

**§ 1601.32 Timing and posting dates.**

(a) *Posting dates.* (1) A contribution allocation will ordinarily be posted within 2 business days after it is received.

(2) An interfund transfer request received by midnight (central time) on the 15th of the month will be posted to a participant's account as of the last day of the month. (If the 15th of the month falls on a weekend, holiday, or other nonbusiness day, the deadline will be the next business day.) Requests received after the deadline will be posted to a participant's account as of the last day of the following month.

(b) *Limit.* There is no limit on the number of contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests that may be made by a participant; however, only one interfund transfer will be processed per month.

(c) *Multiple contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests.* (1) If two or more contribution allocations or two or more interfund transfer requests with different dates are received for a participant and would be posted on the same day under the rules set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, only the last contribution allocation or interfund transfer request with the latest date will be posted.

(2) If two or more contribution allocations or two or more interfund transfer requests with the same date are received for a participant and would be posted on the same day, the following rules will apply:

(i) If one or more of the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are submitted through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine and one or more are made on a Form TSP-50 and would be posted on the same day, only the latest contribution allocation or interfund transfer request made through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine will be posted;

(ii) If one or more of the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are made through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, only the contribution allocation or interfund transfer request entered at the latest time will be posted; and

(iii) If the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are submitted using Form TSP-50, all of the forms will be rejected unless the percentage allocations among the investment funds are identical, in which case one will be accepted.

(3) For purposes of determining the date and time of a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request, the following rules apply:

(i) The date of a contribution allocation or interfund transfer request

made through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, is the date the participant enters the investment percentages;

(ii) The date of a contribution allocation or interfund transfer request made on Form TSP-50 is the date the form is signed by the participant; and

(iii) Central time is used for determining the date and time on which a transaction is entered and confirmed through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine.

(d) *Cancellation of contribution allocation or interfund transfer request.*

(1) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request may be canceled only through the TSP Web site, the ThriftLine, or through written correspondence.

(2) *Cancellation on the TSP Web site or ThriftLine.* A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request may be canceled by entering the cancellation on the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine only up to the deadline, described in paragraph (a) of this section, that is applicable to the original request. If a change or cancellation is received after the deadline, the original request will be processed as scheduled. The second request will then be processed in turn.

(3) *Cancellation by correspondence.* A participant may also cancel a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request by submitting a letter to the TSP record keeper requesting cancellation. To be accepted, the cancellation letter must be signed and dated and must contain the participant's name, Social Security number, and date of birth. To be effective, the cancellation must be received by the deadline described in paragraph (a) of this section. Unless the letter states unambiguously the specific contribution allocation or interfund transfer request it seeks to cancel, the written cancellation will apply to any contribution allocation or interfund transfer request with a date (as determined under paragraph (c)(3) of this section) before the date of the cancellation letter. If the date of a cancellation letter is the same as the date of a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request and the request was made on Form TSP-50, the form will be canceled. If the request was made on the TSP Web site or ThriftLine, it will only be canceled if the written cancellation specifies the date of the TSP Web site or ThriftLine request to be canceled.

**§ 1601.33 Acknowledgment of risk.**

(a) A participant who wants to invest in any investment fund other than the G Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk for that fund. If

a required acknowledgment of risk has not been executed, no transactions involving the fund(s) for which the acknowledgment is required will be accepted.

(b) The acknowledgment of risk may be executed in association with a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer using the TSP Web site, the ThriftLine, or Form TSP-50.

**§ 1601.34 Effectiveness of Form TSP-50.**

(a) A Form TSP-50 will not be effective if:

(1) It is not signed and dated;

(2) It is missing a Social Security number or date of birth;

(3) The contribution allocation or interfund transfer percentages do not total 100%; or

(4) The form is otherwise not properly completed in accordance with the instructions on the form.

(b) If a Form TSP-50 is rejected, the TSP will provide the participant with a written statement of the reason the form was rejected.

**§ 1601.35 Posting of transaction requests.**

The Board fully expects to meet the standards of § 1602.32. However, the Board cannot and does not guarantee that the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine will always be available to accept and process transaction requests.

