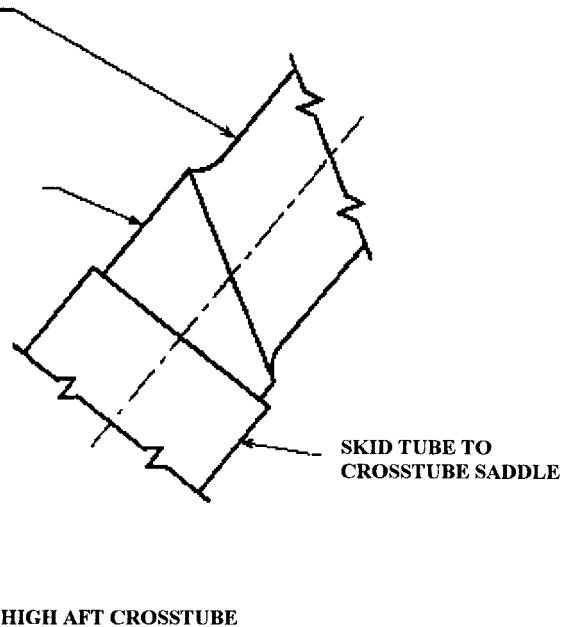


THE FACTORY HAS INK  
STAMPED THE SUBASSEMBLY  
AND SYNTHETIC P/N 412-050-  
044-101, -101A, OR -103 IN THIS  
GENERAL AREA.

CROSSTUBE ASSEMBLY P/N 412-050-  
045-107 HAS THE NEXT LOWER  
(SUBASSEMBLY) P/N 412-050-044-103  
VIBRO-ETCHED IN THIS LOCATION  
FROM THE FACTORY. THE S/N IS  
POSITIONED UNDER THE P/N.

VIBRO-ETCH 412-050-011-107 FM  
AND A COMPANY CONTROLLED  
S/N IN THIS AREA AS REQUIRED  
TO TRACK REMAINING HIGH AFT  
CROSSTUBE LIFE. VIBRO-  
ETCHING DEPTH SHALL NOT  
EXCEED 0.005 INCH.



HIGH AFT CROSSTUBE

**FIGURE 1**

(5) Create a component history card or equivalent record for each crosstube assembly and enter the P/N, S/N, and the accumulated number of landings derived in accordance with paragraph (1).

(6) Begin tracking the number of landings for each crosstube assembly on the component history card or equivalent record.

(b) For a crosstube assembly, P/N 412-050-010-101 or 412-050-011-107 FM, on or before accumulating 10,000 landings or within 25 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, replace the crosstube assembly with an airworthy crosstube assembly.

(c) For a crosstube assembly, P/N 412-050-045-107, on or before accumulating 20,000 landings or within 25 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, replace the crosstube assembly with an airworthy crosstube assembly.

(d) This AD revises the Airworthiness Limitations section of the Maintenance Manual by establishing a life limit of 10,000 landings for the crosstube assembly, P/N 412-050-010-101 and 412-050-011-107 FM, and 20,000 landings for the crosstube assembly, P/N 412-050-045-107.

(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, Rotorcraft Certification Office, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Rotorcraft Certification Office.

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

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

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 8, 2000.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**  
*Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-285-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 777 series airplanes. This proposal would require replacement of nuts on the clevis assemblies that support the auxiliary tracks of the inboard leading edge slats. This action is necessary to prevent loose or missing nuts on the clevis assemblies,

which could cause the inboard leading edge slats to be loose or in an incorrect position and result in partial or total failure or loss of the slats. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-285-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-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000-NM-285-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 the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stan Wood, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2772; fax (425) 227-1181.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed 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 above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

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 proposed 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 proposed 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 summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal 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 2000-NM-285-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

#### Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-285-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

#### Discussion

The FAA has received a report indicating that the airplane manufacturer found discrepancies in two production lots of nuts used on the clevis assemblies that support the auxiliary tracks of the inboard leading edge slats on Boeing Model 777 series airplanes. The nuts had inadequate self-locking capability. In service, this condition could result in loose or missing nuts, which could cause the inboard leading edge slats to be loose or in an incorrect position. This condition, if not corrected, could result in partial or total failure or loss of the slats.

#### Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The FAA has reviewed and approved Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 777-57-0038, dated February 24, 2000, which describes procedures for replacement of nuts on the clevis assemblies that support the auxiliary tracks of the inboard leading edge slats with new nuts. Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition.

#### Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously, except as discussed below.

#### Differences Between Proposed Rule and Service Bulletin

The compliance time for the proposed actions in paragraph (a) of this AD is 18 months after the effective date of this AD. For these actions, the service bulletin recommends a compliance time of 1,500 days after delivery of the airplane or 18 months after receipt of the service bulletin, whichever occurs later. The FAA finds that, by the time the proposed rule becomes effective, more than 1,500 days after the date of delivery will have passed for all airplanes subject to the proposed rule. Therefore, for simplicity and clarity, this proposed rule only includes the 18-month compliance time.

#### Cost Impact

There are approximately 121 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 34 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 2 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed replacement, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$4,080, or \$120 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

#### Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein 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. Therefore,

it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, 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 draft regulatory 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, Safety.

#### The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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:

**Boeing:** Docket 2000-NM-285-AD.

**Applicability:** Model 777 series airplanes, line numbers 1 through 155 inclusive, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** 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 (c) 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 loose or missing nuts on the clevis assemblies that support the auxiliary tracks of the inboard leading edge slats, which could cause the

slats to be loose or in an incorrect position and result in partial or total failure or loss of the slats, accomplish the following:

#### Replacement

(a) Within 18 months after the effective date of this AD, replace nuts having part number NAS1805-5L on the clevis assemblies that support the auxiliary tracks (outboard, center, and inboard) of the inboard leading edge slats with new nuts purchased from the airplane manufacturer after October 31, 1999, in accordance with Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 777-57-0038, dated February 24, 2000.

#### Spares

(b) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install any nut having part number NAS1805-5L on any airplane unless it was purchased from the airplane manufacturer after October 31, 1999.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) 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, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (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, Seattle ACO.

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

#### 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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 8, 2000.

**Donald L. Riggan,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 199

#### Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Service (CHAMPUS): Enuretic Devices, Breast Reconstructive Surgery, PFPWD Valid Authorization Period, Early Intervention Services

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule amends CHAMPUS to remove the exclusion of enuresis alarms, to correct contradictory

language as it relates to breast reconstructive surgery, to change the valid period of an authorization for services and items under the Program for Persons with Disabilities (PFPWD), to establish the CHAMPUS payment relationship for IDEA Part C services and items, and to provide for early intervention services.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until January 16, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Forward comments to the Office of CHAMPUS Management Activity, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO. 80011-9043.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Brown and Michael Kottyan, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, telephone (303) 676-3581 and (303) 676-3520 respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplements the availability of health care in military hospitals and clinics. This proposed rule removes the exclusion of enuresis alarms, corrects contradictory language as it relates to breast reconstructive surgery, changes the valid period of an authorization for services and items under the Program for Persons with Disabilities (PFPWD), and establishes the CHAMPUS payment relationship for IDEA Part C services and items, and revises a statement to the paragraph at 32 CFR 199.4(g)(15)(i)(D).

#### Enuretic Device

The CHAMPUS Management Activity received a request from the medical community that we re-evaluate our policy regarding enuretic devices, which currently are excluded from cost sharing under the CHAMPUS Basic Program. Recent literature review indicates that the medical community considers enuresis alarms the most effective method for treating enuresis. Having found no contradictory evidence, we agree that enuretic devices should be removed from the exclusions in the regulation. The removal of this exclusion will allow physicians to select rational treatment options and insure that CHAMPUS pays only for the most appropriate and highest quality medical care possible.

Enuretic conditioning programs are also specifically excluded from CHAMPUS cost sharing. Enuretic conditioning programs will continue to be excluded. The basis for excluding enuretic conditioning programs is to restrict the payment for professional guidance on the use of these devices to an attending physician.