

compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

#### Incorporation by Reference

(e) The actions must be done in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB 328J-28-007, dated September 20, 2000. 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 Fairchild Dornier, Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH, P.O. Box 1103, D-82230 Wessling, Germany. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**Note 4:** The subject of this AD is addressed in German airworthiness directive 2001-058, dated March 8, 2001.

#### Effective Date

(f) This amendment becomes effective on May 15, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 23, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-CE-75-AD; Amendment 39-12211; AD 2001-09-06]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 206H and T206H Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Cessna Aircraft Company (Cessna) Models 206H and T206H airplanes. This AD requires you to visually inspect the horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement brackets for the existence of seam welds and replace any reinforcement bracket found without seam welds. This AD is the result of a report that these parts were manufactured without seam welds. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and replace structurally deficient horizontal stabilizer attachment brackets.

Continued use of such brackets could result in structural failure of the horizontal stabilizer with reduced or loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective on May 18, 2001.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulation as of May 18, 2001.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this rule on or before June 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-CE-75-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

You may get the service information referenced in this AD from Cessna Aircraft Company, Product Support, P.O. Box 7706, Wichita, Kansas 67277; telephone: (316) 517-5800; facsimile: (316) 942-9006. You may examine this information at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-CE-75-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, 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:** Eual Conditt, Aerospace Engineer, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, 1801 Airport Road, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946-4128; facsimile: (316) 946-4407.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

*What events have caused this AD?* Cessna recently notified FAA of a defect in the manufacturing of the horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement brackets. Cessna manufactured certain reinforcement brackets without seam welds. The seam welds help provide the required structural integrity for the horizontal stabilizer attachment bracket.

*What are the consequences if the condition is not corrected?* This condition, if not corrected, could result in structural failure of the horizontal stabilizer with reduced or loss of control of the airplane.

*Is there service information that applies to this subject?* Cessna has issued Service Bulletin SB00-55-03, dated August 28, 2000. This service bulletin includes procedures for:

—visually inspecting the right and left horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement brackets for the existence of seam welds along the lower inboard and outboard wall/flange; and

—removing and replacing the horizontal stabilizer assemblies with new parts.

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

*What has FAA decided?* The FAA has reviewed all available information, including the service information referenced above; and determined that:

—The unsafe condition referenced in this document likely exists on Cessna Models 206H and T206H airplanes within the listed serial number range;

—The actions specified in the previously-referenced service information (as specified in this AD) should be accomplished on the affected airplanes; and

—AD action should be taken in order to correct this unsafe condition.

*What does this AD require?* This AD requires you to accomplish the actions previously specified in accordance with Cessna Service Bulletin SB00-55-03, dated August 28, 2000.

*Will I have the opportunity to comment prior to the issuance of the rule?* Because the unsafe condition described in this document could result in structural failure of the horizontal stabilizer with possible reduced or loss of control of the airplane, FAA finds that notice and opportunity for public prior comment are impracticable. Therefore, good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

#### Comments Invited

*How do I comment on this AD?* Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by notice and opportunity for public comment, we invite your comments on the rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and submit your comments in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date specified above. We may amend this rule in light of comments received. Factual information that supports your ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether we need to take additional rulemaking action.

*Are there any specific portions of the AD I should pay attention to?* The FAA specifically invites comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to

modify the rule. You may examine all comments we receive before and after the closing date of the rule in the Rules Docket. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each FAA contact with the public that concerns the substantive parts of this AD.

We are reviewing 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>.

*How can I be sure FAA receives my comment?* If you want us to acknowledge the receipt of your comments, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. On the postcard, write "Comments to Docket No. 2000-CE-75-AD." We will date stamp and mail the postcard back to you.

**Regulatory Impact**

*Does this AD impact various entities?* These regulations will 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, FAA has determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

*Does this AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action?* 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 (otherwise, an evaluation is not

required). A copy of it, if filed, may be obtained from the Rules Docket.

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

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

**Adoption of the Amendment**

Accordingly, under 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. FAA amends § 39.13 by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

**2001-09-06 Cessna Aircraft Company:**  
Amendment 39-12211; Docket No. 2000-CE-75-AD.

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD applies to the following airplane models and serial numbers that are certificated in any category:

Model	Serial Numbers
206H .....	20608001 through 20608053, 20608055 through 20608086, 20608088 and 20608089.
T206H .....	T20608001 through T20608093, T20608095 through T20608145, T20608147, T20608149, T20608150, T20608152, T20608156, T20608157, and T20608160.

(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 detect and replace structurally deficient horizontal stabilizer attachment brackets. Continued use of such brackets could result in structural failure of the horizontal

stabilizer with reduced or loss of control of the airplane.