**§ 1601.36 Error correction.**

Errors in processing contribution allocations and interfund transfer requests, or errors that otherwise cause money to be invested in the wrong investment fund, will be corrected in accordance with the error correction regulations found at 5 CFR part 1605.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2000-CE-44-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 35, 35R, A35, and B35 Airplanes**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 98-13-02, which currently requires

operating limitations on Raytheon Aircraft Company (Raytheon) Beech Models 35, 35R, A35, and B35 airplanes. This proposed AD is the result of Raytheon developing inspection and modification procedures that, when accomplished on the affected airplanes, would eliminate the need for the operating limitations. This proposed AD would retain the operating limitations for the affected airplanes until the recently developed inspection and modification procedures are accomplished. The proposed AD would also require repetitive inspections of the fuselage structure. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to continue to prevent structural failure of the V-tail, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this rule on or before May 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-CE-44-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

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We are re-examining the writing style we currently use in regulatory documents, in response to the Presidential memorandum of June 1, 1998. That memorandum requires federal agencies to communicate more clearly with the public. We are interested in your comments on whether the style of this document is clear, and any other suggestions you might have to improve the clarity of FAA communications that affect you. You can get more information about the Presidential memorandum and the plain language initiative at <http://www.plainlanguage.gov>.

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##### Discussion

*Has FAA taken any action on the Raytheon airplane ruddervator system to this point?* AD 98-13-02, Amendment 39-10590 (63 FR 31916, June 11, 1998), currently requires the following on Raytheon Beech Models 35, A35, B35, and 35R airplanes:

- Fabricating a placard that restricts the never exceed speed (Vne) to no more than 144 miles per hour (MPH) or 125 knots (KTS) indicated airspeed (IAS), and installing this placard on the instrument panel within the pilot's clear view;
- Marking a red line on the airspeed indicator glass at 144 MPH (125 KTS);
- Marking a white slippage mark on the outside surface of the airspeed indicator between the glass and case; and
- Inserting a copy of this AD into the Limitations Section of the POH/AFM.

In addition, AD 94-20-04, Amendment 39-9032 (59 FR 49785, September 30, 1994), requires the following on certain Beech Models C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, H35, J35, K35, M35,

N35, P35, S35, V35, V35A, and V35B airplanes, as well as the Beech Models 35, A35, B35, and 35R airplanes:

- Checking the ruddervator static balance and rebalancing the ruddervators when the balance is not in accordance with manufacturer's specifications or anytime the ruddervators are repaired or repainted;
- Repetitively inspecting the fuselage bulkheads for damage, and replacing any damaged parts;
- Installing stabilizer reinforcements for some airplane models, as applicable;
- Fabricating and installing airspeed limitation placards;
- Incorporating certain airspeed limitations into the airplane flight manual/pilot's operating handbook (POH/AFM);
- Inspecting the empennage, aft fuselage, and ruddervator control system for damage, and replacing or repairing any damaged parts; and
- Ensuring the accuracy of the airplane basic weight and balance information, and immediately correcting any discrepancies.

Accomplishment of these actions is required in accordance with the instructions to either Beech Kit No. 35-4016-3, 35-4016-5, 35-4016-7, or 35-4016-9, as applicable and as specified in Beech Service Bulletin No. 2188, dated May, 1987, and the applicable maintenance and shop manuals.

*What has happened since AD 94-20-04 and AD 98-13-02 to initiate this action?* AD 94-20-04 contains minor errors and FAA receives periodic calls from the public for clarification.

In addition, Raytheon has issued Recommended Service Bulletin No. SB 27-3358, Issued: February, 2000, which includes procedures for inspecting the aft fuselage, ruddervator, and related systems for acceptable condition and rebalancing the ruddervators to new specifications (upper limit reduced from 19.8 to 18 inch-pounds (tail heavy)). Accomplishing these inspections would eliminate the need for the operating limitations of AD 98-13-02. This service bulletin also includes the procedures necessary for continuing the repetitive inspections of the empennage, aft fuselage, and ruddervator control system (the inspections AD 94-20-04 currently require).

