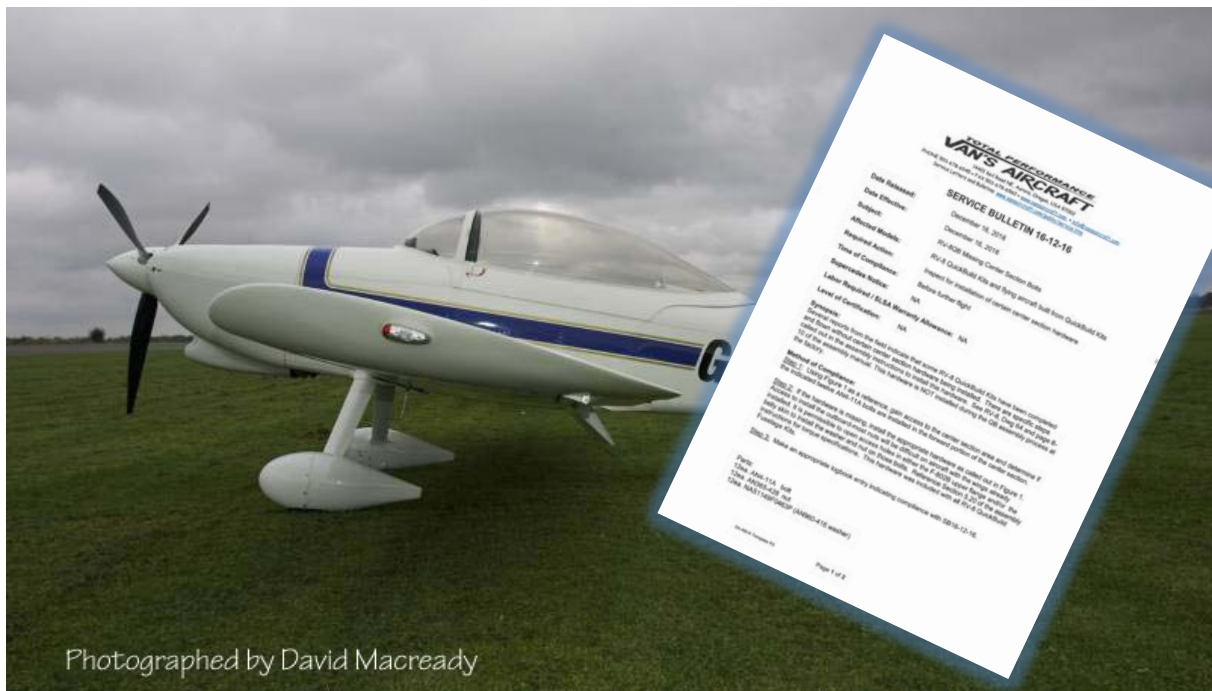


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## Vans RV-8

### Missing Centre Section Bolts

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LAA Engineering has recently become aware of a Van's Service Bulletin (SB) affecting all Vans RV-8 taildragger aircraft. The SB itself requires aircraft built from the Quick-Build (QB) kit to be inspected to ensure that the main undercarriage centre section bolts are fitted as these, because of some issues in the kit instruction manual, may have been missed out during the build.

The RV-8 wing was originally load tested with these bolts in place; though these bolts are primarily used to attach the main undercarriage legs in the nose-wheel versions, they may play a part in the overall structural strength of the wing. Vans Aircraft have therefore stated that the fitment of these bolts must be carried out 'before further flight' as they cannot be completely sure of the wing's integrity if these bolts are missing.

LAA Engineering has written to all Vans RV-8 owners giving guidance about how and when this Service Bulletin should be completed: a copy of this letter may be found [HERE](#).

A copy of Vans Service Bulletin 16-12-16 can be downloaded [HERE](#).