

Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to HOAC HK 36R "Super Dimona" gliders was published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1995 (60 FR 16396). The action proposed to require inspecting the exhaust system for corrosion, replacing the exhaust system if corrosion is found, and installing a carbon monoxide detector.

Accomplishment of the proposed action would be in accordance with the Measures section of HOAC Service Bulletin No. 33, dated July 15, 1993.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above including the referenced service information, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

The FAA estimates that 4 gliders in the U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 1 workhour per glider to accomplish the required inspection and install a carbon monoxide detector, and that the average labor rate is approximately \$60 an hour. Parts (a carbon monoxide detector) will be provided by the manufacturer at no cost to the owner/operator. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$240 (\$60 per glider). This figure is based on the assumption that no affected owner/operator of the affected gliders has incorporated the required installation or accomplished the required inspection.

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 copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting 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 USC 106(g), 40101, 40113, 44701.

##### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

##### 95-18-13 HOAC AUSTRIA GmbH:

Amendment 39-9360; Docket No. 94-CE-36-AD.

**Applicability:** HK 36R "Super Dimona" gliders (serial numbers 36.302 through 36.323), certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability revision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes 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:** Required within the next 10 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent carbon monoxide leakage caused by a corroded exhaust system, which, if not detected and corrected, could lead to passenger injuries, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect the exhaust system for corrosion in accordance with the Measures section of HOAC Service Bulletin (SB) No. 33, dated July 15, 1993. If corrosion is found, prior to further flight, replace the exhaust system in

accordance with the Measures section of HOAC SB No. 33, dated July 15, 1993.

(b) Install a carbon monoxide detector in accordance with the Measures section of HOAC SB No. 33, dated July 15, 1993.

(c) 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 glider to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(e) The inspection, replacement, and installation required by this AD shall be done in accordance with HOAC Service Bulletin No. 33, dated July 15, 1993. 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 HOAC AUSTRIA GmbH, N.A. Otto Strasse 5, A-2700 Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., 7th Floor, suite 700, Washington, DC.

(f) This amendment (39-9360) becomes effective on October 26, 1995. Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 28, 1995.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**

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

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#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-CE-11-AD; Amendment 39-9359; AD 95-18-12]

#### Airworthiness Directives; Mooney Aircraft Corporation Model M20K Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to Mooney Aircraft Corporation (Mooney) Model M20K airplanes. This action requires inspecting to see if the airplane is equipped with a Gerdes fuel selector valve, part number (P/N) A-2580, and replacing any Gerdes fuel selector valve with an Airight fuel

selector valve. Malfunction of a Gerdes fuel selector valve on an affected airplane, where the valve did not allow the operator to select the appropriate fuel tank, prompted this action. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent fuel selector valve malfunction, which, if not detected and corrected, will prevent the airplane operator from selecting the appropriate fuel tank, resulting in an unscheduled landing.

**DATES:** Effective October 20, 1995.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of October 20, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Service information that applies to this AD may be obtained from the Mooney Aircraft Corporation, Louis Schreiner Field, Kerrville, Texas 78028; telephone (210) 896-6000. This information may also be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket 95-CE-11-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, 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:** Mr. Gary Sills, Mechanical Systems Engineer, FAA, Airplane Certification Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0150; telephone (817) 222-5154; facsimile (817) 222-5959.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to Mooney Model M20K airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 1995 (60 FR 18374). The action proposed to require inspecting to see if the airplane is equipped with a Gerdes fuel selector valve, (P/N) A-2580, and replacing any Gerdes fuel selector valve with an Airight fuel selector valve. Accomplishment of the proposed replacement would be in accordance with Mooney Service Bulletin M20-256, dated January 24, 1995.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor

editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

The FAA estimates that 78 airplanes in the U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 3 workhours per airplane to accomplish the required action, and that the average labor rate is approximately \$60 an hour. Parts cost approximately \$535 per airplane. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$55,770. This figure is based on the assumption that no airplane owner/operator has accomplished the required modification. Mooney has informed the FAA that parts have not been distributed to any owner/operator of the affected airplanes.

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 copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting 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 USC 106(g), 40101, 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

**95-18-12 Mooney Aircraft Corporation:** Amendment 39-9359; Docket No. 95-CE-11-AD.

**Applicability:** Model M20K airplanes (all serial numbers), certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability revision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes 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: Required within the next 50 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent fuel selector valve malfunction, which, if not detected and corrected, will prevent the airplane operator from selecting the appropriate fuel tank, resulting in an unscheduled landing, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect to see if the airplane is equipped with a Gerdes fuel selector valve, part number (P/N) A-2580. This inspection may be accomplished by examining the cross-sectional shape of the selector valve. The Gerdes selector valve has a rectangular cross section with square corners.

