

I would like to comment on the subject regarding the writing style or plain language currently being used in new Airworthiness Directives (AD).

The formatting style of this AD is extremely hard to follow. The pages are now being formatted in a 2-column per page style -- more like a magazine or newspaper article, instead of an official document.

The difficulty in understanding the pattern of the text is further escalated when one or two Table or Figures are incorporated within a page; thus, creating confusion on where the sentence continues. This does nothing but take a straight-forward document, with sometimes complicated explanations or instructions in the first place, and turns it into a visual "obstacle course" for the reader. Bottom line: this style is too busy, disorganized, and much harder to follow compared to the former easy-to-read single-page document.

I believe the primary goal of these AD's should be to communicate vital airworthiness information to the owner/operator of a specific aircraft, engine, or appliance, in an accurate, to-the-point, and easy to understand format or style. This newly adopted 2-column per page format violates the third rule by making it very hard to follow, and as stated above, especially when introducing a Table or Figure into the page. The reader should not be forced to spend an inordinate amount of valuable time trying to figure out what exactly the AD is conveying.

User friendly understanding is the goal and this format is not the way.

Please consider my recommendations in bringing back the normal single-page format for AD's.  
Thank you.

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