##### The FAA's Determination and Explanation of the Provisions of the Proposed AD

*What has FAA decided?* After examining the circumstances and reviewing all available information related to the incidents described above, we have determined that:

- The unsafe condition referenced in this document still exists or could develop on other Raytheon Beech Models 35, A35, B35, and 35R airplanes of the same type design;
- The inspections specified in Raytheon Recommended Service Bulletin No. SB 27-3358, Issued: February, 2000, should be accomplished on Beech Models 35, 35R, A35, and B35 airplanes;
- The repetitive inspections currently required on these airplanes by AD 94-20-04 should be removed from AD 94-20-04 and included in this proposed AD. These repetitive inspections should be accomplished

in accordance with Raytheon Recommended Service Bulletin No. SB 27-3358, Issued: February, 2000; and

—AD action should be taken in order to continue to prevent structural failure of the V-tail, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

*What would the proposed AD require?*

This proposed AD would supersede AD 98-13-02 with a new AD. The proposed AD would require you to inspect the aft fuselage, ruddervator, and related systems for acceptable condition on Beech Models 35, 35R, A35, and B35 airplanes; adjust ruddervator balance to the new limits; and repair or replace damaged parts, as necessary. This

proposed inspection requirement along with the new proposed limits for the ruddervator balance (set forth in Raytheon SB 27-3358, Section 3.A) would terminate the need for the operating limitations for those airplanes.

**Cost Impact**

*How many airplanes would the proposed AD impact? We estimate that the proposed AD affects 2,211 airplanes in the U.S. registry.*

*What would be the cost impact of the proposed AD on owners/operators of the affected airplanes? We estimate the following costs to accomplish the proposed initial inspections:*

| Labor cost                              | Parts cost               | Total cost per airplane | Total cost on U.S. operators |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 55 workhours at \$60 per hour = \$3,300 | \$500 per airplane ..... | \$3,800 .....           | \$8,401,800                  |

The above figures are based only on the proposed initial inspections and do not take into account the cost of repetitive inspections or adjustments, repairs, or replacements that would be necessary based on the results of the inspections. We have no way of determining the number of repetitive inspections each owner/operator of the affected airplanes would incur or what adjustments, repairs, or replacements may be necessary based on the results of the inspections.

**Regulatory Impact**

*Would this proposed AD impact various entities?* 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 proposed rule would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

*Would this proposed AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action?* 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) 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 has been placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the heading **ADDRESSES**.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

**The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations 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. FAA amends § 39.13 by removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 98-13-02, Amendment 39-10590 (63 FR 31916, June 11, 1998), and by adding a new AD to read as follows:

**Raytheon Aircraft Company** (Beech Aircraft Corporation formerly held Type Certificate (TC) No. A-777): Docket No. 2000-CE-44-AD; Supersedes AD 98-13-02, Amendment 39-10590.

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD affects Beech Models 35, 35R, A35, and B35 airplanes, all serial numbers, that are certificated in any category.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of the above airplanes must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent structural failure of the V-tail, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

(d) *What actions must I accomplish to address this problem on the affected airplanes?* To address this problem, accomplish the following:

| Actions   | Compliance  | Procedures      |
|---|---|-----------------|
| (1) Fabricate a placard that restricts the never exceed speed (Vne) to no more than 144 miles per hour (MPH) or 125 knots (KTS) indicated airspeed (IAS), and install this placard on the instrument panel within the pilot's clear view. The placard should utilize letters of at least 0.10-inch in height and contain the following words: "Never exceed speed, Vne, 144 MPH (125 KTS) IAS". | Within the next 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after July 7, 1998 (the effective date of AD 98-13-02), unless already accomplished. | Not Applicable. |

