

part number (P/N) 114-380041-11 (or FAA-approved equivalent part number) main landing gear actuator:

Model	Serial Numbers
1900	UA-2 and UA-3.
1900C	UB-1 through UB-74, and UC-1 through UC-174.
1900C (C-12J)	UD-1 through UD-6.
1900D	UE-1 through UE-249 and UE-252.

Note 1: The airplanes affected by this AD could have main landing gear actuators installed that have Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA). For those airplanes having PMA parts that are equivalent (PMA by equivalency) to those referenced in the proposed AD, the phrase "or FAA-approved equivalent part number" means that this AD applies to airplanes with PMA by equivalency main landing gear actuators installed.

Note 2: This AD applies to each airplane 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 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 (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 in the body of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent actuator rod end failure caused by excessive friction in the rod end bearing, which could result in the inability to lower the main landing gear or result in landing gear collapse during landing, accomplish the following:

(a) Upon accumulating 1,200 hours time-in-service (TIS) on each P/N 114-380041-11 (or FAA-approved equivalent part number) main landing gear actuator or within the next 100 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, lubricate the actuator rod ends in accordance with Raytheon Safety Communication 1900-28, dated October 25, 1996.

(1) This lubrication is not needed on airplanes that have P/N M81935/1-8K (or FAA-approved equivalent part number) main landing gear actuator rod ends installed, as required by paragraph (b) of this AD.

(2) Installing the P/N M81935/1-8K (or FAA-approved equivalent part number) main landing gear actuator rod ends may be accomplished at any time prior to the next 600 hours TIS, at which time they must be installed (see paragraph (b) of this AD).

(b) Within the next 600 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, install Teflon-lined main landing gear actuator rod ends, P/N M81935/1-8K (or FAA-approved equivalent part number), in accordance with the ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS section of

Raytheon Mandatory Service Bulletin No. 2730, Issued: November, 1996.

(c) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install a P/N 114-380041-11 (or FAA-approved equivalent part number) main landing gear actuator without replacing the rod ends with P/N M81935/1-8K (or FAA-approved equivalent part number). Installing these Teflon-lined rod ends re-identifies the main landing gear actuator as P/N 114-380041-13.

(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.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

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

(f) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the document referred to herein upon request to the Raytheon Aircraft Company, P.O. Box 85, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0085; or may examine this document at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Proposed Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Extension of comment period; notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD) issued a proposed rule on June 23, 1997 (62 FR 33768) to designate an approximately 808 square-mile area of Great Lakes waters on Lake Huron, Michigan, over and surrounding Thunder Bay, and the submerged lands thereunder, off the northeastern coast of the State of Michigan as a National Marine Sanctuary. The public comment period on this proposal was to close on September 22, 1997. Representatives of a variety of interests in the communities adjoining the proposal area are forming a group to work with NOAA and the State of Michigan on completion of the sanctuary designation process. Those communities have requested additional time to review the proposal and to develop recommendations for NOAA and the State. Thus, this notice extends the comment period to October 31, 1997.

In compliance with section 304(a)(3) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (Pub. L. 104-283), NOAA will also conduct public hearings in Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan, to receive the views of interested parties on the proposed designation and on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan (DEIS/MP) for the Proposed Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The views expressed at these hearings, as well as written comments received on the DEIS/MP, will be considered by NOAA and the State of Michigan in determining whether to proceed with preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan.

Copies of the DEIS/MP are available at the following regional distribution points, or upon request to the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD):

Presque Isle County Clerk's Office,
Presque Isle County Building, 151
East Huron, Rogers City, MI 49779,
(517) 734-3288

Alpena County Clerk's Office, Alpena
County Courthouse, 729 West
Chisholm Street, Alpena, MI 49707
Alcona County Clerk's Office, Alcona
County Building, 106 Fifth Street,
Harrisville, MI 48740

DATES: Comments on the DEIS/MP must be received by October 31, 1997. The public hearings will be held on the following dates, at the following locations: September 8, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Court Room, Alcona County Building, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI; September 9, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Granum Theater, Alpena

Community College, 666 Johnson Street, Ctr. #107, Alpena, MI; and September 10, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Circuit Court Room, Presque Isle County Building, 151 East Huron, Rogers City, MI. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Stephanie R. Thornton, Chief, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC4, 11th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Comments will be available for public inspection at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Brubeck at (616) 526-8434 or Sherrard Foster at (301) 713-3137, ext. 151. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program.)

Dated: July 17, 1997.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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