# SERVICE INFORMATION LETTER



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## **SERVICE INFORMATION LETTER NO. SILD42L-008**

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#### 1. TECHNICAL DETAILS

#### 1.1 Aircraft Affected

All DA42 L360 aircraft. (Modified through STC)

#### 1.2 Subject

Garmin Service Advisory No. 1309, Rev B. ATA-Code: 34-20.

#### 1.3 Reason

GARMIN has issued a Service Advisory No. 1309 mandating verification of displayed heading is not noticeable drifting prior Take-Off. Revision B contains updated information regarding the causes and additional pilot action. Information For detailed technical information see FAA Airworthiness Directive 2011-26-04, which is applicable without any further additions or restrictions.

#### 1.4 Information

For detailed technical information refer to GARMIN Service Advisory No. 1309 Rev. B (see attached).

#### 2. OTHERS

The applicability of the attached GARMIN publication must be checked. For this purpose refer to the related airplane documentation, contact your responsible GARMIN Service Centre or your local authority.

If in doubt, contact DAI or your Garmin.

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### SERVICE ADVISORY

NO.: 1309 Rev. B

**TO:** Owners/operators of Garmin G1000, G1000H, G950, G900X, G500,

G500H, G600, Cirrus Perspective™, and Embraer Prodigy® Integrated

Flight Deck Systems, and Garmin Dealers/Installers

**DATE:** April 04, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Verify displayed heading is not noticeably drifting prior to takeoff

**REVISION B:** Adds updated information regarding the causes for heading drift and

additional pilot action.

#### **AFFECTED PRODUCTS**

Garmin G1000, G1000H, G950, G900X, G500, G500H, G600, Cirrus Perspective<sup>™</sup>, and Embraer Prodigy® Integrated Flight Deck Systems equipped with GRS 77/77H AHRS (Attitude Heading Reference System).

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Garmin has received a very limited number of reports of a temporary loss of heading and attitude (provided by the AHRS) displayed in the products noted above. There are two possible causes.

- Moving the aircraft on the ground (e.g., towing operations) during the first 10 seconds after turning on power to the AHRS (when power is applied to a PFD, power is also applied to the associated AHRS)
- Magnetic interference introduced near the magnetometer(s) during AHRS initialization (i.e. during the 60 seconds following power up of the AHRS)

Either of the above conditions can cause noticeably drifting heading to be displayed on the PFD (Primary Flight Display) prior to takeoff. Noticeably drifting heading may induce a temporary loss of PFD displayed heading and/or attitude information after takeoff and during climb.

## NOTE

For the purpose of this alert, "noticeably drifting heading" occurs when the PFD heading is continuously turning in one direction at a rate of more than ½ degree per second when the aircraft is stationary. A constant heading offset on the PFD prior to aircraft movement is not an indication of this issue.

## **PILOT ACTION**

Do not move the aircraft on the ground during the first 10 seconds after turning on the pilot and co-pilot (if present) PFD(s).

Do not take off if the heading displayed on the PFD is noticeably drifting.