

SERVICE BULLETIN

SB-080323-A

ID NUMBER & REVISION: SB-080323-A

SUBJECT: Nose Landing Gear Limit Switch Retrofit

RELEASE DATE: EFFECTIVE DATE:

SUPERSEDES NOTICE: N/A

AIRCRAFT AFFECTED: MAKE & MODEL: ICON A5

SERIAL NUMBERS: 00001-00015, 00018-00033, 00035-00036, 00038-

00072, 00074-00086, 00088-00182, 00184-00188

REQUIRED ACTION: Retrofit reed switch style NLG actuators with non-magnetic limit switches.

TIME OF COMPLIANCE: At next service interval REVISION HISTORY: A Initial Release

LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION □ Pilot/Owner ⊠ A & P

REQUIRED (any level checked □ LSA Repairman – Inspection ⊠ Certified Repair Station

PURPOSE:

It has been discovered that there is a potential for collapse of nose landing gear utilizing magnetic reed switches. Other failures are also possible, including but not limited to lack of gear extension.

NOTE: Additional parts and steps are required to retrofit older aircraft with 1.0-configuration actuators/bell cranks (ASN 1-20). These differences are identified below; unless otherwise indicated, steps apply to all configurations.

CONSUMABLES AND BULK MATERIALS:

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ALTERNATE	
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N/A	Powder-Free Nitrile Gloves	As Needed		
N/A	Powder-Free Latex Gloves	As Needed		
TT-I-735A	Isopropyl Alcohol	As Needed	Or Equivalent	
Sharpie, Fine	Dormanant Marking Dan	As Needed	Sharpie, Ultra	Permanent
Point	Permanent Marking Pen		Fine Point	Marking Pen
ICA012078	Lubricant, General Purpose (Tef-Gel)	As Needed		

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ASSEMBLIES AND PARTS:

	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
	TY23MX	CABLE-TIE, NYLON 6-6, 18LB, TY-RAP	2
Additional parts	TY23MX	CABLE-TIE, NYLON 6-6, 18LB, TY-RAP	3
for 1.0-config.	MS21266-1N	GROMMET, PLASTIC, EDGING, .056X.150	2 INCH

IF APPLICABLE, SERVICE KITS:

KIT NUMBER	CONTENT PARTS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
ME001178	F4TAPEBLACK-B	TAPE, SELF-FUSING, SILICONE, .02 IN THK, 1 IN	As Needed
(If not		WIDE, 36' ROLL *NO LOAD*	
replacing	CB200-B	ADHESIVE, ACRYLIC STRUCTURAL, 2 PART, CLICK	1
actuator)		BOND *NO LOAD* *HAZMAT*	
	CB9120V5-B	MOUNT, CABLE TIE ANCHOR *NO LOAD*	1
	ME001143-A	NLG LIMIT SWITCH, SUBASSY	1
	ME001175-B	BRACKET, NLG LIMIT SWITCH, SUBASSY	1
	ME001177-B	HOLD DOWN BOLT, NLG BRACKET, SUBASSY	1
	TY24MX-B	CABLE-TIE, NYLON 6-6, 30LB, 5.50, TY-RAP *NO LOAD*	1
	CB4000G08CRA8P750-A	STUD, ADH BND, FBRG, A286, 8-32X.500 TRIM	2
	MS21043-08-B	NUT, SLFLKG, RDC HEX, CRES, 8-32	2
	NAS1149CN832R-B	WASHER, FLAT, CRES, #8X.032, PSVT	2
ME001180	CB200-B	ADHESIVE, ACRYLIC STRUCTURAL, 2 PART, CLICK	2
(if replacing		BOND *NO LOAD* *HAZMAT*	
actuator)	CB4000G08CRA8P750-A	STUD, ADH BND, FBRG, A286, 8-32X.500 TRIM	2
	CB9120V5-B	MOUNT, CABLE TIE ANCHOR *NO LOAD*	1
	F4TAPEBLACK-B	TAPE, SELF-FUSING, SILICONE, .02 IN THK, 1 IN	1
		WIDE, 36' ROLL *NO LOAD*	
	ME001168-A	NLG ACTUATOR, SUBASSY	1
	ME001175-B	BRACKET, NLG LIMIT SWITCH, SUBASSY	1
	ME001177-B	HOLD DOWN BOLT, NLG BRACKET, SUBASSY	1
	MS21043-08-B	NUT, SLFLKG, RDC HEX, CRES, 8-32	2
	NAS1149CN832R-B	WASHER, FLAT, CRES, #8X.032, PSVT	2
	TY24MX-B	CABLE-TIE, NYLON 6-6, 30LB, 5.50, TY-RAP *NO LOAD*	1

