, then the rubber gasket and the associated spring at the end of the 8 mm PVC rod should be loosened, pressed further in and secured again. If this is not successful, the valve ball seat should be greased. (see sect. 4.1)

##### **1.8.1.2.2 Servicing (see sect. 4.1)**

### **1.8.2 DG-500 Trainer**

No waterballast system existent.

## **1.8.3 DG-500 Orion**

### **1.8.3.1 Warerballast system see diagram 6a**

### **1.8.3.2 Wing tanks see section 1.8.1.2**

### **1.8.3.3 Fin tank A (to compensate the wing ballast)**

#### **1.8.3.3.1 Adjustment**

The release cable must be adjusted so, that the wing tank handles only can be opened, when the fin tank has been opened fully.

#### **1.8.3.3.2 Inspection**

According to sect. 2.2.1 the fin ballast tank system must be checked at the annual inspection. Therefore the tailwheel is to be removed and the cover plate in the tailwheel box to be unscrewed.

Check the control cable and the lever of the valve carefully for wear.

The control cable has to be checked at the operating handle in the cockpit too.

If the cable or the lever is worn, it is prohibited to use the fin tank any more. Please contact DG Flugzeugbau for a detailed repair instruction.

The dump time of the full fin tank is to measure. 120 sec. should not be exceeded.

Outside air temperature gauge: Check for correct indication.

### **1.8.3.4 Fintank B (to compensate the mass of the rear pilot)**

#### **1.8.3.4.1 Inspection**

Check the function of the control light in the front instrument panel. With empty tank the light must be on at "tank empty". Fill in 1/2 l (.1 US gal) of water. Now the light at "tank filled" must be on.

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### 1.9 Massbalance and weights of control surfaces

After repairs or repainting the control surfaces weights and moments should not exceed the following limits.

Control surface	weight		moment		balance reading see instructions below kg (lbs)	
	kg (lbs.)		kg cm (lbs.in.)			
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>Rudder(with massbalance)</b>						
All variants	4.4 (9.7)	5.1 (11.2)	7 (6.08)	10 (8.68)	0.35 (0.77)	0.5 (1.1)
<b>Elevator (without pushrod)</b>						
DG-500/22, Trainer, Orion	4.3 (9.5)	5.1 (11.2)	13 (11.28)	16 (13.89)	0.572 (1.26)	0.71 (1.55)
only DG-500/20)	4.3 (9.5)	5.1 (11.2)	13 (11.28)	15.25 (13.24)	0.572 (1.26)	0.672 (1.48)
<b>Ailerons</b>						
<b>DG-500/22</b>						
Inboard ailerons	0.8 (1.76)	1.1 (2.43)	2.95 (2.56)	3.86 (3.35)	0.16 (0.36)	0.21 (0.47)
Outboard ailerons	3.6 (7.94)	5.0 (11.0)	4.01 (3.48)	5.99 (5.20)	0.27 (0.60)	0.41 (0.90)
<b>DG-500/20</b>						
Inboard ailerons	0.8 (1.76)	1.1 (2.43)	2.95 (2.56)	4.0 (4.47)	0.162 (0.357)	0.220 (0.485)
Outboard ailerons	3.24 (7.14)	4.4 (9.70)	2.76 (2.40)	5.0 (4.34)	0.199 (0.439)	0.360 (0.793)
DG-500 TRAINER ailerons	4.0 (8.8)	5.0 (11.0)	5.0 (4.34)	7.08 (6.15)	0.28 (0.62)	0.40 (0.88)
<b>DG-500 Orion</b>						
Inboard ailerons	4.0 (8.8)	5.0 (11.0)	5.0 (4.34)	7.08 (6.15)	0.28 (0.62)	0.40 (0.88)
Outboard ailerons	0.4 (0.88)	0.6 (1.32)	0.8 (0.69)	1.2 (1.04)	0.07 (0.15)	0.11 (0.23)
<b>Wing flaps</b>						
DG-500/22	5.9 (13.0)	8 (17.6)	22.24 (19.30)	29.36 (25.48)	1.02 (2.25)	1.35 (2.97)
DG-500/20	5.9 (13.0)	8 (17.6)	22.24 (19.30)	27.56 (23.92)	1.049 (2.312)	1.3 (2.865)



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**Note:** Before any changes to the massbalance weights are made, contact the DG factory.

### Method for determining control surface moments

#### Rudder

Disconnect rudder cables, lay the fuselage on its side so that the fin is horizontal. Attach (by tape) a spring balance to the lower end of the rudder 200 mm (7.9 in.) behind the hinge axis.

All other control surfaces

#### Other control surfaces

Remove the control surface and hang it frictionfree on two hinge points.

Control surface	measuring point	behind hinge axis mm (in.)
DG-500/20:		
Elevator	center	227 (8,94)
DG-500/22:		
Elevator	center	227 (8,94)
Wing flaps	root	218 (8,58)
Inboard ailerons	root	182 (7,17)
Outboard ailerons	root	147 (5,79)
Wing flaps	1. hinge outb. from root	212 (8,35)
Inboard ailerons	root	182 (7,17)
Outboard ailerons	2. hing	139 (5,47)
DG-500 TRAINER:		
Elevator	center	227 (8,94)
Inboard ailerons	root	177 (6,97)
DG-500 Orion:		
Elevator	center	227 (8,94)
Inboard ailerons	root	177 (6,97)
Outboard ailerons	root	112 (4,49)

## 1.10 Fore and aft play of the wings

### 1.10.1 At fuselage

- a) Fore and aft play at the front wing suspension is acceptable and a design feature
- b) The fore and aft play at the rear wing suspension shall not exceed 0.5 mm (0.02 in.) at each wing.

Move the wings fore and aft to determine the free play.

If the free play is excessive the rear locking pins must be replaced by oversize pins (5 F 28 oversize 1).

Therefore you must ream the hole for the locking pin with the glider rigged. Allow no free play when reaming.

### 1.10.2 At the wing parting (only DG-500/22, /20, Orion)

- a) Check see above.

The free play at both pins together shall not exceed 0.5 mm (0.02 in.)

- b) Roughen the area around the lift pin and attach a distance washer inside diameter 10.5 mm (0.41 in.) with a suitable metal adhesive (e.g. Stabilit Express).

Note the total thickness of the washers at the root rib with a waterproof marker pen.

- c) Rig the outboard wing panels again and check the free play.

## 2 Inspections

### 2.1 Daily inspection

see flight manual section 4.3

### 2.2 Regular inspections

#### A After 200 flight hours and during the annual inspection

Check the rudder cables for wear especially around the “S” tubes on the rudder pedals. Worn rudder cables should be replaced (see section 4.2). Check the sealing of the rudder (see section 1.3.5).

#### B Annual inspection (and 100hr inspection only for USA)

- Execute all items of the daily inspection (see flight manual section 4.3). Check especially the headrest securing ropes in the rear cockpit according to “Working instruction No. 1 for TN348/20 issue 3” (attached to this manual) for correct assembly and for wear.
- Inspect all bolted connections and locking devices ie. locknuts, split pins etc.
- Check all metal parts for adequate greasing and rust prevention. (see section 3.3).
- Check the control surface deflections (see sections 1.2 up to 1.4).
- Check the free play in all control circuits (see section 1.2 up to 1.6)
- Check the fore and aft play of the wings (see section 1.10).
- Check the canopy emergency releases according to section 7.15 of the flight manual.
- Check the rubber cords in the control system (see sections 1.2.6, 1.4.6 (only DG-500/22 and /20) and 1.7.5).
- Check the thickness of the wheel brake linings and the thickness of the wheel brake disc (see section 1.6.1.4).
- Check if the brake fluid has to be exchanged (see section 1.6.1.4).
- Check the airbrakes according to “Instruction for inspection DG-500 airbrakes” (attached to this manual) ( not necessary for DG-500/22).
- **Tow hooks:** The operating and maintenance instructions for the release mechanisms, see sect. 0.4 of this maintenance manual have to be followed.
- **All-up weight and centre of gravity:** These should be checked at least every 4 years.

#### C Every 3 months

Check the tension of the lines of the waterbag attachment (see section 4.1).

#### D Special inspections

##### **Tow hook:**

After a wheel-up landing, the C.G. tow hook is to be cleaned. Check tow hook and tow hook bulkheads carefully for any damage.

##### **C.G. weighing:**

After all work which may influence the C.G..

### 2.3 Inspections after a heavy landing

#### **The whole aircraft**

Check that the tailplane is still properly aligned in the vertical and horizontal axis.

Check the wing oscillating frequency with respect to previous checks.

#### **Wings**

##### **Spar ends:**

Check the wing pins and bushes for any deformation - are there any white areas around the bushes?

##### **Root ribs:**

Are there any cracks at the rib/wing skin joint or rib/spar joint? If so, remove any paint or filler to see if the crack continues into the structure. Any white areas around the bushes?

##### **Outer skins:**

Crushing, cracks, delaminations?

**Note:** hairline cracks from the edges of the airbrake housing and on the wing leading edge running along the span are harmless, if these don't enlarge when you press on the wing shells.

##### **Wingflaps and ailerons:**

Crushing, cracks, delaminations?

Hinge mounts checked? - Control circuit drives checked?

#### **Fuselage**

##### **Fuselage wing connection:**

White areas, increased free play, bent lift pin tubes, difficult assembly?

##### **Torsion check:**

Hold the fuselage fixed and from the top of the fin try to turn the fin around the fuselage. While applying this torsion are any cracks made visible? Does the fuselage shell show any uncommon deformations?

##### **Fuselage - fin intersection:**

Check for cracks.

Remove gelcoat and any filler along the cracks. Apply pressure to the fin (push the fin towards the nose as well as applying torsion). Do the cracks penetrate the glass fibre structure?

Disassemble the rudder and check the glued connection of the fuselage end bulkhead and the fin trailing edge web.

### **Fuselage cont.**

To check the elevator control circuit and the bulkhead attachments in the fin area, the tail-wheel and the cover plate in the wheel box should be removed.

### **Tailplane attachment:**

Increased free play? Cracks in the fin top rib? Check if the aluminium parts of the tailplane attachment are bent or loose, check the tailplane locking device

### **Rudder mounts:**

Increased free play? White areas in the glass fibre, bent rudder hinge pin supports?

### **Fuselage skin:**

outside: cracks, nicks, folds? Any separation of the skin from the core?

inside: white spots, zig zag white lines, cracks?

Has any bulkhead become loose?

### **C.G. tow release:**

Especially after a wheel up landing, check for dirt etc., check for proper functioning. Has the tow release housing become detached from the fuselage?

### **Seat back bulkhead:**

Cracks? Shoulder strap attachment point?

### **Belly harness attachment points:**

Check for cracking around the mountings in the seat.

Check the safety harness assembly.

### **Controls:**

Check for proper functioning and condition of all controls and adjustment mechanisms (i.e. rudder pedal adjustment, tow release, air brake, control column and trim etc.).

### **Instruments:**

Proper functioning? Dirt in the static ports or in the pitot probe?

### **Landing gear :**

Check to insure if properly aligned? No bent forks? Proper extension and retraction? Any dirt in the forward fork pivot?

Any white areas or cracks in the wheel box? Remove the baggage area floor panels and inspect the wheel box from above.

Landing gear control circuit condition. Is there free play between actuating lever and rear upper fork?

### **Horizontal tailplane-stabilizer:**

**Outer skins:** Crushing, cracks, delaminations?

**Mounting:** Glued joint of the bushes, white areas around bushes, cracks in shear webs, cracks around locking plate?

**Hinge mounts:** checked?

### **Elevator:**

Crushing, cracks, delaminations?

Hinge mounts checked? - Control surface horn bent or loose?

### **Nose wheel and tail wheel**

Any cracks or white patches around the attachment?

Do all **checks of the daily inspection** (see flight manual section 4.3).

### 2.4 Inspection procedure for increase of service time

#### 1. General

The results of fatigue tests of wingspar sections have demonstrated that the service time of GFRP/CFRP gliders and motorgliders may be limited to 12000 hours, if for each individual glider (in addition to the obligatory annual inspections) the airworthiness is demonstrated according to a special multi-step inspection program particularly with regard to the service life.

#### 2. Dates

When the glider has reached a service time of 3000 hours, an inspection must be done in accordance with the inspection program mentioned under point 3. If the results of this inspection are positive or if any defects found have been duly repaired, the service time of the glider is extended by another 3000 hours to a total of 6000 hours (first step).

The above inspection program must be repeated when the glider has reached a service time of 6000 hours. If the results of this inspection are positive or if any defects found have been duly repaired, the service time of the glider is extended to 9000 hours (second step).

When the glider has reached a service time of 9000 h the above inspection program must be repeated. If the results of the inspection are still positive, or if any defects found have been duly repaired, the service time may be extended to a total of 10000 hours (third step).

Proceed analogous when reaching 10000 and 11000 hours (4. + 5. step).

#### 3. Ask the DG Flugzeugbau for the necessary inspection document.

When you request the inspection document, the following data should be submitted: Model/Type, Registration, Serial Number and the operating hours at which the inspection will be performed. A charge will be made for the inspection document.

#### 4. The inspection must only be done by a licensed repair station or inspector.

#### 5. The results of the inspections have to be recorded in an inspection test report wherein comments are required for each inspection instruction. If the inspections are done outside the DG Flugzeugbau facilities, a copy of the records must be sent to DG Flugzeugbau for evaluation and information.

## 3 Maintenance

### 3.1 General maintenance

(see also flight manual)

#### **Exterior surfaces of the fibre reinforced plastic parts**

The surfaces are coated by a UP-gelcoat. This gel-coat is protected by a hard wax coating which has been applied during production with a rotating disc ("Schwabbel" procedure). Do not remove the wax, because this would lead to shading, swelling and cracking of the surface. In general, the wax coat is very resistant. As soon as the wax coat is damaged or worn, a new coat has to be applied. If you store your aircraft often outside, this may be necessary every half year!

#### **"Schwabbel" procedure:**

The best method is with an electric power buffer as we do in the factory. Also an electric drill may be used. Speed approximately 2000 RPM. Two packages of special cloth discs (Schwabbelscheiben) have to be installed. A block of hard wax has to be pressed against the rotating discs. By doing so, the wax becomes hot and is taken up by the cloth. The hard wax and the cloth discs should be purchased from DG Flugzeugbau.

Wax                      part no. 70000121

Cloth disc            part no. 70000600

You get the best effect when polishing 900 to the microscratches of the sanding process.

**Caution:** Make sure that the surface does not get too hot, otherwise the finish will be damaged. Therefore move the polishing machine all the time, and do not stay on one spot.

#### **Plexiglas canopy:**

"Schwabbel" procedure (see above). Lock the canopy to the fuselage!

#### **Metal parts:**

The pins and bushes for rigging the aircraft are not surface protected and must be covered with grease all the time (see sect. 3.3).

The other metal parts, especially the control stick and all handles, should be preserved with metal polishes occasionally.



### 3.2 Maintenance of the airframe

The sailplane is service free except for the care of the surfaces (see sect. 3.1) and greasing and oiling of the control system and all pins (see sect. 3.3).

After a landing in a soft field, the landing gear box and tow hook should be thoroughly cleaned.

### 3.3 Greasing and oiling

- A The contact surfaces of the canopies to the fuselage are to be rubbed with colourless floor-polish (canopy and fuselage side) to reduce grating noise in flight. Polish at the beginning of the flight season and then every month.
- B Once a year your DG-500 should be carefully checked and all bearings, including control surface hinges, should be cleaned and greased if necessary. The various greasing points are as follows:
- Aileron drive connections at the inboard aileron.
  - Airbrake drive connection - in airbrake box, also grease the brake paddle pivots.
  - Remove the access panels on the left hand cockpit walls and grease all the pushrod guides, but not those with Teflon linings, note see below. Remove the baggage compartment floors and open the baggage compartment rear cover to grease all bearings.
  - Open the access panels (2 in the front and 2 in the rear cockpit). In the rear cockpit you have to remove the height adjustable seat pan first. Grease all accessible bearings (ball bearings and rod ends with universal bearings)
  - Remove the control column covers and grease all the bearings associated with the control columns.
  - Grease the rudder pedal adjustment slide.
  - Oil all hinge points on the landing gear in the landing gear box.
  - Clean and grease all control surfaces hinges.
  - Clean and grease the control hook ups for wing flaps, ailerons, airbrakes and elevator control.
  - Clean and grease all pins and bushes of the wing and tailplane attachment.

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**Note:** The greases we recommend are lithium based pressure-resistant anticorrosion greases or lithium-soap greases (multi-purpose greases for rolling element bearings).

**Caution:** The sliding guides of the following parts are made from Teflon and should not be greased:

Landing gear control handle 5FW39 on 5St68/2, Airbrake control handle 5St69 on 5St68/1 and wingflaps handle 5St72 on 5 St68/2 (only DG-500/22 und /20).

If these parts have been greased inadvertently you have to disassemble the parts and to clean them completely with Acetone.

### 3.4 Damage of the airframe

Before every flight, especially after a longer period of non--use, an inspection should be carried out. Check for any small changes such as small holes, bubbles and uneven areas on any skin surfaces, as these signal that may be wrong.

