



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**Date:** January 10, 2017

**In reply refer to:** A-17-1 (Urgent)

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Washington, DC 20591

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On January 5, 2017, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted our report about unsafe wiring conditions in the floor-mounted circuit breaker panels on Piper model PA-31T-series airplanes.<sup>1</sup> Additional information about the investigative background and analysis that led to the resulting urgent recommendation may be found in the safety recommendation report, which can be accessed at our [Aviation Information Resources](#) webpage under NTSB report number ASR-17-001.

As a result of this investigation, we issued one new urgent recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration:

### A-17-1

Issue an emergency airworthiness directive (AD) that requires owners and operators of Piper PA-31T-series airplanes to take the actions recommended in Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin CE-17-05 immediately after the AD is issued.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 30 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it.

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<sup>1</sup> National Transportation Safety Board, *Unsafe Wiring Conditions in Piper Model PA-31T-Series Airplane Floor-Mounted Circuit Breaker Panels*, NTSB/ASR-17-001 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2017).

When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to [correspondence@ntsb.gov](mailto:correspondence@ntsb.gov). If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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Chairman