

No. 98-07

Subject:

OV-10 (Bronco) Canopy

Distribution:

All DOI OV-10 (Bronco) Pilots

Discussion:

A DOI leadplane experienced an in-flight loss of the rear canopy door. The cause of the incident could not be determined.

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a thorough check of the aircraft for open doors, (markings have been installed on the exterior canopy door handles identifying the position of the latch) unlatched cowlings, damage, fluid leaks, etc., prior to flight. This is especially important after the aircraft has been serviced or left unattended.
2. In accordance with the aircraft operator's manual, visually check canopy door locking pins are fully seated with the latch handles fully seated in the locked position prior to takeoff.

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