

used if approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116.

**Note 4:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

#### Special Flight Permits

(d) 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 airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

#### Incorporation by Reference

(e) The modification shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-29-6048, Revision 01, dated July 12, 2000; or Airbus Service Bulletin A310-29-2086, Revision 01, dated July 12, 2000; as applicable. 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 Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**Note 5:** The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 2000-284-317(B), dated July 12, 2000.

#### Effective Date

(f) This amendment becomes effective on August 6, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 21, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-194-AD; Amendment 39-12299; AD 2001-13-17]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and A300 B4; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (Collectively Called A300-600); and A310 Series Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Airbus Model A300 B2 and A300 B4; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (collectively called A300-600); and A310 series airplanes. This action requires revising the Airplane Flight Manual to advise the flight crew of appropriate procedures to follow in the event of lost or erroneous airspeed indications. This action is necessary to prevent inadvertent excursions outside the normal flight envelope. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Effective July 17, 2001.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 17, 2001.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before August 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NM-194-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted

via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-iarcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2001-NM-194-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

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 FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 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:**

Tamra Elkins, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2669; fax (425) 227-1149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC), which is the airworthiness authority for France, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on all Airbus Model A300 B2 and A300 B4; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (collectively called A300-600); and A310 series airplanes. The DGAC advises that. Lost or erroneous airspeed indications could result in lack of sufficient information for the flight crew to safely operate the airplane, and consequent inadvertent excursions outside the normal flight envelope.

#### **Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

Airbus has issued the following Temporary Revisions (TRs) to the FAA-approved A300, A300-600, and A310 Airplane Flight Manuals (AFMs). The TRs provide updated procedures for the flight crew to follow in the event of lost or erroneous airspeed indications. The TRs are listed in the following table:

Model/series	Engine	TR No.	Date
A300 .....	GE CF6-50C	4.02.00/08	April 25, 2001.
A300 .....	GE CF6-50C2/C2R	4.02.00/09	April 26, 2001.
A300-600 .....	GE CF6-80C2	4.02.00/11	March 21, 2000.
A300-600 .....	PW 4000	4.02.00/13	March 28, 2000.
A310 .....	GE CF6-80A3	4.02.00/11	March 21, 2000.
A310 .....	GE CF6-80C2	4.02.00/12	March 22, 2000.
A310 .....	PW JT9D-7R4	4.02.00/13	March 23, 2000.
A310 .....	PW 4000	4.02.00/14	March 24, 2000.

The DGAC classified these TRs as mandatory and issued French airworthiness directive 2001-129(B), dated April 4, 2001, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in France.

#### FAA's Conclusions

These airplane models are manufactured in France and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the DGAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DGAC, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

#### Explanation of Requirements of Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of the same type design registered in the United States, this AD is being issued to prevent inadvertent excursions outside the normal flight envelope in the event of lost or erroneous airspeed indications. This AD requires revising the applicable FAA-approved AFMs to advise the flight crew of appropriate procedures to follow in the event of lost or erroneous airspeed indications.

#### Determination of Rule's Effective Date

Since a situation exists that requires the immediate adoption of this regulation, it is found that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable, and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

#### Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before

the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the AD is being requested.
- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket 2001-NM-194-AD." The postcard will be date-stamped and returned to the commenter.

#### Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is

determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, 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:

**2001-13-17 Airbus Industrie:** Amendment 39-12299. Docket 2001-NM-194-AD.

*Applicability:* All Model A300 B2 and A300 B4; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (collectively called A300-600); and A310 series airplanes; certificated in any category.

*Compliance:* Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent inadvertent excursions outside the normal flight envelope in the event of lost or erroneous airspeed indications, accomplish the following:

#### Revision to Airplane Flight Manual (AFM)

(a) For Model A300 B2-1A series airplanes equipped with General Electric CF6-50A engines, and for Model A300 B4-600 series airplanes equipped with Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7R4H1 engines: Within 10 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the "Procedures Following Failure" Section of the FAA-approved AFM, in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA.

