

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent an uncommanded engine acceleration event, or inflight engine shutdown, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect for the presence of engine EEC fault messages for both engines installed on the aircraft within 20 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, or within three calendar days, whichever occurs first, in accordance with CFM56-7B All Operators Wire 98/CFM/312R1, dated August 28, 1998.

(1) If any of the faults identified in the All Operators Wire are detected on only one of the engines, remove and replace the hydromechanical unit (HMU) with a serviceable HMU, and ensure the faults are cleared prior to further flight.

(2) If any of the faults identified in the All Operators Wire are detected on both engines, remove and replace the HMU on the engine that has logged the fault for more flight cycles, replace with a serviceable HMU, and ensure that the faults are cleared prior to further flight. Remove and replace the HMU on the other engine with a serviceable HMU,

after accumulating at least three flight cycles, but not to exceed ten flight cycles, and ensure the faults are cleared.

(3) Thereafter, inspect for the presence of engine EEC fault messages on both engines of the aircraft at intervals not to exceed 20 flight cycles since last inspection, or within three calendar days since last inspection, whichever occurs first. If any of the faults identified in the All Operators Wire are detected, remove and replace the HMU in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this AD, as applicable.

Note 2: Installation of a serviceable HMU in accordance with paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this AD does not constitute terminating action to the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (a)(3) of this AD.

(b) For the purpose of this AD, a serviceable HMU is defined as an HMU with P/N 1853M56P06 or AlliedSignal P/N 442098.

(c) Within 75 cycles in service after the effective date of this AD, or by November 9, 1998, whichever occurs first, install EEC

software, P/N 1853M78P12, in accordance with CFM56-7B Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 73-A024, dated September 2, 1998. Installation of this improved software constitutes terminating action to the inspections required by paragraph (a) of this AD.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(e) The actions required by this AD shall be accomplished in accordance with the following CFMI service documents:

Document No.	Page	Date
All Operators Wire 98/CFM/312R1	1-2	August 28, 1998.
Total Pages	2	
CFM56-7B ASB No. 73-A024	1-23	September 2, 1998.
Total Pages	23	

This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from CFM International, S.A., Technical Publications Department, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone (513) 552-2981, fax (513) 552-2816. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(f) This amendment supersedes telegraphic AD T98-18-51, issued August 28, 1998.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on November 2, 1998.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on October 6, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-ANE-45-AD; Amendment 39-10832; AD 98-21-24]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to Pratt & Whitney JT8D series turbofan engines, that requires removal, visual inspection, eddy current inspection, repair or replacement of affected compressor disks. This amendment is prompted by reports of improper fixturing during the electrolytic cleaning process of certain compressor disks at a certified repair station, Avial or Greenwich Air Services, currently GE Engine Services Dallas LP, certificate number RA1R445K of Dallas, Texas, that can result in damage to the disks in the form of arc burns. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent compressor disk cracking from arc burns in tie rod holes, shielding holes, or pressure balance holes, which could lead to a fracture of

a compressor disk, resulting in uncontained release of engine fragments, inflight engine shutdown, and airframe damage.

DATES: Effective November 16, 1998.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from GE Engine Services—Dallas LP, 9311 Reeves St., Dallas, TX 75235-2095. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Pratt & Whitney (PW) JT8D series turbofan engines was published in the **Federal Register** on

January 22, 1998 (63 FR 3483). That action proposed to require, at the next shop visit after the effective date of the AD, a one-time visual and eddy current inspection of compressor disks to detect arc burn damage and if appropriate, repair of the damaged area.

After publication of that notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), the FAA received a comment from the manufacturer stating that a drawdown schedule for removal of affected disks should be added to the proposed rule to maintain an acceptable level of safety, instead of requiring the inspection at the next shop visit. The FAA concurred and added a drawdown schedule of 3,000 cycles in service (CIS) after the effective date of this AD, or the next shop visit, whichever occurs first, to the supplemental NPRM (SNPRM), published May 15, 1998 (63 FR 27002), which reopened the comment period.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the comments received in response to both the original NPRM published in January 1998 and the subsequent SNPRM published in May 1998.