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INSTRUCTIONS:

It is permissible to disassemble the aircraft as required to permit accessibility, inspection, adjustment, maintenance, and repair in accordance with the latest release of the online ICON Aircraft Maintenance Manual, ICA000833.

Inspection

- 1. In lieu of jacking aircraft, support the nose as follows:
 - a. Remove the main landing gear 15A fuse from the overhead console. Save this fuse.
 - b. Remove instrument panel top(s) (See Aircraft Maintenance Manual Section 100514 or 100547/100397).
 - c. Fold the wings of the aircraft. This will move the center of gravity aft so that it is easier to lift the nose up and down during the NLG rigging checks.
 - d. Connect battery charger to the charging terminals.
 - e. Have a foam block or equivalent nearby that can be placed under the aircraft on the keel aft of the NLG wheel well that will allow the nose wheel of the aircraft to have approximately 1 in or more clearance from the ground. This block will need to be removed numerous times during the procedure.
- 2. Inspect the nose landing gear (NLG) system (See Aircraft Maintenance Manual Section 100304-00).
- 3. Ensure landing gear is extended. Insert .1875 rigging pin, (ITL002460-002) locking the NLG (See Aircraft Maintenance Manual Section 100419-00 steps 1-4) or use ICON Tool No. ITL001714-B if no rigging pin hole is available. If extended gear is out of rig (adjustment is required to insert the pin) or actuator needs to be replaced, disconnect the actuator where it attaches to the NLG bellcrank, then insert the rig pin.

<u>Repair</u>

- 1. If replacing actuator, disconnect bolts, worm drive hose clamp, and boot in accordance with Aircraft Maintenance Manual section 100425. Cut zip tie around NLG connector and disconnect the NLG connector D9024J. (Reference **Figure 1.)** Skip to Repair step **7**.
- 2. Remove the instrument panel top(s) (See Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Section 100514 or 100547/100397).
- 3. Modify the NLG actuator harness as follows:
 - a. Cut zip tie around NLG connector and disconnect the NLG connector D9024J. (Reference **Figure 1.)**
 - b. Remove Wedge lock from actuator-side connector body. (Reference Figure 1.)

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Figure 1. NLG Connector D9024J, Wedge Lock (orange)

- c. Mark wires pinned to connector positions 1 and 8 with masking tape. Remove all electrical connector pins/wires in the existing NLG connector PN D9024J, (located on the actuator side).
- d. Remove sleeving from the actuator wire bundle and pull the wires out of the bundle that leads to the magnetic reed switches located on the connector body. Note: The reed switch wires are encased in larger black insulation. Trim the reed switch wires where they exit the reed switches as shown in **Figure 2**. Discard these trimmed wires. Note: the wires that were located in connector positions 1 and 8, the red and black wires that enter the actuator body and were marked in step c, must not be trimmed or altered in any way.

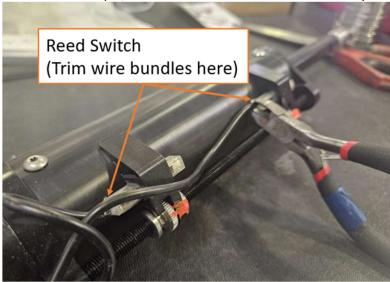


Figure 2. Trim wires at reed switches

4. (1.0 config only) Remove zip- tie securing the wiring harness to the brake line (**Figure 3**.) NOTE: If additional slack for harness is needed, it is permissible to also relocate the zip- tie shown in **Figure 15**.