(b) For all airplanes not identified in paragraph (a) of this AD: Within 10 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the "Procedures Following Failure" Section of the applicable AFM by inserting into the AFM a copy of the applicable Temporary Revision (TR) listed in the following table:

TABLE 1.—TEMPORARY REVISIONS

Model/series	Engine	TR No.	Date
A300 .....	GE CF6–50C	4.02.00/08	April 25, 2001.
A300 .....	GE CF6–50C2/C2R	4.02.00/09	April 26, 2001.
A300–600 .....	GE CF6–80C2	4.02.00/11	March 21, 2000.
A300–600 .....	PW 4000	4.02.00/13	March 28, 2000.
A310 .....	GE CF6–80A3	4.02.00/11	March 21, 2000.
A310 .....	GE CF6–80C2	4.02.00/12	March 22, 2000.
A310 .....	PW JT9D–7R4	4.02.00/13	March 23, 2000.
A310 .....	PW 4000	4.02.00/14	March 24, 2000.

(c) When the information in the applicable TR listed in Table 1 of this AD has been incorporated into the FAA-approved general revisions of the AFM, the general revisions may be incorporated into the AFM, and the TR may be removed from the AFM.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(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, International Branch, ANM–116. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Operations Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116.

**Note 1:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM–116.

#### Special Flight Permits

(e) 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 airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

#### Incorporation by Reference

(f) The AFM revision required by paragraph (b) of this AD shall be done in accordance with A300 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/08, dated April 25, 2001; A300 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/09, dated April 26, 2001; A300–600 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/11, dated March 21, 2000; A300–600 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/13, dated March 28, 2000; A310 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/11, dated March 21, 2000; A310 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/12, dated March 22, 2000; A310 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/13, dated March 23, 2000; and A310 Flight Manual Temporary Revision 4.02.00/14, dated March 24, 2000; as applicable. (Only page 2 of each Temporary Revision contains the document date; no other page of these documents contains this information.) 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 Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane

Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**Note 2:** The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 2001–129(B), dated April 4, 2001.

#### Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on July 17, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 21, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000–CE–09–AD; Amendment 39–12300; AD 2001–13–18]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 45 (YT–34), A45 (T–34A, B–45), and D45 (T–34B) Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document supersedes Airworthiness Directive (AD) 99–12–02, which currently requires flight and operating limitations on Raytheon Aircraft Corporation (Raytheon) Beech Models 45 (YT–34), A45 (T–34A, B–45), and D45 (T–34B) airplanes. AD 99–12–02 resulted from a report of an in-flight separation of the right wing on a Raytheon Beech Model A45 (T–34A) airplane. The AD was issued as an interim action until the development of FAA-approved inspection procedures. Raytheon has developed procedures to inspect the wing spar assemblies of the above-referenced airplanes. This AD requires repetitive inspections of the wing spar assembly for cracks with

replacement of any wing spar assembly found cracked (unless the spar assembly has a crack indication in the filler strip where the direction of the crack is toward the outside edge of the filler strip). This AD also includes a reporting requirement of the results of the initial inspection and maintains the flight and operating restrictions required by AD 99–12–02 until accomplishment of the initial inspection. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent wing spar failure caused by fatigue cracks in the wing spar assemblies and ensure the operational safety of the above-referenced airplanes.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective on August 16, 2001.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of August 16, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may get the service information referenced in this AD from Raytheon Aircraft Company, P.O. Box 85, Wichita, Kansas 67201–0085; telephone: (800) 625–7043 or (316) 676–4556. You may examine this information at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–CE–09–AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Nguyen, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946–4125; facsimile: (316) 946–4407.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Events Leading to the Issuance of This AD**

*Has FAA taken any action to this point?* In-flight separation of the right wing on a Raytheon Beech Model A45 (T34A) airplane caused FAA to issue AD 99–12–02, Amendment 39–11193 (64 FR 31689, June 14, 1999). This AD requires:

—Incorporating flight and operating limitations that restrict the airplanes