

APU firewall upper frame, part number (P/N) 145-51249-001. However, the service bulletins specify that the APU firewall upper frame may have P/N 145-51249-001 or 120-10731-001. APU firewall upper frames having either part number are subject to the identified unsafe condition. Therefore, this proposed AD would require modifying the APU firewall upper frame, P/N 145-51249-001 or 120-10731-001.

These differences have been coordinated with the DAC.

Costs of Compliance

This proposed AD would affect about 620 airplanes of U.S. registry. The proposed actions would take about 1 work hour per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the proposed AD for U.S. operators is \$40,300, or \$65 per airplane.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and
3. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative,

on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD docket. See the **ADDRESSES** section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER): Docket No. FAA-2005-22256; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-113-AD.

Comments Due Date

- (a) The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by October 3, 2005.

Affected ADs

- (b) None.

Applicability

- (c) This AD applies to EMBRAER Model EMB-135BJ airplanes, as identified in EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145LEG-53-0020, dated November 30, 2004; and Model EMB-135ER, -135KE, -135KL, and -135LR airplanes, and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP airplanes, as identified in EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145-53-0057, dated November 30, 2004; certificated in any category.

Unsafe Condition

- (d) This AD results from the discovery of a hole in the upper frame of the firewall for the auxiliary power unit (APU). We are issuing this AD to prevent smoke from entering the passenger cabin in the event of a fire in the APU compartment.

Compliance

- (e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Modification

- (f) Within 2,500 flight hours or 365 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever

occurs later, modify the APU firewall upper frame, part number 145-51249-001 or 120-10731-001, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145LEG-53-0020 (for Model EMB-135BJ airplanes); or Service Bulletin 145-53-0057 (for Model EMB-135ER, -135KE, -135KL, and -135LR airplanes; and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP airplanes); both dated November 30, 2004; as applicable.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

- (g) The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information

- (h) Brazilian airworthiness directive 2005-04-03, dated April 30, 2005, also addresses the subject of this AD.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 24, 2005.

Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2005-22255; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-106-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Saab Model SAAB 2000 airplanes. This proposed AD would require modifying the manual feather-and-unfeather system for the propellers to make the design of the system more robust. This proposed AD results from reports of in-flight engine shutdown caused by uncommanded operation of the feather pump of the propeller. We are proposing this AD to prevent uncommanded feathering of the propeller, which could result in the shutdown of an engine during flight and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by October 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- Fax: (202) 493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Contact Saab Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden, for service information identified in this proposed AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Borfitz, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2677; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to submit any relevant written data, views, or arguments regarding this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Include the docket number "FAA-2005-22255; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-106-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of that Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR

19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Examining the Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, or in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the DOT street address stated in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after the Docket Management System receives them.

Discussion

The Luftfartsstyrelsen (LFS), which is the airworthiness authority for Sweden, notified us that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Saab Model SAAB 2000 airplanes. The LFS has received reports of in-flight engine shutdown due to uncommanded operation of the feather pump of the propeller, which caused the propeller to feather. The uncommanded activation of the feather pump has been attributed to an uncommanded operation of the remote control circuit breaker (RCCB) within the manual feather-and-unfeather system. This condition, if not corrected, could result in the shutdown of an engine during flight and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

Relevant Service Information

Saab has issued Service Bulletin 2000-61-006, Revision 01, dated February 17, 2005. The service bulletin describes procedures for modifying the manual feather-and-unfeather system for the propellers to make the design of the system more robust. The modification involves replacing the RCCBs with relays, installing new wiring, and making associated structural modifications to the left and right wing fairings. Accomplishing the actions specified in the service information is intended to adequately address the unsafe condition. The LFS mandated the service information and issued Swedish airworthiness directive 1-198, dated February 14, 2005, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Sweden.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD

This airplane model is manufactured in Sweden and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to

this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the LFS has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. We have examined the LFS's findings, evaluated all pertinent information, and determined that we need to issue an AD for airplanes of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Therefore, we are proposing this AD, which would require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information described previously.

Costs of Compliance

This proposed AD would affect about 3 airplanes of U.S. registry. The proposed actions would take about 50 work hours per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Required parts would cost about \$13,571 per airplane. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the proposed AD for U.S. operators is \$50,463, or \$16,821 per airplane.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and

3. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD docket. See the **ADDRESSES** section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Saab Aircraft AB: Docket No. FAA-2005-02255; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-106-AD.

Comments Due Date

(a) The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by October 3, 2005.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to SAAB Model SAAB 2000 airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers -004 through -063 inclusive.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from reports of in-flight engine shutdown caused by uncommanded operation of the feather pump of the propeller. We are issuing this AD to prevent uncommanded feathering of the propeller, which could result in the shutdown of an engine during flight and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Modification

(f) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the manual feather-and-unfeather system of the propellers by doing all actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Saab Service Bulletin 2000-61-006, Revision 01, dated February 17, 2005.

Actions Accomplished Previously

(g) A modification accomplished before the effective date of this AD in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 2000-61-006, dated December 20, 2004, is acceptable for compliance with paragraph (f) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(h) The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information

(i) Swedish airworthiness directive 1-198, dated February 14, 2005, also addresses the subject of this AD.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 24, 2005.

Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18648; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-26-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-1A, -3A, -3A1, -3A2, -3B, and -3B1 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that was issued for General Electric Company (GE) CF34-3A1 and -3B1 series turbofan engines with certain part numbers (P/Ns) and serial numbers (SNs) of stage 5 low pressure turbine (LPT) disks and stage 6 LPT disks. These engines are installed in Bombardier Canadair CL600-2B19 Regional Jet (RJ) airplanes. This proposed AD would add SNs to the affected disk population for RJ airplanes. This proposed AD would also add GE CF34-1 and -3 series turbofan engines with certain P/Ns and SNs of stage 5 LPT disks and stage 6 LPT disks, to the applicability section. These engines are installed in Bombardier Canadair models CL-600-2A12 (CL-601), CL-600-2B16 (CL-601-3A), (CL-601-3R), and (CL-604) Business Jet (BJ)

airplanes. This proposed AD would require initial and repetitive visual and eddy current inspections (ECI) of the affected disk population. This proposed AD would also allow replacement of those disks as optional terminating action to the repetitive inspections. Also, this proposed AD would require eventual replacement of the affected disks as terminating action to the repetitive inspections. This proposed AD results from the discovery of additional suspect stage 5 LPT disks and stage 6 LPT disks. These disks could fail due to low-cycle fatigue cracking that may start at the site of an electrical arc-out on the disk. We are proposing this AD to prevent low-cycle-fatigue (LCF) failure of stage 5 LPT disks and stage 6 LPT disks, which could lead to uncontained engine failure.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to comment on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Fax: (202) 493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Contact GE Aircraft Engines, 1000 Western Avenue, Lynn, MA 01910; Attention: CF34 Product Support Engineering, Mail Zone: 34017; telephone (781) 594-6323; fax (781) 594-0600, for the service information identified in this proposed AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Fitzgerald, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7130; fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-