With major damage, contact DG Flugzeugbau immediately and send photographs and a damage report from a licensed inspector or from an appropriately rated mechanic. With this information, the correct repair procedures can then be determined.

Minor damage such as small cracks and holes in the skin surfaces can be repaired by an approved repair station.

Additional information, such as a listing of all materials used in your aircraft can be found in the repair manual.

Home repairs should not be attempted when:

- the main spars are damaged.
- major fittings on the wings, fuselage or tailplane are broken out or white patches are noted around them in the laminate.
- When areas are so badly damaged that component parts cannot be repaired without special jigs for proper positioning and alignment.
- Whenever it is necessary to cut into undamaged areas to execute repairs.

### 3.5 Hydraulic brake system

The brake fluid must be exchanged at least every 4 years (see section 1.6.1.4).

### **4 Detailed instructions for assembly and servicing work**

#### **4.1 Waterballast system (only DG-500/22, DG-500/20 and DG-500 Orion)**

##### **4.1.1 Replacement of the water ballast bags and servicing the dump valves**

Unscrew the bolt attaching the perlon line to the root rib and attach an additional 5 m (17 ft) long perlon line dia. 3 mm (.12 in.) to it. Unscrew the water ballast dump valve cap nut. Remove the dump valve with attached water ballast bag out of its wing stand by pushing the valve towards the wingtip. Remove the valve and ballast tank through the hole in the wing root. Remove the perlon line and loosen the hose clamp.

Assemble the new tank to the valve body. Therefore apply some silicone sealing agent onto the neck of the valve body.

Before reassembling the hose clamp wrap fabric tape (Tesaband 651) 3 times around the bag at this place.

The lines holding the tank are to be fixed, so that the key ring will remain 5 cm (2 in.) inside of the wing when the lines are just tensioned.

By this the tension of the lines will be satisfactory even if the lines will strain.

Every 3 months, you should check, that the lines are still tensioned. If not, undo the knot and tie it again to the key ring (see above) .

The front line should not be tensioned.

Each time you unscrew the valve, grease its thread, otherwise you won't be able to open it again. The seat of the valve ball (see diagr. 6) should be greased. Fill the new water ballast tank(s) and check for water tightness and test the dump time.

##### **4.1.2 Replacement for the probe for fin tank B) (only DG-500 Orion)**

Remove the cover of the coupling (located in front of the tailwheel) by pressing the spring clamp. Unplug the electrical probe connector which is fixed to the bulkhead at the rear end of the opening.

Use a long 19 mm wrench to screw out the probe.

### 4.2 Replacement of control circuit cables

The following cable connections are approved:

3.2 mm dia. control cable construction 7x19 with Nicopress-sleeves 28-3-M Copper and tool No. 51-M850 or 63-V-XPM or 64-CGMP where the M groove is to be used. The above applies to the rudder cables and the tow release cable.

The cable for the rudder pedal adjustment are 1.6 mm dia. control cable construction 7x7 with Nicopress-sleeves 28-1C Copper and the C groove for tool 64-CGMP should be used.

**Only DG-500 Orion:** The same type of cable is used for the control cables of fin tank.

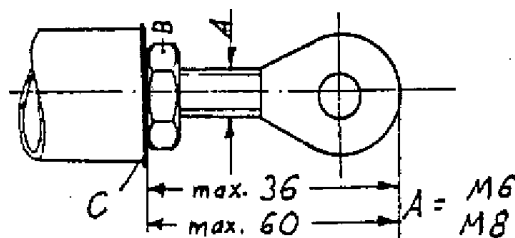
Attachment of the Nicopress sleeves should only be done using the respective tool. All the procedures and checks noted by the tool manufacturers should be followed.

Please refer to aircraft inspection and repair FAA AC 43.13-1 B or later issues.

**Caution:** Control cables according to MIL-W-83420 I/A (was MIL-W-1511A) or ISO2020 (was LN9374) should be used.

### 4.3 Adjustment and servicing of the control circuit

- In all cases, new self locking nuts DIN 985.8 should be used.
- Bolts which are not secured with locking nuts have to be secured with Loctite 243. Before installing the bolt clean the thread and the inside thread with Acetone. Apply only 1 drop of Loctite on the bolt thread. Too much Loctite may cause damage when you try to loosen the bolt again.
- With all adjustment work, it should be ensured that the rod ends are not screwed out too far from the pushrod - see sketch below for allowable max. distances for the two sizes used.



**Caution:** All lock nuts (B) are secured by a spring washer (C) DIN 6798 I. Be careful not to loose that washer!

### 4.4 Removal and installation of the retractable landing gear

See diagram 7

#### A Removal of the main wheel

1. Remove the bolt M8 x 45 DIN931-8.8 zn which secures the holder 5FW9 for the brake assembly to the front landing gear strut 5FW 0.
2. Remove the axis 5F17/1 and the parts 5FW17/2.
3. Remove the wheel axis 5FW5 and the bush 5FW4/1.
4. Move the wheel with the brake assembly to the right, so that the pin of part 5FW9 slides out of 5FW10. Now remove the wheel with the brake assembly.

#### B Removal of the brake assembly from the mainwheel

This is only necessary if the tyre is to be disassembled or if the brake linings are to be exchanged.

1. Remove the 2 upper bolts A from the brake assembly.
2. Take off brake assembly with holder 5 FW 9 and take away the loose part (back plate assy) with the brake lining.

**Caution:** Don't operate the airbrake and thus the wheel brake, as the piston and the brakefluid will be pressed out of the brake assembly.

3. During reassembly secure the 2 bolts A with Loctite 243 or safety wire.

#### C Removal of the rear landing gear strut

1. Remove the baggage compartment floor and the rear cover of the baggage compartment.
2. Disassemble the wheel see A.
3. Retract the landing gear. Warning, the landing gear will retract by itself when unlocked by the force of the gas spring.
4. Remove the short adjustable pushrod from the actuating lever 5FW8.
5. Disassemble the gas spring from the left side of the landing gear box.
6. Extend the landing gear again.
7. Disassemble the 3 bolts M6 x 40 LN9037 which fix the parts 5FW7 and 5FW8 to the strut 5FW12. Work inside the landing gear box.
8. Pull out 5FW7 and 5FW8 (with the gas spring).
9. Take out the rear landing gear strut.

### D Removal of the front landing gear strut

1. Remove the baggage compartment floor
2. Remove the main wheel see A
3. Screw out the front landing gear axis 5FW6 (Spanner 13 mm) and pull it out towards the fuselage wall. Mark the head of the axis at the fuselage wall and drill a 15 mm hole through the fuselage wall. Pull out the axis through this hole.
4. Take out the front landing gear strut.

**Note:** It is sufficient to tape the hole. GFRP repair is not necessary.

### E Installation

Reverse the above procedures

### 4.5 Filling and bleeding the hydraulic disc brake

**Note:** The master cylinder is mounted in an upright position. This means that filling and bleeding the system is only possible from the lowest point, which is the brake cylinder assembly at the wheel.

#### **Necessary tools:**

1 open-end wrench 1/4" = 6.35 mm for the bleeder valve at the brake calliper.

1 open-end wrench 11/16" = 18 mm.

2 Plastic syringes acid resistant, volume approx. 100 ml (6 cu.in.). Use this syringe for brake fluid only! 1 bleeder assy Tost No. 075890.

1 m (3 ft.) transparent PVC hose inside diameter 8 mm (0.31 in.), fixed to syringe and bleeder assy with hose clamps.

Brake-fluid DOT 3, DOT 4 or SAEJ 1703.

#### 1. **Preparations**

- Raise the fuselage, extend the landing gear.
- Fix left wheel door in the fully open position.
- Set the airbrake control in the retracted position.
- Remove the baggage compartment floor and rear cover, check that the actuating cable for the master cylinder is loose and if the piston rod of the master cylinder is at its upper stop.
- Remove the main wheel according to section 4.4 A. Place the wheel so that the brake hose makes no bow above or below the horizontal. If necessary lift the fuselage even more.

#### 2. **Filling** (empty system)

**Warning:** Brake fluid is poisonous! Protect your hands and clothes. Remove all spilled brake fluid. Clean all parts which had contact with brake fluid with alcohol, don't use fuel or solvents.

- Remove the cap and the membrane from the reservoir.
- Fill the first syringe (with hose and bleeder assy.) with brake fluid, eliminate all air bubbles.
- Remove the protection cap from the bleeder valve at the brake calliper, attach the bleeder assy. and fix it with the 11/16" wrench.
- Open the bleeder valve at the cylinder assy, use the 1/4" wrench, fill in slowly the complete volume avoiding air bubbles.
- Fill the complete system up to 15 mm (0.6 in.) below the upper edge of the reservoir, avoid over filling.
- Close the bleeder valve at the brake calliper.
- Use the second syringe to remove all brake fluid from the reservoir.



- Fill the first syringe again, open the bleeder valve and fill in further brake-fluid. Look at the reservoir while filling to see if air bubbles are coming out of the line. Fill up to 15 mm (0.6 in.) below the upper edge of the reservoir.
- Close the bleeder valve, reinstall the membrane and the cap to the reservoir and remove the bleeder assy.
- Check brake pressure according to step 3..
- Reinstall the main wheel.

### 3. Check brake pressure:

- Extend the airbrakes, there must be a strong pressure when the wheel brake engages.
- Check several times, the wheel brake must engage at the same point every time
- If this is not the case, you have to bleed the system again, see step 5..

### 4. Check the hydraulic brake system for leaks:

Extend the airbrakes with high force and hold it in this position for 2 minutes.

Then check the whole hydraulic system visually for leaks. If necessary tighten the screwed joints or replace the sealings and bleed the system again.

**Note:** The adjustment of the length of the cable between the master cylinder and the airbrake control shaft restricts the max. airbrake extension height. The adjustment of this cable should be done with the glider rigged.

### 5. Bleeding the hydraulic brake system

Remove the brake fluid from the reservoir using the syringe.  
Then execute again steps 2 and 3 of this instruction.

### 6. Exchanging brake fluid (every 4 years)

- Perform preparations (see step 1.) of this instruction. It is not necessary to remove the main wheel.
- Fill the system with new brake fluid (see step 2.). To accomplish this remove all brake fluid from the reservoir first with the second syringe. Used brake fluid is darker than new brake fluid and can easily be identified. Watch the reservoir while filling to see when the new fluid streams into the reservoir. Repeat the filling process until only new fluid is in the system and no air bubbles can be detected.
- Perform steps 3. and 4. of this instruction.

### 4.6 Removal and installation of the landing gear (non retractable)

see diagram 10

#### A Removal of the main wheel

1. Remove the wheel axle.
2. Remove the brake cable at the brake lever by loosening the attachment screw.
3. Remove the wheel ensuring that the hub locking pin comes free from the left hand front fork.

#### B Removal of the rear landing gear strut

1. Remove the baggage compartment floor and the rear cover of the baggage compartment.
2. Disassemble the wheel see A.
3. From inside the wheel box remove the two bolts M6 x 40 LN9037 which secure the parts 5FW7 to the rear strut.
4. Pull out both parts 5FW7.
5. Take out the rear landing gear strut.

#### C Removal of the front landing gear strut

1. Remove the baggage compartment floor
2. Remove the main wheel see A
3. Screw out the front landing gear axis 5 FW 6 (Spanner 13 mm) and pull it out towards the fuselage wall. Mark the head of the axis at the fuselage wall and drill a 15 mm hole through the fuselage wall. Pull out the axis through this hole.
4. Take out the front landing gear strut.

**Note:** It is sufficient to tape the hole. GFRP repair is not necessary.

#### D Installation

Reverse the above procedures.

## 5 Weight and balance

1. Assemble the glider completely with gear down.
2. Place a scale under the tailwheel.
3. The fuselage must be levelled so that the top of the aft fuselage boom has a tail-down slope of 1000 : 33.
4. Empty water ballast tank.
5. Read weight of tail wheel: W 2  
Read W1 if suitable scales are available, otherwise see note below.  
Be certain the wings are level so, that no load is applied.
6. Measure the distance between perpendiculars through points a and b.(See figure, next page).

**Caution:** The distances a and b may change with different masses due to deflection of the landing gear.

**Note:** The total mass M may be determined by weighing and adding W1 and W2 or by weighing and adding the masses of all components.

**C.G. empty XSE:**  $XSE = W2E \cdot b / ME + a$

ME = empty mass

W2E load on tailwheel (empty)

The empty weight includes all accessories but excludes pilot and parachute. Remove loose objects from the cockpit.

The weighing is to be executed with the battery  
(Z 07, mass 4.3 kg - 9.5 lbs) in the fin.

**C.G. in flight XSF:**  $XSF = W2F \cdot b / MF + a$

MF = flight mass

W2F - load on tailwheel (flight mass)

The flight mass includes empty weight items plus pilot, parachute, and all items needed in flight (barograph, camera, cushions, etc.). In addition, the rudder pedals and seating position should be adjusted as in flight.

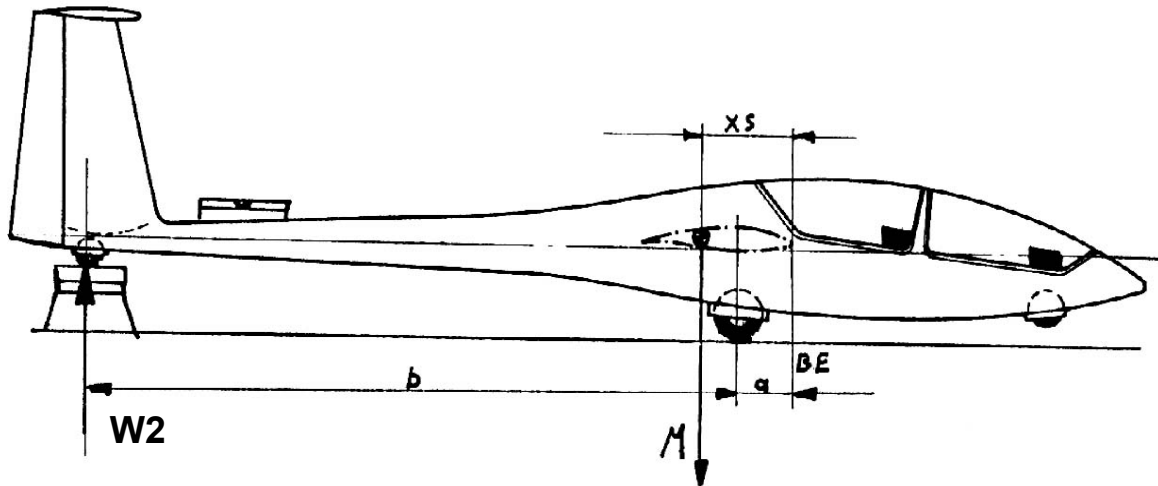
When weighing with 2 pilots the load W 2 will be negative. This means that you need a spring balance to determine W 2. Therefore push a pin through the hollow tail wheel axis.

Datum (BE)

Wing leading edge  
at root rib

Levelling line:

Aft fuselage boom slope  
1000:33 (tail down)



**Moment arms** of pilots and equipment see flight manual section 6.9

### Empty weight C.G. measurements

After the addition or deletion of equipment or accessories, repairs, painting, or any change in the aircraft that could influence the weight and balance; a new weight and balance must be carried out. Aircraft certified as Standard Category must have the weight and balance carried out by a licensed Airframe Mechanic. Empty weight C.G. range is determined by reference to the diagram in section 6 of the flight manual. If the C.G. is out of limits, adjustments may be made by ballasting or by relocating equipment or accessories.

The result of the weight and balance has to be entered in the table AFM section 6 and in the aircraft logs.

If the min. cockpit load has changed, the new value must be entered in the cockpit data placard.

Weight and balance must be carried out at least every four years.

## 6 Instrumentation and accessories list

### 6.1 Air speed indicator (0 - 300 km/h, 165 kts)

#### DG-500/22 and /20

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Winter	6 FMS 4 (dia.80mm) km/h Ident.No.6421317 kts Ident.No.6423317	TS 10.210/15
Winter	7 FMS 4 (dia.58mm) km/h Ident.No.7421317 kts Ident.No.7423317	TS 10.210/19

#### DG-500 Trainer

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Winter	6 FMS 4 (dia.80mm) km/h Ident.No.6421315 kts Ident.No.6423315	TS 10.210/15
Winter	7 FMS 4 (dia.58mm) km/h Ident.No.7421315 kts Ident.No.7423315	TS 10.210/19

#### DG-500 Orion

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Winter	6 FMS 4 (dia.80mm) km/h Ident.No.6421402 kts Ident.No.6423402	TS 10.210/15
Winter	7 FMS 4 (dia.58mm) km/h Ident.No.7421402 kts Ident.No.7423402	TS 10.210/19

The airspeed indicator must have colour coded speed ranges marked as indicated in the flight manual.