(d) *What must I do to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following actions:

Action	Compliance time	Procedures
(1) Visually inspect the right and left horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement brackets, part number (P/N) 1232624-1, for the existence of seam welds along both the lower inboard and outboard wall/flange..	Within the next 20 hours time-in-service (TIS) after May 18, 2001 (the effective date of this AD), unless already accomplished..	In accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions in Cessna Service Bulletin SB00-55-03, dated August 28, 2000, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(2) If no seam weld is found along both the lower inboard and outboard wall/flange on the right and left horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement bracket during the inspection required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD, replace with a new or airworthy P/N 1232624-1 horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement bracket..	Accomplish any necessary replacements prior to further flight after the inspection required by this AD, unless already accomplished..	In accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions in Cessna Service Bulletin SB00-55-03, dated August 28, 2000, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(3) If the right and left horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement bracket has seam welds along both the lower inboard and outboard wall/flange, no further action is required..	Not applicable. ....	Not applicable.
(4) Do not install any P/N 1232624-1 horizontal stabilizer attachment reinforcement bracket (or FAA-approved equivalent part) unless the bracket: (i) is inspected as required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD; and (ii) has seam welds along both the lower inboard and outboard wall/flange..	Not applicable .....	Not applicable.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

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

(2) 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.

**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 Eual Conditt, Aerospace Engineer, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, 1801 Airport Road, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946-4128; 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 §§ 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) *Are any service bulletins incorporated into this AD by reference?* Actions required by this AD must be done in accordance with Cessna Service Bulletin SB00-55-03, dated August 28, 2000. The Director of the Federal Register approved this incorporation by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. You can get copies from Cessna Aircraft Company, Product Support, P.O. Box 7706, Wichita, Kansas 67277. You can look at copies at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

(i) *When does this amendment become effective?* This amendment becomes effective on May 18, 2001.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 20, 2001.

**Michael Gallagher,**

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 00-AAL-20]

**Revision of Class E Airspace; Bethel, AK**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action revises Class E airspace at Bethel, AK, in two ways: The FAA will cancel the Bethel Very High Frequency (VHF) Omnidirectional Range (VOR) instrument approach to runway (RWY) 36 at Bethel, AK, and simultaneously reduce the Class E (surface area extension) airspace at Bethel, AK; the FAA will correct an administrative error by revising the Class E (surface area) airspace with an exclusion area for Hanger Lake seaplane base operations. This rule will accomplish two actions: Allow for the Napakiak airport to be outside of the Bethel Class E (surface area extension) airspace and reduce the required controlled airspace for aircraft flying Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Bethel, AK; and fix an administrative oversight by adding the Hanger Lake exclusion area to the Class E airspace description at Bethel, AK.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, July 12, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Durand, Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5898; fax: (907) 271-2850; email: Bob.Durand@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On February 20, 2001, a proposal to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to revise the Class E airspace at Bethel, AK, was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 10861). This proposal was necessary to accomplish two actions: (1) Allow for the Napakiak airport to be outside of the Bethel Class E (surface area extension) airspace and reduce the required controlled airspace for aircraft flying Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Bethel, AK; and (2) fix an administrative oversight by adding the Hanger Lake exclusion area to the Class E airspace description at Bethel, AK.

On November 11, 2000, the FAA initiated Airspace Study Number 00-

AAL-077NR, Notice of Proposed Revocation of the VOR RWY 36 Approach Procedure at Bethel, Alaska. Comments during several meetings over the last year with airspace users in the Bethel area indicated that they would like to have Napakiak Airport (WNA) excluded from the Class E (surface area extension) airspace at Bethel, AK. The Bethel Airport has four approaches to RWY 36: (1) Localizer (LOC)/Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) Back Course (BC) RWY 36, (2) VOR/DME RWY 36, (3) Global Positioning System (GPS) RWY 36, and (4) the VOR RWY 36. The Bethel VOR RWY 36 instrument approach, with a procedure turn at 1,600 feet, allows aircraft to descend to 700 feet after the procedure turn is completed. The FAA protects airspace from the point an aircraft may legally descend below 1,000 feet with Class E (surface area) airspace. For aircraft going to Bethel Airport, the Napakiak Airport, located 7.1 nautical miles on a 200° true bearing from Bethel VORTAC, is an alternate place to land and wait for weather to improve when the Bethel surface area is restricted due to weather.

The FAA received favorable comments from Craig Air Incorporated, US Coast Guard District 17, Kusko Aviation Incorporated, Alaska Airlines, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service—Bethel. With the adoption of this proposal, the FAA intends to simultaneously cancel the VOR RWY 36 instrument approach and shorten the Class E airspace to the southwest of Bethel. There would be three remaining instrument approaches to the Bethel RWY 36: (1) LOC/DME BC RWY 36, (2) VOR/DME RWY 36, and (3) GPS RWY 36. This proposal would allow Visual Flight Rules (VFR) operations to continue at Napakiak Airport during Special VFR operations at Bethel Airport, AK.

Additionally, this proposal would fix an administrative oversight by including an exclusion area for the Hanger Lake seaplane base operations to the Class E (surface area) airspace description. Changes to the Bethel airspace would incorporate an exclusion below 1,100 feet MSL between the 061° radial and the 081° radial from 2.9 nautical miles northeast of the Bethel VORTAC.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No public comments to the proposal were received, thus the rule is adopted as written.

The area will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83.