One commenter to the original NPRM states that maintenance done in a shop that could otherwise been done on-wing should be excluded from the shop visit definition of this AD. The FAA concurs. This change to the definition of the term "shop visit" was incorporated into the SNPRM.

One commenter states that the final rule should reassess the drawdown interval based on the number of disks inspected to date, and require appropriate inspections to occur based on intervals using cycles since potentially arc-burned, instead of cycles from effective date of the AD. The FAA does not concur. The current drawdown interval manages the risks on a fleet-wide basis. While the FAA recognizes that some operators may not exactly fit this model, the FAA has determined that using a fleet-wide basis is an analytically sound approach to manage this unsafe condition. Those operators who wish to develop inspection intervals to fit their operation based on cycles since potentially arc-burned, may do so under the provisions of paragraph (e) of this AD.

One commenter notes that disk, P/N 774407, S/N P60383 is listed twice in table. The FAA concurs and has removed the additional entry as a typographical error.

One commenter requests that clarification of the one-time inspection be included in the AD. The FAA does not concur. The required visual and

eddy current inspections must be performed once within 3,000 cycles in service after the effective date of the AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first, not to exceed 10 years from the effective date of the AD. There is no need for a terminating action as there are no repetitive inspection requirements. The FAA will monitor the inspection results and determine if additional rulemaking action is warranted.

Two commenters state that the repair procedures should be available to the entire industry for incorporation into their approved procedures, rather than only allowing GE Engine Services—Dallas, LP., certificate number RA1R445K of Dallas, Texas. The commenters believe that other facilities are just as qualified to perform the inspections and repairs. The FAA does not concur. The inspection criteria and procedures for finding disk arc burns use a unique and novel technique and therefore operators who want to use an alternate source for compliance to the AD must do so under the provisions of paragraph (e) of the AD.

One commenter believes that manuals should be updated with precautions against using improper fixturing. The FAA does not concur. The FAA has reviewed the engine manuals and determined that the appropriate precautions are already included in the engine manuals.

One commenter states that the economic analysis is incorrect because of the availability of required tooling. The FAA does not concur as these costs do not directly stem from the AD's required actions. The indirect costs associated with performing the maintenance actions required by this AD are not directly related to this proposed rule, and, therefore, are not addressed in the economic analysis for this rule. A full cost analysis for each AD, including such indirect costs, is not necessary since the FAA has already performed a cost benefit analysis when adopting the part 33 (14 CFR part 33) airworthiness requirements to which these engines were originally certificated. A finding that an AD is warranted means that the original design no longer achieves the level of safety specified by those airworthiness requirements, and that other required actions are necessary, as in this case, inspecting and repairing as necessary or removing high pressure compressor disks. Because the original level of safety was already determined to be cost beneficial, these additional requirements needed to return the engine to that level of safety do not add any additional regulatory burden, and,

therefore, a full cost analysis would be redundant and unnecessary.

One commenter states that GE Engine Services should be responsible for all costs incurred by operators. Financial responsibility is beyond the scope of this AD; therefore the FAA has no position relative to this comment.

Six commenters state that they have no objection to the rule as proposed.

In addition, the FAA has made an editorial change to paragraph (a) in order to clarify when the inspection requirements of this AD are to be performed. The last sentence is deleted from paragraph (a) and the requirement that affected engines be inspected no later than 10 years from the effective date of the AD added to the first part of the first sentence.

After careful review of the available data, including the comments noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule with the changes described previously. The FAA has determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

There are a total of 1,388 compressor disks exposed to improper fixturing during the electrolytic cleaning process. The FAA estimates that 1,054 of these disks currently remain in service in the worldwide fleet, which represents approximately 210 engines. The FAA also estimates that 840 of the disks affected by the AD are installed in engines installed on aircraft of U.S. registry. It will take approximately 30 work hours to accomplish the required actions per disk, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$23 per disk. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1,531,320.

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects 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. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air Transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

98-21-24 Pratt & Whitney: Amendment 39-10832. Docket 97-ANE-45-AD.