### 6.2 Altimeter

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No
Winter	4 FGH 10 (dia.80mm) Ident.No. 1000,10000m 4110 Ident.No. 3000,30000ft 4330	TS 10.220/46
Winter	4 FGH 20 (dia.58mm) Ident.No. 1000-10000m 4220	TS 10.220/47
Winter	4 FGH 40 (dia.58mm) Ident.No. 1000-20000ft 4550	TS 10.220/48

Or any other TSO C 10b specified and approved altimeter with fine range pointer 1 turn max. 1000 m, 3000 ft.

## 6.3 Harness (seat)

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Gadringer	BAGU 5202	40.070/32
	SCHUGU 2700	40.071/05
Gadringer	BAGU 5202 G	40.070/32
	SCHUGU 2700 G	40.071/05
Autoflug	rubber coated adjuster bars	
	BAGU FAG-12 D-O	40.070/47
Schroth	SCHUGU FAG-12 H-O	40.071/25
	4-01-0104	40.073/11

## 6.4 Compass

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
PZL	B – 13	FD 19/77
Ludolph	FK 16	10.410/3
Airpath	C 2300	
Airpath	C 2400 P	
Hamilton	HI 400	TSO C7c Type1
Bohli	46 MFK 1 (only as additional equipm.)	

The compass should be compensated in the A/C. A deviation table must be installed if deviation is more than 5°.

## 6.5 VHF transceiver

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Dittel	FSG-40 S	10.911/45
	FSG-50	10.911/71
	FSG-60 M	10.911/72
	FSG-70,71 M	10.911/81
	FSG-90	10.911/98JTSO
	FSG 2T	LBA.0.10.911/103JTSO
Becker	AR 3201-(1)	10.911/76
	AR 2008/25 (A)	10.911/48
	AR 4201	JTSO-2C37 D, ED-23A
Filser /	ATR 720 A	10.911/74
Funkwerk	ATR 720 C	10.911/83
	ATR 600	LBA.0.10.911/106JTSO
	ATR 500	LBA.0.10.911/113JTSO
	ATR 833	EASA.210.0193

or other instruments certified for aircraft use according to TSO or JTSO or ETSO standards may be installed.

**Note:** Only radios with diameter 58mm (2 ¼ in.) can be installed at the assigned place in the console below the instrument panel.

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### 6.6 Variometer

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Winter 5 St VM5 (dia.58 mm)	$\pm 5$ m/sec Ident.No.5451 $\pm 1000$ ft/min ident.No.5452 $\pm 10$ knts Ident.No.5453	TS 10.230/14
Winter 5 StV5 (dia.80 mm)	$\pm 5$ m/sec Ident.No.5251 $\pm 1000$ ft/min Ident.No.5252 $\pm 10$ knts Ident.No.5253	TS 10.230/13

### 6.7 Turn and bank indicator

Manufacturer	Type	Certification No.
Apparatebau Gauting	WZ-402/31 12 V	10.241/8

### 6.8 Accelerometer (for Category A Aerobatics)

#### Only for DG-500 Orion and. TRAINER

Accelerometer capable of retaining max. And min. g-values with markings red radial lines at +7g and -5g.

Manufacturer	Typ	Certification No.
AOA Apparatebau Gauting	BM 470-RL/L	MIL-A-5885 A
Bendix	2" 5V LITE	MS 28025-1
Bendix	3419-5A-A1	MS 28025-1
Burton Manufacturing Co.	B-6	MS 280025-1
INSCO	6610	MS 33638
Kelvin & Hughes Ltd.	KAE 0504K	MS 23009-1
Milhard Engineering Co	ABU-4/A	MS 23009-1
QED/Inc. (ASG)	ABU-4/A	MIL-A-25949
Smiths	KAE 0504/K	MS 23009-1
Falcon Gauge	GMS 10-2	MIL-A-5885 C

### 6.9 Outside air temperature gauge

#### Only for DG-500 Orion

Manufacturer	Typ
Störk	TF 00-059K (-20 - + 40° C)

### 6.10 Instruments which are not part of the minimum equipment:

**Transponders:** Transponders certified for aircraft use according to TSO or JTSO or ETSO standards may be installed.

**Other instruments and equipment (eg. variometers, gliding computers or flight data recorders):**

Instruments and other equipment may be installed if they do not in themselves, or by their effect upon the sailplane, constitute a hazard to safe operation.

After installation raise a new weight and balance report.

**Caution:** If additional instruments or equipment are to be installed after production of the glider, it must be assured that they will be installed in the places provided by the design. If installed in other places it must be assured that they are secured safely.

Electrical instruments and equipment must be connected via appropriately rated fuses, the power consumption of each single part should not exceed 3A.



### 7 List of special tools

- A Special tool with 6 mm thread (W38/2) for the securing of the tailplane and for the locking pins of the rear wing suspension
- B cial tool W 38/1 for mounting of the outboard wings.
- C Open end spanners
  - mm
  - 7
  - 8
  - 9
  - 10
  - 13
  - 14
  - 1/4" = 6.35 mm
- D Allen key wrench
  - 5 mm, 6 mm
- E spring balance:
  - max. reading 50 N, 11 lbs.
- F Nicopress tool 64 - CGMP
  - Girclip pliers A (outside) for the range 8-14 mm for the tail wheel axis.
  - Hose with outside dia 25 mm (1 in.) approx. 2 m (6.5 ft.) long for filling the wingtanks.

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### Equipment list

Instrument	type	mass kg	arms mm	date of installation	date of removal
Airspeed indicator front					
Airspeed indicator rear					
Altimeter Front					
Altimeter rear					
Variometer front					
Variometer rear					
el. Variometer					
Compass front					
Compass rear					
Radio					
Battery in the fin	Z07		4,3	5306	
C.G. hook	G 88				
Forward hook	E 85				
Seat harness front					
Seat harness rear					

**Note:** If this list is not filled out, you will find a similar list in your aircrafts logs. Parts of the min. equipment are to be chosen from sect. 6 of the maintenance manual.

5St96

Höhensteuerung  
elevator - control  
DG - 500

5St94

5St95/1

5St95/2

5St93

5St20

5St92

St27/1

2L11/5,6

5St91

St3/5

A=Entlastungsgummizug  
rubbercord for pilotforceduction

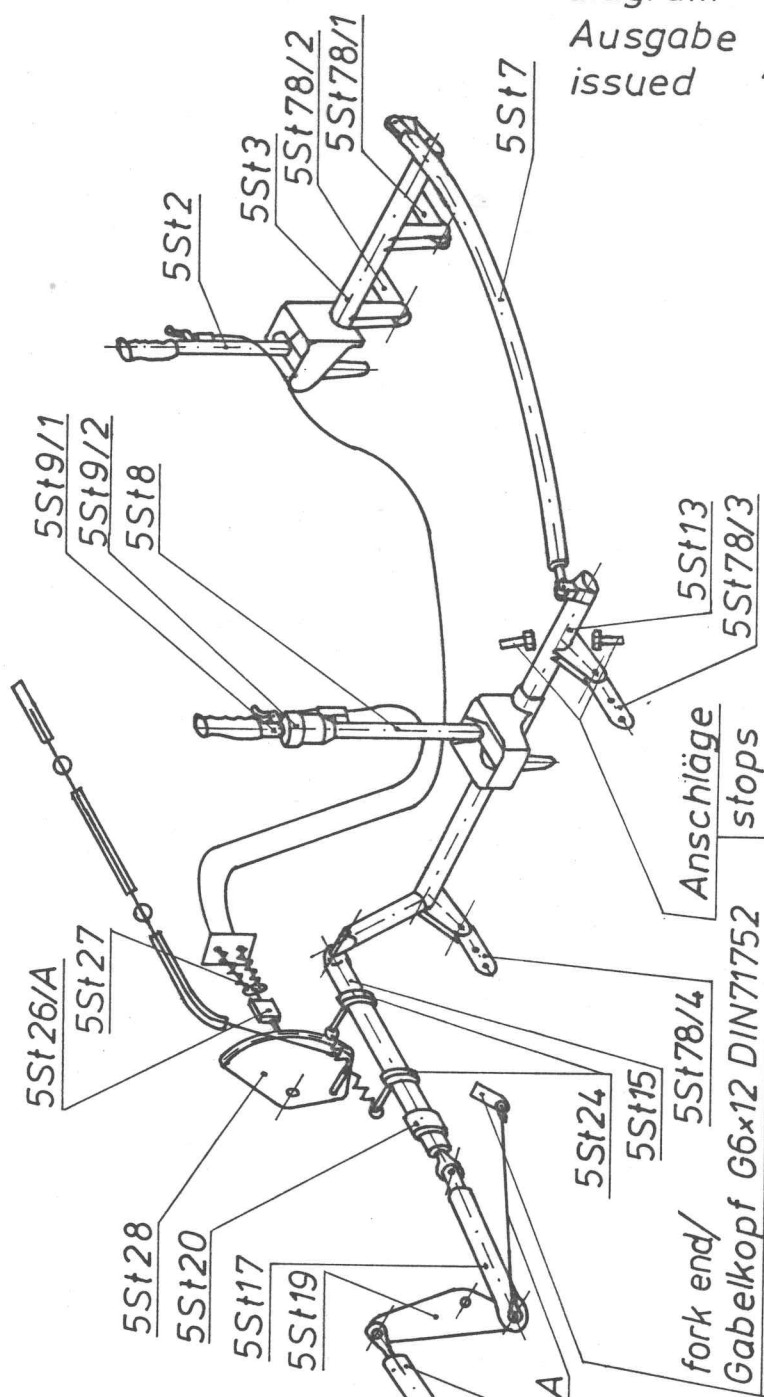
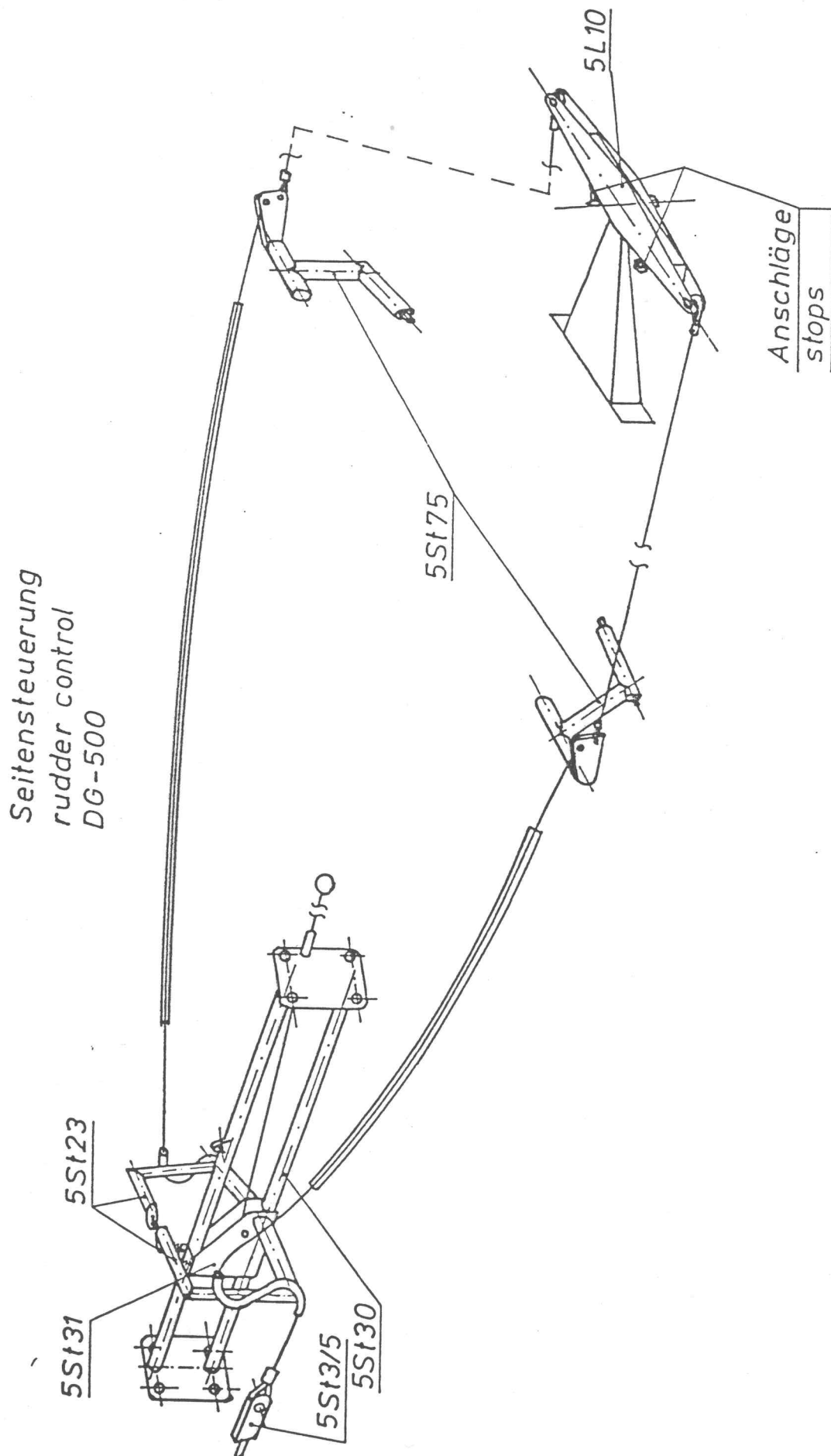


