

(j)(2), or (j)(3) of this AD, revise the Limitations Section of the FAA-approved AFM to include the following (this may be accomplished by inserting a copy of this AD in the AFM):

"Ice on Wing Upper Surfaces

Caution

Ice shedding from the wing upper surface during takeoff can cause severe damage to one or both engines, leading to surge, vibration, and complete thrust loss. The formation of ice can occur on wing surfaces during exposure of the airplane to normal icing conditions. Clear ice can also occur on the wing upper surfaces when cold-soaked fuel is in the main wing fuel tanks, and the airplane is exposed to conditions of high humidity, rain, drizzle, or fog at ambient temperatures well above freezing. Often, the ice accumulation is clear and difficult to detect visually. The ice forms most frequently on the inboard, aft corner of the main wing tanks. [End of Cautionary Note]"

(2) After accomplishment of the installation required by paragraph (j)(1) of

this AD and this AFM revision, the AFM revisions and CDLs required by paragraphs (i)(2) and (i)(3) of this AD may be removed from the AFM, and the inspection aids required by paragraph (i)(4) of this AD may be removed from the airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1)(1) 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, Los Angeles ACO, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

(2) The following AMOCs were approved previously per AD 92-03-02, amendment 39-8156, and are approved as AMOCs with the indicated paragraphs of this AD:

(i) Installation of a non-skid, striped triangular symbol per Option 5 of McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD80-30-059, Revision 4 through Revision 7, is approved as

an AMOC with paragraphs (c) and (i)(4) of this AD; and

(ii) Revision of the Configuration Deviation List (CDL) Appendix of the AFM by inserting a copy of CDL Appendix, Section I, Page 2A, dated March 10, 1993, into the AFM, is approved as an AMOC with paragraphs (b) and (i)(3) of this AD.

Note 11: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(m) 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

(n) Unless otherwise specified in this AD, the actions shall be done in accordance with the applicable service document identified in the following table:

Service document	Revision level	Date
Honeywell Alert Service Bulletin 109XXXX-30-38	Original	August 8, 2002
McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD80-30A087	Original	September 22, 1997
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59	Original	September 18, 1989
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59	1	January 5, 1990
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59	2	August 15, 1990
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD80-30-071	02	February 6, 1996
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD80-30-078	01	April 8, 1997
McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD80-30-090	Original	October 19, 1999

(1) The incorporation by reference of Honeywell Alert Service Bulletin 109XXXX-30-38, dated August 8, 2002, was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 8, 2002 (67 FR 65298, October 24, 2002).

(2) The incorporation by reference of McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59, dated September 18, 1989; McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59, Revision 1, dated January 5, 1990; and McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin 30-59, Revision 2, dated August 15, 1990; was approved previously by the Director of the **Federal Register** as of January 17, 1992 (57 FR 1014, January 17, 1992).

(3) The incorporation by reference of the remaining service bulletins listed in Table 1 of this AD, was approved previously by the Director of the **Federal Register** as of May 7, 2001 (66 FR 17499, April 2, 2001).

(4) Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024). Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

Effective Date

(o) The effective date of this amendment remains November 8, 2002.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 11, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NE-21-AD; Amendment 39-13086; AD 2003-05-10]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-3A1, -3B, and -3B1 Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD),

that is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF34-3A1, -3B, and -3B1 turbofan engines with scavenge screens part numbers (P/Ns) 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02 installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system. That AD currently requires initial and repetitive visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens. This amendment requires initial and repetitive visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens until a screenless fitting is installed. This amendment is prompted by six reports of B-sump oil scavenge system failure causing engine in-flight shutdowns. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent B-sump scavenge screen blockage due to coking, which could result in ignition of B-sump oil in the secondary air system, fan drive shaft separation, and uncontained engine failure.

DATES: Effective April 2, 2003. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 2, 2003.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NE-21-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: "*9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov*". Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from GE Aircraft Engines, 1000 Western Avenue, Lynn, MA 01910; Attention: CF34 Product Support Engineering, Mail Zone: 34017; telephone (781) 594-6323; fax (781) 594-0600. This information may be examined, by appointment, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Caufield, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7146; fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 10, 2001, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued airworthiness directive (AD) 2001-19-02, Amendment 39-12441 (66 FR 48789, September 24, 2001), to require initial and repetitive visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens. That action was prompted by five reports of B-sump oil scavenge system failure causing engine in-flight shutdowns. That condition, if not corrected, could result in ignition of B-sump oil in the secondary air system, fan drive shaft separation, and uncontained engine failure. Since that AD was issued, one additional CF34 in-flight shutdown event associated with B-sump oil release has occurred within the original inspection interval. That engine experienced a fan drive shaft separation, low pressure turbine (LPT) stage 3-4 joint separation, and LPT case forward flange separation, resulting in the release of the entire LPT from the engine. As a result of this latest event, this AD calls out more restrictive repetitive inspection intervals and terminating actions.

