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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0052; Directorate Identifier 2008-NE-01-AD; Amendment 39-16151; AD 2009-26-12]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Engine Components, Inc. (ECi) Reciprocating Engine Cylinder Assemblies

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for Lycoming Engines (formerly Textron Lycoming) models 320, 360, and 540 series, "Parallel Valve" reciprocating engines, with certain Engine Components, Inc. (ECi) cylinder assemblies, part number (P/N) AEL65102 series "Titan," installed. That AD currently requires initial and repetitive visual inspections and compression tests to detect cracks at the head-to-barrel interface, replacement of cylinder assemblies found cracked, and replacement of certain cylinder assemblies at new, reduced times-in-service. This AD requires the same actions, but for an expanded population of cylinder assemblies. This AD results from reports of 10 additional cylinder head separations since issuing AD 2008-19-05, on cylinder serial numbers not listed in that AD. We are issuing this AD to prevent loss of engine power due to cracks at the head-to-barrel interface and possible engine failure caused by separation of a cylinder head, which could result in loss of control of the aircraft.

DATES: This AD becomes effective February 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Operations office is located at Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 39 by superseding AD 2008-19-05, Amendment 39-15672 (73 FR 53105, September 15, 2008), with a proposed AD. The proposed AD applies to Lycoming Engines (formerly Textron Lycoming) models 320, 360, and 540 series, "Parallel Valve" reciprocating engines, with certain Engine Components, Inc. (ECi) cylinder assemblies, part number (P/N) AEL65102 series "Titan," installed. We published the proposed AD in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2009 (74 FR 37955). That action proposed to require initial and repetitive visual inspections and compression tests to detect cracks at the head-to-barrel interface, replacement of cylinder assemblies found cracked, and replacement of certain cylinder assemblies at new, reduced times-in-service, and for an expanded population of cylinder assemblies.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We have considered the comments received.

Two commenters state that proposed AD paragraphs (m) and (n) are confusing and contradictory. Paragraph (m) allows repair or replacement of cylinders with leakage provided that the cylinder is not cracked, but paragraph (n) prohibits removed cylinders from being re-installed.

We agree. We changed paragraph (m) to state "For Group 'A' cylinder assemblies only, repair or replace the engine cylinder assembly before further flight if the cause of the low gauge

reading in paragraph (k) of this AD is from leaking intake or exhaust valves, or from leaking piston rings." We also changed paragraph (n) to state, "After the effective date of this AD, do not install any Group 'B' ECi cylinder assembly, P/N AEL65102, onto any engine and do not attempt to repair or reuse Group 'B' cylinder assemblies."

Conclusion

We have carefully reviewed the available data, including the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the changes described previously. We have determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect about 18,000 ECi cylinder assemblies installed in aircraft of U.S. registry. The visual inspection and compression tests will take about 4 work-hours for each engine. An individual cylinder replacement will require \$1,100 for parts and 6 work-hours. Lycoming engines with a set of 4 ECi cylinders will require 12 work-hours for the cylinder replacement. Lycoming engines with a set of 6 ECi cylinders will require 16 work-hours for the cylinder replacement. We estimate 18 percent of the affected population of cylinders will be replaced. We estimate the total cost of the AD to U.S. operators to be \$10,172,000. Our estimate is exclusive of any possible warranty coverage.

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 AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866;
- (2) Is not a “significant rule” under 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 summary of the costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 FAA amends § 39.13 by removing Amendment 39–39–15672 (73 FR 53105, September 15, 2008), and by adding a new airworthiness directive, Amendment 39–16151, to read as follows:

2009–26–12 Engine Components, Inc. (ECi):
Amendment 39–16151. Docket No. FAA–2008–0052; Directorate Identifier 2008–NE–01–AD.

Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective February 4, 2010.

Affected ADs

(b) This AD supersedes AD 2008–19–05, Amendment 39–15672.

Applicability

(c) If your engine has not been overhauled, or not had any cylinder assemblies replaced since new, no further action is required.

(d) This AD applies to the Lycoming Engines (formerly Textron Lycoming) models 320, 360, and 540 series, “Parallel Valve,” reciprocating engines listed in Table 1 of this AD, with ECi cylinder assembly, part number (P/N) AEL65102 series “Titan,” and with cylinder head, P/N AEL85099, installed.

(1) The applicable cylinder assembly serial numbers (S/Ns) are S/N 1138–02 through S/N 35171–22 (referred to in this AD as Group “A” cylinder assemblies); and

(2) S/N 35239–01 through S/N 42179–30 (referred to in this AD as Group “B” cylinder assemblies).

