

What is an SI and SL?

A Service Instruction (SI) is issued by a manufacturer and becomes part of any repair, service or overhaul manual. As such, it becomes mandatory by “reference” according to the NTSB.

Example: Lycoming may include in their overhaul manual that it is mandatory to follow Service Instruction No. ***** when assembling the Oil Pump. This SI will include part numbers for new and improved parts that will qualify the overhaul which could eventually be the subject of an AD.

A Service Letter is a product information document initiated by a manufacturer that can be optional to the pilot/owner. Again, future maintenance and a cost analysis would be considerations.