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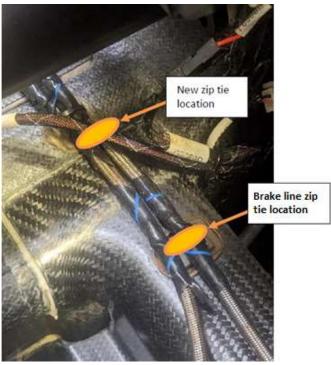


Figure 3. Zip-tie Locations

- 5. Remove wedge lock from limit switch assembly (ICA015711) connector D9024J. Insert the RED and BLACK power/ground wires, previously removed, into the limit switch assembly (ICA015711) connector PN D9024J, positions 1 and 8. Secure actuator wire within 0.500 inch of limit switch assembly sleeving end D9024J with a cable tie (TY23MX). Reference **Figure 4.**
- 6. Re-insert wedge lock into D9024J.

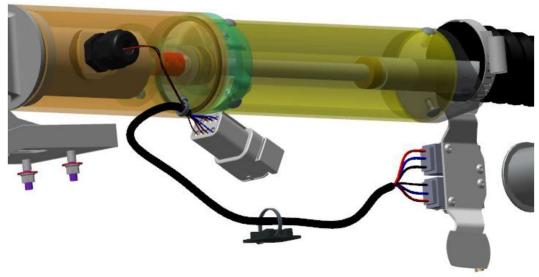


Figure 4. Limit switch assembly with modified NLG harness



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7. Install 2 each bolt (NAS428H3-7), 2 each washer (NAS1149C0332R) and 2 each nut (AN315C3R) as shown in **Figure 5** onto 1 each the new retrofit NLG Limit Switch Bracket assembly. Set pre-gap (.22 in) as specified below. Pre-install jam nut (AN315C3R) finger tight but do not torque.

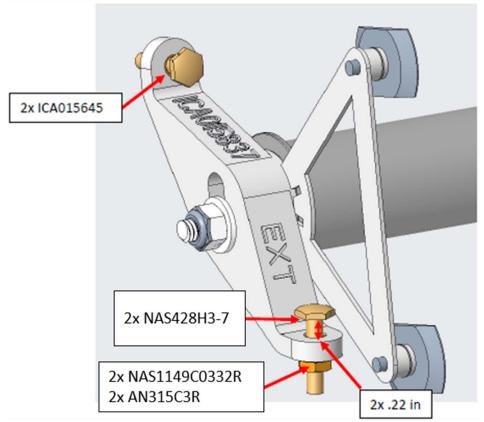


Figure 5. Limit switch bracket sub assembly

- 8. Preinstall the new retrofit Limit Switch Bracket sub-assembly into the bell crank shaft. Orient the assembly so it slides over the bell crank shaft bolt shown in **Figure 6**.
- 9. If needed, identify any areas of interference between the Limit Switch Bracket and ECS heater bracket by pre-installing 1 each of the CLICKBOND studs (CB4000G08CRA8P750) approximately as shown in **Figure 7**. Mark the area of interference with ECS heater bracket with a permanent black marker. Loosen from each CLICKBOND stud, shim the gap and cut away interference area with a hand cutting tool. Be careful not to damage the surrounding area. Clean working area to remove all FOD, including carbon dust, with a shop vac.

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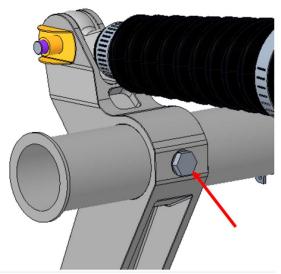


Figure 6. NLG Bell crack Shaft bolt

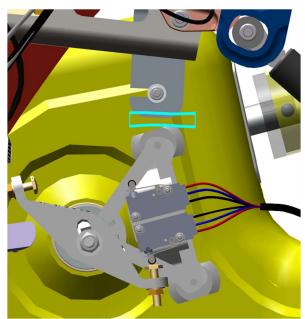


Figure 7. Gap between ECS heater bracket and trimmed CLICKBOND stud

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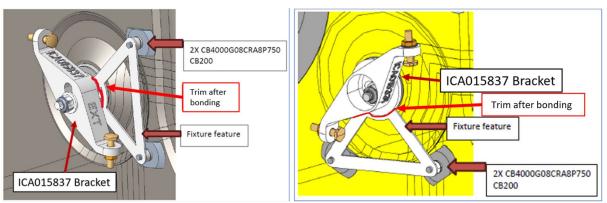