Applicability: Pratt & Whitney (PW) JT8D-1, -1A, -1B, -7, -7A, -7B, -9, -9A, -11, -15, -15A, -17, -17A, -17R, -17AR, -209, -217, -217A, -217C, and -219 model turbofan engines which have a compressor disk installed identified by part number and serial number in Table 1 of this airworthiness directive (AD). These engines are installed on but not limited to Boeing 727 and 737 series, and McDonnell Douglas DC-9 and MD80 series aircraft.

Note 1: This AD applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent compressor disk cracking from arc burns in tie rod holes, shielding holes, or pressure balance holes, which could lead to a fracture of a compressor disk, resulting in uncontained release of engine fragments, inflight engine shutdown, and airframe damage, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 3,000 cycles in service (CIS) after the effective date of this AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first, not to exceed 10 years after the effective date of this AD, remove, visually inspect, eddy current inspect, and repair or replace with a serviceable part disks identified by part number (P/N) and serial number (S/N) in Table 1 of this AD in accordance with GE Engine Services—Dallas, LP, Engineering Bulletin (EB) JT8D-025, dated March 27, 1998.

TABLE 1—Continued

Stage	P/N	S/N
4	745803	H13469
4	745803	N48096
3	745803	N48361
3	745803	P77936
3	745803	P77942
3	745803	P78298
3	745803	P98041
3	745803	P98334
3	745803	R18766
3	745803	R18989
3	745803	R19227
3	745803	R73555
3	745803	R74156
4	745704	2A3332
4	745704	2A4258
4	745704	G51920
4	745704	H04195
4	745704	J46788
4	745704	J76639
4	745704	K11388
4	745704	K11483
4	745704	K12946
4	745704	K52509
4	745704	K53069
4	745704	L60864
4	745704	L61145
4	777704	B114AA0034
4	777704	B114AA0178
4	777704	B114AA0274
4	777704	BBDUA14597
4	777704	BBDUAH4675
4	777704	BBDUAH7390
4	777704	J77499
4	777704	J94590
4	777704	K43182
4	777704	L81216
4	777704	L81217
4	777704	L81218
4	777704	L81224
4	777704	L81688
4	777704	M40670
4	777704	M44376
4	777704	M44384
4	777704	M53723
4	777704	M53753
4	777704	M53810
4	777704	M53815
4	777704	N30898
4	777704	N30938
4	777704	N30943
4	777704	N30947
4	777704	N30956
4	777704	N53261
4	777704	N53280
4	777704	N53284
4	777704	N53290
4	777704	N53296
4	777704	N53299
4	777704	N53309

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Stage	P/N	S/N
4	799504	L61597
4	799504	L89794
4	799504	M77214
4	799504	N06109
4	799504	N06248
4	799504	N06731
4	799504	N06908
4	799504	N06911
4	799504	N32484
4	799504	N32493
4	799504	N32514
4	799504	N33627
4	799504	N33880
4	799504	N34238
4	799504	N89280
4	799504	N89817
4	799504	N90599
4	799504	N90812
4	799504	N90849
4	799504	P45299
4	799504	P45435
4	799504	R23598
4	799504	R23753
4	799504	R24022
4	799504	R24310
4	799504	R24543
4	799504	S07095
4	799504	S07147
4	799504	S07164
4	799504	S07250
4	799504	S58162
4	799504	S58237
4	799504	T02774
4	799504	T02897
4	799504	T03020
4	799504	T03027
4	799504	T03038
4	799504	T03047
7	701407	7Z5379
7	766007	G11181
7	774407	B207AA0057
7	774407	B207AA0164
7	774407	B207AA0224
7	774407	B207AA0270
7	774407	B207AA0546
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7	774407	B207AA0768
7	774407	B207AA0775
7	774407	B207AA0913
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7	774407	BENCAK6586
7	774407	G78791
7	774407	H19147
7	774407	H75592
7	774407	J08985
7	774407	J17315
7	774407	J17370
7	774407	J72117
7	774407	J93428
7	774407	J93669
7	774407	K78068
7	774407	K78149
7	774407	K78378
7	774407	L23953
7	774407	L71885

