

A transcript of the public meeting will be included in the docket, which can be viewed as described in the *Docket* section at the beginning of this notice. In addition, any person may purchase a copy of the transcript from the transcribing reporter.

### C. Submission of Comments

DOE will accept comments, data, and other information regarding the issues raised in this notice before or after the public meeting, but no later than the date provided at the beginning of this notice. Please submit comments, data, and other information as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text (ASCII) file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Comments in electronic format should be identified by the docket number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0048 and/or RIN 1904-AC04 and wherever possible carry the electronic signature of the author. No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted.

According to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: One copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination as to the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include (1) a description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) a date upon which such information might lose its confidential nature due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

### III. Approval of the Office of the Secretary

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2012.

**Kathleen B. Hogan,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0491; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-265-AD]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-100, -200, and -200C series airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a report of a severed upper butt strap, and cracks in the forward skin and bonded doubler, on one airplane. This proposed AD would require repetitive inspections for cracks and a chemical spot test in the area of station (STA) 908, and related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary. For certain airplanes, this proposed AD would require an inspection and modification. We are proposing this AD to prevent cracks at the adjacent mating skins (forward and aft), which could initiate just above stringers S-4R and S-4L; and could grow and result in a decompression event.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Boeing

Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H-65, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-5000, extension 1; fax 206-766-5680; email [me.boecom@boeing.com](mailto:me.boecom@boeing.com); Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (425) 227-1221.

#### Examining the AD Docket

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Lockett, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; phone: (425) 917-6447; fax: (425) 917-6590; email: [wayne.lockett@faa.gov](mailto:wayne.lockett@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2012-0491; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-265-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

#### Discussion

We received a report of a severed upper butt strap, and cracks in the forward skin and bonded doubler, on

one airplane. Lab analysis of the upper butt strap identified 7075-T6 alloy, instead of the required 2024-T3 clad material. The airplane had accumulated approximately 61,000 total flight cycles and 58,000 total flight hours. The skin crack was found just above a previously installed lap joint modification. Such cracks, if not detected and corrected, could result in cracks at the adjacent mating skins (forward and aft), which could initiate just above stringers S-4R and S-4L; and could grow and result in a decompression event.

#### Relevant Service Information

We reviewed Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1313, dated November 3, 2011. For information on the procedures and compliance times, see this service information at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket No. FAA-2012-0491.

#### FAA's Determination

We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

#### Proposed AD Requirements

This proposed AD would require repetitive inspections (detailed, external low frequency eddy current (LFEC), or internal LFEC) for cracks and a chemical spot test in the area of STA 908, and related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary. Related investigative actions include a detailed inspection for corrosion of the skin, skin doubler, and lower butt strap; an open-hole high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspection for cracks of the skin, skin doubler, lower butt strap, and stringer splices; and an open-hole HFEC for cracks of the STA 908 upper butt strap. Corrective actions involve repairing, installing a new stringer splice; and installing a new STA 908 upper butt strap.

For airplanes having line numbers 1 through 291, this proposed AD would require actions (inspection and modification) done in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO).

#### Differences Between the Proposed AD and the Service Information

The service information specifies to contact the manufacturer for

instructions on how to repair certain conditions, but this proposed AD would require repairing those conditions in one of the following ways:

- In accordance with a method that we approve; or
- Using data that meet the certification basis of the airplane, and that have been approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) whom we have authorized to make those findings.

In addition, Boeing has not provided specific procedures for airplanes having line numbers 1 through 291, but indicates to contact Boeing for instructions "before further flight." The FAA is aware that only one of these airplanes is currently in operation, and it is a test bed airplane that is not used for revenue flights. This proposed AD requires operators to inspect and modify, as required, in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, within 120 days.

#### Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 61 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection and test .....	166 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$14,110 per inspection cycle.	\$0	\$14,110 per inspection cycle.	\$860,710 per inspection cycle.

In addition, we have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the actions that would be required for Group 1 airplanes.