Figure 8. NLG limit switch bracket assembly installed; (1.0 configuration: orient as shown on right)

10. Insert ICA015837 Limit Switch Retrofit Bracket into the bell crank shaft, orient it so it slides over the bell crank shaft bolt shown in **Figure 6** above. Remove zip-tie from hold down bolt assembly, remove and retain the washer and nut. Insert hold down bolt from co-pilot side of NLG box, and secure with 1 each retained washer and 1 each locking nut (95615A120) on the pilot side of the NLG Box. Torque to 17±2 in-lbs. (Reference **Figure 9**)

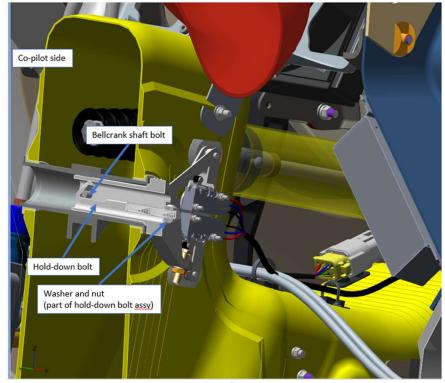


Figure 9. Cross-section view of installed bracket

- 11. Apply a generous amount of lubricant (ICA012078) over exposed thread end of hold-down bolt.
- 12. Prepare 2 each CLICKBOND (CB4000G08CRA8P750) and surface for bonding, in accordance with adhesive manufacturer recommendations.

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- 13. With rig pin still installed, or using ITL001714-B if no rig pin hole is available, bond CLICKBOND studs (CB4000G08CRA8P750) in the place oriented by the fixture (Reference **Figure 8**). Bond using CB200 in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Backfill as needed with CB200 where stud overhangs core.
- 14. After allowing to adequately cure, use a razor knife to carefully trim away the fixture close to the base as shown in red line in **Figure 8**Figure 8.
- 15. (1.0 config only) Install edging (MS21266-1N Grommet Edging)) with CB200 at location shown in **Figure 10** and route harness as shown.

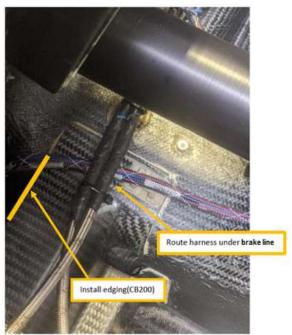


Figure 10. Harness routing and edging

16. Install limit switch assembly onto studs with 2x MS21043-08 nuts and 2x NAS1149CN832R washers as shown in **Figure 11** below. Torque locknuts to 14 in-lbs.

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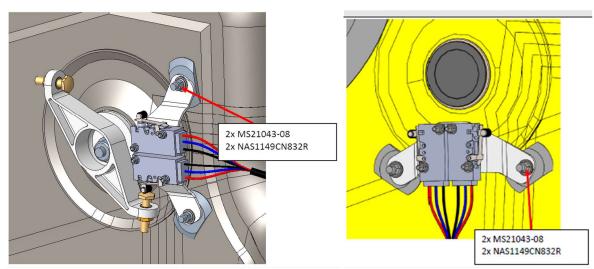


Figure 11. Installed limit switch subassembly; (1.0 config: Orient as shown on right)

- 17. If the actuator was previously disconnected or replaced, loosen the clamp securing the NLG boot to the shaft of the actuator. Manually rotate the shaft of the actuator (clockwise to retract, when viewed from the front) for best rig pin or ITL001714 tool alignment. Reconnect the actuator and tighten the boot clamp (See Aircraft Maintenance Manual Section 100359-00).
- 18. Adjust bolt on limit switch retrofit bracket so bottom ("BOT") extended limit switch is activated. Adjust bolt gap on limit switch retrofit bracket so that top ("TOP) side has the same gap as the bottom. Torque jam nut to 15±2 in-lbs. Reference **Figure 12**.

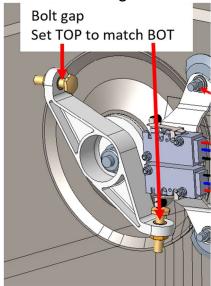


Figure 12. Adjust bolt gap

- 19. Rig NLG system with gear UP.
 - a. Remove the bolt, washer, and rod which engage the doors from the NLG strut. (Figure 14)
 - b. Attach 5lb weight (ITL012297) to NLG wheel.