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Stage	P/N	S/N
7	774407	L71922
7	774407	L72170
7	774407	L72261
7	774407	M38646
7	774407	M44626
7	774407	M60192
7	774407	M78767
7	774407	M83783
7	774407	M93487
7	774407	M93549
7	774407	N24007
7	774407	N24131
7	774407	N58891
7	774407	N58905
7	774407	N59040
7	774407	N70414
7	774407	N88273
7	774407	N88281
7	774407	N88306
7	774407	N93477
7	774407	N95003
7	774407	P14688
7	774407	P14851
7	774407	P16547
7	774407	P35320
7	774407	P35374
7	774407	P35475
7	774407	P54474
7	774407	P54594
7	774407	P60383
7	774407	P81375
7	774407	P81382
7	774407	P86353
7	774407	R19478
7	774407	R31305
7	774407	R37450
7	774407	R46879
7	774407	R46934
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7	774407	R57744
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7	774407	R72169
7	774407	R72236
7	774407	R81458
7	774407	R81507
7	774407	R81527
7	774407	R81612
7	774407	R90895
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7	774407	S13843
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7	774407	S36805
7	774407	S36885
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7	774407	S36994
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7	774407	S37166
7	774407	S37554
7	774407	T04613
7	774407	T04687
7	774407	T04739
7	774407	T04806
7	774407	T04812
7	774407	T04814
7	774407	T04837
7	774407	T04843
7	774407	T04885
7	774407	T04903
7	774407	T04960
7	774407	T05000
7	774407	T05108

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Stage	P/N	S/N
7	5006007-02	BENCAK9696
7	5006007-02	BENCAK9900
7	5006007-02	BENCAL0760
7	5006007-02	BENCAL1937
7	5006007-02	BENCAL4577
7	5006007-02	BENCAL5766
7	5006007-01	AA0297
7	5006007-01	B207AA0069
7	5006007-01	B207AA0135
7	5006007-01	B207AA0155
7	5006007-01	B207AA0172
7	5006007-01	B207AA0177
7	5006007-01	B207AA0354
7	5006007-01	B207AA0355
7	5006007-01	B207AA0421
7	5006007-01	B207AA0493
7	5006007-01	B207AA0533
7	5006007-01	B207AA0571
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4003
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4004
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4371
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4373
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4794
7	5006007-01	BENCAH4797
7	5006007-01	BENCAH5400
7	5006007-01	BENCAH5401
7	5006007-01	BENCAJ8656
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7	N65132	
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7	P92551	
7	P92580	
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7	R12710	
7	R35504	
7	R35530	
7	R36545	
7	R43821	
7	R54576	
7	R54634	
7	R79460	
7	R79466	
7	R92415	
7	R92431	
7	R92435	

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Stage	P/N	S/N
7	5006007-01	R92442
7	5006007-01	S11034
7	5006007-01	S11058
7	5006007-01	S11154
7	5006007-01	S11156
7	5006007-01	S11179
7	5006007-01	S11182
7	5006007-01	S11186
7	5006007-01	S11202
7	5006007-01	S11206
7	5006007-01	S56884
7	5006007-01	S56888
7	5006007-01	S56998
7	5006007-01	S57073
7	5006007-01	S57075
7	5006007-01	S57117
7	5006007-01	S57120
7	5006007-01	S57156
7	5006007-01	S57157
7	5006007-01	S57192
7	5006007-01	S57220
7	5006007-01	S57332
7	5006007-01	S57354
7	5006007-01	S57405
7	5006007-01	S57412
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7	5006007-01	S57424
7	5006007-01	S57437
7	5006007-01	S57452
7	5006007-01	S57467
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8	748608	BENCAK1564
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8	748608	H64474
8	748608	H64605
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8	748608	M54835
8	748608	N14526
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8	748608	P28614
8	748608	P98885
8	748608	S01079
8	748608	S01090
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8	748608	S78100
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8	787008	K12869
8	787008	M77087
8	787008	N06806
8	787008	N32406
8	787008	N34151
8	787008	N89336
8	787008	N89554
8	787008	N90392
8	787008	N90682
8	787028	N89693
8	787208	AA0676
8	787208	B07691
8	787208	B228AA0169