(3) The cylinder assembly P/N is at the crankcase end of the cylinder assembly, and might be difficult to see. As a guide in determining if your cylinder assemblies are affected, all affected cylinder assemblies have cylinder head P/N AEL85099. The cylinder head P/N is at the top of the cylinder head, near the intake and exhaust valve springs, and is easier to locate than the cylinder assembly P/N.

(4) The set of numbers appearing on the cylinder, above and to the left of the S/N, in the form of “123456” is not used for determining this AD’s applicability.

TABLE 1—ENGINE MODELS

| Cylinder assembly part No. | Installed on engine models |
|----------------------------|---|
| AEL65102–NST04 | O–320–A1B, A2B, A2C, A2D, A3A, A3B, B2B, B2C, B2D, B2E, B3B, B3C, C2B, C2C, C3B, C3C, D1A, D1AD, D1B, D1C, D1D, D1F, D2A, D2B, D2C, D2F, D2G, D2H, D2J, D3G, E1A, E1B, E1C, E1F, E1J, E2A, E2B, E2C, E2D, E2E, E2F, E2G, E2H, E3D, E3H. IO–320–A1A, A2A, B1A, B1B, B1C, B1D, B1E, B2A, D1A, D1AD, D1B, D1C, E1A, E1B, E2A, E2B. AEIO–320–D1B, D2B, E1A, E1B, E2A, E2B. AIO–320–A1A, A1B, A2A, A2B, B1B, C1B. LIO–320–B1A. IO–320–C1A, C1B, C1F, F1A. LIO–320–C1A. |
| AEL65102–NST05 | O–320–A1A, A2A, A2B, A2C, A3A, A3B, A3C, E1A, E1B, E2A, E2C, (also, an O–320 model with no suffix). IO–320–A1A, A2A. IO–320–B1A, B1B. LIO–320–B1A. |
| AEL65102–NST06 | O–320–A1A, A2A, A2B, A2C, A3A, A3B, A3C, E1A, E1B, E2A, E2C, (also, an O–320 model with no suffix). IO–320–A1A, A2A. IO–320–B1A, B1B. LIO–320–B1A. |
| AEL65102–NST07 | O–320–B1A, B1B, B2A, B2B, B3A, B3B, B3C, C1A, C1B, C2A, C2B, C3A, C3B, C3C, D1A, D1B, D2A, D2B, D2C. O–360–A1A, A1C, A1D, A2A, A2E, A3A, A3D, A4A, B1A, B1B, B2A, B2B, C1A, C1C, C1G, C2A, C2B, C2C, C2D, D1A, D2A, D2B. IO–360–B1A, B1B, B1C. HO–360–A1A, B1A, B1B. HIO–360–B1A, B1B. AEIO–360–B1B. |
| AEL65102–NST08 | O–540–A1A, A1A5, A1B5, A1C5, A1D, A1D5, A2B, A3D5, A4A5, A4B5, A4C5, A4D5, B1A5, B1B5, B1D5, B2A5, B2B5, B2C5, B4A5, B4B5, D1A5, E1A, E4A5, E4B5, E4C5, F1A5, F1B5, G1A5, G2A5. IO–540–C1B5, C1C5, C2C, C4B5, C4B5D, C4C5, D4A5, D4B5, N1A5. |
| AEL65102–NST10 | O–360–A1A, A1AD, A1D, A1F, A1F6, A1F6D, A1G, A1G6, A1G6D, A1H, A1H6, A1J, A1LD, A1P, A2A, A2D, A2F, A2G, A2H, A3A, A3AD, A3D, A4A, A4AD, A4D, A4G, A4J, A4JD, A4K, A4M, A4N, A4P, A5AD, B1A, B2C, C1A, C1C, C1E, C1F, C1G, C2A, C2B, C2C, C2D, C2E, C4F, C4P, D2A, F1A6, G1A6. HO–360–C1A. LO–360–A1G6D, A1H6. HIO–360–B1A, B1B, G1A. LTO–360–A1A6D. TO–360–A1A6D. |
| AEL65102–NST12 | IO–360–B1B, B1BD, B1D, B1E, B1F, B1F6, B1G6, B2E, B2F, B2F6, B4A, E1A, L2A, M1A, M1B. AEIO–360–B1B, B1D, B1E, B1F, B1F6, B1G6, B1H, B2F, B2F6, B4A, H1A, H1B. O–540–A4D5, B2B5, B2C5, B2C5D, B4B5, B4B5D, E4A5, E4B5, E4C5, G1A5, G2A5, H1A5, H1A5D, H1B5, H1B5D, H2A5, H2A5D, H2B5D. |