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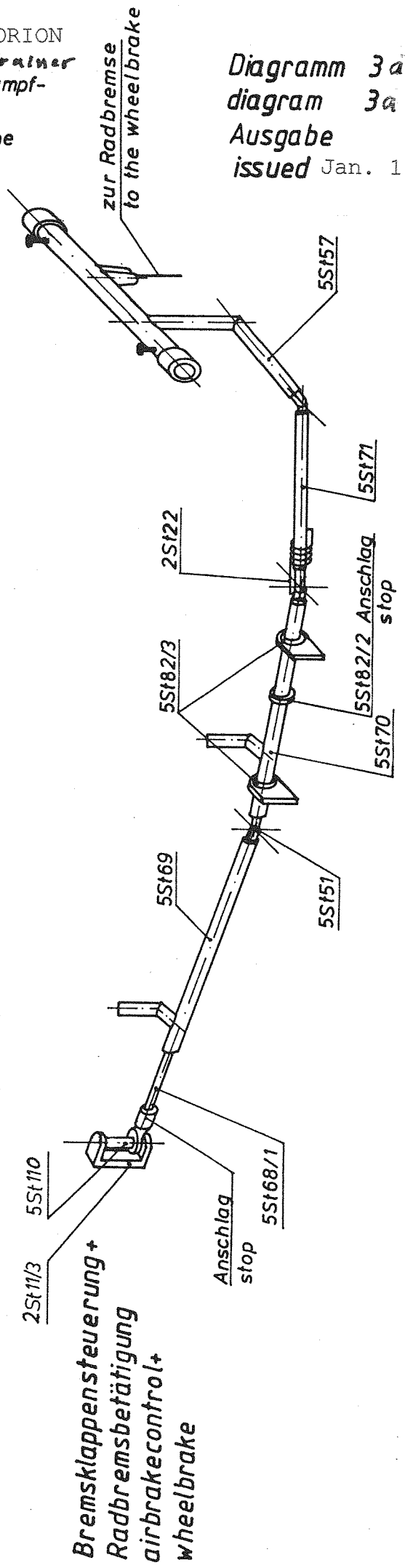
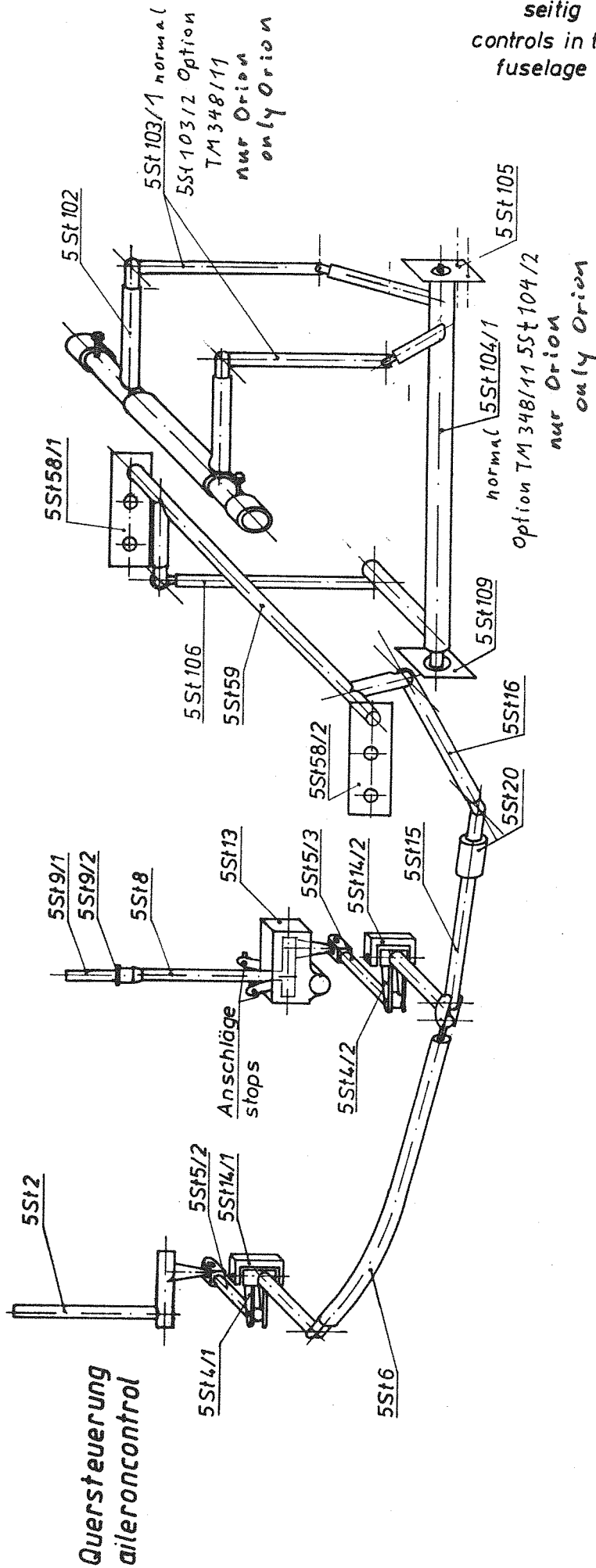
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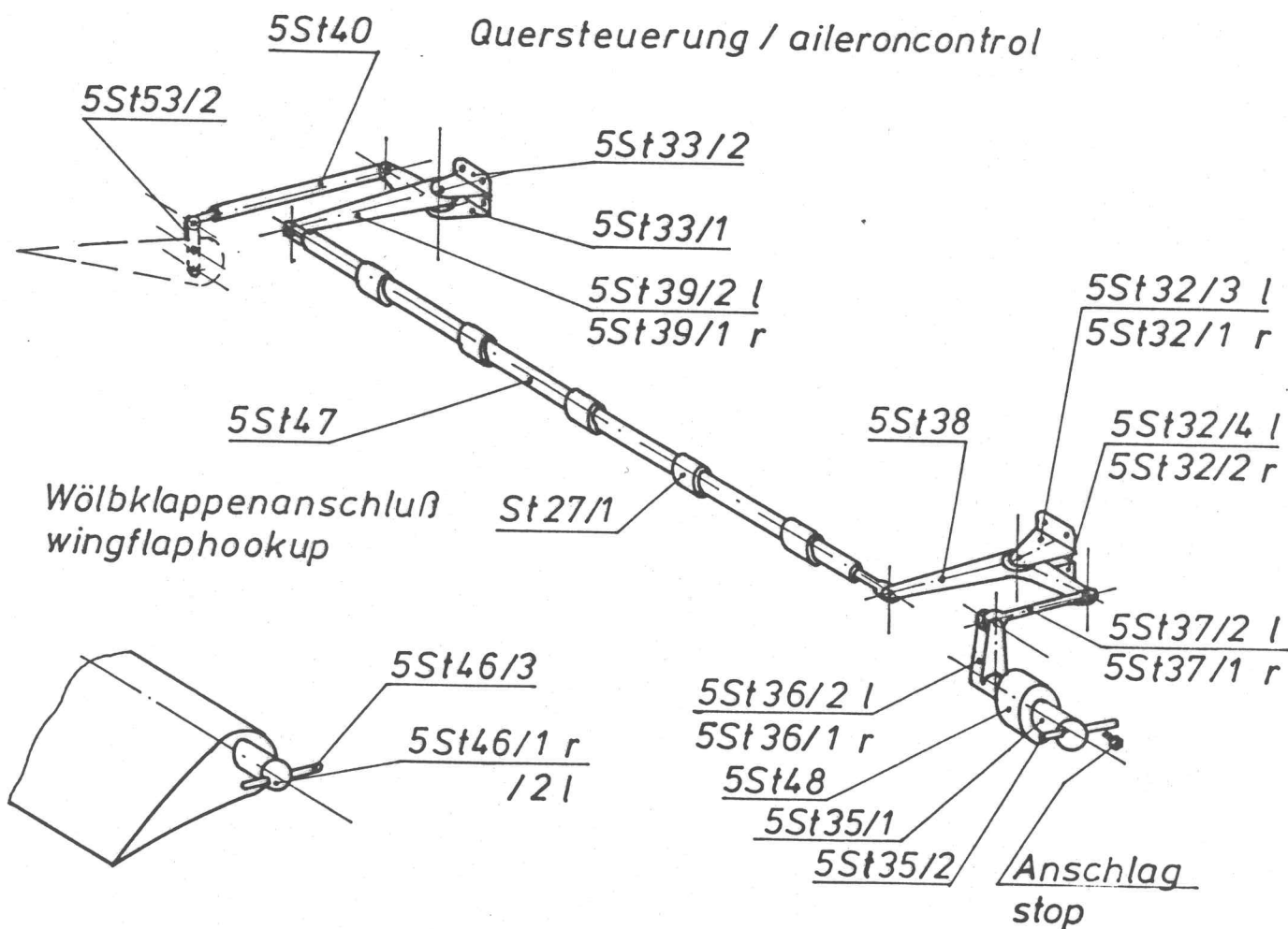
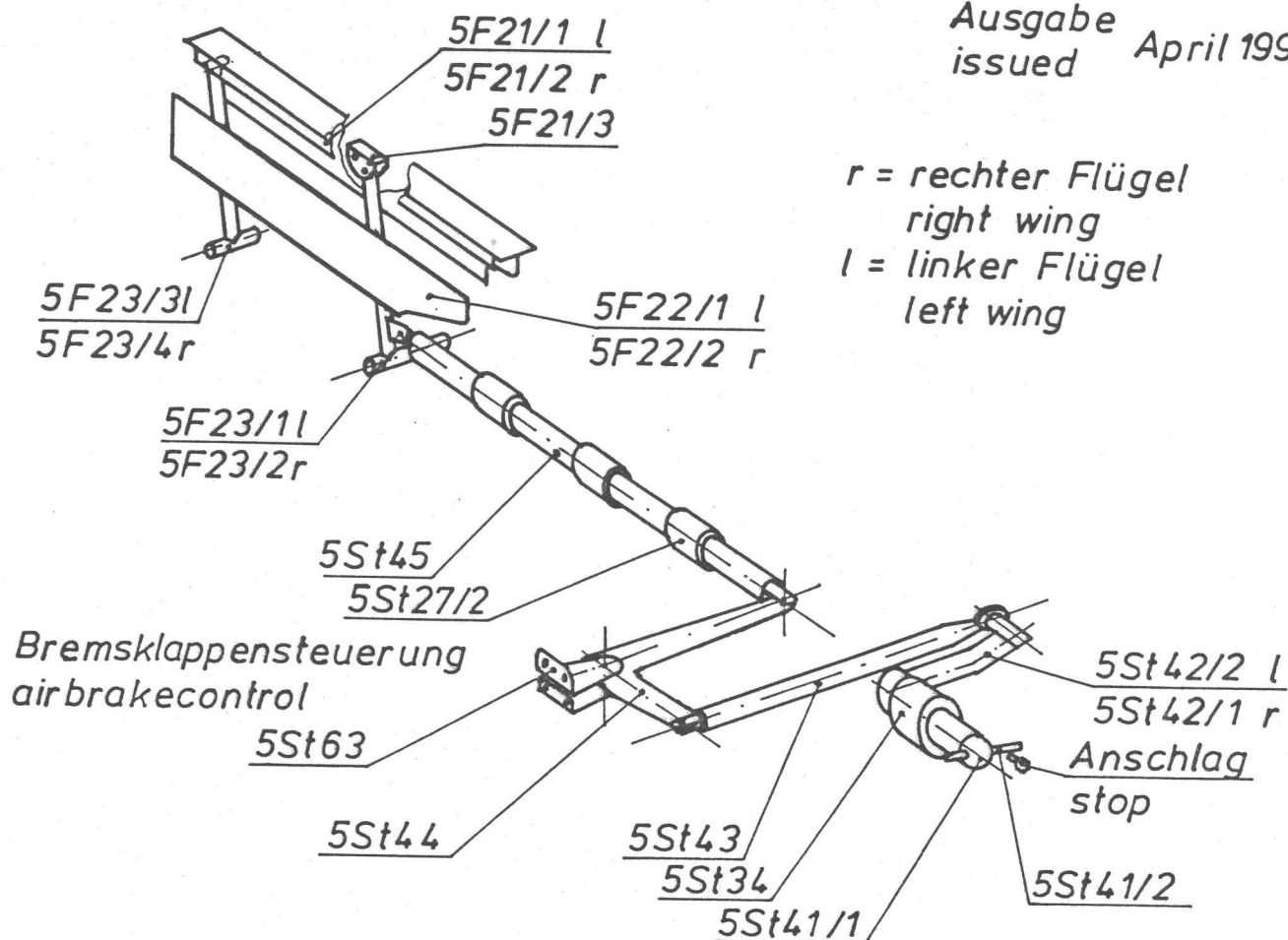
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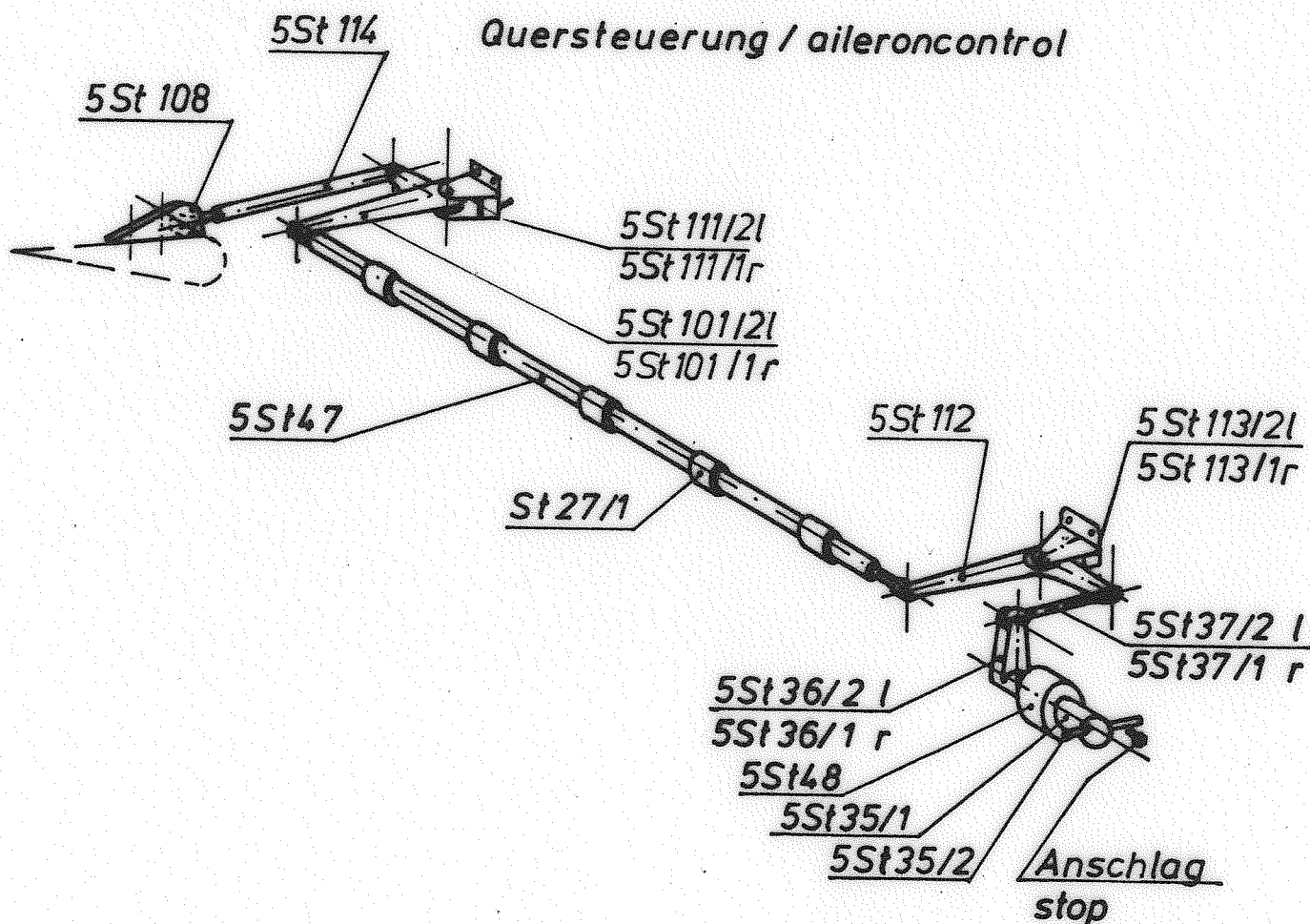
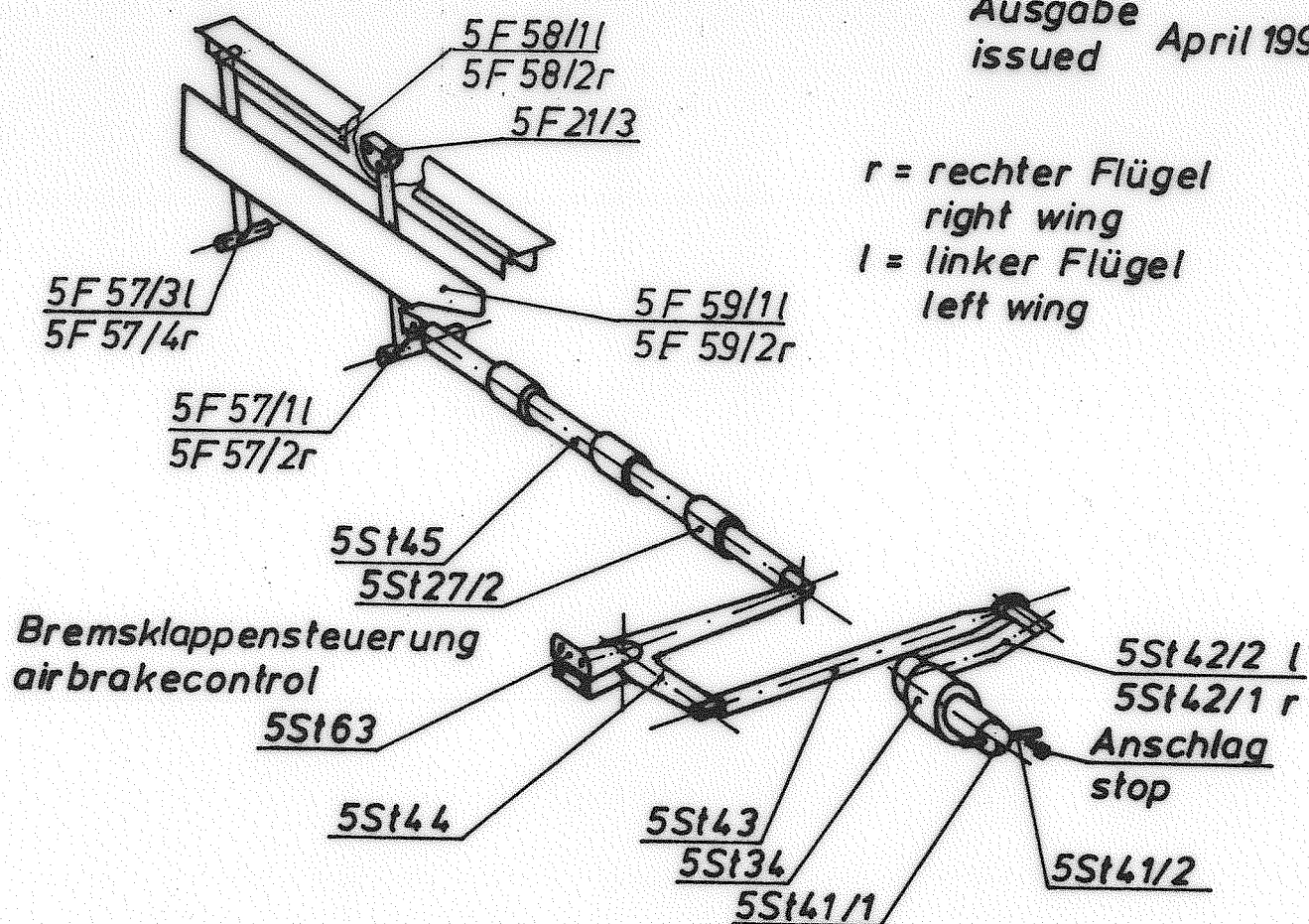
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Steuerung im Flügel / controls in the wing