| Actions   | Compliance  | Procedures   |
|---|---|--|
| (2) Mark a red line on the airspeed indicator glass at 144 MPH (125 KTS) and mark a white slippage mark on the outside surface of the airspeed indicator between the glass and case.  | Within the next 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after July 7, 1998 (the effective date of AD 98-13-02), unless already accomplished.   | Not Applicable.  |
| (3) Insert a copy of this AD into the Limitations Section of the airplane flight manual (AFM).  | Within the next 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after July 7, 1998 (the effective date of AD 98-13-02), unless already accomplished.   | Not Applicable.  |
| (4) The owner/operator holding at least a private pilot certificate as authorized by section 43.7 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 43.7) may fabricate and install the placard as required by paragraph (d)(1) of this AD and insert this AD into the Limitations Section of the AFM as required by paragraph (d)(3) of this AD.         | Within the next 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after July 7, 1998 (the effective date of AD 98-13-02), unless already accomplished.   | Make an entry into the aircraft records showing compliance with this AD in accordance with section 43.9 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 43.9).   |
| (5) Visually inspect the empennage, aft fuselage, and ruddervator control system for damage. Repair or replace any damaged parts and set the elevator controls, rudder and tab system controls, cable tensions, and rigging.  | Inspect within the next 100 hours TIS after the last inspection required by AD 94-20-04 or within the next 25 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS. Accomplish any repairs, replacements, and adjustments prior to further flight after the applicable inspection.  | Accomplish the inspection and repairs or replacements in accordance with paragraphs (5)(a) through (5)(f) of the ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS section of Raytheon Service Bulletin No. SB 27-3358, Issued: February, 2000.  |
| (6) Verify the accuracy of the airplane basic weight and balance information and correct any discrepancies.   | Accomplish the airplane basic weight and balance accuracy verification within the next 100 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished as previously required by AD 94-20-04. Correct any discrepancies prior to further flight after the verification.  | Use the procedures contained in the Appendix to this AD.   |
| (7) Inspect the aft fuselage, ruddervator, and related systems for acceptable condition.  | Accomplish the inspections within the next 2 years after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished. Accomplish any repair or replacement prior to further flight after the inspection. Accomplish any ruddervator rebalancing prior to further flight after the inspection and when the ruddervators are repaired or repainted (even if stripes are added or paint is touched up). | Accomplish the inspection and repairs or replacements in accordance with all paragraphs in the ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS section of Raytheon Service Bulletin No. SB 27-3358, Issued: February, 2000. Accomplish the rebalancing in accordance with Section 3A(8) of the service bulletin and use the procedure in Section 3 of Beech Shop Manual 35-590096B19 (or subsequent revision). |
| (i) Repair or replace any parts found unacceptable as specified in the service bulletin;<br>(ii) Rebalance the ruddervators to the new specifications that reduce the upper limit from 19.8 to 18 inch-pounds (tail heavy); and<br>(iii) Discontinue the placard and operating limitations required by paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(4) of this AD. |   |  |

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?*

(1) You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(i) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(ii) The Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance approved in accordance with AD 98-13-02, which is superseded by this AD, are

approved as alternative methods of compliance with this AD.

**Note:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, 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 you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Mr. T.N. Baktha, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946-4155; facsimile: (316) 946-4407.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal

Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may obtain copies of the documents referenced in this AD from the Raytheon Aircraft Company, PO Box 85, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0085. You may examine these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

(i) *Does this AD action affect any existing AD actions?* This amendment supersedes AD 98-13-02, Amendment 39-10590.

#### Appendix to Docket No. 2000-CE-44-AD

##### *Weight and Balance Accuracy Method No. 1:*

1. Review existing weight and balance documentation to assure completeness and accuracy of the documentation from the most recent FAA-approved weighing or from factory delivery to date of compliance with this AD.

2. Compare the actual configuration of the airplane to the configuration described in the weight and balance documentation; and

3. If equipment additions or deletions are not reflected in the documentation or if modification affecting the location of the center of gravity (e.g., paint or structural repairs) are not documented, determine the accuracy of the airplane weight and balance data in accordance with Method No. 2.

##### *Weight and Balance Information Accuracy Method No. 2:*

1. Determine the basic empty weight and center of gravity (CG) of the empty airplane using the Weighing Instructions in the Weight and Balance section of the airplane flight manual/pilot's operating handbook (AFM/POH).

2. Record the results in the airplane records, and use these new values as the basis for computing the weight and CG information as specified in the Weight and Balances section of the AFM/POH.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 19, 2001.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 93-CE-37-AD]

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#### **Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, H35, J35, K35, M35, N35, P35, S35, V35, V35A, and V35B Airplanes**

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

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