TABLE 1—ENGINE MODELS—Continued

| Cylinder assembly part No. | Installed on engine models |
|----------------------------|---|
| | IO-540-C4B5, C4B5D, C4D5, C4D5D, D4A5, D4B5, D4C5, N1A5, N1A5D, T4A5D, T4B5, T4B5D, T4C5D, V4A5, V4A5D. |
| AEL65102-NST26 | AEIO-540-D4A5, D4B5, D4C5, D4D5. |
| | IO-540-J4A5, R1A5. |
| AEL65102-NST38 | TIO-540-C1A, E1A, G1A, H1A. |
| | IO-360-F1A. |
| | TIO-540-AA1AD, AB1AD, AB1BD, AF1A, AG1A, AK1A, C1A, C1AD, K1AD. |
| AEL65102-NST43 | LTIO-540-K1AD. |
| | O-360-J2A. |
| | O-540-F1B5, J1A5D, J1B5D, J1C5D, J1D5D, J2A5D, J2B5D, J2C5D, J2D5D, J3A5, J3A5D, J3C5D. |
| AEL65102-NST44 | IO-540-AB1A5, W1A5, W1A5D, W3A5D. |
| | O-540-L3C5D. |

The Lycoming Engines (formerly Textron Lycoming) models 320, 360, and 540 series, “Parallel Valve”, reciprocating engines are installed on, but not limited to, the aircraft listed in the following Table 2:

TABLE 2—ENGINES INSTALLED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO

| Engine models | Installed on, but not limited to |
|-----------------|--|
| O-320-A1A | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “150”, PA-22S “150”), Apache (PA-23), Pawnee (PA-25). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). Mooney Aircraft: Mark (20A). Dinfia: Ranquel (1A-46). Simmering-Graz Pauker: Flamingo (SGP-M-222). Aviamilano: Scricciolo (P-19). Vos Helicopter Co.: Spring Bok. |
| O-320-A1B | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “150”, PA-22S “150”), Apache (PA-23). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). S.O.C.A.T.A.: Horizon (Gardan). |
| O-320-A2A | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “150”, PA-22S “150”), Agriculture (PA-18A “150”), Super Cub (PA-18 “150”), Caribbean (PA-22 “150”), Pawnee (PA-25). Intermountain Mfg. Co.: Call Air Texas (A-5, A-5T). Lake Aircraft: Colonial (C-1). Rawdon Bros.: Rawdon (T-1, T-15, T-15D). Shinn Engineering: Shinn (2150-A). Dinfia: Ranquel (1A-46). Neiva: (1PD-5802). Sud: Gardan-Horizon (GY-80). LaVerda: Falco (F8L Series II, America). Malmo: Vipar (MF1-10). Kingsford Smith: Autocrat (SCRM-153). Aero Commander: 100. |
| O-320-A2B | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “150”, PA-22S “150”), Cherokee (PA-28 “150”), Super Cub (PA-18 “150”). Champion Aircraft: Challenger (7GCA, 7GCB, 7KC), Citabria (7GCAA, 7GCRC), Agriculture (7GCBA). Beagle: Pup (150). Artic: Interstate S1B2. Robinson: R-22. |
| O-320-A2C | Varga: Kachina 2150A. Robinson: R-22. Cicare: Cicare AG. |
| O-320-A2D | Bellanca Aircraft: Citabria 150 (7GCAA), Citabria 150S (7GCBC). |
| O-320-A3A | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23). |
| O-320-A3B | Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). Corben-Fettes: Globe Special (Globe GC-1B). Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). Teal II: TSC (1A2). |
| O-320-B1A | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 “160”). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). Malmo: Vipar (MF1-10). |
| O-320-B1B | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 “160”). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). |
| O-320-B2A | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “160”, PA-22S “160”). |
| O-320-B2B | Piper Aircraft: Tri-Pacer (PA-22 “160”, PA-22S “160”). Beagle: Airedale (D5-160). Fuji-Heavy Industries: Fuji (F-200). Uirapuru: Aerotec 122. |
| O-320-B2C | Robinson: R-22. |

TABLE 2—ENGINES INSTALLED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO—Continued

