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):

Lockheed: Docket No. FAA-2006-25554; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-123-AD.

### **Comments Due Date**

(a) The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by September 25, 2006.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### **Applicability**

(c) This AD applies to Lockheed Model L–1011–385–1, L–1011–385–1–14, L–1011–385–1–15, and L–1011–385–3 series airplanes, certificated in any category; having serial numbers (S/N) 193A through 193Y inclusive and 293A through 293F inclusive: -1002 through -1250 inclusive.

#### **Unsafe Condition**

(d) This AD results from a report of electrical arcing of the essential bus feeder cables behind hinged circuit breaker panel CB3 P-K. We are issuing this AD to prevent arcing of essential bus feeder cables due to improper installation of the harness C112 clamp assembly, which could result in loss of electrical systems and smoke and/or fire behind the CB3 P-K hinged circuit breaker panel in the flight 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.

# **Detailed Inspection of the C112 Harness Clamp Assembly**

- (f) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD: Do the actions in paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this AD by accomplishing all the actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Lockheed L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–24–142, dated November 16, 2005. Do all applicable corrective actions before further flight.
- (1) Perform a one-time detailed inspection of the C112 harness clamp assembly to find incorrectly installed harness clamps, and do all applicable corrective actions.
- (2) Perform a one-time detailed inspection of the C112 and C162 harness assemblies to find evidence of chafing, arcing, or deterioration, and do all applicable corrective actions.

Note 1: For the purposes of this AD, a detailed inspection is: "An intensive examination of a specific item, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at an intensity deemed appropriate. Inspection aids such as mirror, magnifying lenses, etc., may be necessary. Surface cleaning and elaborate procedures may be required."

# Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

- (g)(1) The Manager, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.
- (2) Before using any AMOC approved in accordance with § 39.19 on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify the appropriate principal inspector in the FAA Flight Standards Certificate Holding District Office.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 2, 2006.

#### 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-2006-25259; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-36-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

# Airworthiness Directives; Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. FA-200 Series Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by an airworthiness authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The proposed AD would require actions that are intended to address an unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by September 8, 2006. **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.
  - 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.

For service information identified in the proposed AD, contact Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd., AEROSPACE COMPANY, 1–11 YOUNAN 1 CHOME UTSUNOMIYA TOCHIGI, JAPAN 320– 8564; telephone: +81–28–684–7253; facsimile: +81–28–684–7260.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329– 4059; facsimile: (816) 329–4090.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Streamlined Issuance of AD**

The FAA is implementing a new process for streamlining the issuance of ADs related to MCAI. We are prototyping this process and specifically request your comments on its use. You can find more information in FAA draft Order 8040.2, "Airworthiness Directive Process for Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information" which is currently open for comments at http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft\_docs. This streamlined process will allow us to adopt MCAI safety requirements in a more efficient manner and will reduce safety risks to the public.

This process continues to follow all existing AD issuance processes to meet legal, economic, Administrative Procedure Act, and Federal Register requirements. We also continue to follow our technical decision-making processes in all aspects to meet our responsibilities to determine and correct unsafe conditions on U.S.-certificated products.

This proposed AD references the MCAI and related service information that we considered in forming the engineering basis to correct the unsafe condition. The proposed AD contains text copied from the MCAI and for this reason might not follow our plain language principles.

The comment period for this proposed AD is open for 30 days to allow time for comment on both the process and the AD content. In the future, ADs using this process will have a 15-day comment period. The comment period is reduced because the airworthiness authority and manufacturer have already published the documents on which we based our decision, making a longer comment period unnecessary.

## **Comments Invited**

We invite you to send any written data, views, or arguments regarding this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the ADDRESSES section. Include the docket number, "FAA-2006-25259; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-36-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 are also inviting comments, views, or arguments on the new MCAI process. 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 we receive concerning this proposed AD.

#### Discussion

The Japan Civil Aviation Bureau, which is the airworthiness authority for Japan, has issued AD No. TCD-6832-2006, Date of Issue: April 10, 2006 (referred to after this as "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states that that the aircraft manufacturer has identified field reports indicating corrosion of the flanges of the main wing spars. If not corrected, the corrosion could cause deterioration of wing strength. The MCAI requires creation of inspection holes, corrosion inspection of the flange of wing spar, repair of corrosion if necessary and removal of the sealing compound. You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the docket.

