Removing play between the sockets and bolts of the wing-fuselage transition

1. Longitudinal play between the four sockets in the wings and the bolts on the fuselage (Note: for the ASK 21, only the socket/bolt connection front in the wing nose/fuselage transition) leads to disturbing click-click noises when the rudder is operated, and can result in unpleasant tail oscillations at high speeds.

2. The play is eliminated by fitting metal washers of Ø22.5/32-thickness according to the extent of the play. By testing, the play must be reduced such that the wings can be assembled still properly - this applies to a normal temperature of 20 °C. Depending on the extent of the play, the metal washers can be fitted under one or more bolts.

3. The bolts are slid out of the fuselage cross tubes by fitting a steel rod through the hole in the opposite bolt, and driving the bolt out from the inside with a hammer (see sketch below).

4. After fitting the metal washer(s), it should be possible to drive the bolt back in place, using only a 500 g (∼ 1 lb) hammer and a few blows. If it returns too easily, then knurl the seating area slightly until a tight fit is obtained again.

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