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- c. Confirm that 15A MLG fuse is removed. Verify MASTER switch is OFF and the landing gear is currently DOWN. Move LANDING GEAR switch to UP position then turn MASTER switch ON to allow the landing gear to retract fully. Turn MASTER switch OFF.
- d. When in the UP position a single sheet of paper should slide with minimal drag between the NLG strut and stop.

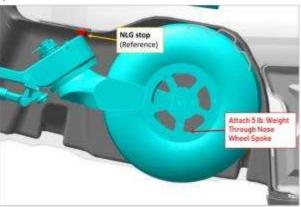


Figure 13. Rigging with gear up

- e. Adjust rigging by loosening jam nut and adjusting crowned bolt for TOP bolt (NAS428H3-7) (**Figure**). Re-torque jam nut to 15±2 in-lbs.
- f. Verify MASTER switch is OFF and the landing gear is UP. Move LANDING GEAR switch to DOWN position then turn MASTER switch ON to allow the landing gear to extend fully. Turn MASTER switch OFF.
- g. Remove 5lb weight (ITL012297) from NLG wheel.
- h. Install rod into NLG strut: Using isopropyl alcohol, clean surfaces where lubricant will be applied. Apply lubricant (ICA012078) liberally to threads and shank of bolt. Install rod into NLG strut with bolt and washer. Torque bolt to 25-28 in-lb. (Reference **Figure 14**)

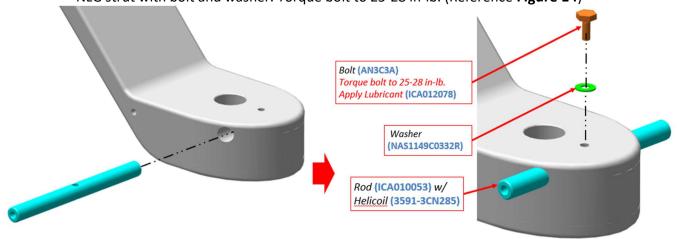


Figure 14. NLG Strut Hardware

20. Validate rigging with gear DOWN: Cycle the nose landing gear several times (with MLG fuse removed), verifying correct function of the following:

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- a. Nose gear doors close fully against the fuselage skins with no gaps or looseness.
- b. There are uniform gaps between the edges of the doors and the fuselage joggle.
- c. The door flanges rest against each other.
- d. Instrument panel position lights indicate correctly.
- e. Normal gear function with no blown fuses.
- f. .1625 rig pin (ITL002663) (or ITL001714 for 1.0 config) fits.
- g. If adjustment of the extended position is necessary, adjust rigging by loosening jam nut and adjusting crowned bolts (NAS428H3-7). Re-torque jam nut to 15±2 in-lbs.
- 21. Install tie mount on the NLG box. Center the mount with screw and about 0.400 inch upwards from tangent edge as shown in **Figure 15** below.

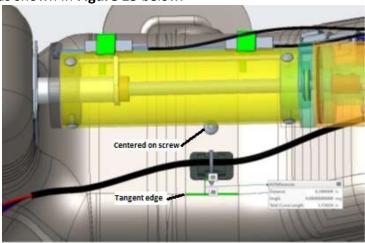


Figure 15. NLG retrofit Tie mount block

- 22. (1.0 config only) Secure brake line with 1 each zip-tie (TY23MX) at brake line zip-tie location. Secure harness with 1 each zip-tie (TY23MX) at harness location (See **Figure 3**). Reinstall the removed zip-tie that secures actuator connector.
- 23. Reinstall MLG 15A fuse.

It is permissible to reassemble the aircraft, as required pursuant to maintenance and repair, in accordance with the latest release of the ICON Aircraft <u>Maintenance Manual</u>, ICA000833.

VERIFICATION:

- 1. Confirm rigging was validated in final steps of repair sequence above.
- Confirm MLG fuse has been reinstalled.

Logbook Entry:

"I hereby certify the inspection and/or repair has been completed in accordance with Service Bulletin (SB-080323-A, Nose Gear Collapse) and all referenced documents. Potentially unclear procedures have been clarified with ICON Aircraft. (ref. FAA Exemption 10829C)".

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