

Seabee

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MEASLES, MUMPS and WHOOPING COUGH

This bulletin is to remind you that new airplanes like new babies are subject to all kinds of growing pains and that epidemics of troubles may plague them and you in the beginning.

Take our first Seabees as an example. For performance and safety we have no apologies to offer but for appearance and finish in ever so many little details, we tell you very honestly they are not up to expected Republic standards.

It may take us fifty or a hundred Seabees before we are satisfied with the upholstery, or the rugs on the floor, the fit of the doors, the location of ventilators, the soundproofing of the cabin or a dozen other details, every one of which is important.

In the first Seabees the paint is giving us trouble and it is peeling off in spots. In some the tail wheel is not perfectly sealed against water and you can't leave them out overnight at anchor without shipping water in the rear compartment. You'll need to watch this and keep a pump handy.

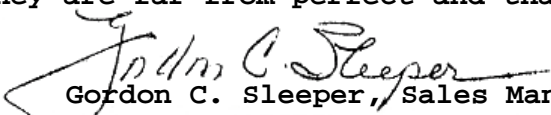
In some the hydraulic fluid leaks at times and you may want to carry an extra can on long trips.

Republic intends to make the Seabee to standards that will make you proud to sell it to the most exacting customers but time and experience are needed to master all the difficulties of early production.

Do you prefer to wait for your first deliveries until we are over all our growing pains or are you willing to make full allowance for present difficulties for the sake of getting under way with your demonstration and sales campaigns.

Whatever your answer we are completely sympathetic. If you say: "Let's have them quick, we'll help you discover and correct any faults", our own service department will stand by to assist you in any later modification required. On the other hand, if you say "I'm in no hurry", we can undoubtedly give you more perfect Seabees by making our deliveries to you later on.

These are not matters that concern performance or safety but they do touch our pride and we are not willing to deliver even one of these first Seabees without telling you frankly that they are far from perfect and that they will be better.


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