# **Relevant Service Information**

Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. has issued Service Bulletin No. 200–015, dated February 28, 2006. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

# FAA's Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD

This product is manufactured outside the United States 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 agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the State of Design's airworthiness authority has notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We have examined the airworthiness authority's findings, evaluated all pertinent information, and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on all products of this type design. We are issuing this proposed AD to correct the unsafe condition.

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

We have reviewed the MCAI and related service information and, in general, agree with their substance. But we might have found it necessary to use different words from those in the MCAI to ensure the AD is clear for U.S. operators and is enforceable in a U.S. court of law. In making these changes, we do not intend to differ substantively from the information provided in the MCAI and related service information.

We might also have proposed different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow FAA policies. Any such differences are described in a separate paragraph of the proposed AD. These proposed requirements, if ultimately adopted, will take precedence over the actions copied from the MCAI.

# **Costs of Compliance**

Based on the service information, we estimate that this proposed AD would affect about 3 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 128 work-hours per product to do the action and that the average labor rate is \$80 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about \$100 per product. Where the service information lists required parts costs that are covered under warranty, we have assumed that there will be no charge for these costs. As we do not control warranty coverage for affected parties, some parties may incur costs higher than estimated here. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be \$31,020, or \$10,340 per product.

## **Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies 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 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.

# **Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket that contains the proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information on the Internet at <a href="http://dms.dot.gov">http://dms.dot.gov</a>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone (800) 647–5227) is located at the street address stated in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

## 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 Federal Aviation Administration 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 AD:

Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd.: FAA-2006-25259; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-36-AD.

#### **Comments Due Date**

(a) We must receive comments on this proposed airworthiness directive (AD) by September 8, 2006.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

## **Applicability**

(c) This AD applies to all FA-200 series airplanes, certificated in any U.S. category.

#### Reason

(d) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states that the aircraft manufacturer has identified field reports indicating corrosion of the flanges of the main wing spars. If not corrected, the corrosion could cause deterioration of wing strength. The MCAI requires creation of inspection holes, corrosion inspection of the flange of wing spar, repair of corrosion if necessary and removal of the sealing compound. You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the docket.

# **Actions and Compliance**

(e) Unless already done, do the following except as stated in paragraph (f) below.

(1) Within 1 year after the effective date of this AD, carry out creation of inspection holes, corrosion inspection of the flange of wing spar, repair of corrosion if necessary and removal of the sealing compound in accordance with Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. (FHI) Service Bulletin No. 200–015, dated February 28, 2006 (SB).

(2) Within intervals not to exceed 5 years from the previous inspection of paragraph (e)(1) of this AD, carry out repetitive corrosion inspection of the flange of wing spar and repair of corrosion if necessary in accordance with the SB.

# **FAA AD Differences**

(f) The SB calls out contacting Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. for a structural integrity evaluation if measured thickness exceeds minimum allowable limits or if corrosion is found on main spar flange in areas other than fuel tank bay. Per paragraph (g)(2) of this AD, any corrective action in this aspect or any other aspect per this AD must be FAA-approved before returning the airplane to service.

## Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this  $\operatorname{AD}$ :

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, Standards Staff, FAA, ATTN: Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4059; facsimile: (816) 329–4090, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Return to Airworthiness: When complying with this AD, perform FAA-approved corrective actions before returning the product to an airworthy condition.

(3) Reporting Requirements: For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120–0056.

## **Related Information**

(h) This AD is related to Japan Civil Aviation Bureau AD TCD-6832-2006, Date of Issue: April 10, 2006, which references Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd Service Bulletin No. 200-015, dated February 28, 2006.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 3,2006.

#### John R. Colomy,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-25260; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-37-AD]

#### RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-502, AT-502A, AT-502B, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Air Tractor, Inc. (Air Tractor) Models AT-502, AT-502A, AT-502B, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to repetitively visually inspect the rudder and vertical fin hinge attaching structure for loose fasteners, any cracks in the rudder or vertical fin skins, spars, hinges or brackets, or corrosion. The AD would also require you to replace any damaged parts found as a result of the inspection and install an external doubler at the upper rudder hinge. Installation of the external doubler at the upper rudder hinge is terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements. This proposed AD results from two reports (one Model AT-602 airplane and one Model AT-802A airplane) of in-flight rudder separation from the vertical fin at the upper attach hinge area, and other reports of Models AT-502B, AT-602, and AT-802/802A airplanes with loose hinges, skin cracks, or signs of repairs to the affected area. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct loose fasteners; any cracks in the rudder or vertical fin skins, spars,