| Engine models | Installed on, but not limited to |
|--------------------|--|
| O-320-B2D | Maule: MX-7-160. |
| O-320-B2E | Lycon. |
| O-320-B3A | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). |
| O-320-B3B | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170, 170A, 170B). Sud: Gardan (GY80-160). |
| O-320-C1A | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). Riley Aircraft: Rayjay (Apache). |
| O-320-C1B | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). |
| O-320-C3A | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). |
| O-320-C3B | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "160"). |
| O-320-D1A | Sud: Gardan (GY-80). Gyroflug: Speed Cancard. Grob: G115. |
| O-320-D1F | Slingsby: T67 Firefly. |
| O-320-D2A | Piper Aircraft: Cherokee (PA-28S "160"). Robin: Major (DR400-140B), Chevalier (DR-360), (R-3140). S.O.C.A.T.A.: Tampico TB9. Slingsby: T67C Firefly. Daetwyler: MD-3-160. Nash Aircraft Ltd.: Petrel. Aviolight: P66D Delta. General Avia: Pinguino. |
| O-320-D2B | Beech Aircraft: Musketeer (M-23). Piper Aircraft: Cherokee (PA-28 "160"). |
| O-320-D2J | Cessna Aircraft: Skyhawk 172. |
| O-320-D3G | Piper Aircraft: Warrior II, Cadet (PA-28-161). |
| O-320-E1A | Grob: G115. |
| O-320-E1C | M.B.B. (Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm): Monsun (BO-209-B). |
| O-320-E1F | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-B). |
| O-320-E2A | Piper Aircraft: Cherokee (PA-28 "140", PA-28 "150"). Robin: Major (DR-340), Sitar, Bagheera (GY-100-135). S.O.C.A.T.A.: Super Rallye (MS-886), Rallye Commodore (MS-892). Siai-Marchetti: (S-202). F.F.A.: Bravo (AS-202/15). Partenavia: Oscar (P66B), Bucker (131 APM). Aeromot: Paulistina P-56. Pezetel: Koliber 150. |
| O-320-E2C | Beech Aircraft: Musketeer III (M-23III). M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-B). |
| O-320-E2D | Cessna Aircraft: Cardinal (172-I, 177). |
| O-320-E2F | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-B), Wassmer Pacific (WA-51). |
| O-320-E2G | American Aviation Corp.: Traveler. |
| O-320-E3D | Piper Aircraft: Cherokee (140). Beech Aircraft: Sport. |
| IO-320-B2A | Piper Aircraft: Twin Comanche (PA-30). |
| IO-320-B1C | Hi. Shear: Wing. |
| IO-320-B1D | Ted Smith Aircraft: Aerostar. |
| IO-320-C1A | Piper Aircraft: Twin Comanche (PA-30 Turbo). |
| IO-320-D1A | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-C). |
| IO-320-D1B | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-C). |
| IO-320-E1A | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-C). |
| IO-320-E1B | Bellanca Aircraft. |
| IO-320-E2A | Champion Aircraft: Citabria. |
| IO-320-E2B | Bellanca Aircraft. |
| IO-320-F1A | CAAR Engineering: Carr Midget. |
| LIO-320-B1A | Piper Aircraft: Twin Comanche (PA-39). |
| LIO-320-C1A | Piper Aircraft: Twin Comanche (PA-39). |
| AIO-320-B1B | M.B.B.: Monsun (BO-209-C). |
| AEIO-320-D1B | Slingsby: T67M Firefly. |
| AEIO-320-D2B | Hundustan Aeronautics Ltd.: HT-2. |
| AEIO-320-E1A | Bellanca Aircraft. Champion Aircraft. |
| AEIO-320-E1B | Bellanca Aircraft. |
| AEIO-320-E2B | Champion Aircraft: Decathlon (8KCAB-CS). Bellanca Aircraft. |
| O-320-A1A | Champion Aircraft: Decathlon (8KCAB). Riley Aircraft: Riley Twin. |
| O-360-A1A | Beech Aircraft: Travel Air (95, B-95). Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24). Intermountain Mfg. Co.: Call Air (A-6). |

TABLE 2—ENGINES INSTALLED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO—Continued