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Stage	P/N	S/N
8	787208	B228AA0242
8	787208	B228AA0288
8	787208	B228AA0389
8	787208	B228AA0426
8	787208	B228AA0537
8	787208	B228AA0576
8	787208	B228AA0638
8	787208	B228AA0641
8	787208	B228AA0746
8	787208	B228AA0859
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8	787208	B228AA0905
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8	787208	BENCAK6398
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12	798512	T19292
12	798512	T19314
12	798512	T28638
12	798512	T43059

(b) For the purpose of this AD, a shop visit is defined as an engine removal, where engine maintenance entails separation of pairs of major mating engine flanges or the removal of a disk, hub, or spool regardless of other planned maintenance except where the maintenance is being done in lieu of performing the maintenance on wing.

(c) The accomplishment of the inspections and repairs specified in this AD must be performed at GE Engine Services—Dallas, LP., certificate number RA1R445K of Dallas, Texas. Operators wishing to use another facility to perform the required inspections and repairs must apply for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD.

(d) Report the following information on a monthly basis to the Manager of the Engine

Certification Office, FAA, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; fax (781) 238-7199, Internet:

Mark.C.Fulmer@faa.dot.gov. Reporting requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned OMB control number 2120-0056:

(1) S/N of disks inspected in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD

(2) S/N of disks found with arc burns and approximate size of the arc burn.

(3) S/N of disks repaired in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

(4) Hours and CIS since last shop visit and total hours and CIS of disks inspected in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

(5) Report to the Manager of the Engine Certification Office, within two business days of finding one of the following conditions as a result of inspecting a disk in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD:

(i) A crack depth of more than 5 mils.

(ii) More than 2 tie rod holes with cracks.

(iii) Arc burn depth beyond 9 mils.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office. Operators shall submit their request through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the aircraft to a location where the inspection requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(g) The actions required by this AD shall be done in accordance with the following GE Engine Services—Dallas, LP, EB:

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This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from GE Engine Services—Dallas LP, 9311 Reeves St., Dallas, TX 75235-2095. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on November 16, 1998.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on October 6, 1998.

Ronald L. Vavruska,

Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-74-AD; Amendment 39-10838; AD 98-21-30]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 series airplanes and all Model A310 and A300-600 series airplanes, that requires repetitive inspections for wear damage of the aft attachment fittings of the articulated seats and dummy tracks in the passenger compartment; and repair, if necessary. This amendment is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct wear damage of the aft attachment fittings of the articulated seats and dummy tracks. Such wear damage could cause the floor panels to sag and result in failure of flight control systems and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: Effective November 20, 1998.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norman B. Martenson, Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; telephone (425) 227-2110; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Airbus

Model A300 series airplanes and all Model A310 and A300-600 series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on April 20, 1998 (63 FR 19425). That action proposed to require repetitive inspections for wear damage of the aft attachment fittings of the articulated seats and dummy tracks in the passenger compartment; and repair, if necessary.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the single comment received.

Request To Revise Repair Criteria

The commenter, an operator, suggests that repair is not necessary for wear damage of 1 mm or less. (The proposed AD would have required repair of any damage.) The commenter reports that its current repair procedures, which have been approved by Airbus and the French airworthiness authority, involve repair only when the wear damage exceeds 1 mm. The commenter notes that the service bulletin cited in the proposed AD provides sliding wear/repair limits that allow operators the option to either repair wear damage of 2 mm or less, or continue to inspect until the wear damage exceeds 2 mm. The commenter also states that a wear rate of about 0.1 mm per 1,000 flight cycles is considered normal. Therefore, in order to comply with the AD as proposed, the commenter anticipates that all of its tracks/fittings would require repair for minor wear or replacement because of those normal wear conditions, at an estimated cost of \$800,000.

The FAA concurs. Based on information provided by the commenter and clarification provided by the manufacturer and the French airworthiness authority, the FAA has determined that such an adjustment of the repair criteria will represent an appropriate option to operators and still maintain an acceptable level of safety. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of the final rule have been revised accordingly. However, the FAA finds that immediate repair of wear damage that exceeds 1 mm is necessary to maintain an adequate level of safety.

Conclusion

After careful review of the available data, including the comment noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule with the changes described previously. The FAA has determined that these changes will