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***Subject: Recommended Reinforced Fork for Heavier Engines***

***Compliance: Optional***

***Models Effected: S-16 with engines heavier than Continental IO-240***

It is recommended that builders purchase a reinforced fork when using an engine heavier than Continental IO-240. With continued use of the original fork, inspect the nose gear fork for signs of deflection. Replace if deflection is detected. See figure, page two.

Rans offers a reinforced fork for \$84.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Hopefully we have not inconvenienced you to any great degree. Fly safe!