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Wipaire, Inc. Upgrades Caravan Floats With Oil Bath Wheels

Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9, 2017 – Wipaire, Inc.® has rolled out oil bath wheels on new production Wipline® 8750 amphibious floats, eliminating the need for repeated greasing. The design allows the main gear wheel bearings to be continuously lubricated using common SAE 15W50 motor oil (or equivalent), increasing the life of the bearings. Oil bath wheels are standard on Wipline 8750 floats serial number 87177 and up. A retrofit kit is available for floats serial number 87176 and down, priced at \$9,995 installed. Retrofit installation takes approximately 25 hours, and can be completed by Wipaire at its locations in South St. Paul, Minnesota, and in Leesburg, Florida outside Orlando. Owners and operators may also have their regular maintenance provider comply with the upgrade.

"For our customers, repetitive bearing replacement adds to recurring maintenance costs," commented Chuck Wiplinger, President/COO of Wipaire, Inc. "In our efforts to deliver the best experience possible for our owners and operators, we're not only making the oil bath wheels standard on all new Wipline 8750 floats, we've also made this upgrade available for floats already in service."

Clint Clouatre, Vice President of Marketing & Sales, added, "When our customers challenged us to reduce maintenance costs, we went to work. Our new oil bath wheels improve the lubrication of the main gear wheel bearings, thereby increasing the lifespan of the bearings and reducing replacement costs. It's a win-win for all Wipline 8750 operators."

To schedule an oil bath wheel retrofit at either one of Wipaire's locations, or to order the kit for field installation, call 651-451-1205.

About Wipaire, Inc.

For over 55 years, Wipaire has been engineering and manufacturing a full line of aircraft floats for all sizes of aircraft from the Piper Cub to the Viking Twin Otter, including most single engine Cessna aircraft. In addition, Wipaire has engineered over 100 Supplemental Type Certificated modifications for improved performance, convenience, and reliability. As a leading aircraft service provider, Wipaire offers maintenance, avionics installation and repair, custom interior design and installation, and exterior paint refinishing across locations in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Leesburg, Florida. Wipaire is recognized for its quality products and engineering expertise worldwide.

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