| Engine models | Installed on, but not limited to |
|-------------------|---|
| | Lake Aircraft: Colonial (C-2, LA -4, -4A or -4P). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Cessna (170B, 172, 172A, 172B). Mooney Aircraft: Mark "20B" (M-20B). Earl Horton: Pawnee (Piper PA-25). Dinfia: Ranquel (1A-51). Neiva: (1PD-5901). Regente: (N-591). Wassmer: Super 4 (WA-50A), Sancy (WA-40), Baladou (WA-40), Pariou (WA-40). Sud: Gardan (GY-180). Bolkow: (207). Partenavia: Oscar (P-66). Siai-Marchetti: (S-205). Procaer: Picchio (F-15-A). S.A.A.B.: Safir (91-D). Malmo: Vipar (MF-10B). Aero Boero: AB-180. Beagle: Airedale (A-109). DeHavilland: Drover (DHA-3MK3). Kingsford-Smith: Bushmaster (J5-6). Aero Engine Service Ltd.: Victa (R-2). S.O.C.A.T.A.: Tabago TB-10. |
| O-360-A1AD | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24). |
| O-360-A1D | Lake Aircraft: Colonial (LA-4, -4A or -4P). Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Beech (Beech 95). Mooney Aircraft: Master "21" (M-20E), Mark "20B", "20D", (M20B, M20C), Mooney Statesman (M-20G). Dinfia: Querandi (1A-45). Wassmer: (WA-50). Malmo: Vipar (MF1-10). Cessna Aircraft: Skyhawk. Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Piper (PA-23 "160"). Cessna Aircraft: Cardinal. |
| O-360-A1F6 | Cessna Aircraft: Cardinal 177. |
| O-360-A1F6D | Teal III: TSC (1A3). |
| O-360-A1G6 | Aero Commander. |
| O-360-A1G6D | Beech Aircraft: Duchess 76. |
| O-360-A1H6 | Piper Aircraft: Seminole (PA-44). |
| O-360-A1LD | Wassmer: Europa WA-52. |
| O-360-A1P | Aviat: Husky. |
| O-360-A2A | Center Est Aeronautique: Regente (DR-253). S.O.C.A.T.A.: Rallye Commodore (MS-893). Societe Aeronautique Normande: Mousquetaire (D-140). Bolkow: Klemm (K1-107C). Partenavia: Oscar (P-66). Beagle: Husky (D5-180) (J1-U). |
| O-360-A2D | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24), Cherokee "C" (PA-28 "180"). Mooney Aircraft: Master "21" (M-20D), Mark "21" (M-20E). |
| O-360-A2E | Std. Helicopter. |
| O-360-A2F | Aero Commander: Lark (100). |
| O-360-A2G | Cessna Aircraft: Cardinal. |
| O-360-A3A | Beech Aircraft: Sport. C.A.A.R.P.S.A.N.: (M-23III). Societe Aeronautique Normande: Jodel (D-140C). Robin: Regent (DR400/180), Remorqueur (DR400/180R), R-3170. S.O.C.A.T.A.: Rallye 180GT, Sportavia Sportsman (RS-180). Norman Aeroplance Co.: NAC-1 Freelance. Nash Aircraft Ltd.: Petrel. |
| O-360-A3AD | S.O.C.A.T.A.: TB-10. Robin: Aiglon (R-1180T). |
| O-360-A4A | Piper Aircraft: Cherokee "D" (PA-28 "180"). |
| O-360-A4D | Varga: Kachina. |
| O-360-A4G | Beech Aircraft: Musketeer Custom III. |
| O-360-A4K | Grumman American: Tiger. |
| O-360-A4M | Beech Aircraft: Sundowner 180. Piper Aircraft: Archer II (PA-28 "18"). Valmet: PIK-23. |
| O-360-A4N | Cessna Aircraft: 172 (Optional). |
| O-360-A4P | Penn Yan: Super Cub Conversion. |
| O-360-A5AD | C. Itoh and Co.: Fuji FA-200. |
| O-360-B2C | Seabird Aviation: SB7L. |
| O-360-C1A | Intermountain Mfg. Co.: Call Air (A-6). |
| O-360-C1E | Bellanca Aircraft: Scout (8GCBC-CS). |
| O-360-C1F | Maule: Star Rocket MX-7-180. |

TABLE 2—ENGINES INSTALLED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO—Continued