We estimate the following costs to do any necessary related investigative actions, repairs, and installations that would be required based on the results of the proposed inspection and test. We

have no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need these actions:

#### ON-CONDITION COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Related investigative actions, repair, installation .....	173 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$14,705 .....	\$0	\$14,705

According to the manufacturer, some of the costs of this proposed AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected individuals. We do not control warranty coverage for affected individuals. As a result, we have included all costs in our cost estimate.

#### 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 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 this 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),
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (4) 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.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, 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 FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

**The Boeing Company:** Docket No. FAA–2012–0491; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–265–AD.

##### (a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by July 19, 2012.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company Model 737–100, –200, and 200C series airplanes; certificated in any category; as identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011.

##### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC)/Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53; Fuselage.

##### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of a severed upper butt strap, and cracks in the forward skin and bonded doubler, on one airplane. We are issuing this AD to prevent cracks at the adjacent mating skins (forward and aft), which could initiate just above

stringers S–4R and S–4L; and could grow and result in a decompression event.

##### (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

##### (g) Actions for Group 1 Airplanes

For Group 1 airplanes, as identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, inspect and modify, as required, using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

##### (h) Actions for Groups 2 and 3 Airplanes

For Groups 2 and 3 airplanes, as identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011: Except as provided by paragraph (i)(1) of this AD, at the applicable times identified in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, do the actions specified in paragraphs (h)(1) and (h)(2) of this AD, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, except as provided by paragraph (i)(2) of this AD.

(1) Do one of the inspection options identified in paragraphs (h)(1)(i), (h)(1)(ii), and (h)(1)(iii) of this AD; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight.

(i) Inspection Option 1: Do a detailed inspection for cracks of the station (STA) 908 forward and aft skin. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 500 flight cycles until the chemical spot test required by paragraph (h)(2) of this AD is done.

(ii) Inspection Option 2: Do a one-time external low-frequency eddy current (LFEC) inspection for cracks of the STA 908 upper butt strap.

(iii) Inspection Option 3: Do a one-time internal LFEC inspection for cracks of the STA 908 upper butt strap.

(2) Do a chemical spot test of the STA 908 upper butt strap to determine the part material, and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions at the times specified in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, except as provided by paragraph (i)(1) of this AD. Confirming the upper butt strap is made from 2000 series aluminum terminates the inspections required by paragraph (h)(1) of this AD.

##### (i) Exceptions to the Service Information

(1) Where Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, specifies a compliance time "after the original issue date of the service bulletin," this AD requires compliance within the specified compliance time after the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, specifies to contact Boeing for repair instructions: Before further flight, repair using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

##### (j) Terminating Action

Replacing the STA 908 upper butt strap and doing all applicable related investigative and corrective actions, in accordance with Part 4, Part 5, and Part 6, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737–53–1313, dated November 3, 2011, except as provided by paragraph (i)(2) of this AD, terminates the inspections and chemical spot test required by this AD.

##### (k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov](mailto:9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

##### (l) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Wayne Lockett, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; phone: (425) 917–6447; fax: (425) 917–6590; email: [wayne.lockett@faa.gov](mailto:wayne.lockett@faa.gov).

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207; telephone 206–544–5000, extension 1; fax 206–766–5680; email [me.boecom@boeing.com](mailto:me.boecom@boeing.com); Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may also review the referenced service information in the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (refer to Docket No. FAA–2012–0491). You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (425) 227–1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 18, 2012.

**Michael Kaszycki,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane  
Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0384; Airspace  
Docket No. 12-ANM-9]

#### Proposed Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Lewiston, ID

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking  
(NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to modify Class E airspace at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate aircraft using Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID. The geographic coordinates of the airport and navigation aids also would be adjusted in the respective Class D and Class E airspace areas. The FAA is proposing this action to enhance the safety and management of aircraft operations at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0384; Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-9, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eldon Taylor, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057; telephone (425) 203-4537.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views,

or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0384 and Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-9) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0384 and Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-9". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for the address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID, to accommodate aircraft using RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at the airport. Also, the geographic coordinates of the airport, the Nez Perce VOR/DME, and the Lewiston-Nez Perce ILS Localizer navigation aids, would be updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database for the respective Class D airspace and Class E airspace areas. This action would enhance the safety and management of aircraft operations at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9V, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (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) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified this proposed rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority for the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's