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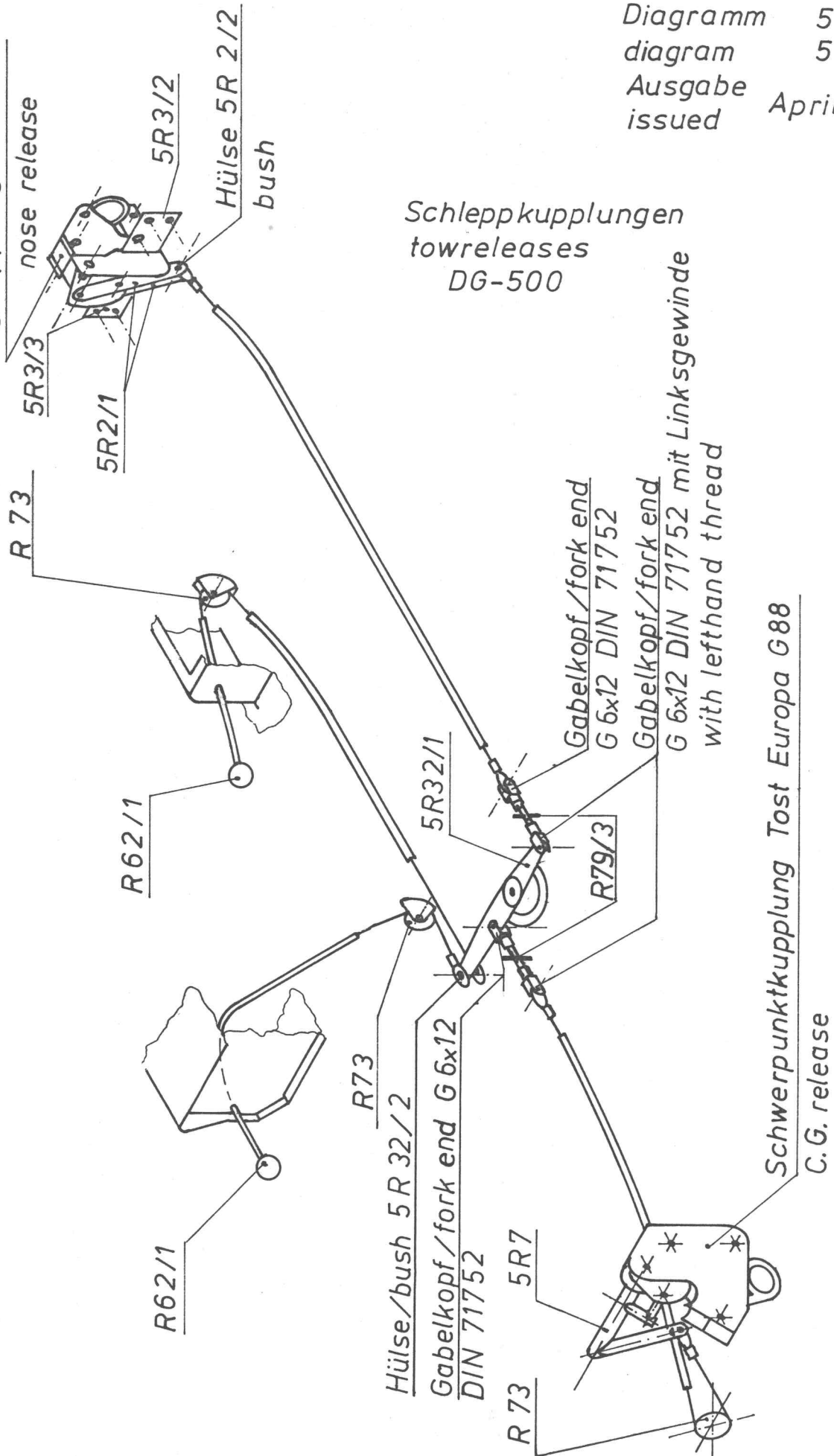
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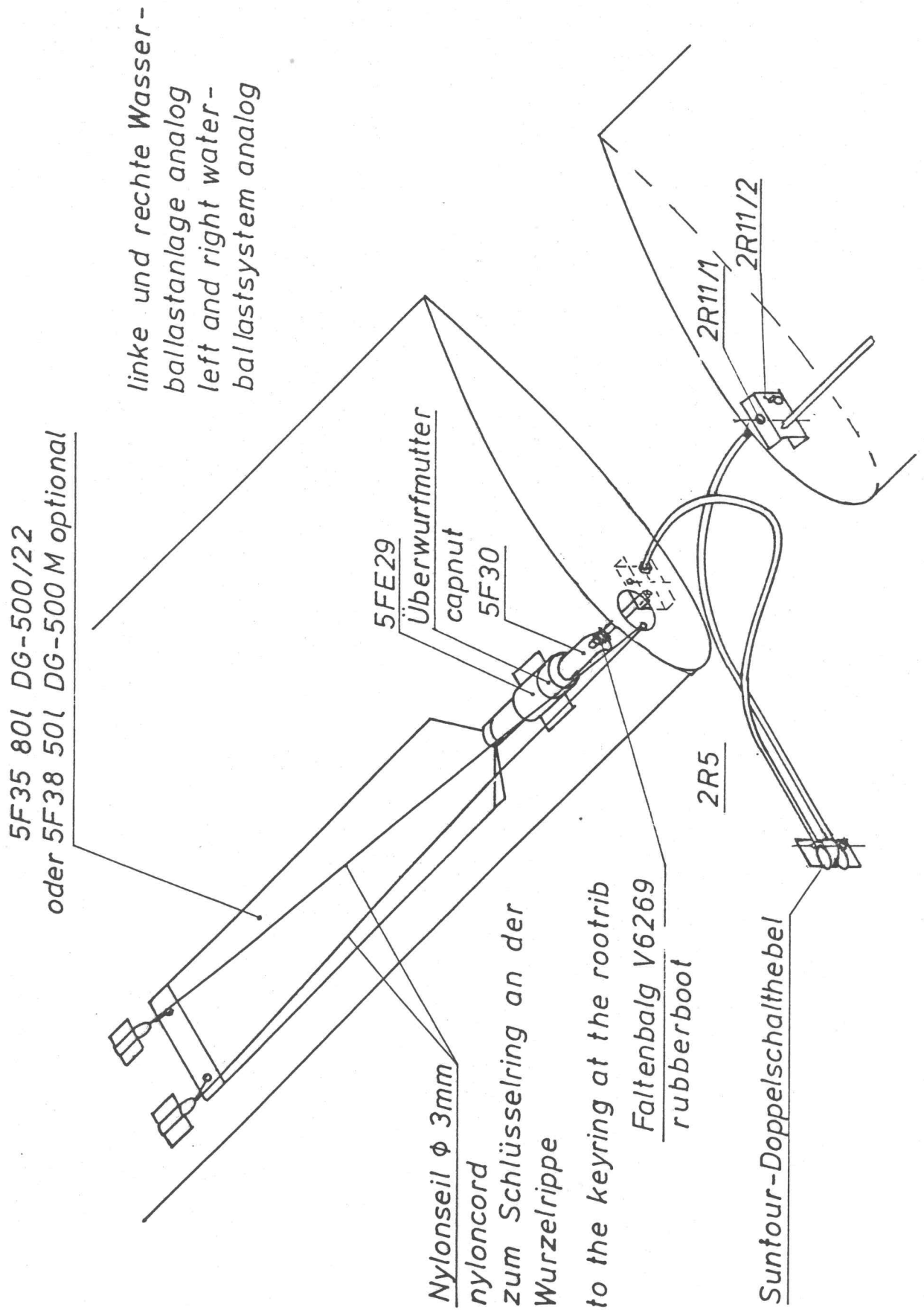
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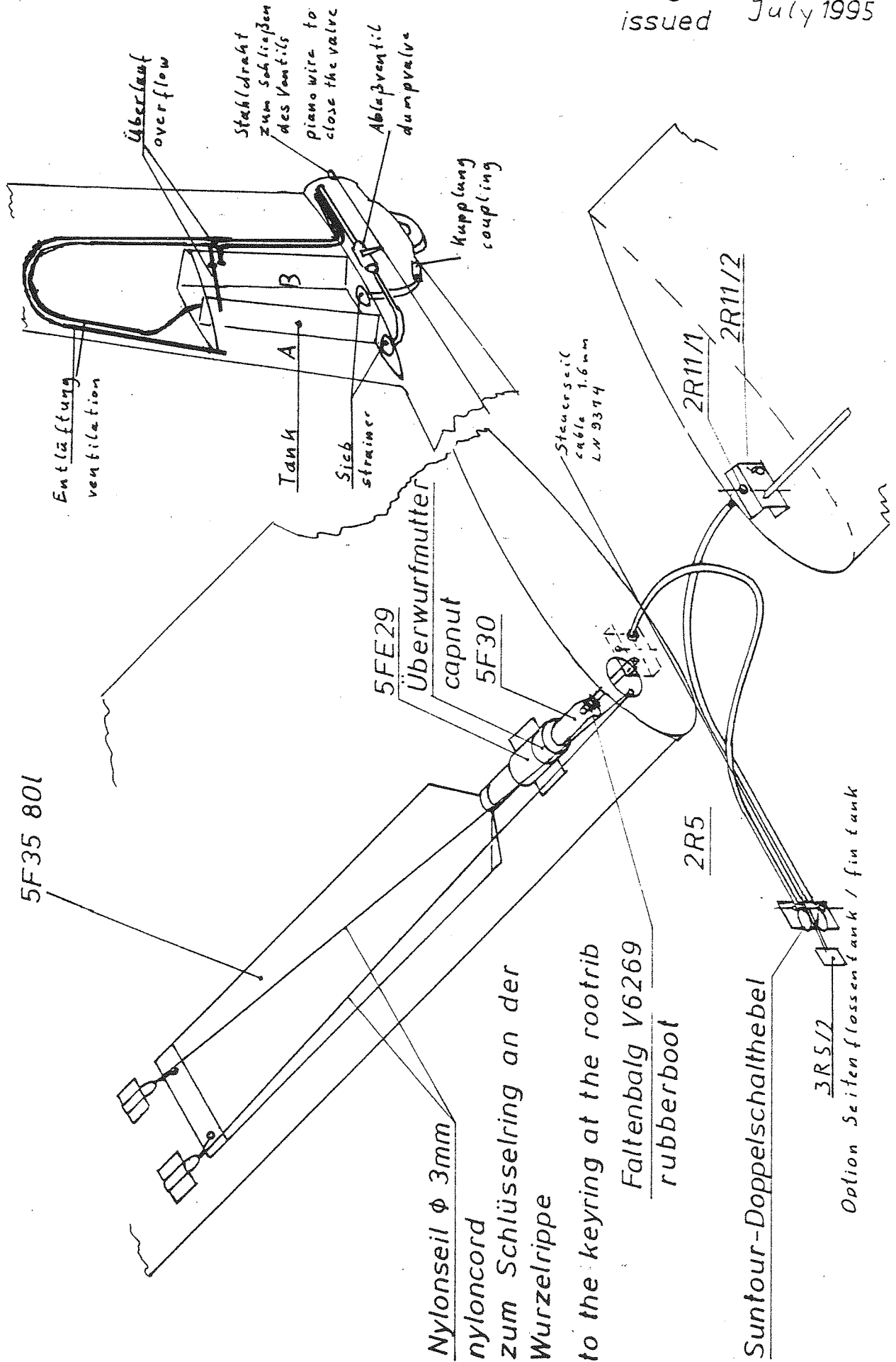
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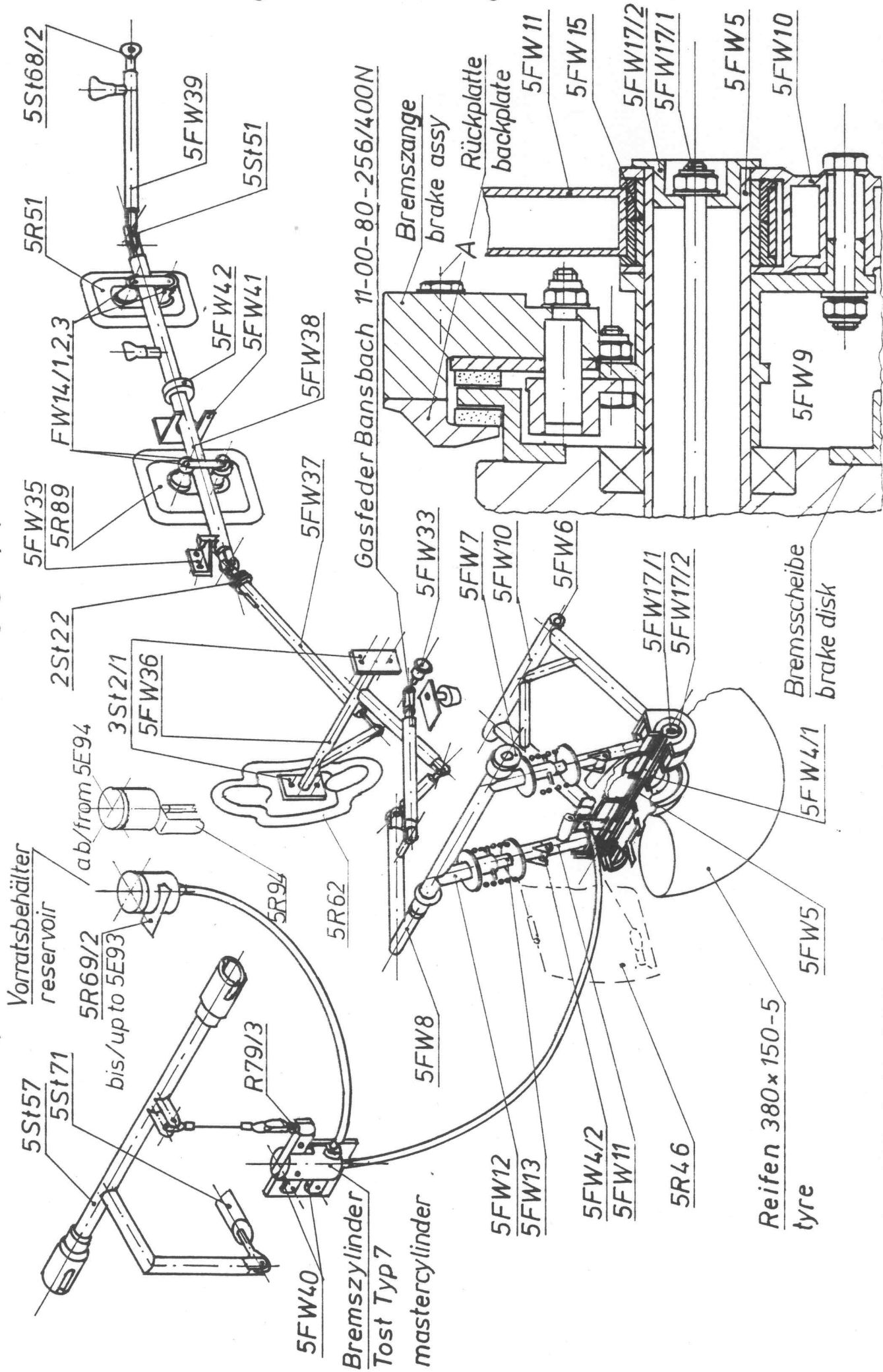


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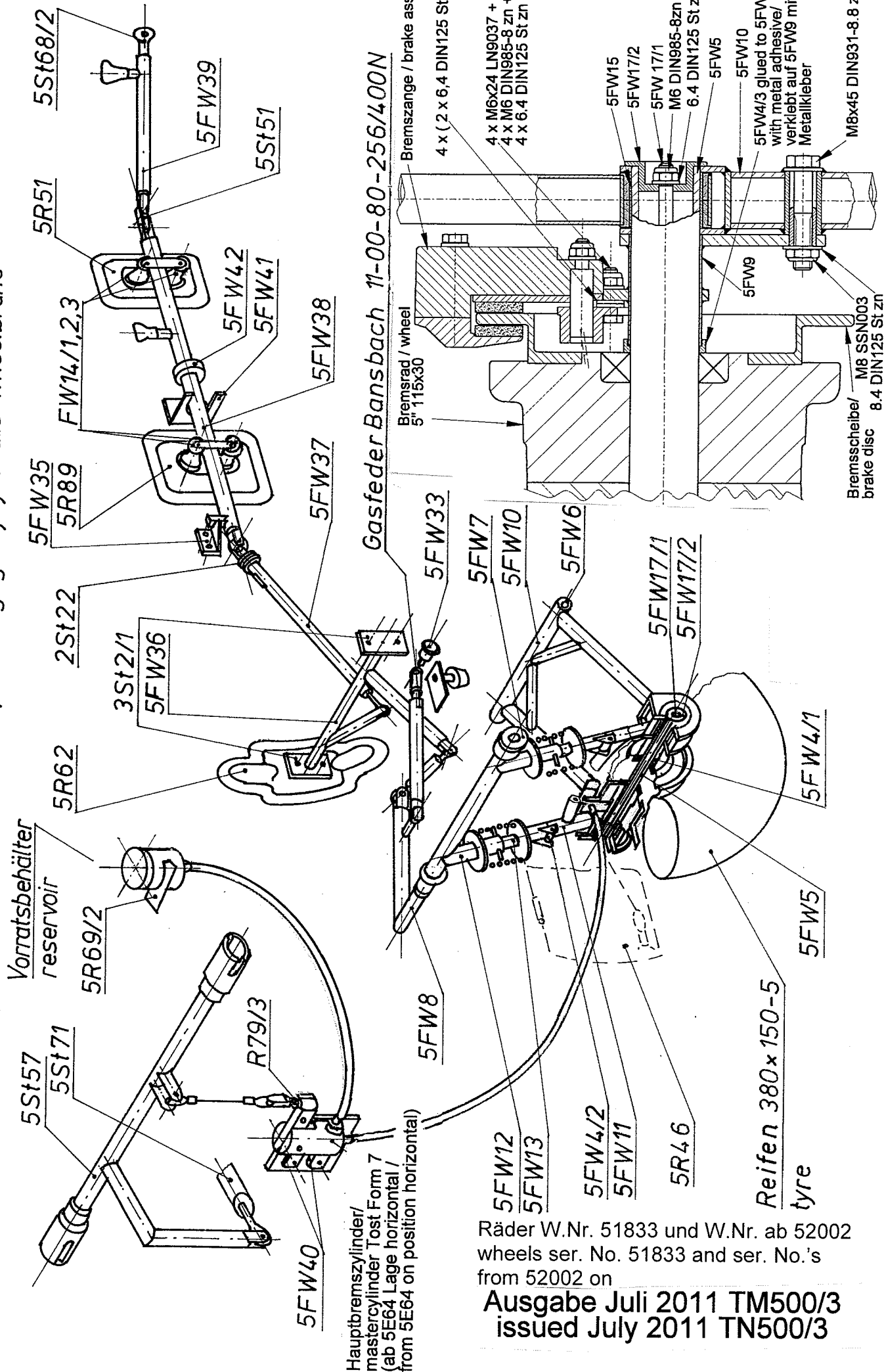
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# Fahrwerk, hydraulische Radbremse / Landing gear, hydraulic wheelbrake