**Note 2:** The following airplane serial numbers (S/N) had a Gerdes fuel selector valve, part number (P/N) A-2580, installed at manufacture:

S/N 25-0001 through 25-0091, except for the following:  
S/N's 25-0017, 25-0027, 25-0052, 250063, 25-0067, 25-0068, 25-0078, 25-0081, 25-0082, 25-0083, 25-0084, 25-0085, 25-0086, and 25-0089.

The excluded S/N 25-0001 through 25-0091 Model M20K airplanes and any S/N Model M20K airplanes outside that range may have had a Gerdes fuel selector valve, part number (P/N) A-2580, installed by field modification.

(b) Replace any Gerdes fuel selector valve, P/N A-2580, with an Airight fuel selector valve in accordance with the INSTRUCTIONS section in Mooney Service Bulletin M20-256, dated January 24, 1995.

(c) 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 provided that the fuel selector valve is functioning properly.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Airplane Certification Office (ACO), FAA, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0150. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Fort Worth ACO.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Fort Worth ACO.

(e) The replacement required by this AD shall be done in accordance with Mooney Service Bulletin M20-256, dated January 24, 1995. 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 the Mooney Aircraft Corporation, Louis Schreiner Field, Kerrville, Texas 78028. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., 7th Floor, suite 700, Washington, DC.

(f) This amendment (39-9359) becomes effective on October 20, 1995.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 28, 1995.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**

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

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#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 91-CE-22-AD; Amendment 39-9357; AD 95-18-10]

#### Airworthiness Directives; de Havilland DHC-6 Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment supersedes Airworthiness Directive (AD) 81-10-11, which currently requires repetitively inspecting the elevator root ribs for cracks on de Havilland DHC-6 series airplanes, and replacing any cracked part. The Federal Aviation Administration's policy on aging commuter-class aircraft is to eliminate, or, in certain instances, reduce the number of certain repetitive short-interval inspections when improved parts or modifications are available. This action requires modifying the elevator root rib as terminating action for the repetitive inspections currently

required by AD 81-10-11. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent failure of the elevator root rib, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective October 26, 1995.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of October 26, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Service information that applies to this AD may be obtained from de Havilland, Inc., 123 Garratt Boulevard, Downsview, Ontario, Canada, M3K1Y5. This information may also be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket 91-CE-22-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, 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:** Jon Hjelm, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, 3rd Floor, Valley Stream, New York 11581; telephone (516) 256-7523; facsimile (516) 568-2716.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to de Havilland DHC-6 series airplanes that do not have Modification No. 6/1769 incorporated was published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 1994 (59 FR 54412). The action proposed to supersede AD 81-10-11 with a new AD that would (1) retain the current requirement of inspecting the elevator root rib for cracks, and replacing any cracked part; and (2) require modifying the elevator root rib (Modification 6/1769) as terminating action for the repetitive inspections. Accomplishment of the proposed actions would be in accordance with de Havilland Service Bulletin No. 6/399, Revision E, dated May 25, 1984.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above including the referenced service information, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD

and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

The FAA estimates that 169 airplanes in the U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 54 workhours per airplane to accomplish the required action, and that the average labor rate is approximately \$60 an hour. Parts cost approximately \$4,200 per airplane. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1,257,360. This figure is based on the assumption that none of the affected airplane owners/operators have incorporated Modification 6/1769.

The intent of the FAA's aging commuter airplane program is to ensure safe operation of commuter-class airplanes that are in commercial service without adversely impacting private operators. Of the approximately 169 airplanes in the U.S. registry that will be affected by this AD, the FAA has determined that approximately 50 percent are operated in scheduled passenger service. A significant number of the remaining 50 percent are operated in other forms of air transportation such as air cargo and air taxi.

The following paragraphs present cost scenarios for airplanes where no cracks were found and where cracks were found, utilizing an average remaining airplane life of 15 years and an average annual utilization rate of 1,600 hours time-in-service (TIS). De Havilland Models DHC-6-100 and DHC-6-200 airplanes have probably already accumulated 15,000 hours TIS; therefore, those airplanes would have 100 hours TIS after the effective date of the AD to incorporate Modification 6/1769. Some Model DHC-6-300 airplanes have not yet accumulated 15,000 hours TIS. This analysis is based upon the assumption that those airplanes yet to accumulate 15,000 hours TIS have 10,000 hours TIS if operated in scheduled service and 5,000 hours TIS if operated in general aviation. A copy of the full Cost Analysis and Regulatory Flexibility Determination for this action may be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 91-CE-22-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

- No Cracks Scenario for Models DHC-6-100 and DHC-6-200: These airplanes will be inspected at 50 hours TIS after the effective date and modified within 100 hours TIS after the effective date. The incremental present value cost of this AD over that required by AD 81-10-11 is \$5,919 for an airplane utilized