



Unexpected Cracking of Cessna 404  
Canted Rib Caps

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## 1. Applicability

This AWB is applicable to all CESSNA 404 series aircraft.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this AWB is to bring to attention of any maintenance personnel carrying out CESSNA SB MEB05-6, that cracks have been reported outside of the area indicated by this Service Bulletin.

## 3. Background

A recent report has indicated that cracks have been discovered in CESSNA 404 upper and lower canted rib caps outside the area indicated by CESSNA Service Bulletin MEB 05-6, as well as the upper wing to fuselage ribs and in the leading edge ribs.

## 4. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- All Registered Operators and maintainers of CESSNA 404 aircraft:
  - Pay particular attention to the areas of the canted rib caps adjacent to those required by CESSNA SB MEB 05-6, the leading edge ribs and upper wing to fuselage ribs.
  - Repair all cracks found in accordance with an approved repair scheme.
  - Report all incidents of cracking found, to CASA through the SDR system.
  - Place the aircraft on the CESSNA SID program as soon as practical.

## 5. Enquiries

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