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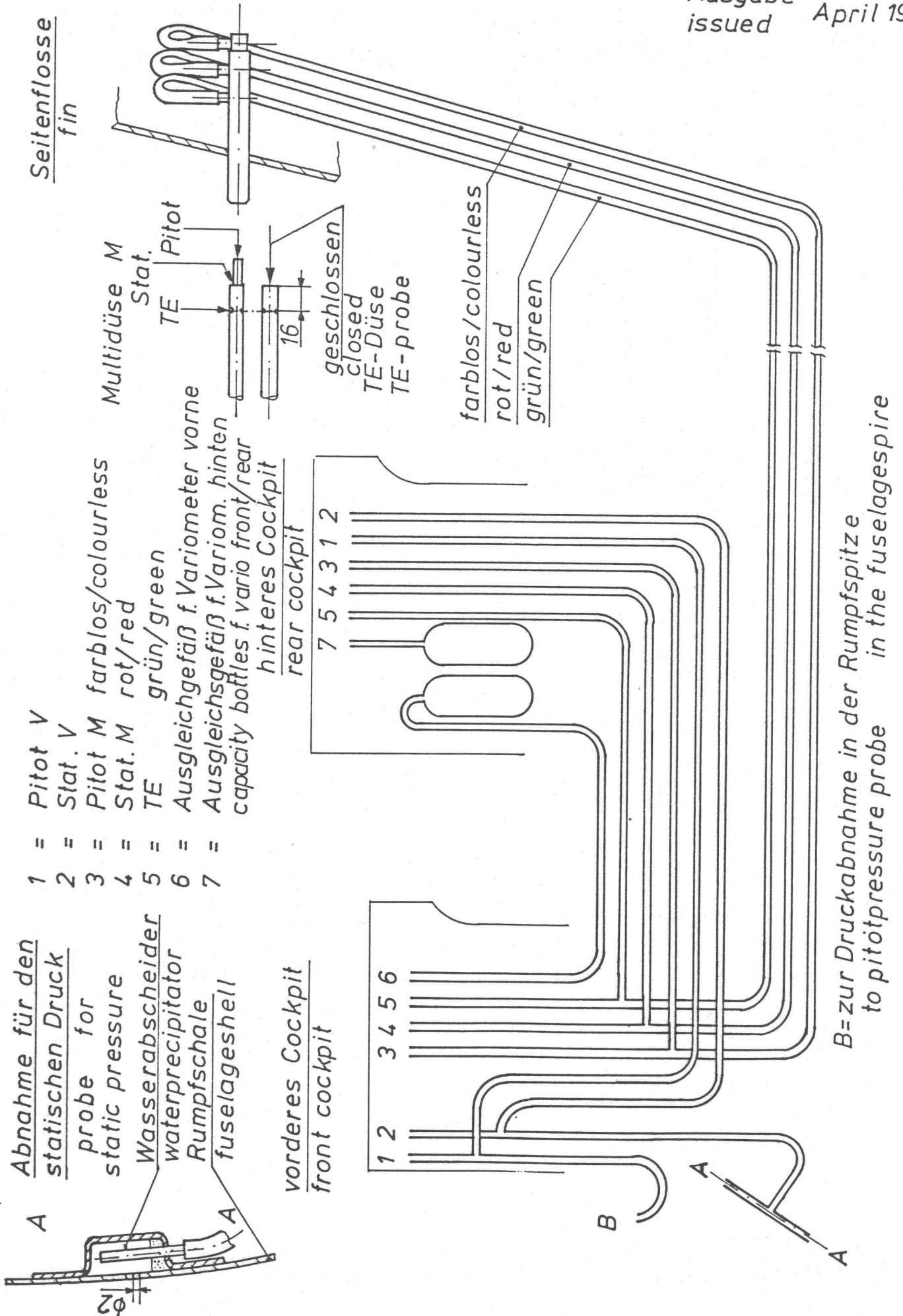


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wheels ser. No. 51833 and ser. No.'s  
from 52002 on

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Anlagen für statischen und Gesamtdruck  
systems for static and total pressure  
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fire proof placard at front main bulkhead



Part No's of airframe components at the front main bulkhead at the root ribs of the wings, flaps and ailerons at the rudder nose at the shear web of the horizontal stabilizer

**ELAN**

Type: DG-500/22 ELAN  
Serial No. 5 E S Year of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum airspeeds	km/h	kts.
Winch launch	140	76
Aero-tow	197	106
Manoeuvring V <sub>A</sub>	197	106
Rough air	197	106
Max. flap extended speed +10° + 5°	197	106
Landing gear operating	197	106
Maximum speed V <sub>NE</sub>	270	146
Max. flap extended speed	150	81
Approved aerobatic manoeuvres (only without ballast in the wings): pos Loop.	150	81

Maximum mass: 750 kg (1653 lbs.)

Cockpit load (parachute included)

front seat		rear seat	
maximum	110 kg	242 lbs	90 kg
or maximum	105 kg	231 lbs	105 kg
minimum		kg	lbs

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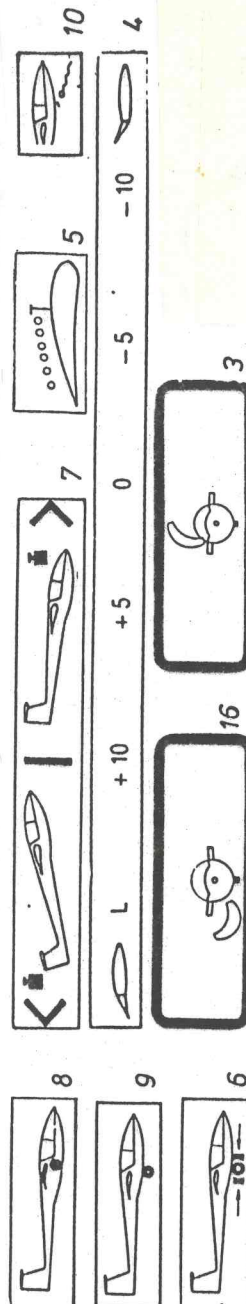
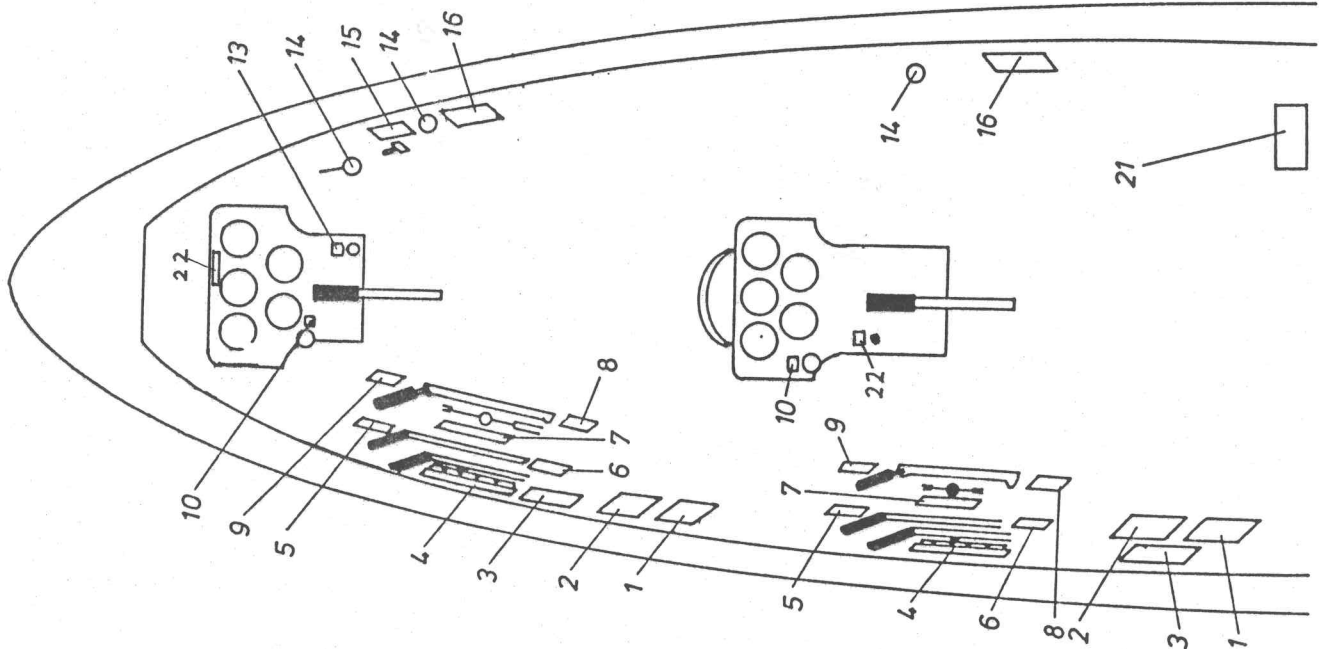
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VNE Km/h	270	256	243	230	218
Alt. ft	0-6600	10000	13000	16000	20000
VNE Kts	146	138	131	124	117

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**Cockpit Check**

- Lead ballast (for underweight pilot)?
- Parachute harness locked?
- Safety harness buckled?
- Rear seat: seat height adjusted?
- All controls and knobs in reach?
- Altitude?
- Dive brakes cycled and locked?
- Wing flaps in take off position?
- Positive control check? (One person at the control surfaces)
- Trim?
- Both canopies locked?



on brake fluid reservoir

right above the tailwheel

right above the nosewheel

at the right landing-gear door

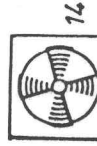
Gepäck max. 15 kg  
baggage max. 33 lbs. 21

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transmit 22



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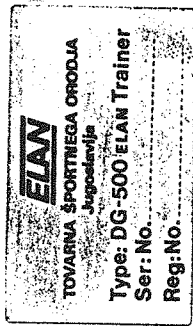
Bremsflüssigkeit  
brake fluid  
DOT 3 / DOT 4

Reifendruck  
tyre pressure 4 bar 50 psi

Reifendruck  
tyre pressure 2.5 bar 3 psi

Reifendruck  
tyre pressure 3 bar 4 psi

Soilbruchstelle  
rated load 10000 N 2200 lbs.



fire proof placard at front main bulkhead



Part No's of airframe components at the front main bulkhead at the root ribs of the wings, flaps and ailerons at the rudder nose at the shear web of the horizontal stabilizer

**Cosight Check**

1. Lead bullet (for under weight pilot)?
2. Parachute worn properly?
3. Safety harness buckled?
4. Front seat: seat height adjusted?
5. Rear seat: seat height adjusted?
6. All controls and knobs in reach?
7. One brake cyclic and locked?
8. Positive control check? (One person at the control surfaces).
9. Trim?
10. Both canopies locked?

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Alt. m	0-2000	3000	4000	5000	6000
VNE Km/h	270	256	243	230	218
Alt. ft	0-6600	10000	13000	16000	20000
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**ELAN**

Type: DG-500 ELAN Trainer Year of construction:

Serial No.

Maximum airspeeds	km/h	kts.
Wing launch	140	78
Manoeuvring V <sub>A</sub>	205	110
Rough air	205	110
Landing gear operating	205	110
Maximum speed V <sub>NE</sub>	270	146

Approved aerobatic manoeuvres (category utility U): pos. Loop, Stall Turn, Chandelle, Spin

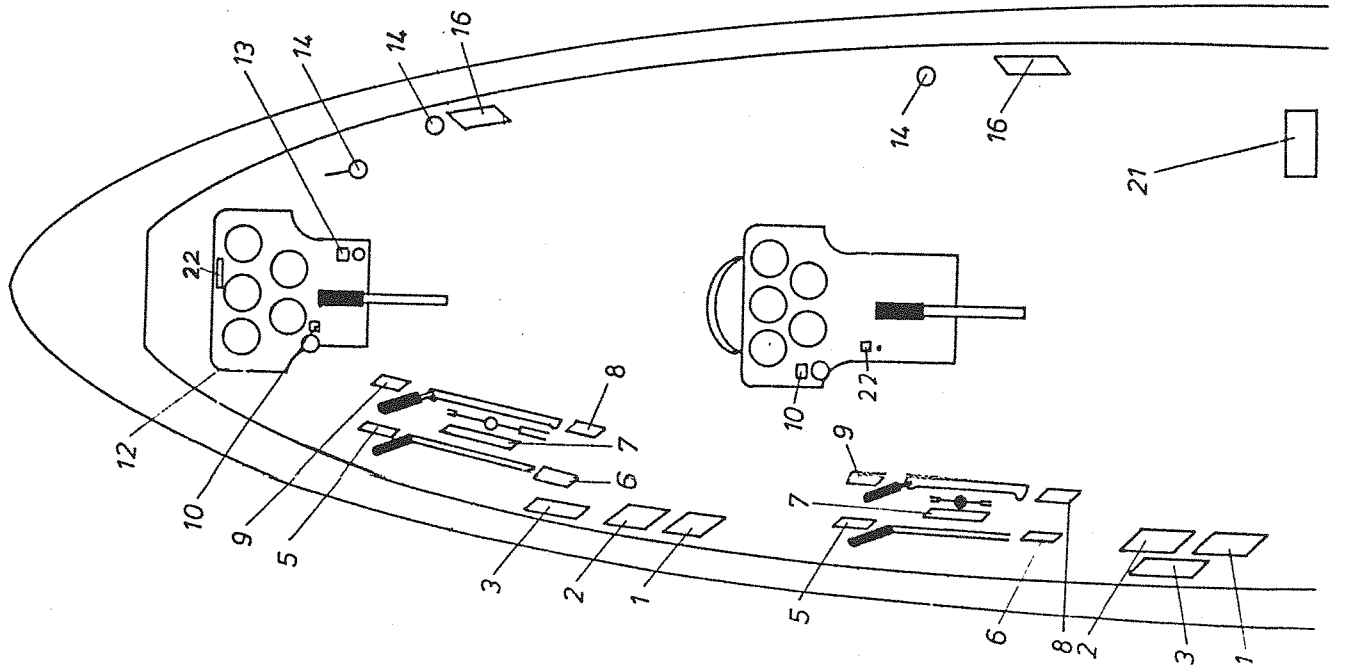
In addition category A: half loop and half roll, half roll and half loop, slow roll, inverted flight.

Maximum masses: 615 kg (1356 lbs.)

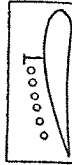
Landing chart	
(front seat)	
110 kg	242 lbs
105 kg	231 lbs
100 kg	220 lbs
95 kg	209 lbs
90 kg	198 lbs
85 kg	187 lbs
80 kg	176 lbs
75 kg	165 lbs
70 kg	154 lbs
65 kg	143 lbs
60 kg	132 lbs
55 kg	121 lbs
50 kg	110 lbs
45 kg	99 lbs
40 kg	88 lbs
35 kg	77 lbs
30 kg	66 lbs
25 kg	55 lbs
20 kg	44 lbs
15 kg	33 lbs
10 kg	22 lbs
5 kg	11 lbs
0 kg	0 lbs

rear seat

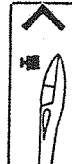
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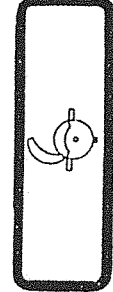
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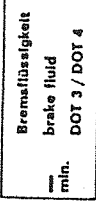


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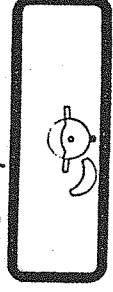
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Brennstoffstigkeit  
brake fluid  
DOT 3 / DOT 4

Gepäck max. 15 kg  
baggage max. 33 lbs.

