

SERVICE LETTER NO. 77-3
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SUBJECT: CANOPY LOCK RELEASE LEVER PLACARD

MODELS AFFECTED: AA5 -0001 thru AA5 -0834
AA5A-0001 thru AA5A-0455
AA5B-0001 thru AA5B-0593

TIME OF COMPLIANCE: Within the next 50 hours or sooner at owners discretion.

It has come to our attention that some owners and operators of our AA5 series aircraft are not aware of the internal canopy lock release system incorporated inside the canopy latch assembly.

The canopy lock release lever is located just above the internal canopy latch handle (See Figure No. 1). Actuation of this lever enables a person to temporarily override the canopy lock and open the canopy.

Should someone be inadvertently locked inside the aircraft, the canopy lock release lever should be pushed to the right and held in this position while the internal canopy latch handle is moved to the aft position. This will allow the canopy to be pulled open thus allowing passengers to exit. The canopy lock release lever is spring loaded. Upon removal of finger pressure, it will move back to the left and relock the canopy lock.

To be certain pilots and passengers are able to identify and operate this feature, Grumman American has incorporated a "PUSH TO UNLOCK" placard. Part No. 5803007-119.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION: (SEE FIGURE 1)

This additional placard is to be installed forward of the internal canopy latch placard (REF: Part No. 5803007-23) which is located on the canopy headliner center royalite cover and to the left of the canopy latch assembly. Thoroughly clean the royalite in this area with isopropyl alcohol. When the area is completely dry, remove the protective backing from the placard and firmly press it in place. Paint the external surface of the Canopy Lock Release Lever bright red. Make a log book entry into the Aircraft Log that Service Letter No. 77-3 has been complied with.

PARTS AND CREDIT INFORMATION

The placard required for this Service Letter may be obtained from any authorized Grumman American Aviation Corporation Dealer at no cost.

No labor credit will be allowed for compliance with this Service Letter.

Very truly yours,

GRUMMAN AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION

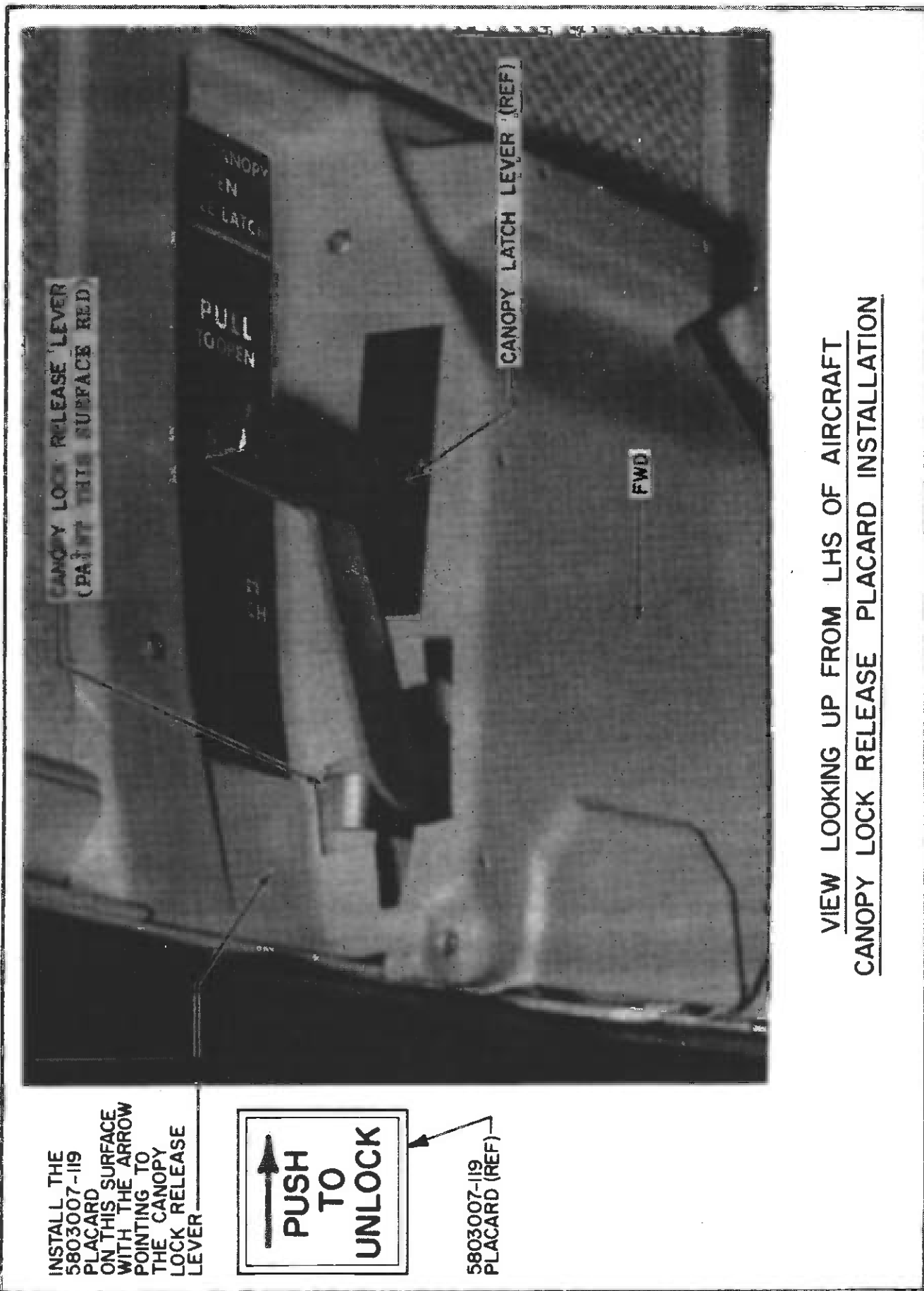


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CANOPY LOCK RELEASE PLACARD INSTALLATION

FIGURE 1