

SST™ Cold Spray Technology Keeping Historical Aircraft Airworthy





About CenterLine



- Privately held, Windsor Ontario Canada based organization, established in 1957
- Over 43,670 m² (470,000 sq.ft.) of manufacturing space in four (4) facilities in Windsor housing five (5) divisions: Machinery, Electrodes, Automation Components, Supersonic Spray Technologies (SST) and Mechatronics
- Expertise in a variety of processes including: Resistance Welding, GMAW, Metal Forming,
 Mechanical Assembly, Cold Spray Metal Consolidation
- Global Reach, with a number of affiliates and sales offices around the World







Supersonic Spray Technology Division

Since 2003

Innovating downstream injection cold spray systems

- Today:
 - SST[™] PX and EPX cold spray systems
 - SST[™] integrated std turnkey solutions
 - SST[™] integrated custom solutions
 - SST[™] Cold Spray Grade Powders
 - SST[™] Accessories, Consumables and spare parts
 - Process Development and Qualification
 - Jobshop Services









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Chipmunk DHC-1 aircraft



- Chipmunk Aircraft named after the squirrel
- Post-war vintage aircraft developed in 1946 by DeHavilland Canada, now part of Bombardier
- Tandem single engine
- Hundreds of Chipmunks remain airworthy around the world, used primarily as a trainer aircraft
- Spare parts for these aircraft are either scarce, price prohibited, or not possible to repair using conventional techniques









Problem Description

DeHallivand DHC-1 # 054 RCAF Aircraft Gypsy DH Major 10MK1-3A engine

Canadian Historical Aircraft Association

Maintenance Manual – Transport Canada Approved

- grounded due to engine oil leak

- ✓ Liquid Penetrant NDT ASME PT-1. 5200 2015 -R1
- ✓ Upper engine cover flange Magnesium cast alloy
- ✓ Lower Crankcase bolt region aluminum cast alloy





Liquid Penetrant Inspection



- Crack present at a flange in the upper cover eradicating fastening point to the lower crankcase
- Crack present at the bolt region in the lower crankcase
- Both Magnesium and Aluminum cast alloys would not tolerate elevated temperature repair processes, such as welding







SST Repair Assessment



Due to the already weakened material condition, SST recommended that both the cracked flange at the cover as well as the cracked region at the lower crankcase be completely removed. The missing feature would be rebuilt using the SST cold spray process

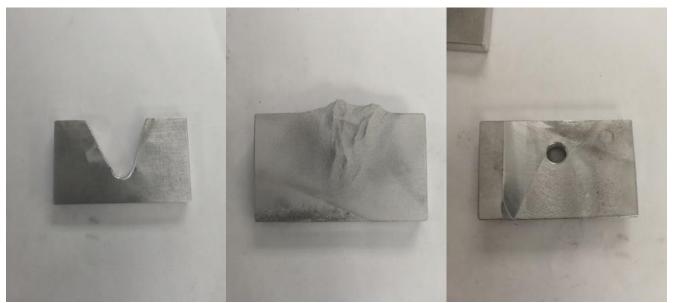




Repair Design & Approval



- Worked with Transport Canada and Fliteline to Design the NEW Repair Procedure
- New Repair Procedure based on MIL-STD-3021 for non-structural repair (2008-2015)
- Required simulation samples for hand free-form spraying
 - ✓ ¼" hole, same distance to edge as in block, cut through at 25 Degree
 - ✓ Hand free-form spray & machine













TC Process Design Repair Doc #1701 Rev 1. 29/11/17 TC Maintenance Manual Supp #1701M Rev 1. 5/12/17

- SST Series P machine with Manual Spray gun 2.0mm orifice UltiLife[™] Nozzle
- Remove damaged sections
- Surface prepare with SST-G0002 to roughen surfaces
- Hand spray damaged areas with SST-A0082 using:
 - Nitrogen
 - 180 psi (12.5 bar) / 425C
- Conventional machining to dimensional tolerances
- CMM dimensional verification
- Assembly and release





Repair Procedure 1701



Material Properties

Composition: Al 99.5% Min., Al₂O₃ 99.0% Min.