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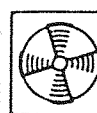
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right above the tailwheel

right above the nosewheel

at the right  
landing-gear door

10000 N  
2200 lbs.



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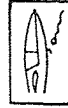
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Jugoslavija  
Type: DG-500 ELAN ORION  
Ser: No.  
Reg: No.

fire proof placard at  
front main bulkhead



Part No's of airframe  
components at the front  
main bulkhead  
at the root ribs of the  
wings, flaps and ailerons  
at the rudder nose  
at the shear web of the  
horizontal stabilizer

Fin ballast tank B	kg	lb
Minimum cockpit load	kg	lb
Tank empty	kg	lb
Tank filled	kg	lb



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- Cockpit Check
1. Lead ballast ( for under weight pilot)?
  2. Parachute worn properly?
  3. Safety harness buckled?
  4. Front seat : pedals adjusted?
  5. Rear seat: seat height adjusted?
  6. All controls and knobs in reach?
  7. All meters?
  8. Dive brakes cycled and locked?
  9. Positive control check?
  10. (One person at the control surfaces)
  11. Fin ballast tanks emptied or correct amount filled in?
  12. Trim?
  13. Both canopies locked?

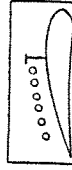
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VNE	Kmh	270	258	243	230	218
Alt.	ft	0-6500	10000	13000	16000	20000
VNE	Kts	146	138	131	124	117

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limits for use of the fin waterballast tank					
minimum	°C	13.5	17	24	31
ground temperature	°F	56	63	75	88
maximum	m	1500	2000	3000	4000
flight/altitude	ft.	5000	6500	10000	13000

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23 + 24 = optional



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on brake fluid reservoir

Bremsflüssigkeit	brake fluid
min.	DOT 3 / DOT 4

Gepäck max.	15 kg
baggage max.	33 lbs.

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Senden	transmit
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ELAN FLIGHT - Slovenija		
Type: DG - 500 ELAN Orion	Year of construction:	
Solid No. 15E	X	
Maximum airspeeds	km-h	kts.
Wing launch	140	76
Aero - low	190	102
Manoeuvring V A	190	102
Rough air	190	102
Landing gear operating	190	102
Maximum speed V ne	270	146
Approved aerobatic manoeuvres (category utility U):		
pos. Loop, Stall Turn, Chandelle, Spin		
In addition category A:		
Spans 17.2 or 18 m, only without waterballast		
half loop and half roll, half roll and half loop, slow roll, inverted flight.		

<b>Maximum mass:</b> 625 kg (1378 lbs.) Category A 750 kg (1653 lbs.) Category U	Loading chart				
	Cockpit load: ( parachute included)		rear seat		
	maximum	110 kg	242 lbs	90 kg	198 lbs
	or maximum	105 kg	231 lbs	105 kg	231 lbs
		kg	lbs		

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8. 9 - option



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right above the tailwheel

right above the nosewheel

Reifendruck	4 bar
Tyre pressure	58 psi

Reifendruck	2.5 bar
Tyre pressure	36 psi

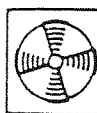
Reifendruck	2.5 bar
Tyre pressure	36 psi

Stoßbruchstelle	10000 N
rated load	2200 lbs.

at the right  
landing-gear door



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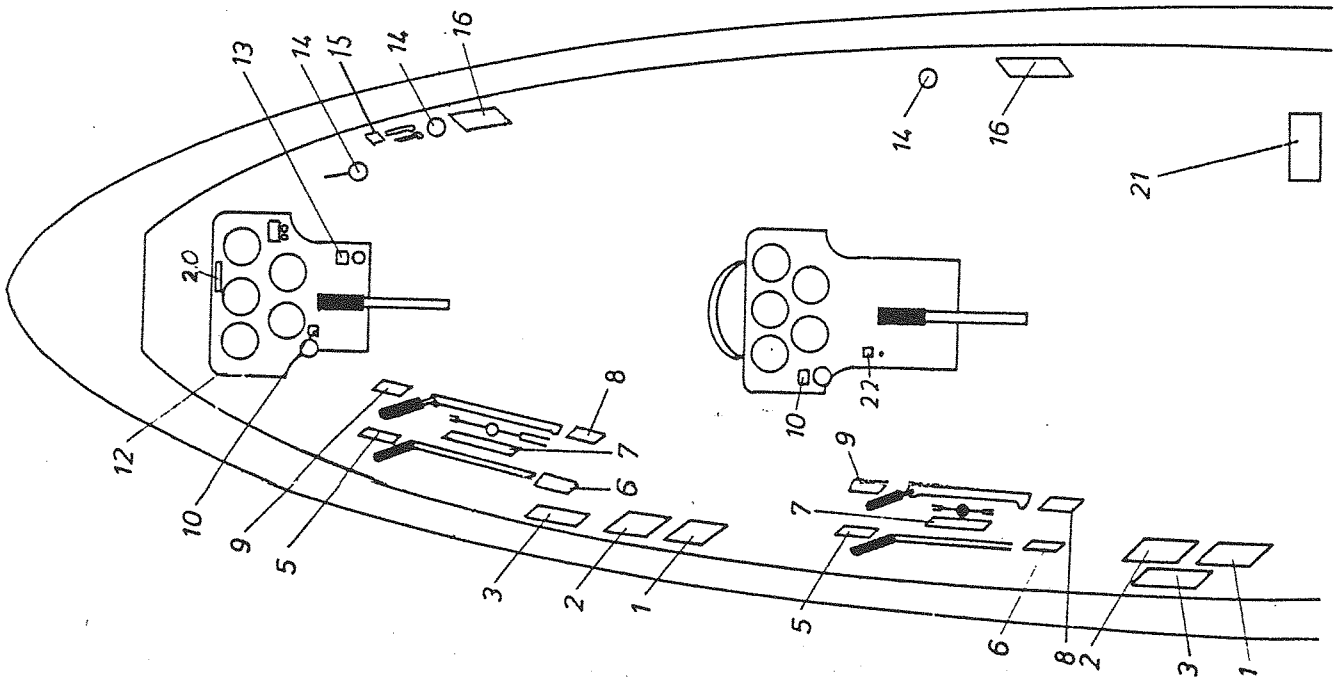


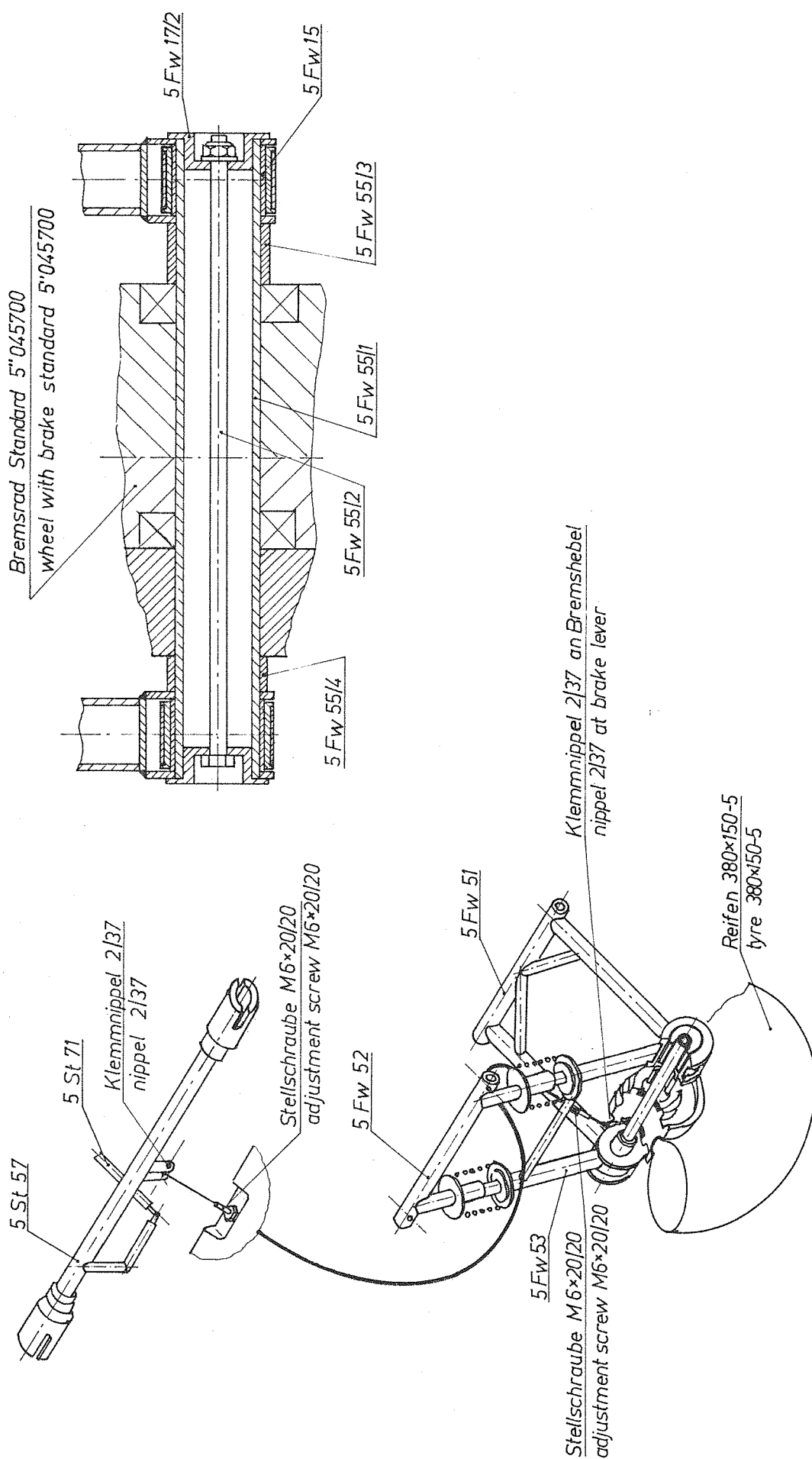
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# Fahrwerk fest nicht einziehbar / Landing gear non retractable

Diagramm/diagram 10

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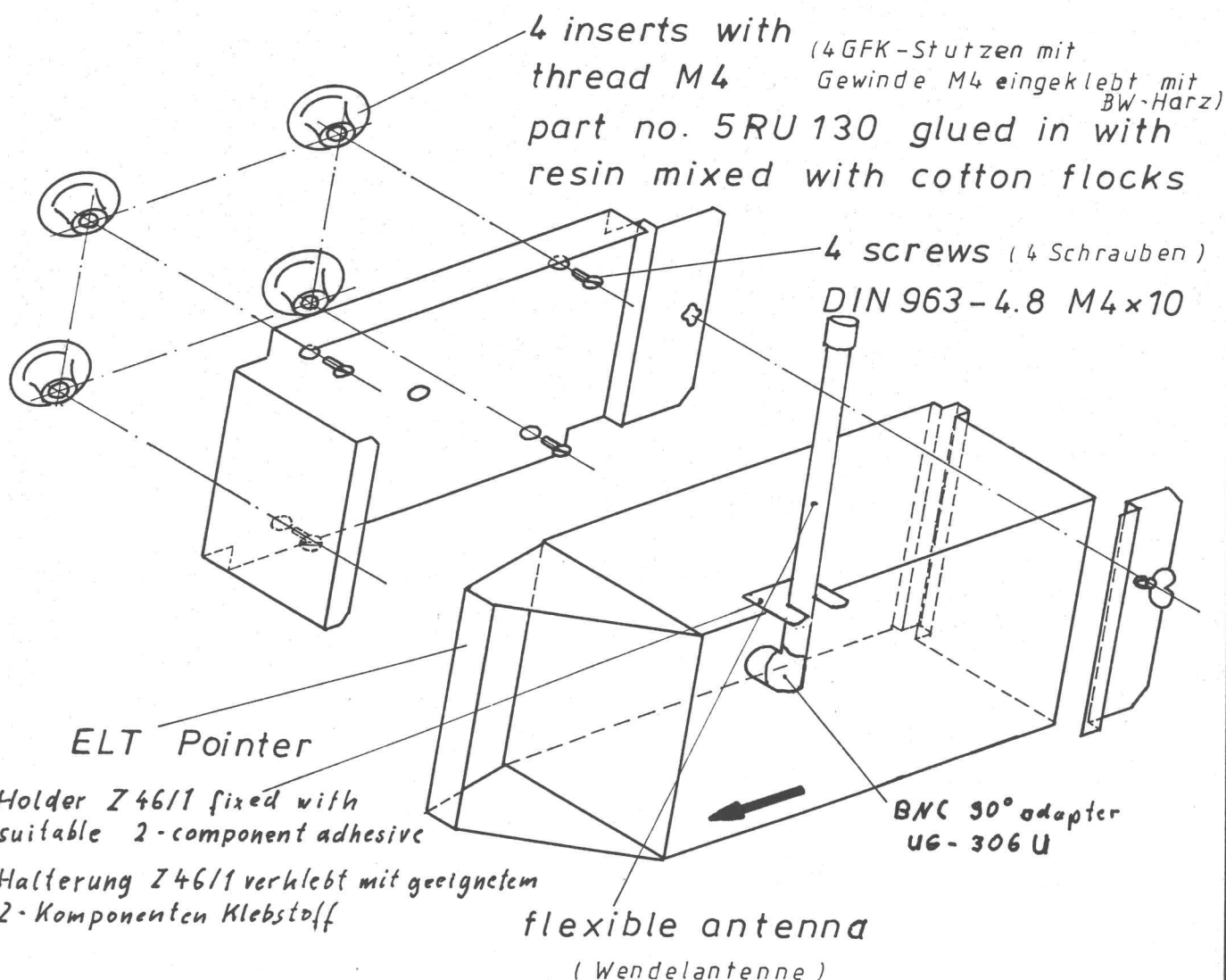
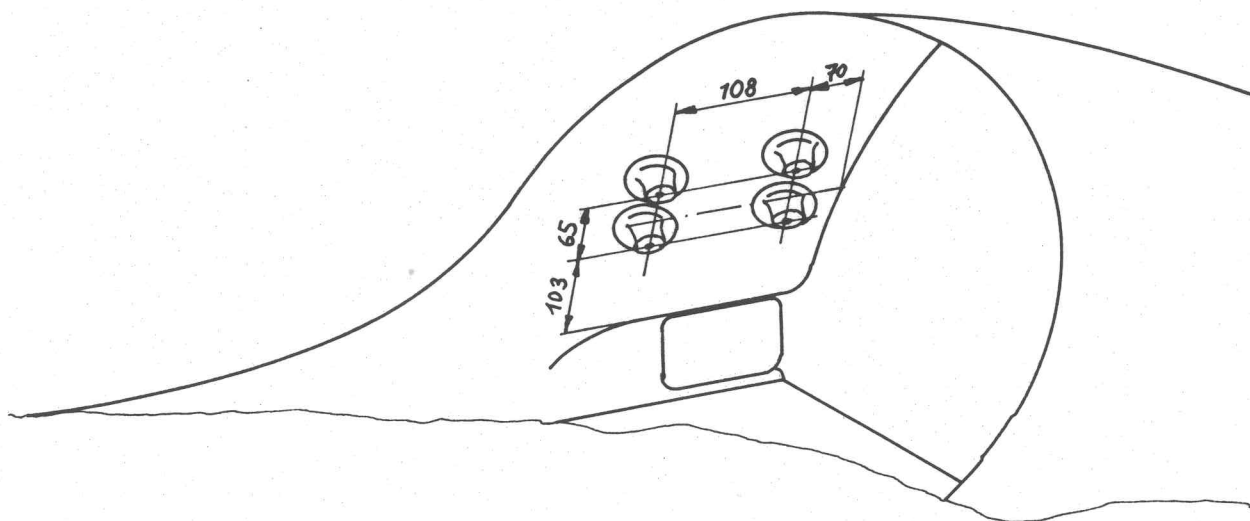



## Maintenance Manual DG-500

### Equipment list

Instrument	type	mass kg	arms mm	date of installation	date of removal
Airspeed indicator front					
Airspeed indicator rear					
Altimeter Front					
Altimeter rear					
Variometer front					
Variometer rear					
el. Variometer					
Compass front					
Compass rear					
Radio					
Battery in the fin	Z 07		4,3	5306	
C.G. hook	G 88				
Forward hook	E 85				
Seat harness front					
Seat harness rear					

**Note:** If this list is not filled out, you will find a similar list in your aircrafts logs. Parts of the min. equipment are to be chosen from sect. 6 of the maintenance manual.



