

Twin Comanche Stainless Fuel Selectors (Oct 2010)

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Parker Hannifin has made a run of stainless steel fuel selectors for the Twin Comanche (PA30/39) which addresses the corrosion problems encountered in some fuel valves. The center shaft in the original selector is steel and if water from tanks sits in the bowl, the center shaft can corrode. This new valve is designed to resolve this, and possible age and wear issues. Airborne (now Parker Hannifin) built these valves for Piper originally out of steel and aluminum and cad plated them. Parker has taken the original drawings and gained FAA PMA approval for the original valves, but made them with stainless, so corrosion will never be a factor.

Servicing the valves is done the same way as the existing valves per the service procedures laid out in the Comanche Service Manual. It has the same gaskets, same O-rings, same procedures, so anyone familiar with the existing valves will be pleasantly surprised by the consistency of the new valves from Parker. Installation is just as easy – remove the old and install the new – the valves are identical with the originals, but made from stainless, so the dimensions are identical and the installation is the same as the originals.

Parker has priced these at \$3,200 each – they have 20 sets of each left and right in inventory, ready for immediate shipment. Total asking price for the pair is \$6,400, plus a little freight but let's try for a discount. An ad in the *Flyer* shows \$2,995 from a vendor so let's try for that price or better. I'm happy to coordinate sales and inquiries for these, as I have done since the program started with Parker Hannifin – so let me know how I can assist. I believe that the availability of this product, superior to the original, is a great benefit to the fleet, and the fleet support by Parker Hannifin is appreciated by us all.

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