Particle Size: -75 to +5 µm

Characteristics: Irregular shaped particles for

maximum velocity

Typical Coating Properties

Series P/PX Series EP/	/EPX
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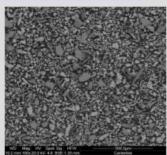
Bond Strength*: > 6000 psi > 7500 psi

Hardness (Brinell): 57 – 62 60 – 63 Density: > 99.5% > 99.5%

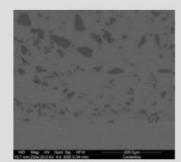
Deposition Efficiency: Up to 20% Up to 40%

Deposition Rate: Up to 5 g/min Up to 30 g/min

Typical Micrograph



SST-A0082 Powder



SST-A0082 Coating on Al6061 (Series EP)

Spray Parameter Ranges

Spray parameters only apply to CenterLine Cold Spray equipment.

Series P/PX Series EP/EPX

Temperature: 300 - 500°C 300 - 550°C

Pressure: 100 - 250 psi 100 - 500 psi

Powder Pre-heating: N/A N/A

Standoff Distance: 10 – 25 mm 10 – 40 mm

Gas: Compressed air or Nitrogen

Feed Rate (gram/min): 12 – 25 12 – 80

Gun Traverse Speed: 10 – 500 mm/s depending on

process settings and target

coating thickness

Surface Preparation: SST-G0002 commercial blast

Spray Nozzle: UltiLife™

Ordering

Catalogue Number: SST-A0082

Standard Packaging: 400 ml or 1 gallon sized container

Selling Unit: Pound

Material Certification: Available upon request

To discuss your Cold Spray Application(s), including the optimization of spray parameters for higher coating bond strengths, or for more information about powders and blends, please contact your CenterLine SST representative or visit our website at www.supersonicspray.com.

^{*}Higher bond strengths can be achieved. Please consult with CenterLine to receive assistance in optimizing the spray parameters.

Upper Cover



Before



as sprayed



machined



- Masking was not necessary
- Gasket thickness was quite small so distortion was not allowed





Lower Crankcase



In this case masking was necessary to

- ✓ Avoid tear down/disassembly of the engine
- ✓ Protect engine components during spraying and post machining
- ✓ did not have to drain the oil









before



As sprayed



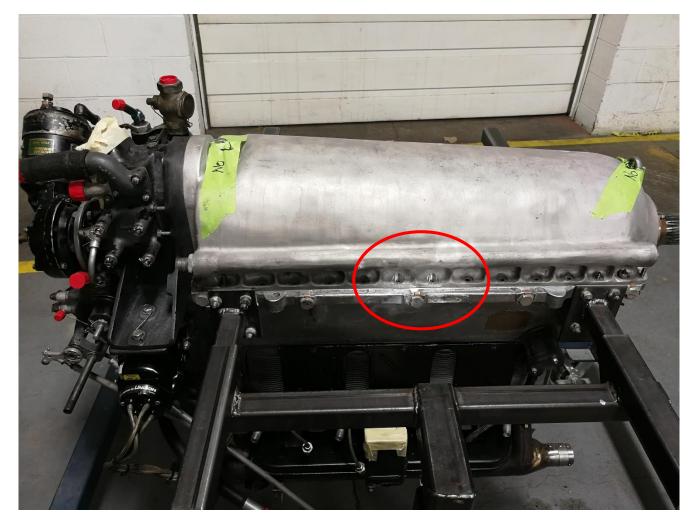
Machined





Engine ready







Approval Summary



- Engine cover flange repair Approval Summary
- TC Process Design Repair Document 1701 rev 1. 29/11/17
- TC Maintenance Manual Supplement 1701M rev 1. 5/12/17
- TC-Canadian Aviation Regulation Approval O-RA17-139 dated 8/12/17
- Once the repair was done the subsequent installation on the engine into the aircraft and return to service of the aircraft was certified by AME/AMO in accordance with the Canadian Aviation Regulations PART V- Standard 571 – Maintenance
- After 50-flight hour the aircraft was re-inspected without any issues



Conclusion



- SST Cold Spray proved to be a practical simple solution for critical dimensional restoration of hard-to-fix aircraft components
- Because adhesion is achieved in the solid state, cold spray is suitable for obtaining well bonded, low porosity, oxide-free deposits onto temperaturesensitive materials such as the ones used in this aircraft



Enjoy your flight





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