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Safety Recommendation:

It is recommended that Textron Aviation in conjunction with the shock absorber manufacturer should review the possibility of publishing a Component Maintenance Manual (CMM) for the shock absorbers fitted to the Beechcraft Duchess 76 aircraft to include specific procedures for the replacement of the bushings fitted to the lower lugs.

Response:

Beechcraft [Textron Aviation] responded to the AAIU by letter dated 6 August 2015 as follows:

"At this time Beechcraft does not concur with SR 2015003, The Manufacturer advised the Investigation, per the AAIU Report 2015-001, that the shock absorber is designed and manufactured by a separate supplier and that the supplier does not publish a Component Maintenance Manual (CMM). The Manufacturer also stated that if an overhaul is needed they could assist with the "exchange-overhaul" unit or the shock absorber supplier could be contacted directly. The Manufacturer stated that the shock absorber bushings are available for purchase from their customer support department, if required."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be one of "Not Accepted / Closed".