

**Comments submitted by the Airtourer Co-Operative Limited representing the interests of owners of Airtourer series aircraft.**

**The Organisation**

The Airtourer Co-Operative Limited (the Co-Op) was established in 1978 to acquire the inventory of components, jigs, spare parts and intellectual property relating to the Airtourer series of aircraft. These assets were acquired from the former New Zealand manufacturer Aero Engine Services Limited (AESL) who had in turn purchased them from Victa Aviation in Australia. Today the Co-Op is the Type Certificate (TC) holder for both the Australian and New Zealand produced models and continues to facilitate the supply of parts and provide advice on restoration and continued airworthiness of these aircraft to owners in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

As the TC holder the Co-Op has continued to maintain and update both the Maintenance and Repair Manual and the Illustrated Parts Catalogue. The Co-Op also monitors the continued validity of the Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) and has where necessary issued Service Bulletins (SB's) and Temporary Revisions (TR's) to ensure that these documents remain up to date.

The Co-Op currently has around 65 financial members, which represents the majority of aircraft owners. Several members are LAME's that have been involved with both the original production and subsequent restoration of these aircraft.

**The Position of the Airtourer Co-Operative**

The position of our group essentially mirrors that of other similar groups of aircraft owners. As such rather than being repetitive we would like to specifically endorse and support the submission made by the Australian Money Pilots Association (AMPA) and give general support to the submission made by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).