Manufacturer's Service Information

The FAA has reviewed and approved the technical contents of GE Aircraft Engines (GE) Alert Service Bulletins (ASB) CF34-AL S/B 79-A0014, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; and ASB CF34-BJ S/B 79-A0015, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; that describe procedures for initial and repetitive visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens. The FAA has also reviewed and approved GE ASB CF34-AL S/B 79-A0016 and ASB CF34-BJ S/B 79-A0017, both dated June 17, 2002, that describe the procedures for introducing the screenless B-sump scavenge fittings or for reworking to eliminate the screens from the existing scavenge screen fittings located at the forward and aft end of the lube and scavenge pump assembly thereby terminating the repetitive inspections.

Differences Between This AD and the Manufacturer's Service Information

GE ASB CF34-AL S/B 79-A0014, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003, recommends, for engines with more than 4,000 hours time-since new (TSN) or more than 1,000 hours time-since-last-shop-visit (TSLSV), initial visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens "by the next A-check". GE ASB CF34-BJ S/B 79-A0015, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003, recommends, for engines with more than 4,000 hours TSN or more than 1,000 hours TSLSV, initial visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens within 300 hours for the CF34-3A1 engine model or within 400 hours for the CF34-3B engine model. However, this AD requires initial visual inspections and cleaning of the B-sump scavenge screens within 500 hours after the effective date of this AD. The time intervals have been changed from those cited in the ASBs to provide consistency for all engine models and to eliminate the use of aircraft maintenance terminology. The times are approximately equivalent to the A-check intervals.

GE ASBs CF34-AL S/B 79-A0016, dated June 17, 2002; and CF34-BJ S/B 79-A0017, dated June 17, 2002; recommend, for engines with more than 4,000 hours TSN or more than 1,000 hours TSLSV, replacement of existing scavenge screens P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system, with screenless fittings "by the next A-check". However, this AD requires installation of screenless fittings, or fittings that have been reworked to remove the screens, in the B-sump oil scavenge system within 400 hours after the effective date of this AD.

The installation requirement has been changed from that cited in the ASBs to eliminate the use of aircraft maintenance terminology. The time is approximately equivalent to the A-check interval.

FAA's Determination of an Unsafe Condition and Required Actions

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other GE CF34-3A1, -3B, and -3B1 turbofan engines of the same type design, this AD is being issued to prevent B-sump scavenge screen blockage due to coking, which could result in ignition of B-sump oil in the secondary air system, fan drive shaft separation, and uncontained engine failure. This AD requires:

- Initial visual inspection and cleaning of the scavenge screens, P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system.
- Repetitive visual inspection and cleaning of the scavenge screens, P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system, within 200 hours time-since-last inspection (TSLI) if no coking is found.
- Repetitive visual inspection and cleaning of the scavenge screens, P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump scavenge system, within 100 hours TSLI if any coking is found.
- Replacement of existing scavenge screens, P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system, with screenless fittings within 400 hours after the effective date of this AD.

The actions must be done in accordance with the service bulletins described previously.

Immediate Adoption of This AD

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 should 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.

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 action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2001-NE-21-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Regulatory Analysis

This final rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order 13132, because it 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. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation

that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and 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 removing Amendment 39-12441 (66 FR 48789, September 24, 2001) and by adding a new airworthiness directive, Amendment 39-13086, to read as follows:

2003-05-10 General Electric Company:
Amendment 39-13086. Docket No.

2001-NE-21-AD. Supersedes AD 2001-19-02, Amendment 39-12441.

Applicability: This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF34-3A1, -3B, and -3B1 turbofan engines with scavenge screens part numbers (P/Ns) 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02 installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Bombardier Inc. (Canadair) Model CL-600-2A12, CL-600-2B16, and CL-600-2B19 airplanes.

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 (d) 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: Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

To prevent B-sump scavenge screen blockage due to coking, which could result in ignition of B-sump oil in the secondary air system, fan drive shaft separation, and uncontained engine failure, do the following:

Initial Inspection and Cleaning of B-sump Screens

(a) Perform an initial visual inspection and cleaning of scavenge screens, P/Ns 4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system, in accordance with Paragraphs 3A through 3B of the Accomplishment Instructions of GE Aircraft Engines (GE) Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) CF34-AL S/B 79-A0014, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; or ASB CF34-BJ S/B 79-A0015, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; and the following table:

INITIAL INSPECTION AND CLEANING SCHEDULE

Engine hours time-since-new (TSN) or time-since-last-shop-visit (TSLSV)	Inspect and clean
(1) Fewer than 4,000 hours TSN or fewer than 4,000 hours TSLSV if it can be confirmed that both the B-sump scavenge screens were cleaned and the B-sump and combustor frame (strut tubes) were removed from the engine and cleaned at that prior shop visit.	Before 4,000 hours TSN or TSLSV.
(2) Fewer than 1,000 hours TSLSV if it can NOT be confirmed that both the B-sump scavenge screens were cleaned and the B-sump and combustor frame (strut tubes) were removed from the engine and cleaned at that prior shop visit.	Before 1,000 hours TSLSV.
(3) 4,000 hours or greater TSN or 4,000 hours or greater TSLSV if it can be confirmed that both the B-sump scavenge screens were cleaned and the B-sump and combustor frame (strut tubes) were removed from the engine and cleaned at that prior shop visit, or 1,000 hours or greater TSLSV if it can NOT be confirmed that both the B-sump scavenge screens were cleaned and the B-sump and combustor frame (strut tubes) were removed from the engine and cleaned at that prior shop visit.	Within 500 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD.

Repetitive Inspections and Cleaning

(b) Perform repetitive visual inspections and cleaning of scavenge screens, P/Ns

4047T95P01 and 5054T86G02, installed in the B-sump oil scavenge system, in accordance with Paragraphs 3A through 3B of the Accomplishment Instructions of GE

ASB CF34-AL S/B 79-A0014, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; and ASB CF34-BJ S/

B 79–A0015, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003; and the following:

(1) At intervals not to exceed 200 hours time-since-last-inspection (TSLI), if no coke is found in screens during initial or any prior inspections, or

(2) At intervals not to exceed 100 hours TSLI, if coke is found in screens during initial or any prior inspections.

Terminating Actions

(c) Within 400 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, install new screenless fittings or fittings that have been reworked to remove the screens, in the B-sump oil scavenge system, in accordance with GE ASB CF34–AL S/B 79–A0016, dated June 17, 2002; or

ASB CF34–BJ S/B 79–A0017, dated June 17, 2002. This constitutes terminating action to the inspections required in paragraph (b) of this AD.

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, Engine Certification Office. Operators must submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ECO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of

compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the ECO.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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 done.

Documents That Have Been Incorporated by Reference

(f) The inspections, rework, or replacements must be done in accordance with the following GE Aircraft Engines (GEAE) Alert Service Bulletins (ASBs):

Document No.	Pages	Revision	Date
ASB CF34–AL S/B 79–A0014 Total pages: 10	All	3	January 31, 2003.
ASB CF34–BJ S/B 79–A0015 Total pages: 9	All	3	January 31, 2003.
ASB CF34–AL S/B 79–A0016 Total pages: 12	All	Original	June 17, 2002.
ASB CF34–BJ S/B 79–A0017 Total pages: 11	All	Original	June 17, 2002.

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 Aircraft Engines, 1000 Western Avenue, Lynn, MA 01910; Attention: CF34 Product Support Engineering, Mail Zone: 34017; telephone (781) 594–6323; fax (781) 594–0600. 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.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on April 2, 2003.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on March 6, 2003.

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Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–SW–54–AD; Amendment 39–13087; AD 2003–05–11]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing emergency airworthiness directive (EAD), which was sent previously to all known U.S. owners and operators of Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (Bell) helicopters by individual letters. That EAD requires a visual check to ensure that the two swashplate drive link cup washers (cup washers) are installed correctly. If a cup washer is installed incorrectly, removing and replacing the swashplate outer ring, each cup washer, bearing and liner, and drive link where the cup washer was installed incorrectly are also required. This amendment requires the same actions as the existing EAD, but clarifies that only the visual check may be performed by the owner/operator. This amendment is prompted by two reported failures of the stud portion of the swashplate drive link. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect an incorrectly installed cup washer, which could limit the travel of the swashplate outer ring and lead to failure of the stud portion of the swashplate drive link, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: Effective April 2, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 2, 2003.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–SW–54–AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room

663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. You may also send comments electronically to the Rules Docket at the following address: 9-asw-adcomments@faa.gov.

The applicable service information may be obtained from Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, 12,800 Rue de l'Avenir, Mirabel, Quebec J7J1R4, telephone (450) 437–2862 or (800) 363–8023, fax (450) 433–0272. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Miles, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Regulations Group, Fort Worth, Texas 76193–0111, telephone (817) 222–5122, fax (817) 222–5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 13, 2002, the FAA issued EAD 2002–23–51 to require, before further flight, a visual check to ensure that the two cup washers are installed correctly. If either cup washer is installed incorrectly, removing and replacing the swashplate outer ring, each cup washer, bearing and liner, and drive link where the cup washer was installed incorrectly are also required. That action was prompted by two reported failures of the stud portion of the swashplate drive link. One or both cup washers may have been installed incorrectly. The requirements of that EAD are intended to detect an incorrectly installed cup washer, which could limit the travel of the swashplate outer ring and lead to failure of the stud portion of the swashplate drive link,