| Engine models | Installed on, but not limited to |
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| O-360-C1G | Christen: Husky (A-1). |
| O-360-C2B | Hughes Tool Co.: (269A). |
| O-360-C2D | Hughes Tool Co.: (269A). |
| O-360-C2E | Hughes Tool Co.: (YHO-2HU) Military. |
| | Bellanca Aircraft: Scout (8GCBC FP). |
| O-360-C4F | Maule: MX-7-180A. |
| O-360-C4P | Penn Yan: Super Cub Conversion. |
| O-360-F1A6 | Cessna Aircraft: Cutlass RG. |
| O-360-J2A | Robinson: R22. |
| IO-360-B1A | Beech Aircraft: Travel-Air (B-95A). |
| | Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Piper (PA-23 "200"). |
| IO-360-B1B | Beech Aircraft: Travel-Air (B-95B). |
| | Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Piper (PA-23 "200"). |
| | Fuji: (FA-200). |
| IO-360-B1D | United Consultants: See-Bee. |
| IO-360-B1E | Piper Aircraft: Arrow (PA-28 "180R"). |
| IO-360-B1F | Utva: 75. |
| IO-360-B2E | C.A.A.R.P. C.A.P.: (10). |
| IO-360-B1F6 | Great Lakes: Trainer. |
| IO-360-B1G6 | American Blimp: Spector 42. |
| IO-360-B2F6 | Great Lakes: Trainer. |
| LO-360-A1G6D | Beech Aircraft: Duchess. |
| LO-360-A1H6 | Piper Aircraft: Seminole (PA-44). |
| IO-360-E1A | T.R. Smith Aircraft: Aerostar. |
| IO-360-L2A | Cessna Aircraft: Skyhawk C-172. |
| IO-360-M1A | Diamond Aircraft: DA-40. |
| IO-360-M1B | Vans Aircraft: RV6, RV7, RV8. |
| | Lancair: 360. |
| AEIO-360-B1F | F.F.A.: Bravo (200). |
| | Grob: G115/Sport-Acro. |
| AEIO-360-B1G6 | Great Lakes. |
| AEIO-360-B2F | Mundry: CAP-10. |
| AEIO-360-B4A | Pitts: S-1S. |
| AEIO-360-H1A | Bellanca Aircraft: Super Decathalon (8KCAB-180). |
| AEIO-360-H1B | American Champion: Super Decathalon. |
| VO-360-A1A | Brantly Hynes Helicopter: (B-2). |
| VO-360-A1B | Brantly Hynes Helicopter: (B-2, B2-A). Military (YHO-3BR). |
| VO-360-B1A | Brantly Hynes Helicopter: (B-2, B2-A). |
| IVO-360-A1A | Brantly Hynes Helicopter: (B2-B). |
| HO-360-B1A | Hughes Tool Co.: (269A). |
| HO-360-B1B | Hughes Tool Co.: (269A). |
| HO-360-C1A | Schweizer: (300C). |
| HIO-360-B1A | Hughes Tool Co.: Military (269-A-1), (TH-55A). |
| HIO-360-B1B | Hughes Tool Co.: (269A). |
| HIO-360-G1A | Schweizer: (CB). |
| O-540-A1A | Rhein-Flugzeugbau: (RF-1). |
| O-540-A1A5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24 "180"). |
| | Helio: Military (H-250). |
| | Yoeman Aviation: (YA-1). |
| O-540-A1B5 | Piper Aircraft: Aztec (PA-23 "250"), Comanche (PA-24 "250"). |
| O-540-A1C5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24 "250"). |
| O-540-A1D | Found Bros.: (FBA-2C). |
| | Dornier: (DO-28-B1). |
| O-540-A1D5 | Piper Aircraft: Aztec (PA-23 "250"), Comanche (PA-24 "250"), Military Aztec (U-11A). |
| | Dornier: (DO-28). |
| O-540-A2B | Aero Commander: (500). |
| | Mid-States Mfg. Co.: Twin Courier (H-500), (U-5). |
| O-540-A3D5 | Piper Aircraft: Navy Aztec (PA-23 "250"). |
| O-540-B1A5 | Piper Aircraft: Apache (PA-23 "235"). |
| O-540-B1B5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24 "250"). |
| | Doyn Aircraft: Doyn-Piper (PA-24 "250"). |
| O-540-B1D5 | Wassmer: (WA-421). |
| O-540-B2B5 | Piper Aircraft: Pawnee (PA-25 "235"), Cherokee (PA-28 "235"), Aztec (PA-23 "235"). |
| | Intermountain Mfg. Co.: Call Air (A-9). |
| | Rawdon Bros.: Rawdon (T-1). |
| | S.O.C.A.T.A.: Rallye 235CA. |
| O-540-B2C5 | Piper Aircraft: Pawnee (PA-25 "235"). |
| O-540-B4B5 | Piper Aircraft: Cherokee (PA-28 "235"). |
| | Embraer: Corioca (EMB-710). |
| | S.O.C.A.T.A.: Rallye 235GT, Rallye 235C. |
| | Maule: Star Rocket (MX-7-235), Super Rocket (M-6-235), Super Std. Rocket (M-7-235). |
| O-540-E4A5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24 "260"). |

TABLE 2—ENGINES INSTALLED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO—Continued

