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### 4.3 Airworthiness Limitations

(May only be applicable to U.S. registered aircraft!)

This Airworthiness Limitations Section is FAA approved and specifies maintenance required under 43.16 and 91.403 of the Federal Aviation Regulations unless an alternative program has been FAA approved.

In addition, this section is required by FAA Type Certificate Data Sheet Number G13CE and in accordance with the provisions of 14CFR Section 21.29.

The following components are time limited or limited by number of launches:

1. The FRP-structure (FRP = Fibre Reinforced Plastic) is limited to 12000 service hours. Extension seems to be possible in the future. Special inspections starting at 3000 service hours have to be performed. For details see chapter 4.1 of this manual.
2. The O-rings of the water ballast valves have a time limit of 5 years.
3. The brake line hose of the "old type" has a time limit of 6 years, which can be extended on a 100-hour inspection basis. The brake line hose of the "new type" has no service life time limitation. The identification of the brake line hose type is possible by accomplishing technical note TN 12.
4. For the TOST tow releases see the instructions given by TOST with every individual tow release.
5. For oxygen supply systems regard the time limit of the individual pressure vessel as well as the individual overhaul time limits of the components.
6. For the safety harness system time limit see the instructions given by the harness manufacturer with the individual harness system.

For details applying to 2. through 6. see chapter 4.2 of this manual.