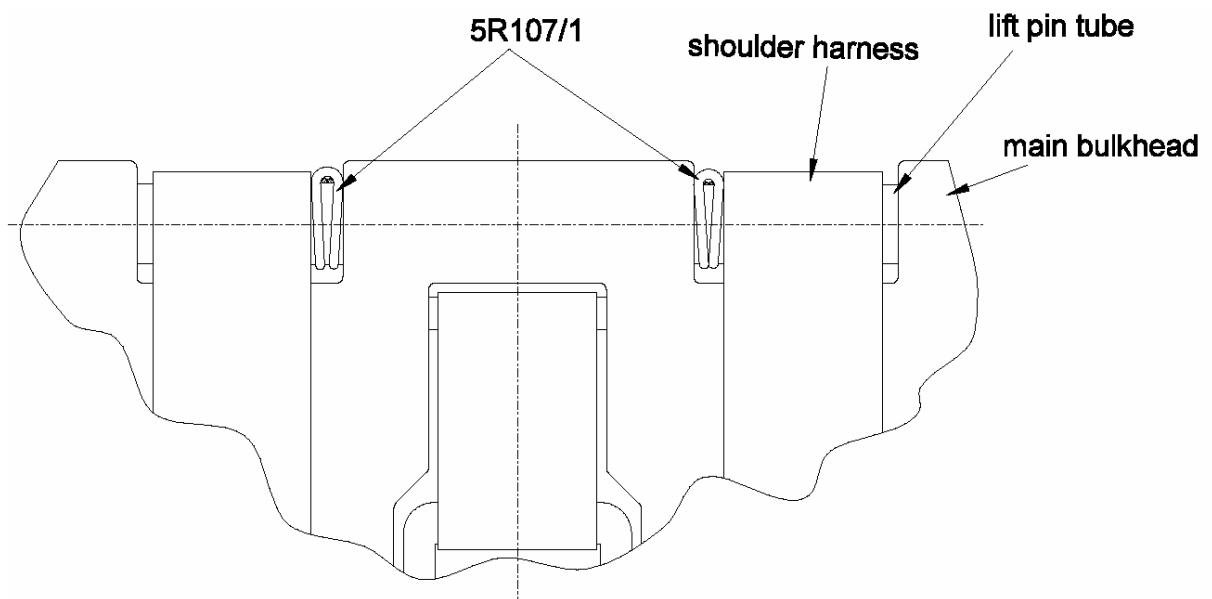
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					Norm.		
					Maßstab	/	ELT installation sketch ( ELT Einbauplan )
					Maße ohne Toleranz- ang. nach:		
Ausg.	Änderung	AM	Tag	Name			 5 EP 30



## Installing the headrest securing ropes in the rear cockpit

Note: The photos in this working instruction have been taken from a test stand and don't show the DG-500 main bulkhead.

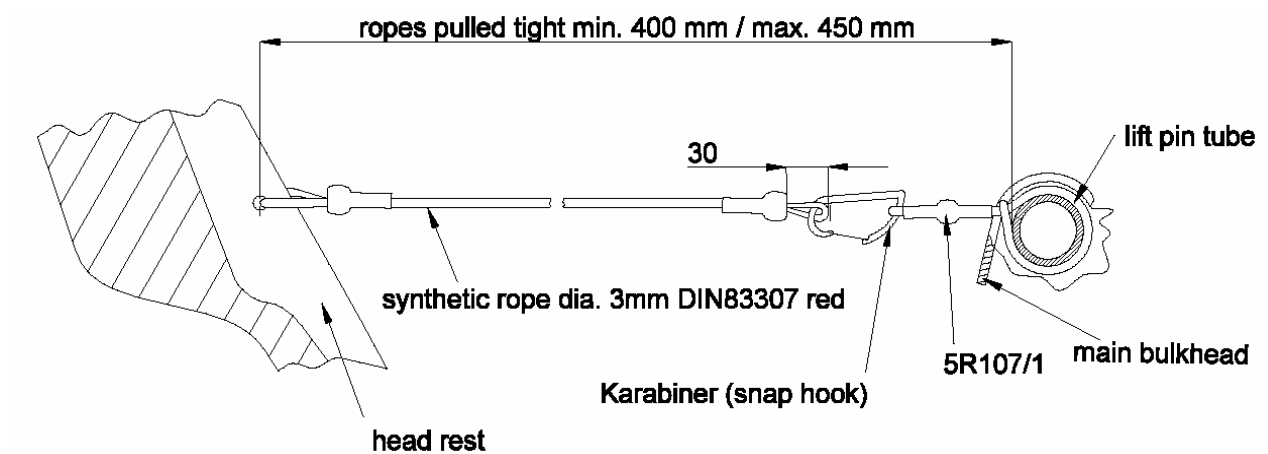
1. Remove the old securing ropes.
2. Install the 2 loops 5R107/1 left and right beside the shoulder harness belts to the lift pin tube (see sketches and photos 1, 2, 4 and 5).



*Sketch 1 (shown without headrest)*

3. Installing new securing ropes to the headrest (see sketches and photos 2, 6 and 7):
  - a) Insert one synthetic rope 600 mm long into the holes at the left hand side of the headrest and fix by knotting a Palstek. Secure the knot with heat shrink tubing (see photos 6)
  - b) Slip a piece of heat shrink tubing onto the free end of the rope. Form a loop approx. 30 mm long and apply a knot according to sketch 7.  
Don't shrink the heat shrink tubing at this stage of work.  
Fix another rope to the right hand side in the same way.
4. Hook the Karabiners (snap hooks) into the loops to connect the ropes (see sketches and photos 2, 3 and 5).
5. Check: The distance between the holes in the headrest and the front side of the lift pin tube has to be min. 400 mm and max. 450 mm according to sketch 2 when pulled tight. Both ropes should have the same length.

6. Check: Pull the control stick into its aft position. The distance between the headrest and the upper end of the control stick (or the push to talk switch if installed) has to be min. 20 mm when the ropes are pulled tight.  
If necessary adjust the length of the ropes
7. Secure the knots from 3b) according to photo 7 with the heat shrink tubing already installed.



*Sketch 2*

### Overall view



*Photo 3*



**Installing the loops 5R107/1 according to item 2**



*Photo 4*

**Karabiner (snap hook) hooked in the loops according to item 4**



*Photo 5*



**Installation of the securing ropes at the head rest according to item 3 a)**



*Photo 6*

**Forming the loops at the securing ropes according to item 3 b)**



*Photo 7*

**Material:** retrofit kit part. no. 41060010

**Caution:**

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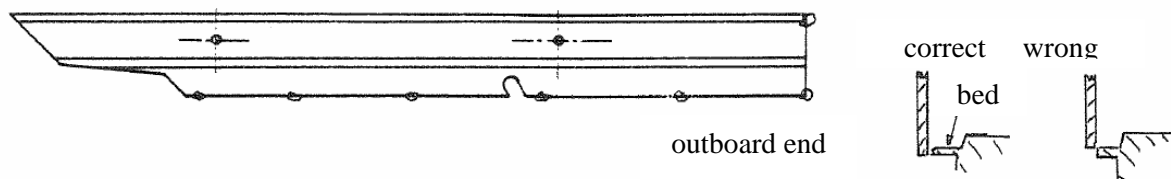
## Inspection of the DG-500 airbrakes

All inspections can be done with the glider derigged unless stated otherwise.

1. Make copy of questionnaire for TN 348/4.  
All measured data must be entered in one of the copies.
2. The airbrakes must retract at their outboard end first. When the airbrake cap is flush with the wing surface at the outboard end, the inboard end must be 3 - 6 mm (0.12 - 0.24 in.) above the wing surface.

If not, a modification according to working instruction No. 1 for TN 348/4 must be executed.

3. If you had to perform adjustments for items 2 or 5, you have to check if the airbrake plates interfere with the airbrake box at the lower side and at their outboard end. To check apply small balls of plasticine to the upper and lower airbrake plates, see sketch. Then lock the airbrake using special tool 5V 17 with a rod, see drawing 5V 18.  
Extend the airbrake again and check to which thickness the plasticine was compressed. There should be a clearance of 2 mm (0.08 in.) at least. If necessary shorten the plates at their lower and outboard ends. Don't shorten the lower end of the rear plate so far that the plate does no longer overlap with the airbrake bed.



If you have to remove the upper plate, execute item 4 prior to reinstallation of the plate.

4. Measurement of the stiffness of the airbrake-system.

Remove the upper airbrake plate. Install the bolt at the inner bellcrank again, see sketch.

Lock the airbrake control at the wingroot.

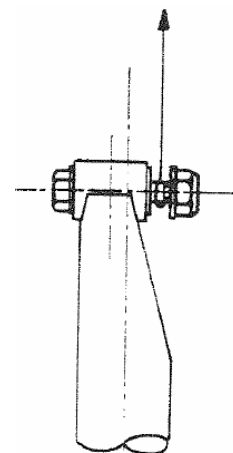
Pull at the bolt with a spring scale.

Measure the displacement of the bolt at a force of 30 daN (56 lbs.).

Max. permissible displacement is 46 mm (1.81 in.).

If you measure a larger displacement this may be an indication for a structural damage at the mounting of the airbrake control in the wingroot area.

Please, contact the manufacturer in this case.



**5. Checking the overcentre locking moment and angle.**

Check according to working instruction No. 2 for TN 348/4.

**Caution:** Checks and installation must be done at room temperature (20 – 25° C). Please make sure that the wings have been warmed up or cooled down to this temperature. At other temperatures wrong measurement of the locking moment will occur.

The locking moment must be measured as a force at 200 mm (7.87 in.) from the point of rotation. The force shall be 6.5 - 8.5 daN (14.3 - 18.7 lbs.). The sum of the forces of the left and the right wing shall not exceed 15.5 daN (34.2 lbs.).

The overcentre locking angle must be measured as a distance at 300 mm (11.81 in.) from the point of rotation, value  $16 \pm 2$  mm ( $0.63 \pm 0.08$  in.).

If it was necessary to adjust the locking moments, rig the glider after the adjustment and check if both airbrakes retract at the same time. Tolerance is 4 mm (0.16 in.). To measure retract the airbrakes so far, that the first cap is flush with the wing surface at the outboard end (in most cases at the right wing). Hold the airbrake handle in this position and measure how high the outboard end of the other airbrake is above the wing surface. If this is out of tolerance you have to reduce the locking moment at the brake which retracts first or to increase the locking moment at the brake which retracts last. But check that the locking moments remain in their tolerances. For this adjustment adjust the rod end in the airbrake box by 1/2 turn only.

- 6.** If you have adjusted the locking moments under item 5, you have to repeat check 3 at the respective airbrake.
- 7.** Use new lock nuts M6 DIN985-8 zn to secure all airbrake plates.
- 8.** File the original into your aircraft logs. This is important to find out if any changes of the adjustments have occurred during the time up to the next annual inspection.

Store the special tool properly as you need it for every annual inspection.

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**Inspection of the DG-500 airbrakes  
 questionnaire for TM 348/4**

Item	value prior to modification		value after modification	
	left	right	left	right
2	..... mm	..... mm	..... mm	..... mm
3 + 6	<b>min. clearance lower (rear) plate</b>			
lower side.....	mm	mm	mm	mm
outboard end.....	mm	mm	mm	mm
	<b>min. clearance upper (front) plate</b>			
lower side.....	mm	mm	mm	mm
outboard end.....	mm	mm	mm	mm
4	<b>deformation</b>			
	..... mm	..... mm		
5	<b>overcentre lock</b>			
moment.....	daN	daN	daN	daN
angle.....	mm	mm	mm	mm

**Changes of adjustment compared to last inspection (please  
 indicate items and changes)**

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inspection by: .....

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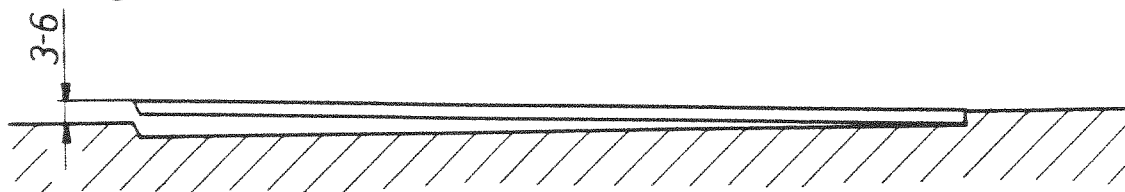
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## Inspection of the DG-500 airbrakes

### Working instruction No. 1 for TN 348/4

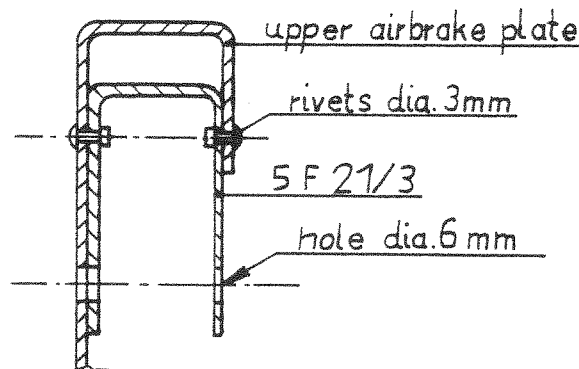
The airbrakes must retract at their outboard end first. When the airbrake cap is flush with the wing surface at the outboard end, the inboard end must be 3 - 6 mm (0.12 - 0.24 in.) above the wing surface.



If not, modify as follows:

With the modification a value of 5 - 6 mm (0.2 - 0.24 in.) shall be adjusted.

1. Remove the bolt fixing the upper airbrake plate to the outboard bellcrank.
2. Drill out the 4 rivets which fasten the U-bracket 5F 21/3 to the airbrake plate. Use a 3 mm (0.118 in.) drill. Remove 5F 21/3.
3. Enlarge the 6 mm hole at which the outboard bellcrank was screwed to the airbrake plate to 7 mm (0.276 in.) diameter.
4. Insert a new bracket 5F 21/3 into the upper airbrake plate and bolt it together with the airbrake plate and with the bellcrank.
5. Retract the airbrake and measure the distance of the inboard edge of the airbrake cap to the wing surface. If the desired value of 5 - 6 mm is not reached, you must repeat items 3 and 4. Enlarge the hole in steps from 7 mm to 8 mm (0.314 in.).
6. Drill the 3 mm (0.118 in.) rivet holes through the existing holes in the airbrake plate into bracket 5F 21/3. Fasten 5F 21/3 with 4 aluminium poprivets type Fero dia. 3 x 6.5 AL Mg5 with steel pin to the airbrake plate.



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## Inspection of the DG-500 airbrakes

### Working instruction No. 2 for TN 348/4

#### 1. Overcentre locking moment

To determine the moment a tool 5V 17 and a rod which you must produce according to drawing 5V 18 are needed. Place the tool on the airbrake control hook up at the wing root rib.

Unlock: Rotate away from the stop

Lock: Rotate until the pin 5ST41/2 touches the stop.

Measure the moment to lock the airbrake.

The locking moment must be measured as a force at 200 mm (7.87 in.) from the point of rotation. The force shall be 6.5 - 8.5 daN (14.3 - 18.7 lbs.). The sum of the forces of the left and the right wing shall not exceed 15.5 daN (34.2 lbs.).

Adjustment of the moment is done by adjusting the rod end at the pushrod inside the airbrake box.

Turn in the rod end: reduce the moment

Turn out the rod end: increase the moment

1/2 turn of the rod end changes the force by appr. 1.4 daN (3 lbs.).

#### 2. Overcentre travel (angle)

To determine the overcentre travel use again the tool, see above.

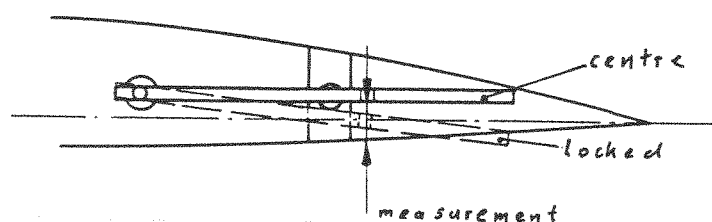
Place the wing horizontal on stands.

Unlock the airbrake only so far, that the airbrake does not unlock or lock again by itself.

This is only possible in a very small range.

Measure the centre of this range at the position marked on the rod (300 mm, 11.8 in. behind axis of rotation) from the lower side of the wing. Then lock the airbrakes and measure this value too. The difference shall be 16 mm  $\pm$  2 mm (0.63  $\pm$  0.08 in.).

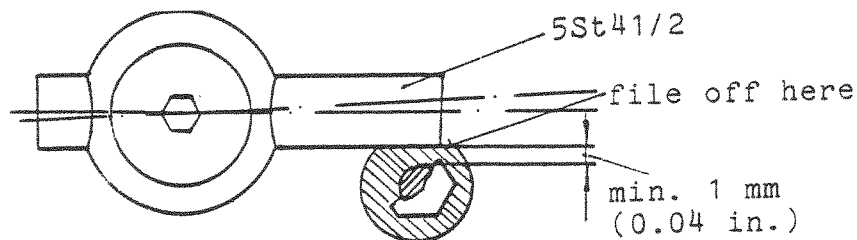
This corresponds to an overcentre angle of 3°  $\pm$  0.4°.





**Inspection of the DG-500 airbrakes****Working instruction No. 2 for TN 348/4**

For adjustment file off the brass bush at the stop or use a larger brass bush if necessary (see sketch).  
You may order such bush from GLASER-DIRKS.  
Please, indicate the necessary diameter with your order.



3. Check the overcentre moment, see 1. again.
4. Follow instructions 1. - 3. for the other wing.

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