| Engine models | Installed on, but not limited to |
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| O-540-E4B5 | Aviamilano: Flamingo (F-250). Siai-Marchetti: (SF-260), (SF-208). Britten-Norman: (BN-2). Piper Aircraft: Cherokee Six (PA-32 "260"). |
| O-540-E4C5 | Pilatus Britten-Norman: Islander (BN-2A-26), Islander (BN-2A-27), Islander II (BN-2B-26), Islander (BN-2A-21), Trislander (BN-2A-Mark III-2). |
| O-540-F1B5 | Omega Aircraft: (BS-12D1). Robinson: (R-44). |
| O-540-G1A5 | Piper Aircraft: Pawnee (PA-25 "260"). |
| O-540-H1B5D | Aero Boero: 260. |
| O-540-H2A5 | Embraer: Impanema "AG". Gippsland: GA-200. |
| O-540-H2B5D | Aero Boero: 260. |
| O-540-J1A5D | Maule: Star Rocket (MX-7-235), Super Rocket (M-6-235), Super Std. Rocket (M-7-235). |
| O-540-J3A5 | Robin: R-3000/235. |
| O-540-J3A5D | Piper Aircraft: Dakota (PA-28-236). |
| O-540-J3C5D | Cessna Aircraft: Skylane RG. |
| O-540-L3C5D | Cessna Aircraft: TR-182, Turbo Skylane RG. |
| IO-540-C1B5 | Piper Aircraft: Aztec B (PA-23 "250"), Comanche (PA-24 "250"). |
| IO-540-C1C5 | Riley Aircraft: Turbo-Rocket. |
| IO-540-C4B5 | Piper Aircraft: Aztec C (PA-23 "250"), Aztec F. Wassmer: (WA4-21). Avions Pierre Robin: (HR100/250). Bellanca Aircraft: Aries T-250. Aerofab: Renegade 250. |
| IO-540-C4D5 | S.O.C.A.T.A.: TB-20. |
| IO-540-C4D5D | S.O.C.A.T.A.: Trinidad TB-20. |
| IO-540-D4A5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24 "260"). Siai-Marchetti: (SF-260). |
| IO-540-D4B5 | Cerva: (CE-43 Guepard). |
| IO-540-J4A5 | Piper Aircraft: Aztec (PA-23 "250"). |
| IO-540-R1A5 | Piper Aircraft: Comanche (PA-24). |
| IO-540-T4A5D | General Aviation: Model 114. |
| IO-540-T4B5 | Commander: 114B. |
| IO-540-T4B5D | Rockwell: 114. |
| IO-540-T4C5D | Lake Aircraft: Seawolf. |
| IO-540-V4A5 | Maule: MT-7-260, M-7-260. Aircraft Manufacturing Factory. |
| IO-540-V4A5D | Brooklands: Scoutmaster. |
| IO-540-W1A5 | Maule: MX-7-235, MT-7-235, M7-235. |
| IO-540-W1A5D | Maule: Star Rocket (MX-7-235), Super Rocket (M-6-235), Super Std. Rocket (M-7-235). |
| IO-540-W3A5D | Schweizer: Power Glider. |
| AEIO-540-D4A5 | Christen: Pitts (S-2S, S-2B). Siai-Marchetti: SF-260. H.A.L.: HPT-32. |
| AEIO-540-D4B5 | Slingsby: Firefly T3A. Moravan: Zlin-50L. H.A.L.: HPT-32. |
| AEIO-540-D4D5 | Burkhart Grob: Grob G, 115T Aero. |
| TIO-540-C1A | Piper Aircraft: Turbo Aztec (PA-23-250). |
| TIO-540-K1AD | Piper Aircraft. |
| TIO-540-AA1AD | Aerofab Inc.: Turbo Renegade (270). |
| TIO-540-AB1AD | S.O.C.A.T.A.: Trinidad TC TB-21. |
| TIO-540-AB1BD | Schweizer. |
| TIO-540-AF1A | Mooney Aircraft: "TLS" M20M. |
| TIO-540-AG1A | Commander Aircraft: 114TC. |
| TIO-540-AK1A | Cessna Aircraft: Turbo Skylane T182T. |
| LTIO-540-K1AD | Piper Aircraft. |

Unsafe Condition

(e) This AD results from reports of 10 additional cylinder head separations since issuing AD 2008-19-05, on cylinder S/Ns not listed in that AD. We are issuing this AD to prevent loss of engine power due to cracks at the head-to-barrel interface in the cylinder assemblies and possible engine failure caused by separation of a cylinder head,

which could result in loss of control of the aircraft.

Compliance

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

Engines Overhauled or Cylinder Assemblies Replaced Since New

(g) If your engine was overhauled or had a cylinder assembly replaced since new, do the following:

(1) Before further flight, inspect the maintenance records and engine logbook to determine if the overhaul or repair facility installed ECi cylinder assemblies, P/N AEL65102, with cylinder head, PN

AEL85099, S/N 1138–02 through S/N 35171–22, or S/N 35239–01 through S/N 42179–30, in your engine.

(2) If your cylinder assemblies are not ECi, P/N AEL65102, no further action is required.

(3) If your cylinder assemblies are ECi, P/N AEL65102, but the S/N is not listed in this AD, no further action is required.

(4) If the cylinder assemblies are ECi, P/N AEL65102, and if the S/N is listed in this AD, do the following:

Group “A” Cylinder Assemblies; S/N 1138–02 Through S/N 35171–22

(i) For Group “A” cylinder assemblies:

(A) Perform an initial visual inspection as specified in paragraphs (h) through (i) of this AD, and an initial compression test as specified in paragraphs (j) through (m) of this AD, within the next 10 operating hours time-in-service (TIS), if the cylinder assembly has 350 or more operating hours TIS on the effective date of this AD, but fewer than 2,000 operating hours TIS.

(B) Perform an initial visual inspection as specified in paragraphs (h) through (i) of this AD, and an initial compression test as specified in paragraphs (j) through (m) of this AD, within the next 10 operating hours TIS, or before exceeding 350 operating hours TIS, whichever occurs later, if the cylinder assembly has fewer than 350 operating hours TIS on the effective date of this AD.

(C) Replace cylinder assemblies installed in helicopter engines within the next 25 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD if the cylinder assembly has 1,500 operating hours TIS or more on the effective date of this AD.

(D) Replace cylinder assemblies installed in airplane engines within the next 25 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD if the cylinder assembly has 2,000 operating hours TIS or more on the effective date of this AD.

(E) Perform repetitive visual inspections as specified in paragraphs (h) through (i) of this AD, and repetitive compression tests as specified in paragraphs (j) through (m) of this AD, within every 50 operating hours TIS.

(F) Replace cylinder assemblies installed in helicopter engines that pass the visual inspections and compression tests, no later than 1,500 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD.

(G) Replace cylinder assemblies installed in airplane engines that pass the visual inspections and compression tests, no later than 2,000 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD.

Group “B” Cylinder Assemblies; S/N 35239–01 through S/N 42179–30

(ii) For Group “B” cylinder assemblies:

(A) Perform an initial visual inspection as specified in paragraphs (h) through (i) of this AD, and initial compression test as specified in paragraphs (j) through (l) of this AD, within the next 10 operating hours TIS.

(B) Replace the cylinder assembly within the next 25 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD if the cylinder assembly has 350 or more operating hours TIS on the effective date of this AD.

(C) Replace cylinder assemblies that pass the initial visual inspections and

compression tests, before exceeding 350 operating hours TIS after the effective date of this AD.

Visual Inspection

(h) Visually inspect each cylinder head around the exhaust valve side for cracks or any signs of black or white residue of combustion leakage from cracks.

(i) Replace cracked cylinder assemblies before further flight.

Cylinder Assembly Compression Test

(j) Perform a standard cylinder differential compression test.

(k) During the compression test, if the cylinder pressure gauge reads below 70 pounds-per-square-inch, apply a water and soap solution to the side of the leaking cylinder, near the head-to-barrel interface.

(l) Replace the cylinder assembly before further flight if air leakage and bubbles are observed on the side of the cylinder assembly, near the head-to-barrel interface.

(m) For Group “A” cylinder assemblies only, repair or replace the engine cylinder assembly before further flight if the cause of the low gauge reading in paragraph (k) of this AD is from leaking intake or exhaust valves, or from leaking piston rings.

Prohibition of Group “B” ECi Cylinder Assemblies Affected by This AD

(n) After the effective date of this AD, do not install any Group “B” ECi cylinder assembly, P/N AEL65102, onto any engine and do not attempt to repair or reuse Group “B” cylinder assemblies.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(o) The Manager, Special Certification Office, has the authority to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Special Flight Permits

(p) Under 14 CFR 39.23, we will not approve special flight permits for this AD for engines that have failed the visual inspection or the cylinder assembly compression test required by this AD.

Related Information

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Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) CF34–1A, CF34–3A, and CF34–3B Series Turbofan Engines; Delay of Effective Date

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

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The FAA is delaying the effective date of the final rule airworthiness directive (AD) 2009–24–11, which published in the **Federal Register**, for an additional 30 days, from January 4, 2010 to February 3, 2010. The FAA is delaying the effective date to allow us a sufficient amount of time to make corrections to the compliance text of the final rule.

DATES: The effective date for the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2009 (74 FR 62481) is delayed until February 3, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 30, 2009 (74 FR 62481), we published a final rule AD, FR Doc. E9–28236, in the **Federal Register**. That AD applies to GE CF34–1A, CF34–3A, and CF34–3B series turbofan engines. We are delaying the effective date to allow us a sufficient amount of time to make corrections to the compliance text of the final rule. Since AD 2009–24–11 was issued, we discovered that when we recodified the compliance section as part of our response to a comment received on the proposed AD, we inadvertently left out of the AD certain fan blade effectivity information from paragraphs (f) and (g) and (j). Paragraphs (f) and (g) are missing information on fan blades, P/Ns 6018T30P14 or 4923T56G08, that have any fan blade S/Ns listed in Appendix A of General Electric Aircraft Engines (GEAE) Service Bulletin (SB) No. CF34–AL S/B 72–0245, Revision 01, dated July 30, 2008. Also, paragraph (j) is missing